

## Mayor's Message



**Councilmember Kapil K. Shah (At-Large) & Mayor Brian C. Wahler were honored to celebrate India Independence Day at Vatsalya Adult Day Care in August**

What a wonderful summer we had! Whether it was our Jackie Robinson Day, Street Fair, Walk for Your Health, July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, Bike Rodeo, Concert in the Park season or National Night Out, our Township families had much to enjoy.

Now we are in the fall and progress with Piscataway Ecological Park continues to move forward! Our contracted engineers have been working diligently at the S. Washington Avenue & Metlars Lane site.

Of course, the current surveying and remediation take time. We have to work with the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection by testing the soil and making sure all of the land will be safe for a park. Various areas of the planned park may have been affected by years of farm use. In other cases, impurities may be naturally

occurring. But by carefully adhering to state guidelines designed to protect us all, we will have an open-space park that will last for generations.

When will we have "shovels in the ground" to transform the landscape? Right now it looks like six months to a year. While factors like weather, available crews and materials could delay our plans, please know that Piscataway Township is committed to creating this vast open-space park.

As we craft the design of the park, we are mindful of views that many of you have expressed over the years. We want to maximize how this park may be used all while remaining loyal to its mission of providing natural serenity.

While the land is currently flat, we envision rolling hills and berms that will add variety to its landscape. Pavers for

walkways among many trees, benches and gardens will be ideal for running, strolling or just relaxing among the greenery. We also think that the natural terrain may enable a family friendly venue for outdoor performances. We will also have a retention pond, ample parking and easily accessible pedestrian entrances.

As our community becomes even greener, I am thrilled that our country will as well by reducing carbon emissions by approximately 40 percent by 2030. The Inflation Reduction Act signed by President Biden is not just a comprehensive plan for national rejuvenation. This bill is an endowment for the livability of our world with \$369 billion over ten years to counter climate change and champion environmental justice.

Many households can take

advantage of new tax credits with up to \$7,500 to buy an electric vehicle – which can be powered for free at The YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center – and up to \$14,000 to make homes more energy efficient.

The manufacture of American clean energy technologies gets a \$60 billion boost and our ports get a \$3 billion clean up with new zero emissions technology. \$1 billion is provided for clean heavy-duty vehicles like school buses and garbage trucks.

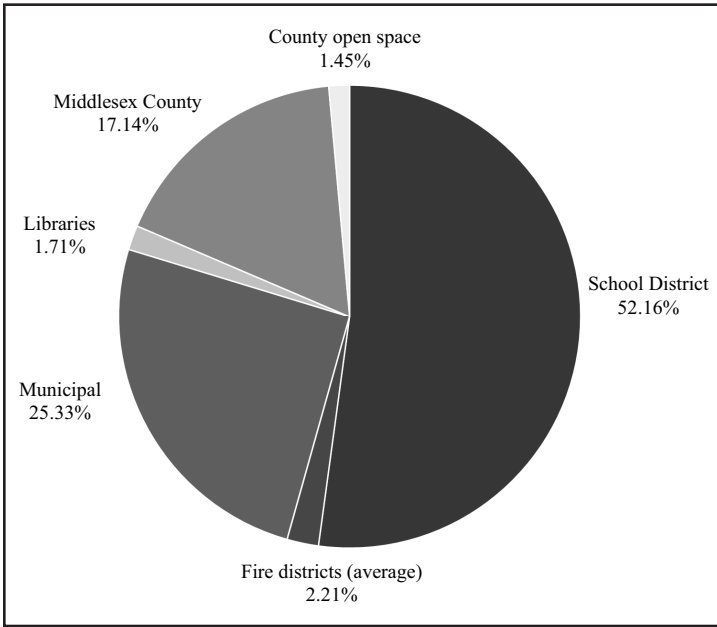
Lastly, I would like to wish all of those studying in Piscataway, from those in the early grades in our elementary schools to those in graduate programs at Rutgers, the best of luck in their new school year.

As always, please call my office at (732) 562-2301 if I may ever be of assistance to you.

## National Night Out



**The Piscataway Township Police Department held a fantastic National Night Out in August outside The YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center**



**Do you know where your local taxes go? Compared to 2017-2021, it's largely unchanged. As shown in this pie chart, you can see how in 2022 after being collected by the Township, nearly three-quarters of the funds are then sent to the County, four fire districts (each with their own tax rate), library system and School District. It's important to know that the Township Council takes some of its revenue and provides additional funding to the library system for its programming and personnel on top of what is automatically dedicated to its needs.**

## Township Calendar

### October

- 6 – Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 12 – Planning Board regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 13 – Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.
- 24 – EMS Advisory Council at 3:30 p.m.
- 26 – Planning Board site plan/subdivision meeting at 2:30 p.m.
- 27 – Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.

