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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome summer, and congratulations to Cranbury's 2008 graduates from Cranbury School, High School, and College. Best wishes for continued success as new opportunities commence.

Heartfelt thanks to our recently retired Police Chief, Jay Hansen, for his 38 years of dedicated service to the safety our community. (If you see Jay around town, be sure to thank him and ask him about his golf game.) We also congratulate Ed Kahler on his promotion to serve as our Police Chief. Many of us recently saw Chief Kahler manning the grill at an outstanding Cranbury Volunteer Picnic organized by our dedicated Emergency Service volunteers from the Cranbury First Aid and Fire Company and the Lions Club – thanks for this active and informative event.

The Cranbury volunteer spirit is also bringing success to our Cranbury Senior Center, where movies, games and social and other events occur. Programs with luncheons have been a big hit recently and will be arranged every month from now on. Seniors take a moment to view the Community Calendar and then stop by the Center to join in some fun.

Changing requirements proposed by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and the State Legislature present a challenge to our Community. Through the hard work of Cranbury Housing Associates (CHA) and support of our community, Cranbury has to date met Round One and Two requirements and woven affordable housing into the community. As the Third Round unfolds, the Township Committee is committed to protecting the interest of our community. "Thank you," to Cranbury residents for your tireless efforts to communicate via email, letters, and in person with elected officials and appointees in Trenton. The Township website contains valuable information and links and we will keep you informed as the Third Round evolves.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

David R. Stout, Mayor

Township Committee Members

Thomas F. Panconi, Jr.

Richard Stannard

Pari Stave

Wayne K. Wittman

ELECTION INFORMATION

The General Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. District 1 will vote in the Boy Scout Room and Districts 2 and 3 will vote in the Senior Room. Both rooms are in the lower level of Town Hall.

To be able to vote in the General Election, the last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 14th. **Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.**

Civilian Absentee Ballots must be received by the **County Clerk by mail no later than October 28, 2008.** Forms are available at the Main Office Window of Town Hall.

If you wish to download a Voter Registration Form, you can go to the Clerk's Home Page on the Township web site and there is a link to the New Jersey Division of Elections with all of the forms and general information concerning elections.

ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER 2008

On November 4, 2008, The Woman's Club of Cranbury will revive a beloved Cranbury tradition, the Election Night Supper. The first Election Night Supper was held in 1918, and this popular event was sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury for more than 70 years. The Women's Club of Cranbury will offer an updated menu introducing a baked chicken dinner with all the trimmings for \$15.00. A children's dinner, for children 10 and younger, will be available for \$6.00 and will include a hot dog, coleslaw, chips, dessert, and a beverage. The supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury on South Main Street. Two serving times will be offered, one at 5 PM and another at 6:30 PM. Take out dinners will be available for pick-up at the same prices and times.

SAVE THE DATE

**Cranbury Day, 2008
September 6th, 10 am – 4 pm**

**Cranbury – Preserving and Encouraging
our Tradition of Agriculture**

For more information email:
cathompson@comcast.net
meehan38wash@msn.com

Proceeds from the event will go toward the club's scholarship fund. In both 2007 and 2008, the club awarded two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury students beginning their first year of college.

Tickets will be available on Cranbury Day, September 6, but may be purchased by mail prior to that time by sending a check payable to The Woman's Club of Cranbury to WCC Election Night Supper, PO Box 414, Cranbury, NJ 08512. Please indicate the number of dinners, the desired time and whether the dinner is served or take out. Please include the name and address to which the tickets should be sent.

The Woman's Club of Cranbury offers members many opportunities for community service. If you are interested in learning more about the club, please visit the club's website at cranbury.org/clubs/wcc/ or call Third Vice President and Membership Chairman, Mary Lou Valente at 655-2646.

