

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

SEEMINGLY WITHIN A BLINK OF AN EYE A NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN...

On behalf of the Township Council and myself I wish you and your families a most happy and healthy 2010! With each New Year comes the hope and promise of new beginnings and as we wish each other the traditional Happy New Year greeting we want this New Year, more than most, to bring positive changes not only for our families and friends but also for our state and our country.

It is a paradox that in the United States, according to the Department of Agriculture, we have a record number of households who were unable to get sufficient food at one time or another last year, and on the other hand, obesity, particularly in children, is a major health concern. It has also been reported that more than two-thirds of families with children who were defined as "food insecure" contained one or more full-time worker. This suggests that low-wage earners have found it more difficult during these challenging economic times to provide their children with adequate nutrition. The Community Food Bank of New Jersey's CEO, Kathleen DiChara said, "In 30 years of doing this, I've never seen a time like this. The demand for food (in New Jersey) has increased 67%." Something is very wrong with this picture in a country as blessed as we have been.

In our own community, during the Thanksgiving season, our municipal employees, as well as several corporations and residents contributed to food baskets that were distributed to local families in Piscataway. We are very grateful for their generosity. I am also certain that our local churches were called upon to do the very same thing. And while people tend to be generous at

holiday times, please know that Piscataway receives requests throughout the year from local families in need of food. Our community is hardly immune from families in distress and children going to bed hungry. If during the year you are asked to help, please be as generous as you can. Hunger has no season.

I have recently signed on to The Mayors Wellness Campaign, an initiative of the N.J. Health Care Quality Institute in partnership with the N.J. State League of Municipalities. The ultimate goal is to increase opportunities for our residents to participate in daily physical activity with a long-term goal of improving health and reducing the skyrocketing health-care costs that come with the obesity problem in New Jersey. Obesity has become epidemic in American and in New Jersey and the consequences are startling! The obesity rate has doubled since the late 1970s and approximately 62% of U.S. adults and 34% of U.S. children are overweight or obese. Many scientists say that obesity, particularly among children, unless corrected, bodes poorly for the country's future. *One in three U.S. teens is physically unfit.* Studies show that eight out of ten



adults are likely to become overweight or obese as they age, putting them at a higher risk for hospitalization, diabetes, arthritis, and cardiovascular disease. Obese employees cost \$460 to \$2500 annually in medical expenditures and work absences and obesity adds \$93 billion to the nation's yearly medical care bill. Working with Councilwoman Michele Lombardi and others we plan to promote active living and healthy lifestyles through a variety of methods in the upcoming year within our community. Watch for more information.

I remind you that if you have questions or you need information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 732-562-2301.

RESIDENT COUPON INFORMATION

The cost of Grass Coupons for the calendar year 2010 will be \$1.00 per coupon. Minimum purchase is two (2) coupons. If you already have calendar year 2009 Grass Coupons you may continue to use them until Tuesday, June 1, 2010 after which they will no longer be valid.

Residents who wish to purchase Grass Coupons for calendar year 2010 may do so in the Tax Office beginning on Monday, March 29, 2010. Calendar year 2010 coupons may be used thru Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Be advised that grass and vegetation waste will not be accepted at the Mini Dump/Recycling Center until Monday April 5, 2010. Coupons, for calendar year 2009 or calendar year 2010, will be required for grass and vegetation waste.

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 Department	732-562-2323
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 22	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	732-562-2374
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 NEWS YEARS DAY-Township Offices Closed
- 5 REORGANIZATION & Regular Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 12 Township Council/Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 13 Planning Board/REORGANIZATION – 7 p.m.
- 13 Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Zoning Board/REORGANIZATION – 7 p.m.
- 14 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 18 MARTIN L. KING HOLIDAY- Township Offices Closed
- 26 Township Council/Regular & Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 27 Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.
- 28 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

