

## MAYOR WAHLER AND AT LARGE CANDIDATES SWORN IN JANUARY 3, 2009

On behalf of the Township Council I wish you a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year. I appreciate and thank you for the help and support given me and the At-Large candidates, Ken Armwood, Mike Griffith and Gabrielle Cahill, before, during and since the recent election. During the campaign it was our great pleasure to have had the opportunity to meet so many of you again, and to also meet and greet so many new residents. Be assured that the faith you put in us as you cast your vote was not misplaced. I have said it before but it's worth repeating, working together we can, and will, make Piscataway an even better place in which to live, work and play.

The year 2009 promises not only to be a very busy year but having to deal with the present economic conditions, a very challenging year, whether in government, the private sector or in dealing with your own personal budget. Across the country, indeed for most of the world, the troubling economic situation is the main topic of most conversation. It is front page news every day and is discussed ad infinitum on television. Clearly, there is no magic bullet, no magic solution and no way to instantly solve the myriad of life-changing issues that so many of our citizens are facing day after day. We do know our citizenry is resolute and will continue to persevere and in time, conditions will turn around and change for the better.

It has been troubling to note that much has been written about the fact that food pantries, not only in New Jersey, but around the country, are low on food and demand has quadrupled. The Community Food Bank of New Jersey, located in Hillside, has been assisting more than 500,000 people annually and that number is rapidly growing. For information on how you can help them, check their Web site at: [www.checkouthungernj.org](http://www.checkouthungernj.org). Locally we have the F.I.S.H. organization (732-968-7925) and Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick (732-545-9002), to name just two organizations that feed the hungry and are always in need of donations, more so than ever at this time. As the economy declines, more unemployed workers, working poor families and seniors on limited incomes are living at



*Mayor and At Large Council Members, L-R: Mayor Brian Wahler & At Large Candidates, Ken Armwood, Gabrielle Cahill, & Mike Griffith*

the margins of poverty and need help. Please do whatever you can to assist these organizations.

New Jersey has several programs set up to provide financial assistance during the winter heating season - most based on income eligibility. For information on heating assistance, insurance, prescription plans, home care services, transportation and nutrition, call NJ EASE at [877-222-3737](tel:877-222-3737) or Middlesex County at [732-828-4541](tel:732-828-4541). Other sources of information include: NJ SHARES: one-time energy bill payments of up to \$1,300 ([609-883-1626](tel:609-883-1626)). LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE: program helps low-income people pay winter heating bills, even if heat is included in the rent ([800-510-3102](tel:800-510-3102)). UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND: ensures that low-income customers pay no more than 6% of monthly income for energy bills ([866-240-1347](tel:866-240-1347)). NJ LIFELINE CREDIT PROGRAM: provides a \$225 yearly credit on electric or gas bills to individuals who meet the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) eligibility requirements or who receive SSI ([800-792-9745](tel:800-792-9745)). COMFORT PARTNERS: program is designed to improve energy

affordability for income-eligible households through direct installation of free energy-efficiency measures ([888-773-8326](tel:888-773-8326)).

Governor Jon Corzine recently signed into law the expansion of the NJ Senior Freeze Program. This expansion significantly increases income eligibility limits for seniors and disabled citizens over the next three years from its current ceiling of approximately \$53,000. Under the new law, income limits increase to \$60,000 for tax year 2007, \$70,000 for tax year 2008 and \$80,000 in tax year 2009. This expanded program represents those who would be NEW to the program, as well as those who previously received senior freeze checks but lost eligibility because their income exceeded the original cap. Please be aware that state budgetary constraints may alter this program.

As we begin a New Year let us keep in mind our service men and women on duty throughout the world and their families. And never let us forget the thousands who have died while protecting our liberty and the many more thousands who were wounded and are suffering and struggling each and every day.

## Township Telephone Directory

Operator Assistance: 732-562-2300

Police	732-562-1100
Fire/Rescue	732-562-2333
ADA Coordinator	732-562-7638
Const. & Bldg. Regulations/Housing	732-562-2325
Engineering/Planning/Zoning	732-562-6560/6570
Finance	732-562-2316
Fire Prevention	732-562-2315
Health Department	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	732-562-2360
Juvenile	732-562-2370
Records	732-562-2379
Service	732-562-2350
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
Youth Center	732-752-2701

## Township Calendar

### JANUARY

- 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY – Township Offices Closed
- 6 – REORGANIZATION & Regular Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 8 – Zoning Board/REORGANIZATION – 7 p.m.
- 8 – Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 13 - Township Council/Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 14 – Planning Board/REORGANIZATION – 7 p.m.
- 14 – Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 19 – MARTIN L. KING HOLIDAY – Township Offices Closed
- 22 – Zoning Board /Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 27 -Township Council/Regular & Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 28 – Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.