How we can help you obtain Township Public Records

To request a copy of a public document from Town Hall, you can ask for it online. The Open Public Record Request Access (OPRA) form can be downloaded, completed and faxed by you to the Township Clerk's office. Access the request form by going to the Township's web site www.cranburytownship.org., click on the left hand side of the home page, to go to "FORMS", then click on "Open Public Records Request Form". You can fax your completed form to Town Hall (609) 395-8861. **Please make sure you list your telephone number on the form so someone can call you to let you know the cost.**

If you are not stopping in to pay for and pick up your copies, you may mail a check in and these will be sent to you upon receipt of your check. The charge for all copies is: Pages 1-10: \$.50, Pages 11-20: \$.25 and Pages 21+: \$.10. All requests for copies must be on the O.P.R.A. (Open Public Records Access) form.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Arts Council, Board of Health, Cranbury Digital Camera Club, Cranbury Historic & Preservation Society, Clerk, Environmental Commission, Gourgard Gallery Committee, Historian, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Service Board, Lions Club, Mayor Stout, Police Dept., Municipal Alliance, Public Library, Public Works Dept., Rec. Dept., Woman's Club

Recreation Update

For more information regarding any Recreation Department offering call 395-0544 x231

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE

The Cranbury Recreation Commission is still accepting registration for both the Summer Day Camp (for students entering grades 1 through 7) and Little People's Program (age 3 to entering Kindergarten). Registration packets are available online at www.cranburytownship.com and at both the Recreation Office and the Library. The programs will be held for eight weeks starting June 25th and ending August 17th. The year camp will once again be held at the Cranbury School. The Day Camp hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm with the Little People's Program running from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Camp activities include sports, swimming, games, arts & crafts, trips and more.

SOCCER PROGRAM

The Cranbury Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a fall youth soccer program. The program will be held at Village Park. Dates and times are yet to be determined. Professional instructors from U.K. Elite Soccer will direct the program. Check the Cranbury Township website at www.cranburytownship.org for registration information in early July.



FAMILY CAMP OUT, SAT., SEPT. 6th

Always wanted to go camping, but never had the time? We have the perfect opportunity for you to enjoy a night under the stars with your family and neighbors right here in Cranbury. The event will kick off at 5:00

p.m. on Saturday, September 6th with inflatable rides for the kids while you prepare your campsite. Once everyone is settled in we will have a campfire sing along followed by a movie in the park before we turn off the lights. Dinner will be available for purchase. The next morning, enjoy a free continental breakfast before packing up your gear. The event will take place at Village Park. Cost per campsite will be \$40. Registration forms will be available in late July. Look for more information in the local papers and the Cranbury Township website.

FUN IN THE PARK SERIES

The Cranbury Recreation Commission will be sponsoring FREE concerts and movies in Village Park this summer. Check the Township website, local papers and flyers in the school for upcoming announcements.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Several programs for Cranbury Township Senior Citizens are being planned for the fall. Past programs include Tai Chi, Bus Trips, Exercise Classes and more. Check the Cranbury Township website for program listings.

OTHER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Check the Township website for information on additional youth and adult programs including youth and adult basketball, youth golf lessons, youth and adult tennis lessons and more!

For more information regarding any Recreation

Springtime in Cranbury

Did you notice the early spring flowers blooming by the lake this spring? They were crocus. Weren't they lovely? Wouldn't you like to see all of Main Street looking like that next spring and in the future?

The planting was started by the Township and the Rocky Brook Garden Club. This was the second year of blooms and it could get better each year but we need your help to make this happen.

Please send your monetary donation to Norma Swale, 6 Ryan Road, Cranbury Township, NJ 08512 stating CROCUS on the envelope and on your check.

Make Cranbury green and beautiful!



CRANBURY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Monroe Township has shuttle buses that will take people, regardless of where they live or their age, to shopping locations, medical facilities and transportation hubs in Princeton? The closest stop for Cranbury residents is at the Route 130 East Windsor Town Center Plaza. The buses make stops at the Princeton Junction Train Station, Palmer Square, Princeton Hospital and Princeton Shopping Center. A complete schedule can be found at www.monroetwp.com/transportation.cfm or by calling (732) 521-6100.
- The Monroe Township Middlesex County Area Transit has door-to-door service available to Cranbury residents, who are at least sixty (60) years old or disabled, for routine medical appointments in Monroe, Jamesburg, Princeton and Hightstown? Reservations must be made a minimum of three to five working days in advance and certain restrictions apply. More information can be received and reservations can be made by calling (732) 521-6100.
- The Middlesex County Area Transit has door-to-door service available to Cranbury residents, who are at least sixty (60) years old or disabled, for almost any type of errand or medical appointment within Middlesex County or up to five miles outside of the County line? This includes hair appointments, shopping, recreation, etc. Reservations must be made a minimum of two days in advance of your appointment and certain restrictions apply. More information can be received and reservations can be made by calling (800) 221-3520.
- If a minimum of five (5) people sign up, the Middlesex County Area Transit will start a Food Shopping Shuttle for Cranbury residents. Service

