

## 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.



## **April Yard Waste Collection Schedule**

Zone 1: First Monday of April -

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.

#### Avian Flu

#### FAO

Call to report sick or dead birds

USDA-908-735-4513

DEP-1-877-927-6337

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

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

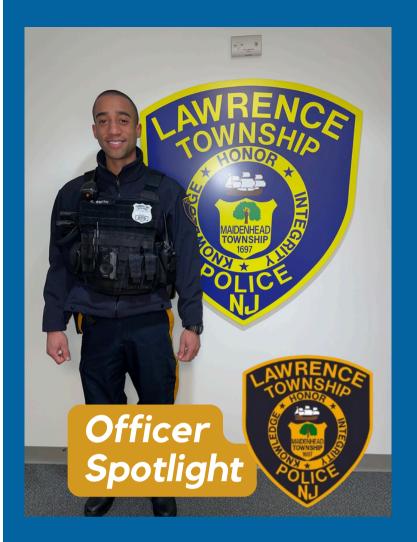
Large birds call Local animal control-(609)844-7092





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

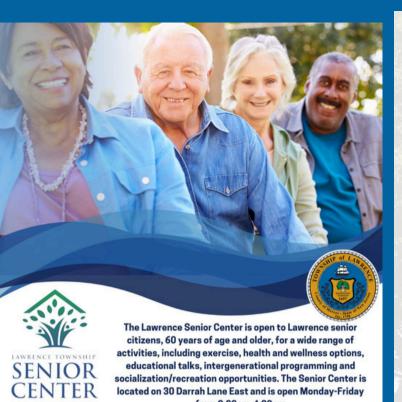




Chief Kevin Reading is pleased to introduce Officer Kaynon Smith (Badge #275), who recently graduated from the Cape May County Police Academy on January 10, 2025.

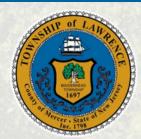
A Lawrenceville native, Officer Smith earned his education at Mercer County Community College after graduating high school in 2014. He previously worked for the Mercer County Parks Commission. "My goal is to be the best I can be and reach my full potential. In ten years, I see myself being a strong piece of the puzzle in the LTPD and Lawrence community," says Officer Smith, who enjoys working out, reading motivational books, and is a diehard Eagles fan.

**Welcome to the Lawrence Township Police** Department and our community, Officer Smith!



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
- · 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.







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!



RECREATION

lawrencetwp.com/departments/recreation

#### LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER

## TAI-CHI

#### 8 Week Spring Sessions: \$24

Fee is doubled for Non-Residents

Mondays 👡

Location:

Lawrence Senior Center

30 East Darrah Lane.

Lawrence, NJ 08648

To Pre-Register or for

more information

Call (609) 844-7048 or

### 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

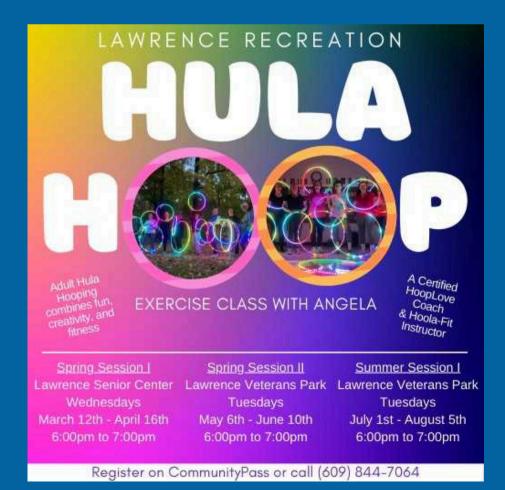
Session 8 – June 2

\*PLEASE EAT AND DRINK WATER BEFORE CLASS



Must be 60+ to participate

> BRING WATER TO CLASS!





#### 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

#### Full Election Day Shift

- 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

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

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- · Leaves shall be placed ten feet from storm drains.



FOR ANY OUESTIONS, 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.

N Health

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



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



CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089

## April 2025

27	20	13	6	30
28 Yard Waste Collection Recycling Shade Tree Advisory Committee	21 Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	14 Yard Waste Collection Recycling Historic Preservation Committee	7 Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	31 Recycling
29 Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	15 Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	8 Yard Waste Collection Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	1 Township Council Meeting
30 Yard Waste Collection	23 Yard Waste Collection	16 Yard Waste Collection Zoning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Senior Executive Committee	Trails, Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting
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2 Yard Waste Collection	25	18 Yard Waste Collection	11	4
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