### November

- 9 – Planning Board regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 10 – Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 10 – Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.
- 22 – Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 23 – Planning Board site plan/subdivision meeting at 2:30 p.m.
- 29 – Township Council at 7:30 p.m.

### December

- 6 – Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 7 – Planning Board regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 8 – Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.
- 13 – Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 21 – Planning Board site plan/subdivision meeting at 2:30 p.m.

### Follow us on:

Facebook: [piscataway.township](https://www.facebook.com/piscataway.township)

Twitter: @PWAYNJ



## Free Paper Shredding

The Clean Communities & Recycling Programs of Piscataway Township continue to present the “Shred It & Forget It” free mobile community shredding program for Piscataway residents only. Homeowners bring their Piscataway Service Card; tenants bring their driver’s licenses. Paper only; no trash and no other recyclables.

Little League fields parking lot ~ 495 Sidney Road

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Each shredding event happens rain or shine, starts at 8 a.m. and ends at Noon or until the truck is full.

## Your Elected Officials

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# East Jersey Old Town Village

## New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m.



### The Wolf of Washington Forge

An immersive theatrical haunt set just after the American Revolution

For children & adults

40-minute Halloween-themed experiences start at 7:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Free tickets available starting October 1<sup>st</sup>

## Seasonal Traditions Holiday Program

Enjoy children's crafts, horse & wagon rides, holiday carols, music and storytelling on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Cornelius Low House

Treasures of Middlesex County

Discover historically significant artifacts dating back more than 300 years. Items include muskets from the Middlesex Brigade, historic maps, 18th century documents, local ceramics, furniture from 18th and early 19th century craftspeople, and more.

Please check the Middlesex County website about these and other programs because events and schedules may change. Please text CULTURE to 56512 for up-to-date information.



## Metlar-Bodine House Museum

1281 River Road, Piscataway – 732-463-8363 • [metlarbodine@gmail.com](mailto:metlarbodine@gmail.com)

Website: [MetlarBodineHouseMuseum.org](http://MetlarBodineHouseMuseum.org) • Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/MetlarBodineHouseMuseum](http://www.Facebook.com/MetlarBodineHouseMuseum)

### Annual Benefit

Our Annual Benefit returns as “Back & Better Than Ever” on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 p.m. at The YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center (YPCC). Join us for a fun, fast-paced, exciting evening with silent & live auctions of an enormous assortment of items, lavish hors d'oeuvres, open bar, wine, beer and live music. RSVP with the Museum no later than October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Women's Rights Presentation

“Our Rights Too! Overlooked Women of Color in the Fight for Women's Rights” presented by professional storyteller, author and independent historian Carol Simon Levin on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Cost is \$12 for museum members, \$15 for non-members. Register using the QR code or call the Museum.

The presentation is the story of the long fight for women's rights emphasizing the overlooked role played by women of color including noted abolitionists & women's rights speakers Maria W. Stewart and Sojourner Truth, organizers & suffrage activists Ida Bell Wells-Barnett and Mary Church Terrill, Native American activists Zitkala-Ša and Marie Loiuise Bottineau Baldwin, migrant rights advocate Dolores Huerta and many more. In honor of Native American month, the program is presented from the perspective of Matilda Gage, honorary member of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) confederation. Learn how the Seneca Falls convention was inspired by the indigenous matriarch model.



### Visit Piscataway's historical museum and be transported!

The Museum & Dutch Door Gift Shop are open on Thursdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Currently the museum is open one Saturday a month from Noon-4 p.m. Please visit the website or contact the museum for the schedule. Closed on federal holidays and the schedule is subject to change so please check our website's box calendar or call.

One-hour guided tours are available with the last tour starting at 3 p.m. Group tours must register in advance and are limited to eight people. Admission is \$5 for adults and children ages five and older.

Covid response: The safety of visitors, museum volunteers and staff is of utmost concern. Although most mask requirements have been lifted, we still recommend, regardless of vaccination status, that masks be worn indoors during your visit due to space limitations.