would be provided from your home to the East Windsor Shop Rite on Thursday mornings. Pick-up would take place between 10:00 and 10:45 am and the return trip would be between 12:30 and 1:00 pm. There would be a limit of two brown shopping bags or four plastic bags per customer. A suggested donation of \$5.00 per month would be requested. If you are interested in this service, please call Phyllis at (609) 409-8533.

- Our first luncheon held in April was so popular, we've decided to hold luncheons on a monthly basis. Please see our calendar for dates. Reservations for lunch must be made at least one week in advance by calling (609) 395-0900 x 231. Seating is limited to the first thirty people.
- The Community Calendar can be found on the Township's website at www.cranburytownship.org. The calendar lists all events including those held by the Golden Age Neighbors and Senior Fellowship.

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN NEW JERSEY

Leave fireworks to the professionals. Young people suffer the great majority of fireworks injuries, most frequently injuries to the eyes, head or hands. Losing your sight or losing a finger is a tragic price to pay for a few minutes of fun with fireworks. Even seemingly harmless sparklers cause many injuries. For children under five, sparklers account for three quarters of all fireworks injuries.

The following are illegal: fireworks, caps, toy pistols, toy cannons, fire crackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, sparklers, and other devices of similar construction.

For the safety of the public, the Fire Marshall will seize, take, remove or cause to be removed all fireworks at the expense of the owner.

From the Township Historian... *Lest we forget*

On July 4, 1977 Cranbury, like so many other communities around the country, celebrated our nation's 200th Anniversary (1776) and, at that time, placed a time capsule in what was then the new addition of the Midlantic Bank (more recently the PNC Bank, now up for sale).

Cranbury's time capsule, an insulated box 5" x 14" x 24", was filled with materials assembled by the local Bicentennial Committee: Township records, organization histories, activities, highlights, photographs, and many other aspects of Cranbury 1977. The capsule is scheduled to be opened in the year 2022, to coincide with the 325th Anniversary of the founding of Cranbury (1697) and the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation (1872). A cornerstone, indicating "July 4, 1977" and "Remove July 4, 2022" incised on its surface, was placed near the front of the building.

Let us remember the time capsule; tell your children and grandchildren about it, and, hopefully, we shall enjoy reliving 1977 in 2022.

Shade Tree Commission

PUBLIC SHADE TREE REMOVAL

The Shade Tree Commission would like to remind residents of Cranbury Township's policy. It is the Township's policy not to remove live public trees unless they pose a threat to public safety. Property owners may be granted permission by the Shade Tree Commission to remove right-of-way trees at their expense if there is a valid reason for doing so. In addition, the Commission may require a person who removes or otherwise destroys a tree in violation of a Municipal Ordinance to pay a replacement assessment to the Township.

ENDANGERING THE HEALTH OF A PUBLIC TREE



All research has confirmed that covering the root flare of the trunk of a tree (the bottom-most section of the trunk that starts to flare out until it meets the ground) with any sort of material, such as mulch or soil build up in order to plant around the trunk, will cause the tree to decline and eventually die.

When a covering is introduced, it sets up an airless environment in which fungus and bacteria thrive. Rotting bark is the result and the tree's vascular system is compromised. Trees take a long time to die but the decline is measurable to the informed observer over time. Bark needs to "breathe". It should never be covered.

Remember, our trees are not only beautiful but they are a real financial and ecological asset to our town! Help us care for them.

Cranbury Police Department \$\$\$ Awarded Grants \$\$\$

Two traffic safety grants totaling \$30,000.00 have been recently awarded to Cranbury Township. An Aggressive Driver Enforcement grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 was used to purchase a solar powered Traffic Data Recorder. This device is used to gather speed data which helps to determine where increased enforcement is needed. It can also gather traffic volume and vehicle class data.

