



SENIOR CONNECT

JANUARY 2025



Lawrence Township Police Address Rising Drone Sightings

Lawrence Township, NJ - Local authorities are responding to an uptick in drone sightings across Lawrence Township, with law enforcement officials warning residents against taking matters into their own hands.

On December 17th, Chief Longo and the Lawrence Township Police Department (LTPD) acknowledged community concerns regarding the mysterious aircraft. The department is actively collaborating with federal and state law enforcement agencies, participating in regular briefings to monitor the situation. Despite these efforts, the origin of the drone activity remains unknown.

A particular concern has emerged regarding citizens attempting to intercept these aircraft. Law enforcement officials stress that such vigilante actions could have dangerous consequences, especially in cases where what appears to be a drone might actually be an FAA-approved manned aircraft. Officials note that there have been several instances where reported drone activity turned out to be authorized helicopters or airplanes.

"NO RESIDENT SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO INTERCEPT ANY AIRCRAFT," the department emphasized in their statement. In the event that residents encounter a downed drone, they are instructed to treat it as evidence, avoid touching or approaching it, and immediately call 911. The LTPD has confirmed they have established a response protocol for handling such situations.

Residents who capture video or photographic evidence of drone activity are encouraged to submit their documentation directly to the FBI through their website (tips.fbi.gov) under the "Other FBI Crimes" tab. Additionally, drone sightings can be reported to the FBI's dedicated hotline at 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324).

The township and LTPD leadership continue to monitor the situation and maintain close communication with federal and state authorities as investigations into the origin of these mysterious drones continue.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Leaf Collection Update from Lawrence Township DPW:

All leaf collection is now complete! Our crews covered every road 4 times over 8 weeks, collecting an impressive 1,500 tons of leaves. All leaves are being recycled at the Joseph H. Maher Jr. Ecological Facility.

✗ Please do not place any more leaves at the curb.

Coming in January:  Regular yard waste collection resumes

 Christmas tree pickup begins

Thank you for your cooperation throughout the fall collection season!



Free Copies of the 2025 Municipal Calendar are now available!

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



Lawrence Township Names Lt. Kevin Reading, Jr. as Interim Police Chief

Lieutenant Kevin Reading, Jr. has been appointed as Interim Police Chief of the Lawrence Township Police Department, effective January 1, 2025, succeeding retiring Chief Christopher Longo.

Reading, currently Lieutenant of the Investigation Division, brings over 20 years of law enforcement experience and an extensive background with the Mercer County Shooting Response Team.

Municipal Manager Kevin Nerwinski cited Reading's "proven track record in law enforcement and leadership" as key factors in the appointment.

Since joining the department in 2002, Reading has served as patrol officer, detective, and sergeant before his promotion to lieutenant in 2023. He succeeds Chief Longo, who has led the department since 2022.

Join in this historical event

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



Lawrence Township 63rd Colonel Edward Hand March Saturday, January 4, 2025 - 10AM

Join us to celebrate the 63rd annual commemoration of Colonel Edward Hand's Delaying Tactics. The event will kick off at 10 AM with a historical program at the Lawrence Township Municipal Building, followed by a musket firing demonstration. Participants can then take part in a two-mile march along the historic highway to the delaying action sites, concluding at Shabakunk Creek near Notre Dame High School. After the march, enjoy light refreshments served at the Lawrence Nature Center.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lawrence Township Recreation Department 609-844-7067



ArminArm

better together **40+** years

Mobile Food Pantry Mondays in 2025 2:00 - 4:00 pm

at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch



Upcoming Dates
January 6, 13 & 27

Próximas Fechas
Enero 6, 13 y 27

Visiting Services

1/6/2025: Lawrence Township Health Department, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey and the Mercer County Board of Social Services

1/13/2025: Mercer County Office on Aging (Aging and Disability Resource Connection NJ - ADRC NJ) and Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (GMTMA)

1/27/2025: Lawrence Township Health Department, the Mercer County Board of Social Services and the Mercer County Nutrition Program

No pre-registration required, Armin Arm staff will register participants upon arrival while supplies last. For more information about the food pantry, visit arminarm.org.

