



# SENIOR CONNECT

## APRIL 2025



## Historic Marker Unveiled to Honor Lawrence Township's Earliest African American Community

The ceremony, held on March 25, 2025, marked the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Dozens of residents, officials, and students assembled at the Lewisville Road entrance of The Lawrenceville School to witness this important recognition of local Black history.

The blue and gold marker acknowledges that "the earliest community of people of African descent in Lawrence Township formed on Lewisville Road in the 1840's, before the Civil War." It also notes that "Black and white residents lived here together" and that "the Mt. Pisgah AME Church, located near this site, formed the center of Black community life for over a century."

The unveiling ceremony featured remarks from Lawrence Historical Society President Joe Ciccone, Township Historian Brooke Hunter, and Lawrenceville School Head Steve Murray. Bill Howard of Lawrence Neighbors Together spoke about the significance of March 25 as a day of remembrance. Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer and Lewisville Road resident Glen Nevius had the honor of unveiling the marker.

This commemoration represents a collaborative effort between several community organizations, including the Lawrence Historical Society, Lawrence Neighbors Together, The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Lawrence Township Public Schools, and The Lawrenceville School.

The marker serves as a permanent reminder of the diverse history of Lawrence Township and the contributions of its earliest African American residents, ensuring their story will be remembered by future generations.

# DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

## April Yard Waste Collection Schedule

- Zone 1: First Monday of April - 4/7
- Zone 2: Second Monday of April - 4/14
- Zone 3: Third Monday of April - 4/21
- Zone 4: Fourth Monday of April - 4/28

Important guidelines:  
 Separate leaves from brush  
 DO NOT mix them  
 Place leaves at the curb for collection  
 Keep leaves at least 10 feet away from storm drains

For zone maps, collection guidelines, or questions, contact Public Works: (609) 587-1894.



Chief Kevin Reading is pleased to introduce Officer Kaynon Smith (Badge #275), who recently graduated from the Cape May County Police Academy on January 10, 2025. A Lawrenceville native, Officer Smith earned his education at Mercer County Community College after graduating high school in 2014. He previously worked for the Mercer County Parks Commission. "My goal is to be the best I can be and reach my full potential. In ten years, I see myself being a strong piece of the puzzle in the LTPD and Lawrence community," says Officer Smith, who enjoys working out, reading motivational books, and is a die-hard Eagles fan. Welcome to the Lawrence Township Police Department and our community, Officer Smith!

### Avian Flu FAQ

- Beware of any birds acting sickly or unusual**
- Coughing
  - Trouble breathing
  - Trouble walking
  - Injured/ unable to fly
  - Neurological symptoms
  - Unknown cause of death
  - Avoid stepping in bird poop

Call to report sick or dead birds  
**USDA- 908-735-4513**  
**DEP- 1-877-927-6337**



**Any deceased Small birds can be double bagged and disposed of in a municipal trash receptacle**

**Large birds call Local animal control-(609)844-7092**



TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE  
 HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
 2207 LAWRENCE ROAD  
 LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY  
 08648  
 (609) 844-7089



**Public Health**  
 Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
 Lawrence Township Health Department



The Lawrence Senior Center is open to Lawrence senior citizens, 60 years of age and older, for a wide range of activities, including exercise, health and wellness options, educational talks, intergenerational programming and socialization/recreation opportunities. The Senior Center is located on 30 Darrah Lane East and is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm



### Lawrence Township Tree Cutting Ordinance: Know Before You Cut!

- **Permit Required:** Get a permit before cutting trees of certain sizes.
- **Engineering Inspection:** Required before any tree removal.
- **Residential Limit:** Remove up to 5 trees (8-29 inches diameter) annually.
- **Specimen Trees:** Larger trees need special permits.
- **Unauthorized Removal:** May require replacement or Shade Tree Account contribution.



# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

# EGG HUNT

SAT APRIL 12TH



# 9AM

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RECREATION



RAIN OR SHINE

**CENTRAL PARK** • 100 DAVE NEVIUS WAY

SENSORY FRIENDLY AREA

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL  
LAWRENCE RECREATION 609 844 7064

# ADULT WALKING PROGRAM

This program will meet once a week and walk for about 45 minutes each session. The walks will be mild, with mostly flat terrain. A great way to meet new people, exercise, get some fresh air and discover the beautiful Lawrence Township parks!