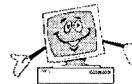
FEBRUARY

- 2 Township Council/Regular Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 9 Township Council/Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 10 Planning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY -Township Offices Closed
- 15 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY – Township Offices Closed
- 16 Township Council/Regular Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 23 Township Council/Agenda Meeting – 8 p.m.
- 24 Planning Board/Site Plan/Subdivision – 2:30 p.m.
- 25 Zoning Board/Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

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



Piscataway Website:
www.piscatawaynj.org

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)
986 Sunset Road
732-748-1224

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

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

PISCATAWAY HEALTH DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Due to a recent agreement with Middlesex County to provide certain health services, when calling the Health Department at 732-562-2323, you will be given several options. For information on obtaining a marriage certificate, press #1; Animal Control Officer, press #2. To schedule an appointment, make a food or public health nuisance complaint or to schedule an inspection, press #3. For Social Services, press #4, Municipal Alliance, press #5, Middlesex County Public Health Department, press #6. For public health emergencies, call 732-745-3100.

Most forms and vital statistics services, formerly available in the Health Department, are now available in the Township Clerk's Office. They include: Birth, Marriage, Civil Union and Death Certificates as well as information on licensing retail food, vending, swimming pools, day care and nursery, beauty and barbershops, food trucks, milk dairy, one-day temporary license, peddler and solicitor license, charitable clothing bin permits, landlord identity registration, pet inspection and raffle and bingo licenses. Dog and Cat licenses, Government Records Request forms and Notary service are also available in the Clerk's Office. For more information, call 732-562-2310.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In the dead of winter it's kind of nice to think about summer and picnics! Beginning on January 9, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. the Recreation Office will accept picnic request forms from residents as well as civic organizations and businesses based in Piscataway to use Riverside Park or Possumtown Park. All requests must be made in person at least two weeks before the actual date of the picnic. To obtain a reservation request package and fee schedule, contact the office at 732-562-2382. Snow date: January 16, 2010.

For information on Recreation Department programs, visit the Recreation Web-site: <http://www.piscatawaynj.org/recreation> or contact the department at the number above. Detailed information on the following programs, as well as start dates and times is on the Recreation Web-site. They include Gym Hockey (Grades 6 thru 8, high school students and adults), Children's Craft Classes (Kindergarten & grades 1 thru 6), Open Gym (grades 9 thru 12), Adult Fitness Classes (residents over 18 years of age), Open Basketball (residents over 18 years of age), Over "35" Open Basketball, Boys Grammar School Basketball (boys in grades 3 thru 5), and Girls Grammar School Basketball (girls in grades 3 thru 8).

The Recreation Department office is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SENIOR CENTER

SENIORS ON THE MOVE IN 2010

Join the seniors for a trip to Lancaster, PA – Sight & Sound - April 21 – 22. Cost: \$219/Double, \$259/Single. The Jersey shore beckons: Wildwood, NJ – May 23-27. Cost: \$329/Double, \$399/Single. Shorter trips include Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, "The Sunshine Boys" – June 14. Cost \$66.50 and Spirit of New Jersey Lunch Cruise – July 22. Cost: \$71.00. For information or to reserve a spot, call the Center at 732-562-1133. All checks payable to Piscataway Township.

The New Years Day party luncheon is scheduled for January 13 – Ms. Senior America will entertain. The Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon – The Year of the Tiger - will be held on January 27, and on Wednesday, February 10, the annual Valentine's Day luncheon will be held. Be My Guest will be the entertainment. The cost per person for each event is \$2.25. The New Years Day party is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; the other two celebrations are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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METLAR/BODINE HOUSE MUSEUM

PISCATAWAY'S HISTORICAL & CULTURAL MUSEUM – 1281 RIVER ROAD – 732-463-8363

THE MARRIAGE OF ABRAHAM AND MARY TODD LINCOLN

On February 13th, in celebration of Valentine's Day and in honor of our nation's 16th president's birthday, historian Glen W. LeBoeuf will explore The Marriage of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. According to Mr. LeBoeuf, it was "a strange courtship of two people of different classes, temperaments and backgrounds (North and South). They endured a life together of near poverty, tragic deaths of children, divided families, confining fame, and the bloodiest war in American history. Despite their differences, they held hands in the presidential box at Ford's Theatre, looking

forward to a peaceful, well-deserved retirement."