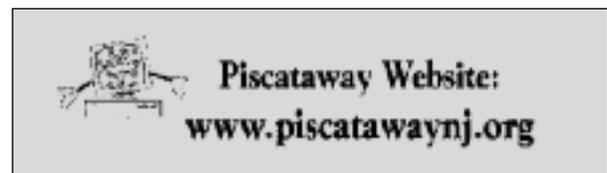
### FEBRUARY

- 3 -Township Council Regular & Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 5 – Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 11- Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 12 – LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY – Township Offices Closed
- 16 – WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY – Township Offices Closed
- 17 –Township Council Regular Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 24 - Township Council Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 25 – Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.
- 26 – Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

### MARCH

- 3 - Township Council Regular Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 10 – Township Council Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 11 – Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 12 – Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 - Township Council Regular Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 25 – Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.
- 26 – Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 31 – Township Council Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.

*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.*



## YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Brian C. Wahler**  
Mayor

916 East Lincoln Avenue  
732-699-9225

**Kenneth Armwood**  
(At Large)

213 Bexley Avenue  
732-343-2650

**Mark Hardenburg**  
(Ward 1)

1838 Brunella Avenue  
732-752-4762

**Loretta Keimel**  
(Ward 2)

11 Cypress Ct.  
732-469-8609

**Michael Griffith**  
(At Large)

19 Azalea Place  
732-748-9652

**Steven D. Cahn**  
(Ward 3)

313 Second Avenue  
732-748-1224

**Gabrielle Cahill**  
(At Large)

1003 River Road  
732-235-1920

**Michele Lombardi**  
(Ward 4)

76 Carlton Avenue  
732-968-2460

# State Government Report

By Bob Smith - Senator District 17

## New Jersey Works to Ensure Better Environment While Creating New & Sustainable "Green" Workforce

In these times of economic uncertainty and as we think about the outlook for the national and state economy we need to explore emerging industries here in New Jersey and our contribution to ensuring that our workforce is amongst the best in the nation. This past December, I had the opportunity to serve as moderator for the 2008 Governor's Conference on Workforce and Economic Development and reported on the potential for jobs going green and the next generation of job creation through technological innovation and sustainability. New Jersey has grown through an industrial revolution that brought rural citizens to the cities to support many blue-collar manufacturing jobs and, through access to a variety of educational opportunities, we have a highly skilled workforce. New Jersey has been a great home to industry leaders and top corporations that support white collar jobs and keep America moving.

Taking their place amongst the blue-collar and white-collar workers those wearing the bluish-green and greenish-white collars represent a new sector of employees, the "green-collar" workers. As we reinvent our workforce and a new chapter in our history unfolds. The possibilities are boundless as technological breakthroughs continue to be made in the field of renewable energy. These jobs are wide-ranging and interesting and necessary. From the construction of windmills and solar panels to manufacturing, transportation, finance, research, engineering, education, architecture, and in other traditional industries there is or could be "green" components. As we strive to make an impact on global climate change abroad and at home, we need to work to ensure a better environment in the Garden State, while are

creating a new and sustainable workforce. As a conference moderator, I was able to lead a panel in the discussion of how the Energy Master Plan for the State of New Jersey corresponds to Job Growth. This happens two ways: maintaining resources through conversation and efficiency and growing opportunities through alternative/new energy sources. The 2009 Energy Master Plan will result in \$33 billion of investment into the energy infrastructure in New Jersey, which, in turn, creates 20,000 jobs over the next five years. It is estimated that about half of these blue-green jobs will be installation and construction and the other half will be operation and maintenance. Working to expand job training to include the Green-Collar Apprenticeship and Training Programs is underway and training workers in green construction and energy-efficiency fields. Research and green-white collar jobs continue to energy-efficiency fields. Research and green-white collar jobs continue to emerge with the multitude of technological advances in the area of renewable energy.

