

Mayor's Message



President-Elect Joe Biden and Mayor Brian C. Wahler

Affordable electricity and reliable Internet service are more important now since many are working and studying at home. Though the state regulates utilities, the Township Council and I continue to be your advocates for these essentials.

As you know, air conditioning bills skyrocketed over the summer as energy costs increased across the board. Please remember that the Township is part of the Piscataway Community Energy Aggregation (PCEA) program, not created by the Township Council or me but instead by Food & Water Watch, an international progressive organization, and its local supporters. They circulated petitions to put it on the ballot and voters approved it in November 2019.

Using renewable sources of energy is laudable but unfortunately, PCEA promoters were not correct about costs. A Food & Water Watch organizer said

that Piscataway residents should expect to save something comparable to nearly \$100 per year. One local PCEA supporter chided Township officials for being concerned about costs by saying "... because that's all I ever hear here is how much and how much and how much," at a September 2019 meeting. In reality with monthly utility reconciliation charges, the PCEA rate has sometimes been slightly higher than that of PSE&G's published rate.

At that same meeting the supporter said, "We can expect somewhere between 12 and 15 percent of folks to opt out. Might be a little more, might be a little less, but it's not going to be 70 percent based on all the experience, all the energy aggregation in the country and in New Jersey in the last 16 years." This also did not turn out to be true. More than half of all households in the Township have opted out of PCEA.

Because Piscataway is compelled by the referendum to follow PCEA's requirements, the Township has to rebid the program in 2021. Because it will be a new bid in addition to one for which a different energy company may be facilitating, those who do not want to be in PCEA may have to opt-out a second time. I wish this were not the case but the Township must follow state laws that govern this Food & Water Watch-created program.

Please make sure to get the Township e-mail newsletter, follow our social media or check the Township website. Once we have more information on the new bid, possibly in mid to late summer, we will let residents know what is occurring through them. We do not yet know if new postal letters will be mailed.

In the meantime, if you are currently

enrolled and would like to opt-out or opt-up to a higher renewable energy content, you can do so at <https://piscatawaycea.com/>.

For Internet reliability, the Township Council and I continue to talk with Altice USA, which represents Optimum, about the spotty service and lack of consumer help that many residents have encountered. Optimum has made some equipment upgrades in the Heights and Arbor areas, and we expect it will continue to upgrade any weak spots that serve Piscataway. Altice advises customers having problems to share their experiences at optimum.net/chat.

In the meantime, please know that the Township Council and I encourage competition among cable companies. Verizon FIOS has a small footprint in Piscataway and we would certainly like to see it serve more customers. The Township does not decide what cable companies provide service in Piscataway, but instead it is their private business decision.

Again, please know that all of the utilities you use are a priority of ours. I hope that all of you and your families remain safe and healthy throughout the winter.

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Rabies Clinics



Attention dog and cat owners! Piscataway Township will be offering two free, drive-thru rabies clinics in early 2021 according to last names:

- Saturday, January 30th – Last names beginning with A-K
- Saturday, February 6th – Last names beginning with L-Z

Both clinics are from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Public Works Department yard, 505 Sidney Road. To determine vaccine eligibility, please bring your pet's vaccination records.

We appreciate your patience as you prepare for additional time to go through this new process. Residents will remain in their cars at all times. Staff will guide residents and will take away the pet – either a dog by a leash or a cat or small dog in an appropriate carrier as provided by the resident – to get its rabies shot. Residents must wear facemasks while interacting with staff.

License applications for dogs and cats are on the Township Clerk's webpages at https://www.PiscatawayNJ.org/Town_Clerk/Animal-Licensing. Please download the appropriate form and mail with payment, proof of rabies vaccine, self-addressed stamped envelope and proof of spaying/neutering if applicable to the Township Clerk's office, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

A heavy active snowstorm or a restriction from the state related to the coronavirus pandemic may result in clinic cancellation. Please look at the Township website and social media for up-to-date information.