Mr. LeBoeuf has been a life-long student of military history, the American Civil War and the life of Abraham Lincoln. He has participated in several films, such as Glory (1990) and Gettysburg (1992). He is a member of the Civil War reenactment group, 3rd New Jersey Volunteers, the Abraham Lincoln Association, and the Lincoln Group of New York.

The program begins at 2 p.m. and refreshments will follow. Cost: \$15, museum members \$12. Reservations will

be accepted NO LATER than February 11th. Currently the site is not wheelchair accessible. To reserve call, 732-463-8363.

****The museum and gift shop are open monthly on the 2nd Saturday and 3rd Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Programs and events are being offered on a monthly basis. DIRECTIONS: River Road to Hillcrest Drive. At the top of Hillcrest bear left onto Logan Lane. Proceed to cul-de-sac for parking. There is limited parking on museum grounds****

Bits & Pieces

 Congratulations to the Piscataway PBA Local 93 who, in October, hosted a motorcycle ride to generate funds for the Cancer Institute of New Jersey located in New Brunswick. After the 45-mile ride which included 75 motorcyclists with about a third of the riders' police officers, including 15 from Piscataway's Police Department, the PBA turned over a \$3000 check to the Institute. The PBA Local 93 plans a similar event on August 1, 2010.

 **PISCATAWAY 344 YEARS OF AGE!** Celebrate Founders' Day on February 7, 2010. The event, sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission, will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Watch for information on the event. Refreshments will be served.

 Are you a singer, dancer, actor, musician, entertainer or comedian or do you have a hidden talent or skill that you would like to be showcased? The Public Relations Advisory Commission will audition you on February 26 or March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Piscataway High School Auditorium for the upcoming March 13 "Piscataway's Got Talent Showcase". Applications are available in the Mayor's office or e-mail: pwpaypublicrelationsadvisory@gmail.com. Applications may be returned via fax to:

732-529-2500, Attention: Public Relations Commission.

 **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION:** Once again it is time to nominate a Piscataway resident to receive the Annual Volunteer/Citizen of the Year award. Nominees should have gone above and beyond the call of duty while volunteering in 2009. The winner will be honored at a dinner for all volunteers on April 20, 2010. For an application, contact the Mayor's office (732-562-2301) or e-mail: Latifah@optonline.net.

 The Executive Board of the **FRIENDS of the Library** honored **FRIENDS** for their outstanding service to the organization and to the Library by placing their names on a plaque in the J. F. Kennedy Library. These individuals volunteered for extended periods of time, held various positions on the Board, and put together major fundraising events. They include: Elliot Bartner, Mimi & Saunder Finard, Anne Gordon, Kathyeryne McCormick, Marge Oleskie, Marion Serna, and George Strauss.

 **RENEW OR JOIN the FRIENDS of the Library.** There are various levels of memberships as low as \$5 and up to \$200. Your tax deductible donation helps support Piscataway Library

programs and services. Pick up a Membership Form at Kennedy or Westergard. For information, call 732-463-1633, ext. 8.

 Watch for details on the Metlar-Bodine House Museum's upcoming 19th Benefit Auction Dinner held in early spring. The event includes a wine and cheese preview, dinner, a live auction, a silent auction and raffles. Always something for everyone, the event is a rousing good time and benefits Piscataway's own museum.