In the recent years we, in the Legislature, have made significant steps forward in this area by passing laws to promote sustainability. These measures garner bi-partisan support and make for good public policy coming from both sides of the aisle in Trenton. One such piece of legislation that I am currently working to advance is the Energy Saving Improvement Legislation (ESIP), which would allow \$80 million of private sector investment in schools, towns, counties, and public colleges and universities. During the first year, if enacted, this investment is projected to generate \$20 million dollar in energy savings while creating 500 jobs.

On a nationwide level, a recent report by the RAND Corporation and University of Tennessee found that if 25% of all American energy was produced from renewable sources by 2025, we would generate at least 5 million

new green jobs for Americans. Workers will be needed to help in the production of alternative power, to increase energy efficiency and to overhaul buildings that are currently major energy wasters. A TIME magazine article estimates that between now and 2030, 75% of the buildings in the U.S. will either be new or substantially rehabilitated. TIME also mentions that nationally, our inefficient, dangerously unstable electrical grid will need to be overhauled. Here in New Jersey I am proud to report that we operate ahead of the curve with regard to energy and the environment and that Assemblyman Chivukula and I have sponsored Smart Grid Research Legislation.

During my time in the New Jersey Legislature, I have worked to write laws that impact our quality of life and leave a better New Jersey for our children and grandchildren. The initiatives have been wide-ranging from clean water (in our taps and in our coastal and inland waterways) to reducing diesel particulate emissions and ensuring the proper disposal of electronic waste and recycling. As we all get older, we think about what our legacy will be and how we have worked to help others and make a positive contribution to this world. For me, perhaps my current climate change package, which includes renewable energy, is the most important array of bills that I will contribute to the future of the state. As a former science professor at Middlesex County College, this is an opportunity to enact good public policy by using good science and the benefit is a cleaner and healthier environment and the creation of new jobs for our residents here in our state.

If you would like to learn more about these measures please log onto my Web site: [www.SenatorBobSmith.org](http://www.SenatorBobSmith.org) and visit the Climate Change Exchange. Your comments and ideas are welcome. Thank you and may this New Year bring health and happiness to you and yours!

## PISCATAWAY 343 YEARS OLD! Celebrate February 1<sup>st</sup>

Piscataway will celebrate the Township's 343rd birthday on Founders Day, Sunday, February 1st. Historian Arthur S. Lefkowitz, author of four books about the American Revolution, will present a color slide presentation of 18th Century artistry in the form of studio executed history paintings, portraits,

illustrations and rapidly executed drawings done in the field. Mr. Lefkowitz will give detailed information about each image as well as insights concerning the artists who created them. His program presentation, "When Artwork Speaks: Eyewitness Images from the American Revolution" is a must for anyone interested in the American Revolution and/or art history. Mr. Lefkowitz currently serves on the Board of Governors of the American

Revolution Round Table and in 2005 gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of the prestigious Washington Association of New Jersey. The program, sponsored by the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, will be held from 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the Municipal Chambers, 455 Hoes Lane. For additional information, call Historic Commission Chair, Carol Natarelli, at 732-463-8736.

# Bits & Pieces

 "Eye on Piscataway" hosted by Mayor Brian C. Wahler gives residents the opportunity to speak live with the Mayor and his guests on the first Monday of each month. The Mayor and his guests discuss topics of interest to Piscataway and area residents. The program is replayed on Mondays at 8 p.m. and Fridays and Sundays at 7 p.m. on PCTV, Channel 15. The program is scheduled for Monday, January 5, Monday, February 2 and Monday, March 2, 2009. To speak to the Mayor or his guests on those dates, call 732-562-2305.

 You can now relax at the Book Bytes Café at the J. F. Kennedy Library with a book or a magazine while enjoying a cappuccino. You can sip a latte while charging notebook computers and iPods or connecting to the WiFi waiting for your music to be downloaded. The Grand Opening was held in December and has proved, to date, to be a very popular destination in the library. Check it out...

 **SAVE THE DATE:** Piscataway Street Fair, sponsored by the Public

Relations Commission, will be held on Saturday, May 9 – rain or shine – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

 The NuView Academy, (site of the former Holmes Marshall elementary school) on Park Avenue in Piscataway, opened its doors to approximately 50 Middlesex County special education students in September. The NuView Academy is an alternative educational program, approved by the NJ State Department of Education and represents collaboration between Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission and Princeton House Behavioral Health. The Academy provides a free, appropriate, public education for students who cannot adapt to a traditional school setting but who function academically at or near grade level. The school construction was financed through the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA). For information call 732-777-9848 or [www.mresck12nj.us](http://www.mresck12nj.us).

 SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs on the formation, growth and success of small

business will present a series of free workshops at J. F. Kennedy Library. The workshops are conducted by volunteers who are working or retired business owners, executives and corporate leaders. The first workshop, "Business Plans: A Roadmap to Success" will be held on Wednesday, February 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. You may register at the Kennedy Library Information Desk or by calling 732-463-1633, ext. 6.

 Wondering how to brighten your day and your mood in the middle of winter? Plan to take your orchestra seat in the Vivian Beaumont Theater in the Big Apple to see SOUTH PACIFIC on Sunday, March 22nd. The trip, sponsored by the Township Recreation Department, will leave the municipal complex at 12 Noon and you are invited aboard. This classic, must-see, Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is the winner of seven 2008 Tony Awards, including Best Revival. Ticket and transportation: \$165 – a \$50 deposit will hold your reservation. Call 732-562-2382 for information and to reserve a space.

## Department Of Public Works Information

505 Sidney Road – 732-562-2390 – Please park in visitor lot facing Sidney Road – Enter through building's main entrance.

☆ WINTER RECYCLING CENTER/TRASH CENTER HOURS -12/16/2008 – 2/28/2009

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday .....	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Gates close at 3:15 p.m.)
Thursday .....	1 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Gates close at 5:45 p.m.)
Saturday .....	8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Gates close at 3:45 p.m.)
Sundays, Mondays, Holidays .....	CLOSED

**NOTE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:** *New Year's Day-January 1, 2009, M. L. King's Birthday-January 19, 2009, Lincoln's Birthday-February 12, 2009.*

☆ Details on Regular Hours that begin on March 3, 2009 can be found on the [www.Piscatawaynj.org](http://www.Piscatawaynj.org) Web site.

☆ **Residents will be receiving the 2009 Recycling Center/Trash Center Coupons and Recycling ID Pass Cards in the mail. The 2009 Recycling ID card must be presented at the gate, along with Driver's License as Proof of Residency.** Coupons are required for bagged brush, 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, as well as batteries, two (2) tires, motor oil, antifreeze, vegetation, leaves, metal and branches no wider than four (4) inches in diameter. The largest vehicle allowed in the Recycling Center is a half-ton pickup truck. No trucks with built up sideboards are allowed. Pickup trucks must surrender two (2) coupons plus an additional coupon for a trailer no larger than 4 x 8 feet. No hazardous or toxic wastes, electronics, chemicals or paints are allowed to be disposed of at the Recycling Center. **NO CONTRACTOR DEBRIS, DIRT, CONCRETE, OR OTHER ROCK TYPE DEBRIS IS PERMITTED. NO DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, TOXIC WASTE OR CONSUMER ELECTRONICS IS ALLOWED.**

☆ **NOTE:** *Grass Coupons will be required for the disposal of grass and are available for purchase in DPW from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Monday-Friday. Cost per coupon is \$1.00 each. Coupons are available in lots of ten (10) – each coupon is good for a 35-gallon container or bag. Larger containers will require two (2) or more coupons depending on size.*

☆ **Reminder:** Christmas Trees will not be picked up. They can be brought to the local firehouses during the month of January ONLY or can be brought to the Recycling/Trash Center during winter hours. Trees must be devoid of all decorations and will be recycled.

☆ **Bulk Trash & Brush Pick up:** residents can schedule two (2) curbside bulk trash pick ups and one (1) branch pick up per calendar year. Call 732-562-2390 to schedule an appointment. Recycling Textile Bags for curbside collection are available in the Public Works office. Regulations require that you keep leaves away from storm sewers and DO NOT blow leaves into the street. Your cooperation is appreciated. Recycling Textile Bags for curbside collection are available in the Public Works office.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

