

HOMELESS VETERANS AS HIGH AS 6,000 IN NEW JERSEY!

Although accurate numbers are impossible to come by – no one keeps records on homeless veterans – the VA estimates that in the United States nearly 200,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. And nearly 400,000 experience homelessness over the course of a year. Those are amazing and heart breaking statistics! It is written that one out of every three homeless men sleeping in a doorway, alley or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served this country in every war from World War II to our operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. In New Jersey, the number of homeless veterans is as high as 6,000.

The services that veterans most need is a coordinated effort that provides secure housing and nutritional meals, essential physical health care, substance abuse aftercare and mental

health counseling, and personal development and empowerment. Fortunately, in Middlesex County there are supportive services for veteran families who are currently residing in permanent housing and at risk of becoming homeless or are currently homeless.

Community Hope has partnered with Catholic Family Community Services (CFCFS), Hope House and University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) to provide case management services to assist veterans and their families in securing housing and developing a housing stability plan which may include support services, financial assistance and accessing support services and benefits. They are currently accepting referrals for their new Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. This program is a homeless prevention program designed to assist veteran

families at risk of homelessness to maintain their housing and to rapidly re-house veteran families who have recently become homeless in Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties. **For referrals: call the SSVF Referral Line at 1-855-483-8466 or visit the website at www.communityhope-nj.org.**

Community Hope also has a 95 bed transitional housing program that serves homeless veterans recovering from mental illness and/or substance abuse. It is located on the grounds of the VA Medical Center in Lyons, NJ and offers homeless veterans a safe and supportive environment where they can begin to rebuild their lives. For eligibility guidelines, or to make a referral, contact **Admissions Planner at 908-647-5717 ext. 325.**



Ribbon cutting for the new Holmes Marshall Fire Company emergency fire light on River Road and Park Avenue
L-R Holmes Marshall Fireman, Dough Hough, Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred Scott, Mayor Brian C. Wahler, Councilman Jim Bullard, Ron Vinnie, Holmes Marshall Fireman



Ribbon cutting for the new River Road Fire Company emergency fire light on River Road and Netherwood Avenue
L-R Neighborhood resident Teresa Teresak, Mayor Brian C. Wahler, Councilman Jim Bullard



Ribbon cutting for the new Possumtown Fire Company emergency fire light on Possumtown Road
L-R Possumtown Fireman James Sanders, Councilman Jim Bullard, Mayor Brian C. Wahler, Paul Snyder, Chief Possumtown Fire Company

Township Telephone Directory

Operator Assistance: 732-562-2300

Police.....	732-562-1100
Fire/Rescue.....	732-562-2333
Const. & Bldg.Regulations/Housing.....	732-562-2325
Engineering/Planning/Zoning.....	732-562-6560/6570
Finance.....	732-562-2316
Fire Prevention.....	732-562-2315
Health Office.....	732-562-2323
Job Service/Youth Referral.....	732-562-2304
Libraries: Kennedy.....	732-463-1633
Westergard.....	732-752-1166
Mayor's Office.....	732-562-2301
Municipal Alliance (Office).....	732-562-2322
Municipal Alliance/Info. Tape.....	732-562-2311
Municipal Court.....	732-562-2330
PCTV Cable TV/Channel 15.....	732-562-2305
Personnel.....	732-562-2308
Police:	
Detectives.....	732-562-2366
Juvenile.....	732-562-2371
Records.....	732-562-2378
Service.....	732-562-6577
Traffic.....	732-562-2345
Public Information.....	732-562-7627
Public Works.....	732-562-2390
Purchasing.....	732-562-2320
Recreation.....	732-562-2382
Recreation (Program Cancellation).....	732-562-2389
Senior Citizen Center.....	732-562-1133
Social Services & Welfare.....	732-562-2304
Sterling Village.....	732-699-0033
Tax Assessor.....	732-562-2328
Tax Collector.....	732-562-2331
TDD's:(Hearing & Speech Impaired).....	732-752-2371
Police.....	732-562-2306
Westergard.....	732-752-2371
Township Clerk.....	732-562-2310