The grant money is also being used to fund additional patrols focusing on traffic enforcement and increased police presence. The goal is to minimize or lessen speeding and other aggressive driving in Cranbury Township from March to May with the goal of reducing motor vehicle crashes and related injuries.

The successful award of \$20,000.00 Impaired Driver Enforcement grant will allow the purchase of a Message Board Sign Trailer. The display panel is approximately 8 feet long by 4 feet high and will broadcast up to 12 characters and three lines of wording at one time. The board will be able to display a number of messages including reminders to "Buckle Up", "Stay Off Cell Phones", "Slow Down", or "Drug Free Fair" or "Cranbury Day". After the board is purchased, the remaining funds will be used to buy materials for distribution at the Drug Free Fair in May, and to deploy Driving While under the Influence (DWI) patrols.

Do you have an Old Open Permit from the Construction Office?

Our office is currently reviewing open construction permit files and forwarding letters to residents explaining that they still have open permits. Please contact our office to schedule the appropriate inspections required by law to close out any open files. Some of these permits are older and have been open for awhile.

If you receive one of these letters, kindly contact Kathy Warnebold, Technical Assistant at (609) 395-0900, Ext. 232 for more information or to schedule any necessary inspections. Please make sure you provide your permit number(s) when you call.

KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER

It is only printed twice a year ~ or you may view it anytime on the web.

www.cranburytownship.org

CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

THE CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

Our community's interests, love of reading and life-long learning, and commitment to our children drive the Cranbury Public Library. As the community's knowledge service center, the library is a welcoming setting offering information a diversified collection of books and recreational media helpful staff and innovative technology.

Approved by the Cranbury Public Library Board of Trustees on June 10, 2004

**Celebrate Cranbury.
Celebrate summer.
Celebrate @ Library Fest!**

You are invited to Library Fest!

Wednesday, July 30
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

@ the

Cranbury Public Library

All ages welcome!

Everyone is welcomed to the first Library Fest. The library will supply desserts and beverages. We will have a variety of activities available for children, teens and adults.

- Music
- Door Prizes
- Book / Puzzle swap
- Sidewalk games
- Chalk drawing

Come join the fun!

Library Fest Features

Selkow

“Selkow consists of: Ben Selkow, Mike Golisano, Matt Foster and Jerome Whitson. Selkow writes and performs an original style of Acoustic Rock infused with Hip Hop. Through



emotionally driven lyrics, Selkow peels back the layers of modern culture and stereotype to reveal and address a variety of issues that affect us in our lives.

Selkow is committed to original music. We strive for a level of professionalism that propels us on our mission to bring audiences and musicians together through a live music experience. We are dedicated to developing a personal connection with our fans and continue to thank everyone for their support along the way.”

From Selkow's Website <http://www.selkow.com>

Come and listen!

Participate in our paperback book and/or puzzle swap. Bring a book or puzzle (or both) for our swap table and choose a different one to take home. All ages can participate.

Door prizes awarded – including Selkow merchandise!

Summer Reading program raffle winners will be announced.

Friends of the Cranbury Public Library

Thanks to the 'Friends' the library is able to loan museum passes to Cranbury Public Library cardholders for three different museums.

- Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ
- American Museum of Natural History in New York City
- Children's Museum of Manhattan in New York City

For complete details of the Museum Pass Program check our website: www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org or stop in and pick up a brochure.

**Don't forget to visit the
Friends Book Sale on Cranbury Day!**

LIBRARY HOURS

Cranbury Public Library Hours
Monday –Thursday 10 am to 9 pm
Friday –10 am to 5 pm
Saturday – 10 am to 2 pm
Closed Sundays in summer.

From the Director's Desk

I'm really excited about the library's first Library Fest. I admit it. I borrowed the idea from my neighbors, the Patellas, who started Porch Fest on North Main Street a few years ago. Meeting with neighbors, sharing food and conversation, enjoying summer and our town is what Porch Fest is all about. So with Wendy Patella's permission I decided to incorporate Library Fest into the library's schedule of summer programs and invite everyone in town!