Main: 732-562-2300

Const. & Bldg. Regulations	732-562-2325
Engineering/Planning/Zoning	732-562-6560/6570
Finance	732-562-2316
Fire Prevention (non-emergency)	732-562-2315
Health Office	732-562-2323
Housing Certificate of Occupancy Office	732-562-2393
Libraries: Kennedy	732-463-1633
Westergard	732-752-1166
Mayor's Office	732-562-2301
Municipal Alliance Substance Abuse Task Force	732-562-2397
Municipal Certificates of Continued Occupancy (MCCOs) office.....	732-562-2393
Municipal Court	732-562-2330
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Police:	
Main (non-emergency)	732-562-1100
Detectives	732-562-2366
Juvenile	732-562-2371
Public Information (Police)	732-653-7380
Records	732-562-2378
Service	732-562-6577
TDD	732-562-1100
Traffic	732-562-2340
Property Maintenance	732-562-7621/7638
Public Information (Township)	732-653-7384
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
Senior Citizen Transportation	732-743-2218
Sterling Village	732-699-0033
Tax Assessor	732-562-2328
Tax Collector	732-562-2331
Township Clerk	732-562-2310

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Piscataway Keeps High Standing with Standard & Poor's Township Again Earns AA+ Stable from Renowned Rating Agency

Mayor Brian C. Wahler and the Township Council are very happy to let residents know that Standard & Poor's continues to keep Piscataway among its high ranked municipalities by again giving the Township its AA+ stable rating, its second highest rating since 2013.

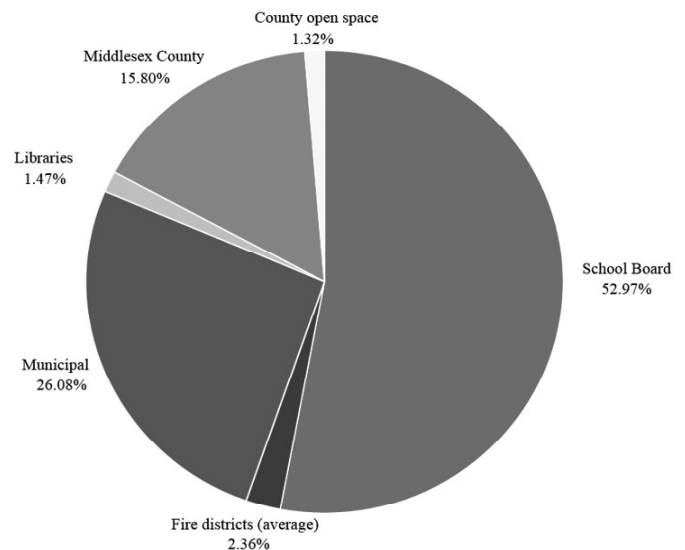
In its report, Standard & Poor's stated, "We view the township's management as very strong, with strong financial policies and practices under our financial management assessment methodology, indicating our view that financial practices are strong, well embedded, and likely sustainable."

Standard & Poor's 2020 & 2019 general obligation rating of AA+ stable matches the 2018 upgrade by Moody's of its general obligation rating from Aa2 to Aa1 (stable), its second highest rating possible.

"Despite the disastrous economic policies from this (outgoing) White House that have wreaked unnecessary financial problems across the country, Piscataway continues to outperform and succeed," Mayor Brian C. Wahler said. "Our model of sound financial practices and encouraging economic development in our community continues to pay enormous dividends for all Township families."

Township officials have been proud of the strong financial policies and practices that have attracted more companies to locate facilities in Piscataway, turning unused office buildings and brownfields into thriving sites of new commerce. This new commercial revenue paid for the construction of the newly opened, \$32 million YMCA at

the Piscataway Community Center (YPCC), built with no residents' tax monies.



Do you know where your local taxes go? Compared to 2017, 2018 and 2019, it's largely unchanged. As shown in this pie chart, you can see how in 2020 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 Board. 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.