# Creating Climate Resilience Along the Jersey Shore

By Senator Bob Smith



Senator Bob Smith enjoyed talking to many residents at the Piscataway Senior Center's Independence Day picnic at Riverside Park

New Jersey coasts have faced the brunt of climate change in recent years through increased flooding, rising sea levels and frequent extreme temperatures. We continue to fight against climate change and its effects on the economy and residents by building resilient responses at the state and local levels. While we work to implement measures to lessen the impacts of future climate change, we are also continuing to work towards mitigating effects we are already facing.

At a recent joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly Environment Committee, guests included Commissioner Shawn LaTourette of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Director of Conservation Programs and the Coastal Projects Coordinator at the Nature Conservancy Eric Adams. Coastal climate change was discussed with an emphasis on needing to continue our fight against it and continuing to build resilient infrastructure and communities.

There are two different potential efforts that can occur when responding to climate change: natural solutions and engineered solutions. A natural solution, like restoring salt marshes to sustain healthy coastal habitats, was discussed. Plants found in salt

marshes are proven to reduce wave activity and hold sediment in place further reducing the effects of climate change on our coasts and to our residents. On the other hand, an engineered solution would be continuing to create flood resilient infrastructure.

Two of my sponsored bills were up for discussion: S-416 and S-2978. S-416 would divest New Jersey pension funds from fossil fuel companies. This bill aligns with our state's response to climate change and our renewable energy goals as well as prevents any potential financial risk associated with the future of fossil fuel companies. S-2978 strengthens New Jersey's renewable energy portfolio and would require utilities to sell a specified percentage of electricity from renewable energy sources each year. Overall, the bill would continue to move the state away from its use of fossil fuels. This would help accelerate the timeline of the Murphy Administration's climate goal of reaching 100 percent clean energy by 2050.

With the upcoming ten-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy and one year anniversary of Tropical Storm Ida, the devastating effects of extreme weather influenced by climate change in New Jersey along the shore is in the forefront of our minds. The effects are still being felt today: the destruction of homes, economic instability and loss of life. Extreme storm frequency will only continue to increase and we must prepare and respond to this increasing threat. The long-term benefits of these proposed solutions and continuous efforts will be evident in generations to come.

**2022 General Election**  
**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Polls are open from 6 a.m.-8 p.m.**

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Voter registration deadline  
November 1<sup>st</sup> – Last day County Clerk may receive mail-in ballot request by mail  
November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. – Deadline at County Clerk's office to apply for an in-person, mail-in ballot

For more info, please call the Township Clerk's office at (732) 562-2310.

# Pway Fire

# 5K



**Piscataway YMCA**  
**October 15th | 10:30am**

**Get your tickets at:**  
**[raceforum.com/pwayfire5k](https://raceforum.com/pwayfire5k)**

# \$25

**Run or Walk to support your local Volunteer Fire Departments!**

**Each runner receives a race T-Shirt and a slice of pizza!**



# YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center (YPCC)

## Fall & Winter programs Aquatics, arts, dance, sports & more!



Swim classes



Arts, dance & sports



General information

### Fall

YPCC member registration begins Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

YPCC non-member registration begins Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

### Winter

YPCC member registration begins Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

YPCC non-member registration begins Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

### Session details

- Class sessions are seven weeks
- There are no guaranteed make-up classes for any session
- Registration opens at 9 a.m. on the above-mentioned days. No reservations; first come, first serve
- Two charges for enrollment: first at registration and second on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the first month of the session

### Child Watch

Starting Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the YPCC will expand its child watch to seven days a week during mornings and early evenings for kids aged six months to eleven years of age.

### Blood Drive

Give blood and save a life! • Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from Noon-6 p.m. • Register now using the QR code



## Senior Center

The wonderful Piscataway Senior Center staff is available at (732) 562-1133 on Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., to help our older residents register for bus transportation for grocery shopping and medical appointments.

In-person classes are held daily at the Senior Center. Registration by phone is required.

Congregate meals through the Middlesex County Nutrition Program are available to Township seniors at the Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Home delivered meals are available to residents at least 60 years old and not able to grocery shop or cook. Examples of meals are stuffed chicken with broccoli, chicken parmesan sub sandwiches, cheeseburgers, crab cakes, and turkey & gravy. Non-meat meals such as veggie burgers, tofu & vegetable stir-fry, and cheese omelets with salsa are also available. Please call Middlesex County Nutrition at (732) 793-9844 for either the congregate meals or the home delivered meals.

## Medicare update

Come to the "What's New with Medicare for 2023" presentation given by Ms. Mary McGeary, NJ State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Director, at the Piscataway Senior Center on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Reserve your seat by calling (732) 562-1133 and bring your questions!