 Piscataway's 19th Annual Street Fair will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane. Previous participants will be mailed an application. For new vendors and crafters, contact the Mayor's office or e-mail Latifah@optonline.net for an application. **THERE IS NO RAIN DATE.**

 Applications are currently being accepted for "affordable" independent senior living at **STERLING VILLAGE**, a senior residence in Piscataway, NJ. One must be 62 years of age and meet income eligibility guidelines as established by COAH. Building tours are offered Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. To schedule a tour, contact the housing manager at 732-699-0033.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

POLICE CHIEF KEVIN HARRIS RETIRES *"Hail to the Chief"*

Chief Kevin Harris, a Piscataway resident, retired from the Piscataway Police Department after 27 years of service in November 2009. Kevin is a graduate of Monmouth College and the FBI National Academy 184th Session sometimes described as the "top gun of police schools." The invitation-only program draws leaders and managers of state and local police, sheriffs' departments, military police organizations, and federal law enforcement agencies from every state in the union. Chief Harris went from patrolman to

sergeant in 1992, lieutenant in 1995, captain in 1999. He was promoted to superintendent in 2000, and in 2003 was promoted to Chief of Police.

Under his leadership and direction the highly successful Township Youth Week held in July for students in the 7th and 8th grades, and the Citizen's Police Academy were started. He is also responsible for the department's advancement in technology. Piscataway thanks him for his service and wishes him the best of luck!

The Police Department will conduct a Citizen's Police Academy beginning on February 4, 2010. The program is a 12-week interactive program for residents to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of the police department. Township residents who are 21 years of age and who successfully complete a thorough

background investigation are eligible to participate.

Participants will gain a better understanding of the procedures, guidelines, responsibilities, demands of personnel and laws and policies that guide police decision making. Overview of the department's organization and structure, recruitment and training, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the various divisions and sections will be discussed.

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 an application or information check Piscataway's Web site: www.piscatawaynj.org or call the **COMMUNITY POLICING SECTION** at 732-562-2349. Deadline for applications: Monday, January 18, 2010.

State Government Report

Senator Bob Smith, D-17, represents Franklin Township in Somerset County, Highland Park, Milltown, New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Piscataway in the New Jersey State Senate.

N.J. SENATE BILL DIRECTS DEP TO ESTABLISH A FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Over the past few decades, New Jersey has become the most densely populated State in the nation. As pressures mount to develop open space for residential use, acres of forests are cleared to make way for suburban sprawl. New Jersey needs a determined effort to help forest land owners stand up to development pressures and keep the Garden State green. New Jersey Senate Bill 713 does just this. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to establish a forest stewardship program for owners of forest land who develop preservation and forest sustainability plans which meet the national forest stewardship guidelines.

The Garden State is home to over two million acres of forests that are a vital source of the State's water supply. In addition, forests provide clean air by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, which help reduce global warming. As one of the nation's leaders in efforts to combat global warming, New Jersey must take steps to protect our greatest tool for carbon sequestration, the State's lush, green forest land. The greenhouse gas reduction goals set in 2007 and 80% by 2050. The Act shows that it

is not only possible to significantly reduce emissions but that it provides invaluable benefits both environmentally and economically.

This bill, S713, will enhance the uptake of carbon by allowing some of the State's privately owned forests to begin to regenerate, and encourage owners of private forest land to make long term plans to maintain and sustain our State's forest canopy. Forests are the most important tool in the removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and reversing the global warming trend, for that reason, the public has a major interest in privately owned forest lands. To provide the resources and tools to help forest owners make the ecologically friendly and socially beneficial choices to preserve forests in New Jersey, the bill provides expertise and financial incentives for those who wish to promote stewardship activities.

Additionally, the bill provides for revenue generated from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction that is allocated to forest stewardship to go towards a dedicated fund that would provide grants assisting in developing forest stewardship plans.

Forest stewardship is not only about ensuring that New Jersey has the natural resources to help remove carbon dioxide



Senator Bob Smith

from the atmosphere and hopefully reduce the effect of global warming, but it preserves acres of forest land for wildlife habitat and for threatened and endangered species. The protection of forests in New Jersey is essential to the environmental well being of the Garden State and necessary to ensure that our State remains green for generations to come.

“EYE ON PISCATAWAY” – INTERESTING TOPICS! INTERESTING GUESTS!