Metlar-Bodine House Museum

1281 River Road, Piscataway – 732-463-8363 • metlarbodine@gmail.com

Website: MetlarBodineHouseMuseum.org • Facebook: www.Facebook.com/MetlarBodineHouseMuseum



With travel limited due to Covid-19, why not travel through four centuries of history without ever having to leave Piscataway? Come learn about the many cultures and ethnic groups whose wealth of contributions have shaped your hometown since 1666.

You'll be astonished and proud at what is revealed

in a docent-led tour! End your visit in the Dutch Door Gift Shop where you will find souvenirs & gifts for all ages. (All purchases support your museum.) Check the museum's website, PCTV or call for upcoming virtual programs.

Safety is a priority for visitors and staff. Official CDC guidelines are followed; social distancing is enacted (minimum six feet apart) and masks are required (adults/children 3 yrs. & older) before entering the museum and must be worn during the visit. The museum cannot supply masks. Hand sanitizer is available at the admission desk and in the gift shop.

All tours & shop visits are limited to one group of four people at a time. Group tours must schedule in advance. Weekday and weekend schedule subject to change due to Covid-19. Call ahead or visit the website. Closed for all federal holidays.

Museum & Dutch Door Gift Shop hours:

Thursdays: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturdays: Noon -5 p.m. on January 16th, February 13th & March 13th

Landmark Environmental Legislation Now Toughest Law in the Nation

By Senator Bob Smith



Bill sponsors (l-r) Assemblymember John McKeon, Assemblymember Nancy Pinkin, Senator Bob Smith, Senator Linda Greenstein and Assemblymember Jim Kennedy outside the Senate Chambers on the legislative session day that Senate Bill 864 passed both houses marking the first step in the direction of a plastic-free future for the Garden State.

The Covid-19 pandemic has prioritized public health and put the spotlight on how we as a country and as a world can better prepare to treat and combat infectious disease. Here in New Jersey, the Legislature and Administration have worked hand in hand to meet the challenges, enact safeguards and provide for the varying needs of residents across the state. We all have adapted and changed as a result of the pandemic both individually and collectively. In crisis we come together, are resilient and adjust. So too with another serious threat to our health and welfare.

Humankind has created a devastating, almost indestructible convenience that has indeed made our lives easier, lighter and simpler. It is a world traveler that takes on many shapes to occupy the deepest parts of our oceans and the remotest parts of our mountain ranges. It is now everywhere - on our land, in our sea and even in the air we breathe. It is plastic pollution which is causing untold damage to the environment and to our public health.

We have all seen the devastating photos of plastics choking out waterways and ecosystems here in the Garden State and around the globe, entangling wildlife and even filling the stomachs of the most majestic sea mammals. Yet, what we cannot see is even more horrific than those graphic images. Through meetings and expert testimony, we have learned about the dangers of microplastics and nanoplastics

and their impacts on the human body. Scientists from various institutions, including Rutgers and Princeton universities, have shared studies that reveal the extent to which we are harmed.

Plastics break down into microplastics that attract carcinogens, bacteria, viruses and a host of awful things that attach to the particles. Microplastics in our waters are filtered and eaten by fish and move up the food chain through human consumption. Research published in the Journal of Environmental Science and Technology calculated that a person consumes about 50,000 microplastic particles per year.

When I first introduced legislation many years ago, there was significant push back to banning single-use plastics and polystyrene despite the actions of individual cities and countries across the globe to ban these products. Today, because of awareness and education, there is a nation-wide and world-wide shift away from these products.

Now, we have made a key step forward here in New Jersey to moving toward a plastic-free future. Working with my colleagues in the Legislature, scientists and environmental activists, I crafted a comprehensive, multi-pronged piece of legislation banning single-use plastic bags and other disposable products including polystyrene. This past November, Governor Murphy signed this landmark

environmental legislation that is now the most comprehensive and the toughest law of its kind in the nation.