Township Calendar

OCTOBER

- 2 Township Regular/Agenda Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 8 COLUMBUS DAY-TOWNSHIP
OFFICES CLOSED
- 10 Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Township Regular/Agenda Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 24 Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.
- 25 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 6 ELECTION DAY-TOWNSHIP
OFFICES CLOSED
- 7 Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Township Regular/Agenda (Thurs.) – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 VETERANS DAY – TOWNSHIP
OFFICES CLOSED
- 20 Township Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 22/23 THANSIVING HOLIDAY – TOWNSHIP
OFFICES CLOSED
- 27 Township Agenda Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 28 Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4 Township Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 6 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Township Agenda Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Township Regular/Agenda Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
- 19 Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.
- 24 TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – TOWNSHIP
OFFICES CLOSED
- 31 TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON

Please note that the only official Township Web site is listed below. There is no other official Township Web site. The Township has no control over other sites with somewhat similar Web addresses.

Piscataway Website: www.piscatawaynj.org

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Brian C. Wahler
Mayor
916 East Lincoln Avenue
732-699-9225

Mark Hardenburg
(Ward 1)
1838 Brunella Avenue
732-752-4762

Jim Bullard
(Ward 2)
23 Independence Court
732-463-3927

Steven D. Cahn
(Ward 3)
986 Sunset Road
732-748-1224

Michele Lombardi
(Ward 4)
76 Carlton Avenue
732-968-2460

Kenneth Armwood
(At Large)
213 Bexley Lane
732-343-2650

Michael Griffith
(At Large)
19 Azalea Place
732-748-9652

Gabrielle Cahill
(At Large)
1003 River Road
732-235-1920

News You Can Use

Bits & Pieces

 Special congratulations goes to our own Piscataway native, Asjha Jones, a member of the U.S. Woman's Basketball Team who won the gold medal by beating France in the Olympic finals. Asjha started going to basketball camps at an early age, including one at Rutgers University when she was in the fifth grade. In Piscataway High School she was a McDonalds All-American and The Star-Ledger New Jersey Girls Basketball Player of the year. She is presently with the Connecticut Sun in the Women's National Basketball Association. Our heartiest congratulations to Asjha!

 Kudos to the Piscataway American Legion Post 261 baseball team who won the 15U Union/Middlesex challenge by defeating South Amboy. Thanks also to the coaches who generously volunteered their time to make this a winning team!

 Congratulations to our Indo-American Senior Citizens as they

celebrated India's 66th Independence Day. Independence Day is celebrated by every citizen of India irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

 For information on Piscataway's low and moderate income senior residency, **Sterling Village**, call 732-699-0033. The facility is adjacent to the Township Senior Center and the J. F. Kennedy Library and offers many amenities and activities in a friendly family atmosphere. To apply, you must be at least 62 years of age and meet income eligibility guidelines as established by COAH. Rents include all utilities and garbage. Building tours are offered Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only.

 **IMPORTANT:** We remind residents that you **MUST** pick up after your animal(s). There have been many complaints that people are not complying with Township Ordinance No. 93-44, particularly in or near our parks. Complaints may be filed in municipal court by citizens, the animal control officer or police for violation of this Ordinance on

public or private property. Upon conviction one would be subject to a penalty of not less than \$25 dollars or more than \$500 dollars for each violation.

 You are invited to join forces for a 5K Walk-Run which is part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and Kingley Health to benefit the American Heart and Stroke Associations. It will take place on **Sunday, October 21st** in Johnson Park. Free training for the event at Kingley Health and a free 30-minute massage upon completion of the walk. Contact Councilwoman Michele Lombardi for information at 732-968-2460 or register at Kingley Health, 220 Centennial Avenue.

 The 6th Annual Summer Concert Series held in Columbus Park was a huge success! The series was sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission and chaired by Kitty Jutner. Hundreds of people attended and enjoyed the variety of music that filled the air for eight Thursday nights. Great job by the Cultural Arts Commission!