Left to right, Councilman Steve Cahn; Fred Hill, RU Men's Basketball Coach; and Mayor Brian C. Wahler (November 2009)

“Eye on Piscataway” hosted by Mayor Brian C. Wahler and carried on PCTV, Channel 15 (Cablevision) or Channel 40 (Verizon), gives residents the opportunity to speak live with the Mayor and his guests on the first Monday of each month. The Mayor and guests discuss topics of interest to residents and will answer questions posed by those calling the program. Announcements of upcoming events and film clips of Township “happenings” that took place during the month are shown on each program. Some of the Mayor's guests during 2009 included Council Members, Department Directors, Mayors of surrounding communities, County Veterans' Affairs Director, Middlesex County Freeholders, RU Football Coach, Greg Schiano, Census 2010 Specialists and more. The program is replayed throughout the month on Mondays at 8 p.m. and Fridays and Sundays at 7 p.m. To speak to the Mayor or his guests, call 732-562-2305 on the first Monday of the month.



FREE RABIES CLINIC

Public Work Garage – 505 Sidney Road



DOGS ONLY

Saturday, January 23, 2010

9 a.m. – 12 Noon

Note: Dogs must be on a leash

FEES FOR DOG LICENSES

Spayed or Neutered Dogs - \$21.00

Not spayed or Neutered - \$24.00

CATS ONLY

Saturday, January 30, 2010

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Note: Cats must be in a carrier, only
one cat per carrier

FEES FOR CAT LICENSES

Spayed or Neutered Cats - \$3.00

Not Spayed or Neutered - \$5.00

SNOW DATE FOR BOTH CLINICS – February 6, 2010

Bring proof of previous rabies shot for your dog or cat. 2010 dog & cat licenses will be available. To apply for a 2010 license, the animal's rabies certificate must not expire prior to November 30, 2010 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.

PISCATAWAY VFW POST 7504 DISBANDS BUT WHAT A LEGACY THEY LEAVE BEHIND!

For over 44 years the Piscataway VFW Post 7504 was a meeting place for veterans who forged camaraderie with other veterans, veterans of a different generation, veterans who served in a different branch of the service, or veterans who served in a totally different war. Regardless of their age and experience they shared a common thread that only those who served, whatever the branch or wherever they served in the world could possibly understand. Together, through the years they helped one another in a myriad of ways and they often worked together to raise funds for the benefit of their community, Piscataway Township.

Like some other VFW posts, membership in Post 7504 dwindled to a handful of veterans and the post's core group decided it was time to relinquish its charter, sell the building, and cease to exist. But what to do with the proceeds of the sale?

Post 7504 Piscataway residents, Sam Laudino, a Navy World War II veteran, Dominic Ciardi, a Korean War Marine veteran and Joseph Nigro, an Army Air Corp. World War II veteran elected to donate the proceeds to the municipality that was home to the post for close to 50 years. And so they did...

Recipients included: \$25,000 to the Police Department for SWAT gear; \$10,000 to Piscataway High School for an annual award to be given to three students for the best written veterans-themed essays; \$15,000 to the school's Project Graduation; \$5,000 for equipment for its robotics class and \$10,000 for a computer room at the public library. Thousands of dollars were given to help equip buses with handicapped-accessible lifts for the senior center as well as a new equipment clubhouse for the Piscataway Little League and many other causes.

Not forgotten were the veterans themselves. \$23,700 went toward television screens for the hospital rooms at the VA Hospital in Lyons; \$20,000 went to the Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park for a transport van, and \$2,000 went to Sgt. Eddie Ryan, 21, a soldier who lost his limbs serving in the American war on terrorism. The largest gift, \$55,000 was given to the national VFW's Operation Uplink, a program that allows American military personnel serving in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan to call home and speak for up to an hour for free. More than 97 soldiers called home on Easter 2009 as a result of this donation.

Piscataway Township thanks and salutes all those veterans who were members of VFW Post 7504 and while the post is physically gone the legacy left behind guarantees it will never be forgotten.