This monumental win for the Garden State took an incredible amount of teamwork. Thanks to our Governor, our Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner and many environmental activists and supporters from organizations like Sierra Club, Environment NJ, Clean Ocean Action, Surfrider Foundation and the League of Conservation voters to name a few, we are moving in the right direction. This law goes into effect with a significant educational component and a mechanism in place that will provide consumers with reusable bags so there will not be a hardship to our citizens. A healthier New Jersey is on the horizon.

Driveways

The Township has long had an ordinance “on the books” requiring that residential driveways be a paved surface and not stone. In 2019, the Township adopted an ordinance requiring a Municipal Continued Certificate of Occupancy (MCCO) upon the sale of a residential home.

We wish to remind residents that in order to obtain an MCCO, a driveway must be a paved or other hard surface. The required driveway specifications include an asphalt surface, a minimum width of twelve (12) feet, pavement depth with an aggregate subbase of four (4) inches and asphalt base and top courses of two (2) inches each and a concrete apron. The apron is the area between the curb and the sidewalk. There are various other standards as well and you or your contractor should consult with the Township Engineering Division at (732) 562-6560. In some cases, a street opening permit will need to be obtained from the Township.

In the event the asphalt plants are closed during the winter season, it will be necessary that a cash or surety bond in the amount of 125% of the approved cost estimate for the work be posted to ensure compliance when the weather permits.

The YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center (YPCC)

The YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center (YPCC) staff was pleased to open our wonderful new facility on October 1st and Executive Director Kyle Strohmman was on hand to welcome its new members. "I cannot express how excited I am to be a part of this day," Strohmman said. "This facility started as an idea followed by visionary leadership, hard work and perseverance. Finally, through all of these efforts, Piscataway has this amazing YMCA that will serve everyone in our community for generations to come."

Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy, was also there on opening day to greet everyone. "The energy and commitment of the staff is commendable and their enthusiasm was contagious as they engaged with all the members," Cushing said. "The feedback from the new members was also great and they are really enjoying the new facility."

Despite the restrictions that come along with the pandemic, at the time of this newsletter's printing, the facility is able to offer a variety of programs and services to the community including access to the Fitness Center, a full-sized basketball court/gymnasium, swim lessons, family and lap swim, remote learning for school age children and virtual golf. Here's what you need to know:

Fitness Center: Members are invited to enjoy the Fitness Center which includes state-of-the-art strength equipment and machines. Face coverings are required while working out.

Aquatics: Our Aquatics Center features three heated pools for members' enjoyment including a competitive pool, an exercise pool and an activity pool for younger swimmers. Private swim lessons are available for members and adhere to all current COVID-19 guidelines. Members may also reserve a private swim lane for adults and children 12 years of age or older by logging into their account on the YMCAofMEWSA.org website. Swimmers must provide their own equipment and are asked to limit their pool time to 60 minutes. Face coverings must be worn at all times when not in the pool. Locker rooms are not available for use during this time and swimmers are asked to wear their swim attire to and from the facility. Family swim times are on Mondays and Fridays from 3-7 p.m. and on Saturdays from Noon-4 p.m. For more information, please contact Aquatics Director Kelly Molinelli at Kelly.Molinelli@YMCAofMEWSA.org or call her at (732) 562-2302 to schedule an appointment. You may also visit www.YMCAofMEWSA.org/locations/YPCC for important information and to register.

Fitness class schedules: Currently, group exercise classes for members are provided through an online, virtual experience. Members may visit www.YMCAofMEWSA.org/locations/YPCC to view the current fitness schedules.

Basketball gym: The basketball court/gymnasium is also open and available to members at certain times during the week and on weekends. Members can refer to the website for the gymnasium schedule.


Child care: The YPCC is offering a Remote Learning Program for children Kindergarten through 8th grade between the hours of 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Interested members may contact Child Care Director Meghan Doriety at Meghan.Doriety@YMCAofMEWSA.org or call her at (732) 562-2302.