## Looking to Display Your Art?

Each month a different artist's work is displayed at The YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center (YPCC) as the Piscataway Cultural Arts Commission's Artist of the Month. Artwork may be any medium as long as it adheres to weight, fragility and family friendly guidelines. You will need about twenty pieces and we need to see some of your work in person or via a website. For more information, please call Exhibit Coordinator Barbara Bridgers at (732) 752-2465 or Commission Chair Kitty Juttner at (732) 563-4117.

# Department of Public Works – 505 Sidney Road – (732) 562-2390

## Recycling Center hours to December 31, 2022

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-8 p.m. (Gates close at 7:45 p.m.)

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Gates close at 4:15 p.m.)

Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & holidays – Closed

Additional closings: Tuesday, November 8; Thursday, November 24; Saturday, December 24, and; Saturday, December 31.

Residents entering the Recycling Center must have their vehicle properly insured, inspected and registered. You will also need to bring your Piscataway Service Card to be used as your ID.

Your Service Card is used for accessing all the services at the Piscataway DPW. It is similar to a credit card that features a bar code directly linked to your postal address and tax record. All service credits are electronically entered. As services are used, they will be debited from the card with scanners operated by DPW personnel when you come to our facility in person or through office computers when scheduling curbside pickups by phone.

Homeowners and landlords should please e-mail their phone number and an image of their driver's license to [ServiceCards@PiscatawayNJ.org](mailto:ServiceCards@PiscatawayNJ.org) and a Service Card will be mailed to you. You may call DPW at (732) 562-2390 if you need further assistance.

**Bagged grass:** October 1st is the final day that residents may bring bagged grass to the Recycling Center. Each disposal of grass clippings using your own 30 gallon bag can be purchased for credit into your Piscataway Service Card. Each 30 gallon grass disposal shall be at a cost of \$1.00 per bag. A minimum of two credits that are entered into the Piscataway Service Card must be purchased and valid only within the year of purchase.

Additional leaf bags and grass disposal credits may be purchased at the DPW office and entered onto your Service Card that will be debited when picking up the purchased leaf bags or grass disposal credits. Debit cards, credit cards and checks are the only forms of payment accepted.

**Curbside/bulk pick-up:** October 7th is the final day for scheduled curbside/bulk pick up for appointments made no later than September 16th. This program will then resume on January 9th, 2023.

**Leaf bags:** Biodegradable leaf bags will be available October 11th – December 16th at the DPW Yard Door #11, Mondays-Fridays from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Credit for two free bundles of 20 leaf bags each will be included in each Service Card and the bags can be acquired by presenting your Service Card. Additional leaf bags may be purchased for \$10 per bundle at the DPW office and credit will be recorded on your Service Card. Leaf bag curbside pick-up will commence on October 16th and will continue until December 30th. Leaf bags are for leaves only.

**Christmas trees:** Christmas trees will not be picked up curbside. You may bring them devoid of decorations to your nearest firehouse or to the Recycling Center during regular hours until January 31st, 2023.

## Sign up online for any Building/Construction inspection



Did you have your water heater replaced? Are you having electrical work done in your home? New plumbing work? New addition or a deck? For these and other improvements, you will need a Township inspection.

Piscataway Township is set up with "SDL Portal" to enable you to register an account and schedule your appointment.

Our Township Building Division will send one of its staff to your house.

Please note that these types of inspections are not for a Certificate of Continued Occupancy (CCO) when you are selling your home. For that, please contact the Township's MCCO office at (732) 562-2393 or [CCO@PiscatawayNJ.org](mailto:CCO@PiscatawayNJ.org).



## Be mindful of what you flush

The Piscataway sewer system is designed to flow from your home through the Township owned sewer lines to the treatment plant in Sayreville. In some areas, due to the topography, flow has to go uphill and must be assisted by lift stations known as pump stations. At this point, certain elements have to be excluded as the pumps can get jammed by materials such as fabrics, both woven and non-woven. Other types of products include baby wipes, chemically treated wipes, sanitary napkins and most paper towels. Although many manufacturers of these products list them as flushable, in reality, they are not.

We ask that you dispose of these non-flushable materials via your regular garbage collection for deposit at a landfill. By complying, you will reduce the possibility of you having a plumbing company rectify a sewer blockage at an estimated cost of \$125 per hour.



# Library Notes



www.piscatawaylibrary.org

## Piscataway Library

Play games with your neighbors at **International Games Day** on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at the Kennedy Library. See [Piscataway.Library.Calendar.com/IGD](http://Piscataway.Library.Calendar.com/IGD) for more information.