Library Notes

LIBRARY ADDS LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY **CHECK IT OUT**

The Learning Express Library is a comprehensive interactive learning platform of tests, courses, and career preparation for students and adults from elementary school through graduate school. The online resource includes preparation for job exams, such as firefighter and law enforcement. It also includes online courses for creating resumes and cover letters as well as interviewing tips. This resource is available for use in the library or from home with a Piscataway Library card through the library Web-site: www.piscatawaylibrary.org.



Piscataway Library welcomes Laverne Mann as the new Westergard Branch Manager/Outreach Librarian. Lavern was recognized as a 2009 Library Journal Mover and Shaker for her accomplishments while working the last seven years at the Mercer County Library

System. Her professional skills and experience include innovative programming for adults and young adults, a wide variety of computer skills and she is a presenter for New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) on graphic novels.



Teen Programs

☆ Homework help is available for middle school students starting January 14 in the J. F. Kennedy Library on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the TEEN SCENE room. Students: call 732-463-1633, ext. 6, on the night you plan to come to be sure a volunteer is available. **On February 4 or February 11, teens are invited to pick up a heart shape and markers at the Information Desk and help decorate the TEEN SCENE room with something from your favorite book.

☆ On February 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. there is a Silent Scavenger Hunt for Teens. That's right! No talking at all!! Can they do it?? Stop by the Information Desk at Kennedy Library for a copy of the rules and hunt items; all items available inside the library. The first person to complete the list correctly wins a prize.



Kids Programs

☆ Pigeon Party Planning Meeting for grades 3 -6; January 20 - 7 p.m., Kennedy Library; Pigeon Party for grades K-6; January 27 - 7 p.m., Kennedy Library and Chess Club (open play) for grades 2 and up; January 25, February 1, 8, & 22 - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Westergard Library. *Read Across America celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with stories, songs, games and a craft for children ages 3 and up with a parent - March 6 - 11 a.m., Kennedy Library. No registration required.*

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

☆ WINTER RECYCLING CENTER/MINI DUMP HOURS December 15, 2009 thru February 28, 2010

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
 Thursday 1 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
 Saturday 8 a.m. - 3:34 p.m.
 Sundays, Mondays, Holidays CLOSED

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: New Year's Day-January 1, 2010, Lincoln's Birthday-February 12, 2010

☆ Recycling Center/Mini Dump 2010 Coupons & Recycling Center ID Pass Cards, mailed to all residential property owners by end of 2009, 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 non-recyclable materials. In addition to batteries, tires, motor oil, branches, leaves and metal, coupons are not required for disposal of recyclable materials, including recyclables picked up curbside. 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 4x8 feet. NOT PERMITTED: HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC WASTES, CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, CHEMICALS OR PAINTS, CONTRACTOR DEBRIS, DIRT, CONCRETE OR OTHER ROCK TYPE DEBRIS. NOTE: all electronics can be brought to HESSTECH, 45 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, EDISON, NJ - FOR INFORMATION CALL: 732-287-2442.

☆ Residents may schedule two (2) bulk trash curbside pickups & one (1) brush curbside pickup per household/per calendar year. Call 732-562-2390 to schedule an appointment.

☆ To report a pot hole, call 732-562-2390.

☆ Reminder: Christmas Trees will not be picked up. Residents may bring them to the local firehouses during the month of January ONLY or they can be brought to the Recycling/Mini Dump Center during winter hours. Trees must be devoid of all decorations. - trees will be recycled.

☆ *Changes to grass coupon program - check front page of this newsletter.

Channel 15 News

KEEP WATCHING YOUR LOCAL CHANNEL - LOCAL NEWS ABOUND...

PCTV is the only place you will see things like HS football coverage, your local parade, your child's school play, important information from your local officials during a major weather event and more! PCTV is carried on Channel 15 on Cablevision and Channel 40 on Verizon which has started offering its FIOS service in some areas of Piscataway. We have a second channel on Verizon, Channel 42, which has our Community Bulletin Board announcements running 24/7. Don't forget to click over to Channels 15 and 40 each night and see the best in local programming!