732-562-2323

**OFTEN ASKED QUESTION?** *What can we do about the ever increasing deer population in our community?*

Health Department Director, Andrew Simpf Jr., said that question, "what can we do about the deer population" is one that the department has been increasingly getting for many years from Township residents. He notes that the white-tailed deer have reached problematic numbers in many suburban communities in New Jersey. Increased deer-vehicle collisions, damage to ornamental plantings and gardens, damage to agricultural crops and destruction of the natural forest ecosystem are some of the problems associated with high deer populations. Historically, according to the Division of Fish & Wildlife, New Jersey's deer herd has been managed through sport hunting. However, as New Jersey's landscape continues to be developed, land open to deer hunting has been reduced and hunters can no longer control deer populations in most suburban settings due to safety zone regulations, township firearm discharge ordinances and posted private properties. Therefore, alternative methods to traditional deer management became necessary for the Division and the Fish and Game Council to responsibly manage deer populations in areas with high human densities. As a result, the Division created the Community-Based Deer Management Permit (CBDMP) whereby this program allows townships, airports and County Boards of Agriculture to apply for a CBDMP permit. An applicant for a CBDMP must

demonstrate that an over abundant deer population has caused significant damage to property (crops, ornamental shrubs, etc.), has caused a significant number of vehicle collisions and/or is a significant hazard to airplanes on runways. Alternate control methods include any technique, other than traditional hunting, and may include but are not limited to, controlled hunting, shooting by an authorized agent, capture and euthanization, capture and removal, and fertility control. Individual property owners may not apply for a CBDMP. The process of developing a plan acceptable to the community and to the Division and the Council is a lengthy one and any and all costs of alternative methods of deer control are borne by the applicant. For more information check the Web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/cbdmp.htm>.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

732-562-2382

*You can get Recreation Department information "online" including seasonal registration forms, brochures, and program information. Visit: <http://www.piscatawaynj.org/recreation>.*

The Recreation Department will begin accepting Picnic Request Forms for Riverside and Possumtown Parks on Saturday, January 10th between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Recreation office. Snow date is January 17, 2009. Both parks are available to Piscataway residents, civic organizations and businesses based in the Township from May 4, 2009 through September 13, 2009. All requests must be made in person at least two weeks before the actual date of the picnic.

Documentation verifying residency is required. To obtain a reservation request form and fee information, call 732-562-2382.

### YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:

Registration for the spring youth baseball and softball leagues will be accepted from February 9, 2009 through February 27, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and also on Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 7 – 8 p.m. All players, both new and returning, must register. All registration forms must be accompanied by the Model Code of Conduct form, which must be signed by both parents.

Youngsters may register for Instruction Baseball, Junior Baseball, Junior American Legion Baseball, Girls Recreational Softball, Girls Modified Pitch Softball and Girls Fast-Pitch Softball. Adult Industrial Softball League sign ups are open to residents, 18 years or older. Participants must live or work in the Township. Deadline for submitting a team roster, entry fee and refundable bond is Friday, February 13, 2009.

Registration for free spring tennis instruction for teenagers – thirteen years old to seventeen years old – must be made in person in the Recreation Office. There will be two classes, intermediate and beginners with a limit of fifteen registrants per class.

Registration for spring tennis instruction for Township adult residents – eighteen years and older – must also be made in the Recreation Office. This adult class is for beginners that have never participated in tennis or have only minimal experience. The adult class will be limited to fifteen registrants. Registration for both teenagers and adult tennis programs must be made by Monday, March 30, 2009. A \$35 fee will be charged for the adult tennis program.

## METLAR-BODINE HOUSE MUSEUM

*Piscataway's Historical & Cultural Museum – 1281 River Road – 732-463-8363*

Restoration of the Metlar-Bodine House Museum, Piscataway's own museum, continues to recover from the devastating fire of June 2003 that severely damaged the museum. Piscataway was awarded a matching New Jersey Historic Trust restoration grant for more than \$350,000. The money will be used to repair the front and side porches, returning them to their charming Victorian appearance. The work is scheduled to be completed by January 2009.

### BENEFIT DINNER AUCTION DATE SET

The 18th Benefit Dinner Auction will be held on March 28, 2009 at a site to be announced. The evening kicks off at 5 p.m. with an hour-long wine & cheese preview followed by an elegant dinner and the live auction. Raffles, a "50/50" and door prizes round out the festivities. There is ALWAYS something for EVERYONE to bid on: antiques & collectibles, celebrity items, Giants, NY Liberty, Somerset Patriots, Meadowlands Racetrack, Trenton Thunder,

etc. are regular contributors. Dinners and theater tickets, as well as linens, furniture, fine jewelry, rugs and more will be on the chopping block. Donations from Channel Thirteen and The Stress Factory are always good crowd pleasers.