Dates: Mondays - 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12

Time: 9:00 - 9:45am

Locations: Various Parks

(Week 1 - Village Park Yeger Pavilion)

Ages: Adults  
Register Today!



[lawrencetwp.com/departments/recreation](http://lawrencetwp.com/departments/recreation)

## LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER

# TAI-CHI

**8 Week Spring**

**Sessions: \$24**

Fee is doubled for Non-Residents

**Mondays**  
**10:30 - 11:30 AM**



Instructor - Glenn Swann

**Class Dates:**

Session 1 - April 7

Session 2 - April 14

Session 3 - April 21

Session 4 - April 28

Session 5 - May 5

Session 6 - May 12

Session 7 - May 19

**NO CLASS May 26**

Session 8 - June 2

*\*PLEASE EAT AND DRINK WATER BEFORE CLASS*

**Location:**

Lawrence Senior Center  
30 East Darrah Lane,  
Lawrence, NJ 08648

To **Pre-Register** or for more information  
Call (609) 844-7048 or  
Visit the Senior Center



**Must be 60+ to participate**

**BRING WATER TO CLASS!**

## LAWRENCE RECREATION

# HULA HOOP

Adult Hula Hooping combines fun, creativity, and fitness

EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANGELA

A Certified HoopLove Coach & Hoola-Fit Instructor

Spring Session I	Spring Session II	Summer Session I
Lawrence Senior Center	Lawrence Veterans Park	Lawrence Veterans Park
Wednesdays	Tuesdays	Tuesdays
March 12th - April 16th	May 6th - June 10th	July 1st - August 5th
6:00pm to 7:00pm	6:00pm to 7:00pm	6:00pm to 7:00pm

Register on CommunityPass or call (609) 844-7064

You Can Earn  
**\$300**  
On Election Day!

#### Requirements

- Registered Voter in Mercer County or School Student 16 years or older
- Complete an Application
- Attend a Training Class

#### Public Service

- Election Board Workers are truly the "unsung heroes" of our Elections
- Directly Serve Your Community and Play a Crucial Role in the Election Process

Full Election Day Shift  
• \$ 300  
• 5:15 am - 8:30 pm

Half Election Day Shift  
• \$ 150  
• AM: 5:15 am - 1:00 pm  
• PM: 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm

STUDENT Full Day Shift  
• \$ 300  
• 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

STUDENT Half Day Shift  
• \$ 150  
• AM: 6:00 am - 1:00 pm  
• PM: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Become an  
**Election Board Worker**

Mercer County  
Board of Elections  
609.989.6522

Scan for  
Online  
Application



LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# APRIL SPECIAL SPRING LEAF COLLECTIONS

During the month of April,  
the Department of Public  
Works will provide a special  
leaf collection by zones.

- Leaves must be separated from brush for collection. Do NOT mix leaves and brush.
- Residents should place leaves at the curb to be collected.
- Leaves shall be placed ten feet from storm drains.



FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT (609) 587-1894.

## TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM GETTING SICK WITH BIRD FLU

- Avoid direct contact with birds and other animals that are possibly infected with bird flu.
- Avoid consuming raw milk. Cook eggs, poultry, and meat to recommended temperatures.
- Wear PPE and take precautions if you are caring for sick birds or other animals.
- Get your seasonal flu vaccine to help avoid co-infection of seasonal and bird flu.
- Do not touch surfaces or materials that were contaminated with bird flu.

**NJHealth**  
New Jersey Department of Health

# ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW A HOMEBOUND LAWRENCE RESIDENT?



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Lawrence Township Health Department**

If you are a Lawrence Township resident who is homebound and in need of resources, please connect with the Lawrence Township Health Department and provide the following information:

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Date of Birth
- ✓ Phone Number
- ✓ Email Address
- ✓ Home Address



## **\*ASK US ABOUT COVID-19 & FLU VACCINES\***

Homebound is defined as the situation where people cannot leave their homes independently without assistance. *(National Institutes of Health)*



**EMAIL THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT AT: [lawrencetownshiphealth@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencetownshiphealth@gmail.com)**



**CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089**

# April 2025

30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling	Township Council Meeting	Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Senior Executive Committee	Yard Waste Collection			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Yard Waste Collection Recycling Historic Preservation Committee	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Zoning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee		Yard Waste Collection	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection			
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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