Are you a member of a non-profit group? Is your group looking to promote itself or

publicize its events in a way that reaches the most people at the lowest cost? There's no better way than through our electronic Community Bulletin Board and you can't beat the price...FREE! Simply compose your message (including what, when, where, cost if any, and phone number) and send to us by any one of the following methods. Mail to: PCTV, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Fax to: 732-878-2879. E-mail to: pcv15@optonline.net or hand deliver to PCTV office in the Piscataway Senior Center (behind the J. F. Kennedy Public Library).

Announcements of events run for 10 days before the event. Events that require pre-registration or advanced ticket sales run for 10

day upon receipt and run for an additional 10 days, if time permits, closer to the event date. Announcements of ongoing programs run for one week each time they come to the top of a rotation of similar messages. The Community Bulletin Board runs at various times throughout the day when taped program are not being aired.

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PISCATAWAY COMMUNITY TELEVISION - CHANNEL 15(CABLEVISION) CHANNEL 40 (VERIZON) CABLECAST SCHEDULE FOR WINTER 2010

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00AM	Community Notices	Peek-A-Boo Turtle	Community Notices	Peek-A-Boo Turtle	Community Notices	Peek-A-Boo Turtle	Community Notices
9:30AM		Community Notices		Community Notices		SciFiles	
10:00AM							
10:30AM						Destination Tomorrow	
11:00AM						NASA Connect	
11:30AM	Look Great, Feel Great	Seniorize	Look Great, Feel Great	Seniorize	Look Great, Feel Great	YA Visions	
12:00PM	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Law on the Line	Dialogue with Doris	RIF Exchange	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Community Notices	
12:30PM	Natural Health Care Alt.	Access New Jersey	Let's Talk with Gary Gellman	Manage Your Money	Chamber of Commerce Show		
1:00PM	Health Talk	Changing Images	Education News Parents Can Use	Today's Child	Law on the Line		
1:30PM	Words of Peace	Public Health Matters		At Home with Pegi	Changing Images		
2:00PM	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices	Community Notices		
2:30PM							
3:00PM							
3:30PM							
4:00PM							
5:00PM				NASA Connect			
5:30PM			YA Visions	Our Schools		Gospel Central	
6:00PM	YA Visions		Destination Tomorrow	Friendship Set To Music			Chamber of Commerce Show
6:30PM	RIF Exchange	NASA Connect	Manage Your Money		Edison on Stage	Dialog with Doris	Inside Rutgers
7:00PM	Spotlight on Middlesex County	Green By Design	Words of Peace	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Eye on Piscataway (replay)	Jersey Fishin'	Eye on Piscataway (replay)
7:30PM	If Plants Could Talk	Aging Today in Middlesex Cty	Spotlight on Middlesex Cty	Taiwan TV		On the History Trail	
8:00PM	Eye on Piscataway (replay)	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock 'n Roll	Today's Child	Public Health Matters	At Home with Pegi	If Plants Could Talk	Gospel Central
8:30PM		Access New Jersey	Education News Parents Can Use	Health Talk	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock 'n Roll	Sudzin Country Video	
9:00PM	Sudzin Country Video	National Health Care Alt.		On the History Trail	Sudzin Country Video	On the Loose	Classic PCTV
9:30PM	Chamber of Commerce Show	Army Newswatch	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock and Roll	Access New Jersey	Dialog with Doris		
10:00PM	Army Newswatch	On the Loose	Edison On Stage	The Uncle Floyd Show	On The Loose	Serendipity	Community Notices
10:30PM	SportsKnight		Health Talk	Dick Craig's Not Just Rock 'N Roll		Uncle Mike's Kitchen	
11:00PM	Green by Design	Sudzin Country Video	Natural Health Care Alt.	Sudzin 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							

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Channel 40 serves Berkeley Heights, Bound Brook, Branchburg, Fanwood, Franklin, Manville, Mountainside, New Providence, North Brunswick, Piscataway, Somerville, South Bound Brook, South Brunswick, Summit & Warren

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