



# SENIOR CONNECT

## FEBRUARY 2025



### **Lawrence Joins Regional Effort to Transform Trenton Water Works**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has recommended creating a new independent public utility to operate Trenton Water Works (TWW), prompting a unified response from Lawrence Township and neighboring municipalities. The proposed restructuring comes after a comprehensive technical, managerial, and financial assessment of TWW revealed significant operational challenges.

The transformation is particularly significant for Lawrence Township residents, as our community is among the 55% of TWW customers who reside outside Trenton but currently have no formal role in TWW's governance or operations. Under the proposed changes, a new independent utility entity would be created to ensure more equitable representation and improved service delivery across all served municipalities.

Key priorities for the new entity include:

- Transparent appraisal of the creation process
- Clear assessment of impact on rates and fees
- Significant infrastructure improvements
- Professional staffing with competitive salaries

Mayor Hendricks Farmer, along with mayors from Hamilton, Ewing, and Hopewell Townships and the City of Trenton, has committed to working together over the next six months to establish this new utility entity. The goal is to create a more efficient, professionally managed water system that better serves all communities while ensuring long-term sustainability.

Residents will receive regular updates as this transition progresses. The Township Council remains committed to protecting our community's interests throughout this process.

# DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

## February Yard Waste Collection Schedule

- Zone 1: February 3-7
- Zone 2: February 10-14
- Zone 3: February 18-21
- Zone 4: February 24-28

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



## Did you know?

Lawrence Township ordinance #378 requires property owners and occupants to clear a 24-inch-wide path on sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after snowfall ends or ice forms.



Free Copies of  
the 2025  
Municipal  
Calendar are  
now available!

Pick yours up today at the Senior Center or Municipal Building!



## Officer Spotlight

Chief Kevin Reading is pleased to introduce Officer Zachary Thomas (Badge #274), who recently graduated from the Cape May County Police Academy on January 10, 2025.

A Howell, New Jersey native, Officer Thomas earned his education from Brookdale Community College and Rutgers University. Prior to joining LTPD, he worked at Brielle Bait and Tackle, reflecting his passion for fishing.

"Every person I have met in this line of work has been someone I wanted to emulate with good character," says Officer Thomas, who aspires to advance in his career while serving as a role model for younger generations.

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



LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# REFERENDUM

# TOWN HALL

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

*& community fair*

TUESDAY, FEB 4  
6 PM

At this meeting, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Get informed about the upcoming referendum
- See architectural plans
- Have your questions answered
- Meet members of the community



LAWRENCE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL



## STAY CONNECTED!

Did you know that the township sends out a weekly email about what is happening in Lawrence? It's free! Sign up today and be in the know!

<http://tinyurl.com/latestinlawrence>





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

## Are you eligible for the NJ Earned Income Tax Credit?




NJEITC is a cash-back tax credit that puts money back into the pockets of working families and individuals, including the self-employed, who earn low to moderate income.



# ATTENTION!

## LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP DOG OWNERS

It is NJ State law, as well as a Lawrence Township ordinance that ALL dogs 7 months and older must be licensed. Dog licenses must be renewed each year. A dog cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. Residents should be aware that if their dog is off a leash in public areas a court summons may be issued, except on their private property or at one of the (2) dog parks in Lawrence Township. Retractable leashes or leashes longer than six (6) feet in length are not acceptable leashes to use while in public.

A license tag helps police, animal control, and shelters quickly identify your pet and get them back to you safely. If your pet is found wandering the streets, a rescue entity can see your pet's tag via its license ID number. Dogs that are not licensed tend to be kept at the shelter longer and also require payment to be released.



Contact the Lawrence Township Health Department for more information and assistance at (609) 844-7089 or 7092.



JULY 2024

## Tax Tip:

Federal Social Security is not taxable income and should not be reported on your NJ income tax return.



# 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**

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	Yard Waste Collection Recycling Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	
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	Yard Waste Collection Historic Preservation Committee	Yard Waste Collection Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Recycling	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Senior Executive Committee (Rescheduled from 2/1/25) Zoning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	Yard Waste Collection	
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