No se requiere registrarse. Armin Arm personal estarán registrando a cada persona al llegar hasta agotar existencias. Para más información de nuestra despensa visite a arminarm.org.

MCL
Mercer County Library System

Lawrence Headquarters Branch

2751 Brunswick Pike
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 | 609-882-9246
<https://mcl.org/branches/lawrence>



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>



LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

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

Certified HoopLove Coach & Hoola-Fit Instructor

Hula Hoop

EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANGELA

Adult Hula Hooping combines fun, creativity, and fitness.

FALL SESSION I	FALL SESSION II	WINTER SESSION I
Lawrence Veteran's Park	Lawrence Senior Center	Lawrence Senior Center
5:30pm - 6:30pm	6pm - 7pm	6pm - 7pm
Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Wednesdays
Sept 10th - Oct 5th	Nov 6th - Dec 11th	Jan 8th - Feb 12th

Register on CommunityPass or call (609) 844-7064 **RECREATION**

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.

Public Health
Lawrence Township Health Department

JULY 2024

A FLU VACCINE CAN TAKE FLU FROM

WILD

TO

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#FIGHT FLU

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**



CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089

January 2025

29	30	31	1 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting	2 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8 Senior Executive Committee	9	10	11
12	13 Historic Preservation Committee	14 Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	15	16 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Free Dog/Cat Rabies Clinic
26	27 Shade Tree Advisory Committee	28 Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	29	30	31	1

February 2025

26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Yard Waste Collection Shade Tree Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	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	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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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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JANUARY 2025

Lawrence Township Office on Aging Senior Center Activity Calendar



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Need help with your Taxes?
Lawrence Seniors, please call our Office to sign up for appointments from February 4th - April 8th
609-844-7048

Happy New Year

1 TOWNSHIP OFFICES & SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

2 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
HEALTHY BONES - 1:00 TO 2:30 PM

3 LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM
WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM
BINGO 1 - 3 PM

4 January 4th, 2025
63rd Annual Colonel Hand's March 10:00 AM at Lawrence Township Municipal Building

5 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM

6 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM

7 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM
CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM
SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM

8 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 9:30 AM
BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM
MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM

9 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
HEALTHY BONES - 1:00 TO 2:30 PM

10 LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM
WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM
HEALTH DEPT. OUTREACH 10:30 AM
BINGO 1 - 3 PM
POETRY GROUP AT LIBRARY 1 PM
LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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15 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM
MERCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. WINTER SAFETY TALK 10:30 AM
BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM
MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM

16 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
MLK CRAFT 12:30 - 1:30 PM
HEALTHY BONES - 1:00 TO 2:30 PM

17 LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM
WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM
BINGO 1 - 3 PM
LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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UPDATE!
Yoga times have changed to 9:30 start time. Also Yoga and Tai Chi locations may change. Look for flyer for updates.

12 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM

13 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM

14 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM
CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM
SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM

15 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM
MERCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. WINTER SAFETY TALK 10:30 AM
BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM
MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM

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BINGO 1 - 3 PM
LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 3:30 - 4:30 PM

21 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM
CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM
SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM

22 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM
BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM
MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM

23 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
WII GAMES - 10:00 AM
HEALTHY BONES - 1:00 TO 2:30 PM

24 YOGA 9:30 - 10:30 AM
LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM
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REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration is required for ALL Senior Center programs & activities by calling or visiting the center. Programs for Lawrence Twp. Seniors 60 years and older.

MERCER COUNTY NUTRITION

HOT LUNCHES
MON. WED. THURS. & FRI. No Nutrition on Tuesdays
9:15 AM - Coffee
PLEASE Sign-in for meal by 10:45 AM
Pre-Registration Required
Please call
(609) 883-8085 OR (609) 989-6650
Site Manager: Larhonda Davis

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27 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM
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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrence NJ
Phone: 609-844-7048
Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 pm
www.lawrencetwp.com

Lillian LaSalle, Executive Director
llasalle@lawrencetwp.com

Natasha Pacera, Recreation Leader
npacera@lawrencetwp.com

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
Senior Van available weekdays between 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. By appointment only - Must call 48 hours in advance. For Lawrence Township Residents 60+. Van Service only transports local.

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