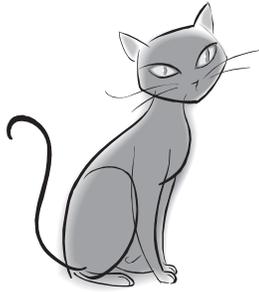
Proceeds with benefit the museum's restoration campaign, Rebuilding Our Past. Reservations must be received by March 20, 2009. For information and to reserve, call 732-463-8363.

**FREE RABIES CLINIC**  
Public Works Garage-505 Sidney Road

**DOGS ONLY**

Saturday, January 10, 2009  
9 a.m. – 12 Noon  
Note: Dogs must be on a leash

Note: NEW FEES FOR  
DOG LICENSES,  
effective January 1, 2009  
Spayed or Neutered Dogs - \$21.00  
Not Spayed or Neutered - \$24.00



**CATS ONLY**

Saturday, January 24, 2009  
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Note: Cats must be in a carrier,  
only one cat per carrier

Note: Cat License fees remain the same

**SNOW DATE FOR EITHER CLINIC - January 31, 2009**

Bring proof of previous rabies shot for your dog or cat. 2009 Dog & Cat licenses will be available. To apply for a 2009 license, the animal's rabies certificate must not expire prior to November 30, 2009 or a rabies booster will be needed. The State Department of Health recommends that pet owners revaccinate their dogs and cats every two years, despite the three-year duration of immunity most vaccines provide. This recommendation is made to prevent lapses in immunity resulting from late or delayed revaccinations at the end of the three-year period.

**TOWNSHIP SEWER  
BILL INCREASE**

The major sewer expenses include the processing of the raw sewerage by the Middlesex County Utility Authority (MCUA) and the upkeep of the sanitary sewer lines themselves. MCUA charges have increased an average of 12.24% annually from \$3,193,376.00 in 2003 to \$4,366,000.00 in 2008. An Ordinance was passed in 2008 to increase the sewer rates, the first increase since 2003, retroactive from July 1, 2008.

The new rates are as follows: Residential and Apartment rate: \$230 per year billed in two payments – March and September. The bill residents will receive, due on March 9, 2009, will be \$135 and will reflect the \$20 retroactive increase. The bill due September 2009 will be \$115.00. Commercial billing – an increase of 25% - billing is based on consumption. Large Users: an average increase of 45% - billing is based on consumption and the content of sewer discharged. Homeowners receiving the senior citizen deduction in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54: 4-8.40 will be entitled to a \$20 reduction on sewer bill.



Superior Court Judge Phillip Paley swearing in Mayor Brian C. Wahler  
L.R: Judge Paley, Mayor Wahler, B.C. Paulette, Michael & Olivia Wahler  
& Governor Jon Corzine



Governor Jon Corzine and Mayor Wahler – Swearing in Ceremony -  
January 3, 2009



Piscataway residents fill the Municipal Chambers for swearing in of  
Mayor and At Large Council Members.



Outgoing Piscataway Council Member and Middlesex County  
Freeholder Elect Millie Scott accepting a plaque for her service to the  
community. L-R: Council Members: Mike Griffith, Loretta Keimel,  
Gabrielle Cabill, Ken Armwood, Steve Cahn, Mayor Wahler & Mark  
Hardenburg.



# Library Notes

## **WELCOME JAMES KEEHBLER! NEW PISCATAWAY LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

A graduate of Rutgers University, James Keehbler holds a Master's of Library Science as well as a Master's of Public Administration from Rutgers-Newark. Keehbler comes to Piscataway from the New Providence Memorial Library where he was director for the past three years. He grew up in Edison and he and his wife, a second-grade teacher, live in North Plainfield. Keehbler said, "I know, together with the excellent staff I'm joining, Piscataway Library will continue to be one of the great resources of the community." Welcome aboard Mr. Keehbler!