METLAR/BODINE HOUSE MUSEUM (CIRCA 1728)

Piscataway Historical & Cultural Museum – 1281 River Road – PO Box 141 – 732-463-8363

Late Afternoon Holiday Tea (3 p.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Museum – December 1st

Ease into the holiday spirit with the museum's annual late afternoon holiday tea served in the historic site's circa 1840 Greek Revival double parlors. At tables set with fine linens, china and silver service enjoy hot savories, traditional tea sandwiches, three (3) varieties of teas, fresh fruit salad, scones with clotted cream and preserves and a special punch. Elegant desserts top off the afternoon's festive dining experience.

The museum's shop, stocked with unique gifts, cards, collectibles, books and antiques, will be open to those attending the tea as well as the general public.

Seating for the tea is limited – **reserve by November 24, 2012**. Call 732-463-8363 for reservations, information and directions to the museum.

TOWNSHIP HOMES AND APARTMENTS MUST HAVE VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS

All residential structures must display clearly visible address numbers on their homes or curbside mailboxes. The purpose of these numbers is to assist the general public and emergency services, public and private, in identifying any property in case of emergency, as well as for the welfare of the general public in conducting their normal affairs.

The Township Clerk's office has a limited amount of free numbers for residents. The clerk's office is open Monday – Friday – 8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Department of Public Works Information

505 Sidney Road – 732-562-2390 – Please park in the visitor lot facing Sidney Road – enter through building’s main entrance

RECYCLING CENTER MINI/DUMP CENTER HOURS TO DECEMBER 8, 2012

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.....1 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Gates close at 5:45 p.m.)
Thursdays.....1 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Gates close at 7:45 p.m.)
Saturdays.....8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Gates close at 3:45 p.m.)
Sundays, Mondays, Holidays.....CLOSED

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: October 8, November 6, November 12, November 22 & 23,
December 24 & 25, 31, and January 1, 2013**

- **Recycling/Trash Center Coupons and Recycling Center 2012 Trash Coupons MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE GATE, along with Driver’s License as Proof of Residency. Rules & Regulations were mailed with Coupons.**
- **Residents entering the Center must have their vehicle properly insured, inspected and registered. The largest vehicle allowed in the Center is a half-ton pickup. Pickup trucks must surrender two (2) coupons. NO COMMERCIAL TRUCKS OR TRUCKS WITH SIDEBARDS ARE PERMITTED.**
- **Coupons ARE required for lumber, household debris, carpeting, furniture and all other acceptable non-recyclable materials. Coupons are NOT required for disposal of recyclable materials. This includes all recyclables picked up curbside, in addition to batteries, tires, motor oil, branches, and metal.**
- **LEAF BAGS: Biodegradable leaf bags will be available on or about October 1 at the DPW Garage – Monday-Friday – 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED. These bags are to be used for LEAVES ONLY. Leaf pick up will begin the week of October 15, 2012 and will continue to December 28, 2012.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: Residents must obtain Coupons in the Tax Office in the Municipal Building to obtain leaf bags. (Tax Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Residents will be given two (2) free Coupons. Each Coupon is for one (1) bundle of twenty (20) bags. Additional Coupons may be purchased for \$6.00 per bundle. LEAF BAGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT COUPONS.**
- **Curbside pick up and disposal of leaf bags at the Recycling Center is free between October 15, 2012 and December 31, 2012.**
- **Christmas trees will not be picked up curbside. During the month of January only, you may bring them to your nearest firehouse anytime of the day. Trees, devoid of all decorations, may be brought to the Recycling Center during regular hours.**

PISCATAWAY’S VOLUNTEER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Please consider volunteering your time and talent in your community

Residents are invited to consider volunteering for one of the Advisory Boards or Commissions to the Mayor. Each one, listed below, according to a specific Ordinance has a prescribed number of members and as vacancies become available, applicants will be considered. Piscataway’s Volunteer Advisory Boards & Commissions application form, renamed LEADERSHIP CITIZEN FORM, and a brief description of the Boards & Commissions, is available in the Township Clerk’s office, in the Mayor’s office or online at www.piscatawaynj.org. Advisory Boards & Commissions include: Board of Ethics, Civil Rights, Cultural Arts, Economic Development, Health, Historic Preservation, Housing & Community Development, Library Trustees, Municipal Alliance, Open Space, Planning Board, Property Maintenance, Public Relations, Recreation, Rent Leveling Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Board of Trustees, Traffic, Turn on Youth Coalition, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. *All applications must be submitted no later than Friday, November 5, 2012. Mail to: Piscataway Municipal Clerk, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854.*



Library Notes

www.piscatawaylibrary.org

Libraries have Career Center to assist Piscataway residents in obtaining new employment opportunities in a variety of ways...