How do you ...plant a garden? ...design a t-shirt? ...make a button? Learn all that and more at our **How-To Festival** on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Kennedy Library. See our online calendar for more information.

Getting started with computers? Register for **in-person technology classes** by calling (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6 or go to [PiscatawayLibrary.org/Computer-Classes](http://PiscatawayLibrary.org/Computer-Classes).

**Learn to crochet!** Join us at the Kennedy Library for Crochet-Along on most Friday mornings. All experience levels are welcome. Check our calendar for dates.

Registration for Beginner Sewing opens on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> online at [Piscataway.Library.Calendar.com/Event/Sewing](http://Piscataway.Library.Calendar.com/Event/Sewing). Classes begin on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Has your family used the new **Children's iPads** yet? Stop into either the Kennedy or Westergard libraries for a professionally-curated selection of educational apps to help develop literacy skills.

For adults with telehealth needs, **iPads** are also available courtesy of "NJHealthConnect @ Your Library." This project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the New Jersey State Library.

Have you watched a movie on Kanopy? Access **Kanopy, a video streaming service** with your library card. Visit [PiscatawayLibrary.org/EContent](http://PiscatawayLibrary.org/EContent) for details.

Questions? Contact [Library@PiscatawayLibrary.org](mailto:Library@PiscatawayLibrary.org) or (732) 463-1633, Ext. 4126. At this time, registration is required for most events. Please visit the calendar on [PiscatawayLibrary.org](http://PiscatawayLibrary.org) for registration and a full schedule of events.

## Recreation

All Township Recreation youth programs are free

**Competitive Wrestling** – For children in 1st-8th grades to compete with surrounding communities from November to March. Please register in mid-October to early November on the Township Recreation Department's webpage.

**Middle School Boys/Girls Basketball League** – From December to March for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades will play separately from 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Register in mid-October to mid-November on the Township Recreation Department's webpage. Players must attend a skills assessment session in advance of participation.

**Grammar School Instructional Basketball** – On Saturdays from January to March for boys in 1st-4th grades and girls in 1st-8th grades. Emphasis is on learning fundamentals. No registration is required.

**Children's Arts & Crafts** – On Saturdays from January to March for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. Register in advance on the Township Recreation Department's webpage. Please come dressed ready to use paint and glue. There is no charge for any of the projects.

**Gym Hockey** – For youth in kindergarten-12th grade and adults playing separately on Saturdays from January to March. The game is similar to ice hockey but played with sneakers and a plastic puck. No registration is required.

To inquire about park or field permits, please email [Recreation@PiscatawayNJ.org](mailto:Recreation@PiscatawayNJ.org).



# LIGHTS \* CAMERA \* ACTION!

## Piscataway Community Television

### PCTV Original Programming

#### *Eye on Piscataway*

Mon 8:00P / Tues 2:30P / Wed 7:30A / Thur 9:00P / Fri 7:00P / Sun 7:00P

#### *Aging Insights*

Mon 7:00A & 6:00P / Tues 12:00P & 6:00P / Wed 8:30P / Thur 7:00A / Fri & Sat 7:30A

#### *Health Talk*

Mon 8:00A & 2:30P / Tues 7:00A & 7:00P / Thur 8:00A 8:30P / Fri 8:00A

#### *Women Talk*

Tue 8:00A / Wed 9:00P / Thu 12:30P / Sun 8:00P

#### *Classic Piscataway*

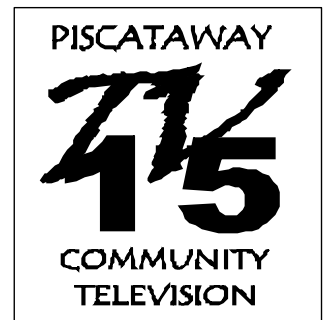
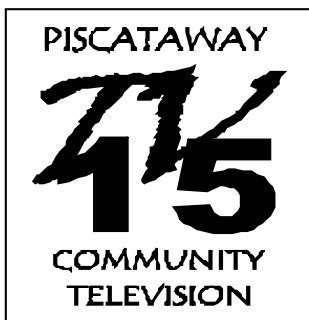
Fri 11:00P / Sun 10:30P

Full Broadcast Schedule and Livestream at

[PiscatawayNJ.org/Departments/PCTV/](http://PiscatawayNJ.org/Departments/PCTV/)

[Youtube.com/PiscatawayCommunityTV](https://Youtube.com/PiscatawayCommunityTV)

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