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The Library Board of Trustees has approved an increase in fines for overdue library items as follows: New Fiction & Non-Fiction (Adult): \$.20 - Older Fiction, Non-Fiction,

Children's Books, Paperbacks, Magazines: \$.10 - Audio Books (adult & juvenile): \$.10 - Music CD's (adult & juvenile): \$.10 - Videos: \$.10 - Electronic Children's CD-ROMs: \$.10 - Children's Adult Educational and Older Entertainment DVD's: \$1.00 - Hot Pick DVD's: \$1.00.

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Welcoming in the New Year, two new services have premiered at J. F. Kennedy Library – a Teen Scene Room and Book Bytes Café. The library reinvented the environment at Kennedy Library to create new, exciting destinations for our customers from already existing spaces. The Teen Scene room was created for teens ages 12 – 18 as a place to feel welcome while exploring new interests and interacting with their peers. Read all about the Book Bytes Café in the Bits & Pieces section of this newsletter.

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Check out the Career Center at Kennedy Library, located at the beginning of the Adult Reference Section facing the DVD collection. The Career Center will offer a collection of books and materials in one convenient location and customers will be able to easily access the items that may prove helpful with job searches and career planning.

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Hands on computer instruction at both Kennedy and Westergard Libraries begin in January. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Westergard Library during the first full week of each month and at Kennedy Library during the second full week of each month. Class size is limited so interested individuals should register in advance by visiting either library or calling Kennedy Library at 732-463-1633, ext. 6 or Westergard Library at 732-752-1166, ext. 6.

## **SENIOR CENTER 732-562-1133**

Senior trips, health programs and many special events are planned for the upcoming months. The Atlantic City trips are still on for the third Thursday of the month, leaving the Center at 8:30 a.m., returning at 6:30 p.m. The trip cost is \$19.25 per person and the next trip will be on March 19, 2009. For information on trips to Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Dover, Delaware (March 4); Crossroads Theatre (April 22); Wildwood, NJ (May 4 – May 8); Nashville, Tenn. (July 19 – July 22); Lake George, NY (September 16 – 18) and Lancaster, PA (October 8) contact the Center at 732-562-1133.

Other events include: Soup Day – Mondays in January and Thursdays in February at 6 p.m. January, February and March birthdays parties will be celebrated from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Check the Center for dates. Help celebrate Chinese New Year on Thursday, January 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – cost \$2.25/per person. Black History

celebration will be held on Thursday, February 26 – cost \$2.25/per person. And plan to wear your pink or red to dance the afternoon away at the Valentine's Day Luncheon Dance on Wednesday, February 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. On March 12, its time to wear your green outfit and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Corn Beef and Cabbage Luncheon. Sign up for any or all of these special events at the Reception Desk.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### **CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY BEGINS FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

The Piscataway Police Department is once again offering Township residents an opportunity to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of their police department.

The police will be conducting a 12-week "Citizen Police Academy" interactive program for residents beginning February 12, 2009. Participants from previous recruit classes have

applauded the components of the curriculum. Participants will gain a better understanding of the procedures, guidelines, responsibilities, demand of personnel and laws and policies that guide police decision making. Topics will include: Overviews of the Department's organization and structure, recruitment and training, the roles and responsibilities of the various division and sections such as Patrol, Traffic, Investigations, Vice, Special Victims, Community Policing and the Emergency Services Unit. In addition, participants will be given an opportunity to experience a "ride along" with a police officer on patrol and experience firearms training.

Township residents who are 21 years of age and who successfully complete a thorough background investigation are eligible to participate. Citizen recruits will meet one night a week on Thursday for two hours and one selected Saturday. There is no cost and class size is limited.

For information or an application, call the COMMUNITY POLICING SECTION at 732-562-2349. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 23, 2009.

# Channel 15 News

**PISCATAWAY COMMUNITY TV (PCTV)  
NOW CARRIED ON VERIZON FIOS!**

Now you will still be able to see your hometown channel even if you decide to switch to Verizon FIOS! Piscataway actually has two (2) channels on FIOS: Channel 40 carries the same programming that is seen on Cablevision Channel 15, and Channel 42 which runs the Community Bulletin Board 24/7. Channel 40 and 42 are seen by Verizon customers' in Piscataway and approximately 15 other towns in central New Jersey.

Piscataway Community TV's COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD is a great way to get information out to

Piscataway residents. All non-profits are invited to use this service. Simply compose your information (what, when, where, etc.), send it to us, and we will get it on the air. These announcements are shown when we are not airing programs (and runs continuously on Verizon Channel 42).