Piscataway Library's online Career Center (www.piscatawaylibrary.org/content/career-center) contains information about creating resumes and cover letters, career exploration, and online job searching resources, all of which is accessible from any computer, anywhere, and any time. Kennedy and Westergard Libraries also have print Career Centers with samples of resumes, cover letters, and job applications, as well as a wealth of information about a complete variety of career and job options for all ages and abilities.

Residents have many opportunities for technology training through the Piscataway Library system. Westergard regularly offers basic training classes, which help participants with basic computer and Internet skills, and more advanced classes like Microsoft Office training are frequently scheduled at both libraries. Classes are often offered that are specifically geared toward skills necessary for job security and advancement, such as Microsoft

Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, as well as classes focused on job searching and developing cover letter and resumes. For a complete listing of current and upcoming Technology Training classes, and for information about registering for classes, visit the library's Web site: www.piscatawaylibrary.org/technologytraining).

"Make an Appointment with a Librarian" is a one-on-one service for Piscataway residents that offers assistance to individuals looking for information on updating resumes or cover letters. It will also help you to learn how to navigate online job sites and complete applications as well as provide help with uploading or attaching a resume to an email or job site. This service is available Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. by *appointment only* at Kennedy Library. Appointments may be made in person, or by calling: 732-463-1633 x6.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: Piscataway Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, and will be closed all day on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Library will be closed on Monday, December

24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday and on Monday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1 for New Year's.

Other programs of interest include: **Spiritual Pearls for Enlightened Living through Meditation** (a two-part Workshop) – Mondays, October 1 and October 22 – 7 p.m. - Kennedy Library; **Women and Money** – Tuesday, October 16 – 6:30 p.m. Westergard Library, **Breast Cancer Awareness** – Thursday, October 18 – 7 p.m. – Kennedy Library; **Dog Behavior & Training Basics**, Sunday, October 21 – 2 p.m. – Kennedy Library; **Historic Haunts of Central Jersey** – Tuesday, October 23 – 7 p.m. – Kennedy Library; **All Things Google** – Thursday, November 15 – 7 p.m. – Kennedy Library; **Tablets, Smartphones, and Applications**, Mondays, December 3 and 10 – 7 p.m. - Kennedy Library. For a complete listing of all library programs for tots, tweens, teens and adults, stop by either Kennedy or Westergard or check on line at www.piscatawaylibrary.org.

PISCATAWAY RECREATION DEPARTMENT – 732-562-2382

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE: for Piscataway boys & girls – 6th – 8th grade. Forms online October 1st (<http://www.piscatawaynj.org/recreation>) and can be mailed or delivered in person to the Recreation Office. Players must be registered by October 30th – registering after the deadline, players will be placed on a waiting list.

COMPETITIVE WRESTLING – for Piscataway 2nd – 8th grade. Programs starts November 12th and meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For information call the Recreation Department or visit the Recreation Web site: www.piscatawaynj.org/Recreation.



Piscataway Community TV News

Each month you have an opportunity to call in and speak live to the Mayor and his guests on Piscataway Community Television. On the first Monday of each month, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mayor Brian Wahler hosts **EYE ON PISCATAWAY**. The Mayor and his guests discuss matters of interest to Piscataway residents and answer questions posed by people calling into the program. The show is replayed throughout the month on Mondays at 8 p.m. and on Fridays and Sundays at 7 p.m. The number to call to speak

with the Mayor or his guests: 732-562-2305. **Access New Jersey** is an award-winning magazine-format program developed by PCTV and co-produced monthly with other Public Access stations throughout New Jersey. Each episode is comprised of segments highlighting events and issues pertinent to Piscataway and the surrounding communities. The program is aired throughout the state on many Access stations. You can watch **Access New Jersey**: Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. and Fridays at 8 p.m.