Virtual Golf: Members may reserve a Virtual Golf bay by logging into their YPCC account or calling a service team member at (732) 562-2302 to make a reservation for yourself. Only one member needs to reserve a bay; up to four players can play in a single bay. The cost is \$15 per half hour and \$25 per hour.

Membership benefits at the YPCC include priority registration, reduced program rates, free group exercise classes, equipment orientation, fitness assessment, complimentary child watch while you are working out, state-of-the-art fitness equipment and indoor heated pools. Nationwide membership is also included, which allows members to use facilities at participating YMCAs across the country. Piscataway residents receive discounted membership rates.

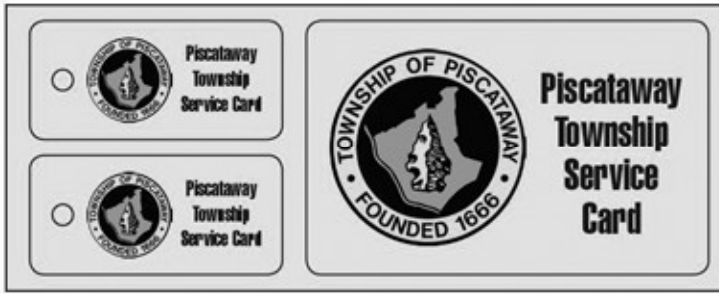


For more information or to become a member, visit www.YMCAofMEWSA.org/locations/YPCC.

 The YMCA at The Piscataway Community Center		Hoess Lane Piscataway NJ ymcaofmewsa.org	
RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS			
Membership Type	Monthly Credit Card Draft	One-Time Joiner's Fee	
7th Grade Student <i>Must show valid school ID</i>	FREE Sept. - June	-	
Teen (Ages 13-17)	\$18	\$29	
Young Adult (Ages 18-29)	\$25	\$29	
Adult (Ages 30-62)	\$35	\$49	
Senior (Ages 62+)	\$25	\$29	
Senior Couple (Ages 62+) <i>living in the same household</i>	\$40	\$49	
Family <i>Up to 2 adults and 4 children with proof of residence</i>	\$65	\$49	
Family Plus <i>Up to 4 adults and 4 children with proof of residence</i>	\$75	\$49	
2 Adults (no children)	\$65	\$49	
Senior + Children <i>One senior (65+) and up to 4 children (ages 12 and under)</i>	\$35	\$49	
Senior Couple + Children <i>Two seniors (65+) and up to 4 children (ages 12 and under)</i>	\$50	\$49	
Program Child (Ages 0-5) <i>Required for participation in Programs without a Family membership</i>	\$60/year	-	
Program Youth (Ages 6-12) <i>Required for participation in Programs without a Family membership</i>	\$90/year	-	

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

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the DPW offices are closed. Please call the number above for any questions or assistance.



As of January 2020, instead of paper coupons, etc., residents have been using the new Piscataway Service Card featuring a unique UPC code for DPW services. If you have not yet acquired the Service Card, please call the DPW office at (732) 562-2390 or go online to the Township website at www.PiscatawayNJ.org. Please note that you will be required to scan your driver's license or another valid ID that has your name and address to send back to our offices as an attachment with your return e-mail. We will mail the Service Card to you within a few days. Only checks and credit/debit cards may be used to add funds to your Service Card. No cash is accepted.

Pothole reporting

- For potholes on Township roads, please call the Township DPW at (732) 562-2390.
- For potholes on county roads, please call Middlesex County at (732) 940-3800.
- For potholes on state roads, please visit <https://www.njdotProblemReporting.com/>

Bulk pick-ups

Residents may schedule two (2) bulk trash curbside pickups and one (1) brush curbside pickup per calendar year by calling (732) 562-2390 for an appointment. This program resumes on Tuesday, January 5, 2021; the last appointments may be made in mid-September and the program ends during the second week of October.