There will be something at Library Fest for everyone. Who doesn't like food and music? Kids will be able to run around, take part in sidewalk games, and draw all over the parking lot with chalk! Besides swapping paperbacks, I plan to bring a few puzzles to swap and want to know what other puzzle enthusiasts live in Cranbury. Teens will definitely enjoy the music.

Speaking of the music.... I'm even more excited to have *Selkow*, a local band, playing for this event. Two of the band members, Mike Golisano and Matt Foster, grew up in Cranbury. They are the same age as my son so I've known both of these musicians for quite a few years. I'm very impressed at how far they've come and can't wait to hear the band. So come to the library to celebrate summer, meet your neighbors and enjoy our wonderful town of Cranbury.

Marilynn Mullen

For Kids

Preschool Storytimes

Monday at 10:30 AM with Mrs. Hardaker.
Thursday at 10:30 AM with Mrs. Murphy

This summer **Catch the Reading Bug**
at the Cranbury Public Library.



Reading Buddies sign up will begin in October. Join this successful program!

For complete program information go to
www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org

Go to

CranburyPublicLibrary.org

for:

- the latest library programs and news
- downloadable videos and audio books
- research databases
- book lists and more!

For High School Students

All high school students are invited to join SLiC the Student Library Council.

SLiC members run the Reading Buddies Program, host game and movie nights and participate in various other library programs. See more at www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org

For Adults (and teens)

The library is hosting a haunting experience. Learn about investigating the paranormal. Come to Ghosting Hunting 101!

Friday, Oct. 24
at the Cranbury Inn



digital Cranbury Camera Club

Meetings are held on the
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of EVERY
month at 8:00 pm at the
Fellowship Hall of the
United Methodist Church of Cranbury,
21 N. Main Street, Cranbury

Questions?
Call Greg DeAngelis
at 609-860-0775
or email Inda223@aol.com

We celebrated our second anniversary in January 2008
and welcome guests visit us at our meetings.

See our Web Site for more details:
www.CranburyDigitalCameraClub.org

LIONS' HAPPENINGS



The Cranbury Lions Club has been busy this year this year so far. June activities included the Cranbury Lions presentation of their Annual Student Affairs Awards to nominated students for their exceptional service and/or grades. The Todd Beamer Scholarship for exceptional Community Service was awarded to Sarah Gordon; the Dr. David Tudor Science Scholarship for science was awarded to Thomas Hellstern; and, the Stan Thomas Community Service Award was presented to Sarah Gordon.

Also in June, the Cranbury Lions Club held a Super-50/50 at the Trenton Thunder Riverside Stadium. On June 7th the Lions, together with the Cranbury First Aid Squad, the Cranbury Fire Company, and the Cranbury Police Department, held the First Annual Cranbury Emergency Services Town Picnic, which included free food, rides games, demonstrations, and the famous Fishing Derby.

Scheduled for the next six months, the Cranbury Lions will hold their Annual Club picnic on July 19, to which the public is invited to meet Club Members and families to find out more about what we do. Anyone interested in attending may speak to any Lion for details.

A severe storm rained out the 10th Annual Golf Outing, but it will be held on July 24 at the Peddie Golf Course; foursomes are still available and sponsors are always welcomed. The cost is \$150 per person and includes all fees, a cart, lunch, dinner with an open wine and beer bar, and prizes.

On Saturday, August 23rd, the Club will sponsor the 9th Annual Trenton Thunder Baseball Outing. This Thunder vs. Reading Phillies game starts at 7:05 pm, and is expected to be a sell out due to the rivalry of these teams! Tickets are \$10 each and are for sale to all Lions, their family and friends – and any Cranbury resident. Tickets are available now. For tickets call Club President Mike Kaiser or PDG Bob Virgadamo.

In September, the Lions will have their regular fare of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, and cold soft drinks – also look for our 50/50 and have a nice cold ice cream bar from the Lions Ice Cream Cart on the corner of Main and Schoolhouse Road.

In October we will hold our White Cane Drive, and right around Halloween, as we did last year, we will co-host the Pumpkin Carving party for Cranbury children and their parents in the school cafeteria. As we've done for over 75 years, donuts and cider will be served, prizes will be awarded for pumpkin carvings in different categories...and we'll try to have our magician there!