Army News Watch, produced by Soldiers Radio and Television, is a bi-weekly news program that provides news and information about soldiers and civilians in today's Army. Civilian and military reporters bring you stories on everything from military life in a time of war to lighter subjects like new recreation facilities for enlisted soldiers. Watch **Army News Watch**: Mondays at 10 p.m.

PISCATAWAY COMMUNITY TELEVISION- CHANNEL 15 (Cablevision) CHANNEL 40 & 42 (Verizon)

Cablecast Schedule for Fall 2012 Channel 15 (Cablevision) serves Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Dunellen, Green Brook, Manville, Middlesex, Piscataway, Raritan, South Bound Brook Channel 40 & 42 (Verizon) serves Berkeley Heights, Bound Brook, Branchburg, Fanwood, Franklin, Manville, Mountainside, New Providence, North Brunswick, North Plainfield, Piscataway, Somerville, South Bound Brook, South Brunswick, Summit & Warren

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00 AM	Drawing with Mark	Peek-A-Boo Turtle	Drawing with Mark	Peek-A-Boo Turtle	Drawing with Mark	Peek-A-Boo Turtle	Community Notices
9:30 AM	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	SciFiles	
10:00 AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
10:30 AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Destination Tomorrow	↓
11:00 AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	NASA 360	↓
11:30 AM	Look Great, Feel Great	Seniorize	Look Great, Feel Great	Seniorize	Seniorize	Drawing with Mark	↓
12:00 PM	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Aging Insights	Dialogue with Doris	Sharing Miracles	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	YA Visions	Stateside Footy
12:30 PM	Natural Health Care Alternative	Access New Jersey	Old Way in NJ	RIF Exchange	American Veteran	Classroom Close-up	↓
1:00 PM	Health Talk	If Plants Could Talk	Sharing Miracles	Today's Child	Law on the Line	Our Schools in Piscataway	↓
1:30 PM	Words of Peace	Community Notices	Inside Social Work	Classroom Closeup	On the History Trail	Community Notices	↓
2:00 PM	Community Notices		Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices		Community Notices
2:30 PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
3:00 PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
3:30 PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
4:00 PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
4:30 PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Journey to the East	↓
5:00 PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
5:30 PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Gospel Central	↓
6:00 PM	YA Visions	NASA 360	YA Visions	Peek-A-Boo Turtle	Friendship Set to Music	↓	Classroom Close-up
6:30 PM	RIF Exchange	Empower Your Body	Destination Tomorrow	American Veteran	↓	Dialogue with Doris	Today's Air Force
7:00 PM	Aging Insights	Health Talk	Our Schools in Piscataway	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Eye on Piscataway (replay)	On the History Trail	Eye on Piscataway (replay)
7:30 PM	Spotlight on Middlesex Cty	Aging Insights	Old Ways in NJ	Friendship Set to Music	↓	Old Ways in NJ	↓
8:00 PM	Eye on Piscataway (replay)	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock & Roll	Today's Child	↓	Access New Jersey	If Plants Could Talk	Gospel Central
8:30 PM	↓	Access New Jersey	Aging Insights	Health Talk	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock & Roll	The Garage	↓
9:00 PM	Sudzyn Country Video	Natural Health Care Alternative	Spotlight on Middlesex Cty	Journey to the East	Sudzyn Country Video	On the Loose	Just Coolin'
9:30 PM	The Garage	RVCC Fever	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock & Roll	↓	Dialogue with Doris	↓	↓
10:00 PM	Army Newswatch	On the Loose	Heart Stories	RVCC Fever	On the Loose	Serendipity	Community Notices
10:30 PM	Inside Social Work	↓	Health Talk	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock & Roll	↓	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock & Roll	↓
11:00 PM	Sharing Miracles	Transfusion Alternatives	Octo & Patruska's Moonlit Cinema	Sudzyn Country Video	Serendipity	Octo & Patruska's Moonlit Cinema	↓
11:30 PM	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	↓
12:00 AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
12:30 AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

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