Community Bulletin Board messages can be submitted to PCTV in many ways. Pick the one that is right for you!

\* Mail to: PCTV, 455 Hoes Lane,

Piscataway, NJ 08854

\* Fax to: 732-878-2879

\* Email to: pctv15@optonline.net or hand deliver it to our office in the Senior Citizen Center.

**AGING TODAY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY** begins its 4th year of production in 2009. The program, hosted by Peg Chester, Director of the County Office on Aging, focuses on issues of interest to the senior citizen population. In 2008 the show won two national video awards for excellence: A Hometown USA award and a Telly Award! Upcoming topics will include a discussion of Veterans benefits and Consumer Protection. In June, in celebration of Older Americans Month, the show will feature special county programs and activities designed just for seniors. **AGING TODAY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY** airs weekly Mondays @ 11 a.m., Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays @ 9 p.m.

## PISCATAWAY COMMUNITY TELEVISION - CHANNEL 15 CABLECAST SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00AM	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	SciFiles	Community Notices
9:30AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
10:00AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Destination Tomorrow	↓
10:30AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	YA Visions	↓
11:00AM	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Classic Arts Showcase	↓	↓	↓	Community Notices	↓
11:30AM	Look Great, Feel Great	↓	Look Great, Feel Great	Access New Jersey	Look Great, Feel Great	↓	↓
12:00PM	Law on the Line	↓	Dialogue with Doris	RIF Exchange	Classic Arts Showcase	↓	↓
12:30PM	Natural Health Care Alt.	Access New Jersey	Changing Images	Manage Your Money	↓	↓	↓
1:00PM	Changing Images	Asian Culture in America	Family Focus	Today's Child	Law on the Line	↓	↓
1:30PM	Words of Peace	Public Health Matters	↓	At Home with Pegi	Let's Talk with Gary Gellman	↓	↓
2:00PM	Community Notices	Community Notices	Let's Talk with Gary Gellman	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Community Notices	↓	↓
2:30PM	↓	↓	Community Notices	Community Notices	↓	↓	↓
3:00PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Gospel Central	↓
3:30PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
4:00PM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	Classic Arts Showcase	Classic Arts Showcase
4:30PM	↓	Ya Visions	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
5:00PM	↓	Community Notices	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
5:30PM	↓	↓	Army Newswatch	↓	↓	↓	↓
6:00PM	Our Schools in Piscataway	↓	Destination Tomorrow	↓	↓	Dialogue with Doris	↓
6:30PM	RIF Exchange	Asian Culture in America	Practical Spirituality	Destination Tomorrow	↓	Inside Rutgers	Inside Rutgers
7:00PM	Spotlight on Middlesex County	Green By Design	Words of Peace	YA Visions	Eye on Piscataway (replay)	On the History Trail	Eye on Piscataway (replay)
7:30PM	Practical Spirituality	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Spotlight on Middlesex Cty	On the History Trail	↓	Destination Tomorrow	↓
8:00PM	Eye on Piscataway (replay)	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock 'n Roll	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock 'n Roll	Public Health Matters	Our Schools in Piscataway	Our Schools in Piscataway	Gospel Central
8:30PM	↓	Access New Jersey	Family Focus	Law on the Line	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock 'n Roll	Sudzyn Country Video	↓
9:00PM	Sudzyn Country Video	National Health Care Alt.	↓	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Sudzyn Country Video	On the Loose	Community Notices
9:30PM	Asian Culture in America	Army Newswatch	Today's Child	Access New Jersey	Dialogue with Doris	↓	↓
10:00PM	Classic Arts Showcase	On the Loose	Classic Arts Showcase	The Uncle Floyd Show	On The Loose	Serendipity	↓
10:30PM	↓	↓	↓	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock 'N Roll	↓	Uncle Mike's Kitchen	↓
11:00PM	Green by Design	Sudzyn Country Video	Natural Health Care Alt.	Sudzyn Country Video	Serendipity	Community Notices	↓
11:30PM	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Uncle Mike's Kitchen	↓	↓
12:00AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	Community Notices	↓	↓
12:30AM	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

Channel 15 serves Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Dunellen, Green Brook, Manville, Middlesex, Piscataway, Raritan, Somerville, and South Bound Brook

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