Children, ages 11-13 may compete in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, which will be done in, and with the help of, the school; the Contest will be judged in November; prizes for the winning juried Posters will be given to the children at our meeting on December 3.

On December 7, 1947, the Cranbury Lions held their first Pancake Breakfast. This year on the First Sunday in December, coincidentally the 7th, as we've done for the last 61 years— we will hold our Annual Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be available in November and can be purchased at the door. Of course, we will be selling poinsettias, and Pictures with Santa will be available when he makes his annual visit to the Pancake Breakfast.

Just a reminder, The Cranbury Lions Club is *always* collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids; these items can be deposited in the big yellow collection box outside the Cranbury Library. So far, this year, with your help, the Cranbury Lions Club has collected over 2000 pairs of eyeglasses, and a couple of dozen hearing aids.

Finally, and as always, we wish to thank all of Cranbury for your support in all of our fundraising efforts, helping us help those in need. We wish all of you wonderful summer and hope you can make some or all of our events.

Gourgaud Gallery News

The Gourgaud Gallery, part of the Cranbury Arts Council, is looking forward to a great schedule of exhibits for the second half of 2008. In May, the gallery was pleased to host a “Mothers Day” exhibit, featuring the art of mothers, grandmothers and their children. The exhibit represented the artistic talent and diversity within generations and made for a very special event. June at the Gourgaud Gallery featured the art of Mary Ellen Brennan, titled, “Art: The Gift of Expression”. Her art shared a look into her life, travels and family, and her exhibit was a great start for our summer exhibits. In July, the Gourgaud Gallery will exhibit “From Eye to Hand – Interpreting Photography with Brush Stroke”- a show featuring the works of Michelle Rosenthal and Nan Miller.

In August, Colleen Cahill, GGC member and coordinator of the second annual “Winter Art Series”, will host the exhibit, “Four Art Series”, featuring the art inspired from the classes in Mixed Media, Watercolor and Pastel. The Gourgaud is accepting art-work created from these workshops in July, and artists who would like to submit for the August exhibit should fill out an application and bring their art to the gallery on Saturday, July 19 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The applications will be available in the gallery during regular exhibit hours.

In May, the “2008 Art in the Park – The Garden Sessions” got underway, with the opening day on the beautiful property of Patti and Matt Long. The monthly “plein air” events will run through October, with a different guest artist hosting at each new monthly venue on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine!

2008 Art in the Park Schedule:

July 20	156 N. Main St.
August 17	15 Bunker Hill
September 14	3 N. Main St.
October 12	146 Cranbury Neck Rd.

The Gourgaud Gallery schedules the Artists Receptions for each new exhibit on the first Sunday of each month from 1-3 p.m. in the Gourgaud Gallery, and is free and open to the public. News from the Gourgaud Gallery can also be found by going to the Cranbury Township and Lions Club web sites for updates and information on future exhibits and upcoming events. Also, as part of the Cranbury Arts

Council, a non profit organization, any art purchased at the Gourgaud Gallery will benefit the gallery and its programming by receiving 20% from all sales.

Upcoming exhibits at the Gourgaud Gallery are as follows:

- July – Michelle Rosenthal and Nan Miller – “From Eye to Hand – Interpreting Photography with Brush Stroke” – July 6-27
- August – “Four Art Series”, Works from the Winter Workshop Series – August 3-31
- September – Cranbury Digital Camera Club – Title TBA – September 5-28
- October – Colleen Cahill, Lisa Walsh, Amy Amico – Title TBA – October 5-26
- November – Jennifer Cadoff – Title TBA – November 2-30
- December – “Cranbury Gardens VI”, Works from Art in the Park – December 7-28

Anyone wishing to exhibit at the Gourgaud Gallery may obtain an application in the Gallery or at www.cranbury.org or www.cranburytownship.org

GALLERY HOURS

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
First, Third & Last Sunday of the month
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday by appointment only



PO Box 643 Cranbury, NJ 08512
609•655•1705

Cranbury Emergency Services Fire/EMS/Rescue

Civic minded Cranbury organizations looking for a few good men and women 16 years of age and older.

No experience necessary, only requirement is a willingness to learn and to help others

Training provided free of charge
Flexible Hours

The Rewards are Priceless
Become part of Our 160 year Cranbury History
*****Join The Winning Teams*****

Become a Volunteer EMT and/or Fire Fighter

For more information contact
Cranbury First Aid Squad
@ 395-1707
or
Cranbury Fire Company
@ 395-0633

Wednesday of every month. For just \$10 per item, you can use this curb side service. White goods are BBQ grills including the tank, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners. To schedule a pick up, call 395-0900 ext.229 at least 3 days prior to the scheduled monthly pick up date.



CHIPPING, LEAVES and BRUSH PICK UP

The chipping of branches continues all year long and is scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month. Small bundles of brush can be wrapped with twine for collection. Lumber, construction materials and roots are not acceptable chipping items.

Currently, no piles of leaves should be placed curbside, since there will be no pick up services until late October. Meanwhile, consider turning valuable leaves and grass clippings into 'black gold' by composting or have the leaves taken away by your lawn maintenance crew. More information regarding "grasscycling" can be found at www.rce.rutgers.edu. If you are interested in purchasing a composter visit the Middlesex County Improvement Authority web site at www.mciauth.com/composting.htm



AUTUMN 2008 CLEAN UP DATE

The Clean Up Dates are scheduled for October 4th and 5th. Drop off hours for Saturday and Sunday are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Public Works yard on Dey Road. Attendants will be on duty during these hours to help with your acceptable discards.

The purpose of this valuable service is to dispose of any large items that would not normally be accepted by your private contractor. Due to the high disposal cost of the refuse, no individual household should expect to dispose of truckloads of accumulated trash or construction materials. Residents should also be prepared to provide proof of residency.

As usual, the Electronic Drop Off Program will be available. Acceptable items are computer components, television-no larger than 35", phones, fax machines, photo copiers, cable, irons, and thermostats. Be sure to look for the separate area to place these items.



WHITE GOODS

White goods/appliances are collected on the second

Township fall leaf collection begins October 27, 2008 until December 31, 2008. Be aware that leaf piles can be placed between the sidewalk and the curb. New Jersey stormwater regulations prohibit leaves from being placed in the street or closer than ten feet from storm drain inlets.

The complete rules regarding brush and waste recycling can be found in Cranbury Township Ordinance 120 "Recycling". Visit www.njstormwater.org for information on keeping our stormwater free of non-point source pollution (NPS).

Remember, the drain is just for rain!!

CURBSIDE RECYCLING REMINDER

September 1st pick up will be held on
September 6th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

'SHRED IT' EVENT

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders in conjunction with Cranbury Township is hosting a mobile paper SHRED-IT event on October 11th, at the Public Works Yard on Dey Road in Cranbury Township, from 9 am to 1 pm or until the

shredding truck is filled, which ever occurs first.

Bring your old files, receipts, bills, financial statement, any document that you have not recycled due to a confidentiality concern. You may observe these documents being shredded on site. There is no need to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard binder covers. Please, do not bring books, magazines, newspapers or any other type of paper that is normally recycled.

If you have questions, email the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at solid-waste@co.middlesex.nj.us or call (732) 745-4170. This event is open to all Middlesex County residents.

PET ETIQUETTE

It's great to see many pets leashed and walked in our town. It's not great to see what pets leave behind and those owners that do not clean up after their pets. According to Township Ordinance #162, "all pet owners and keepers shall immediately remove and properly dispose of the solid waste deposited by the pet on public property or the property of another." Solid pet

waste should be deposited in a waste receptacle or other suitable container that is regularly emptied. Deposits into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal are also acceptable.

There are several green trash cans throughout town and in the parks that can be used for this purpose. Be respectful of others; clean up after your pet!!!!

Dog License forms will be available on the Township web site on January 1, 2009. Please note: all rabies vaccinations must be ten (10) months current for your dog to be licensed.

Fall Rabies Clinic

Mark your calendars

for the next free Rabies Clinic.

October 18th between

Noon and 2 p.m.

Cranbury Fire House.



“A Walk on the Wild Side”

Spring rains have been kind to the warm weather native grasses that were planted in June 2007 as part of the Conservation Plan for the Cranbury Brook Preserve. Until then, most people approaching the soccer fields or taking a walk in the former West property probably paid little attention to the two mowed fields they passed.

In 2002, a recommendation to designate the West Property a preserve for passive recreation and education on the environment and history of Cranbury was proposed by the Environmental Commission. The Cranbury Brook Preserve on the West Property was officially approved by the Township Committee in 2004.

Under the guidance of James Applegate, the Environmental Commission applied for a grant to help with technical and financial assistance to manage the Preserve. The application was submitted to the Natural Resources Conservation Service and in 2007 the Preserve was accepted into the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP.) The Conservation

Plan for the Preserve addresses four major local uses: open grassland fields, campground, riparian area and the trails in the former nursery. Managing the grasslands includes planting native warm season grasses and wildflowers to benefit declining native wildlife including grassland and song birds. Working together, the NCRS, the Cranbury Public Works Department and the Environmental Commission had the fields prepared and in June 2007, switchgrass, Indian grass, little bluestem and big bluestem seeds were planted. After becoming better established, the natives will begin reseeding themselves and eventually replace the invasive and/or non-native species.

NRCS regularly monitors the grasslands and this June a Soil Conservationist and a biologist were joined by members of the Environmental Commission on their inspection. NRCS was satisfied with the progress being made. They pointed out that these grasses may take 2 to 3 years to establish, but once established they can last for many years with little

maintenance. They also noted that although these fields are smaller than those usually selected for grassland projects, their proximity to the school provides Cranbury students with an exceptionally unique opportunity for on-site environmental education.

Colorful butterflies and ladybugs were plentiful during this recent visit. Ideally, these native grasses will provide food sources for many common insects that in turn will attract a larger number and variety of birds and butterflies to the Preserve. Who knows what wonders large and small Mother Nature might have in store for this 14 acre green treasure as it receives the care and respect it deserves. For more information about this program, go to www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP, contact the Environmental Commission through www.cranburytownship.org or attend an Environmental Commission meeting held on the third Monday of each month in the Gourgaud Gallery, Town Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

2008 MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Fireworks and Concert in Village Park – July 5th (raindate July 6th)

Cranbury Day – September 6th

Clean Up Weekend – October 4th & 5th

Rabies Clinic – October 18th

<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	
7	no mtg	8*	6	3	1	Board of Health: 1st Monday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
3	7	4	2	6	11*	Development Review Committee: 1st Thurs., 5:00 pm, Town Hall
21	18	15	20	17	15	Environmental Commission: 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
1 & 15	5 & 19	2 & 16	7 & 21	18	2 & 16	Historic Preservation Commission: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 pm Town Hall
15	no mtg	16	21	18	16	Human Services Commission: 3rd Tuesday, 1:00 pm, Town Hall
10	14	11	9	13	11	Library Board of Trustees: 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm, Library
no mtg	no mtg	11	16*	13	11	Municipal Alliance Committee: 2nd Thurs., 8:15 am, Library
9	no mtg	10	8	12	10	Park Planning Commission: 2nd Wednesday, 8:45 am, Town Hall
3 & 17	7 & 21	4 & 18	2 & 16	6 & 20	11* & 18	Planning Board: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall
no mtg	28	25	23	no mtg	11	Recreation Department: 3rd Thurs., 6:30 pm, Town Hall
no mtg	no mtg	9	no mtg	11	no mtg	Shade Tree Commission: 2nd Tues. every other month, 7:30 pm, Town Hall
14* & 28	no mtg	8* & 22	13 & 27	10 & 24	8 & 22	Township Committee: 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall
2	6	3	1	5	10*	Zoning Board of Adjustment: 1st Wed., 7:30 pm, Town Hall

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON

July 4th, September 1st, November 11th, 27th & 28th, December 25th.

visit www.cranburytownship.org for specific department hours

* Not on a regularly scheduled date or location.

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Pari Stave
Wayne K. Wittman

HOURS

Construction: Official: Mon-Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Office: Mon-Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sewer Collection:
Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tax Assessor:
Mon, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Wed, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm;
Thurs, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Fri, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tax Collector:
Mon-Wed 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Town Hall:
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