Christmas trees

Christmas trees will not be picked up. Residents may bring them to their local Piscataway firehouse only during the month of January or they can be brought to the Recycling Center during the hours as shown below. Trees must be devoid of all decorations. Trees will be recycled.

Recycling Center / Mini Dump

Recycling Center hours through December 31, 2021
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

You must present your Service Card at the DPW gate to enter the recycling yard. It will be your proof of residency. For a loaded passenger vehicle, SUV or minivan, the recycling yard attendant will scan your card once. The largest vehicle allowed in the Recycling Center is a half-ton pickup or trailer no larger than four feet by eight feet for which two scans of the card will be made. No trucks with built-up sideboards are permitted.

Depending on the type of vehicle, one or two scans will be made for lumber, household debris, carpeting, furniture and all other non-recyclable materials. Cards will not be scanned for recyclable materials such as batteries, tires, motor oil, branches, leaves, metal, various plastics and glass, cardboard and paper. Each year, cards will be automatically replenished with the free services provided by Piscataway.

Electronic devices covered by the NJ Electronic Waste Management Act include televisions, desktop & personal computers, monitors, printers and fax machines. They may be brought to the Recycling Center during its hours of operation. Electronics will not be picked up curbside.

Not permitted at the Recycling Center are kitchen garbage, hazardous or toxic waste, chemicals, paints, contractor debris, dirt, concrete, asphalt or any other type of rock debris.

Police Department



Mayor Brian C. Wahler and Acting Police Chief Thomas Mosier are thrilled that our Police Department (PTPD) has been accredited by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP).

“You and the members of your department can be justifiably proud of this accomplishment,” NJSACOP Accreditation Program Director Harry J. Delgado noted in his communication to the PTPD.

NJSACOP looks at many factors when determining accreditation such as department leadership, personnel development, records and financial management, arrest and investigation procedures, weapons training and call responses.

“Piscataway is proud of the professional excellence of our Township police and the trusting and valued relationship it has with all facets of our diverse community,” Mayor Wahler said. “I am pleased that the police chiefs of our state have given this well-deserved recognition to our police department.”

“For the dozens of current officers and the many more that have worked in law enforcement in one of our nation's oldest townships, I am proud to continue leading this outstanding agency now recognized with a noteworthy seal of approval from my colleagues throughout the state,” Acting Chief Mosier said. “Our rank and file officers as well as Lieutenant Michelle Pilch, our accreditation manager, deserve special thanks for working admirably to achieve this accolade.”



Library Notes



www.piscatawaylibrary.org

The Kennedy and Westergard branches are open for browsing and computer use on Mondays through Wednesdays from Noon-8 p.m. and Thursdays through Saturdays from Noon-4 p.m. If you or a loved one is unable to come to the Library because of a disability, please contact Kate at KBaker@PiscatawayLibrary.org to sign up for **home delivery service**.

Downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, movies, music and more are available. Visit PiscatawayLibrary.org/Econtent for more information. Need help getting started? Stop by the Information Desk at either Library branch.

Scheduled events are virtual and registration is required to participate in most of them. To register, please visit the Library's calendar on PiscatawayLibrary.org.

For home delivery service, downloadable ebooks and registering for events, you can also call us at (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6.

The Library is proud to offer **Brainfuse** as a resource for students and adult learners. Brainfuse provides free access to live tutors, flash cards, virtual study rooms, test prep, resume review, and more. Visit PiscatawayLibrary.org/Brainfuse to get started today.

Kids from newborns to five years old and their families are invited to join the Library for **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** this January! This nationwide initiative encourages families to read aloud together. Reading aloud to children is a special bonding experience that helps jumpstart their imagination and develops essential early literacy skills to prepare them for entering kindergarten. Earn a prize for every 100-book milestone! Visit Piscataway.ReadSquared.com or stop by either branch to sign up starting January 4th.

Join us on Facebook Live (Facebook.com/PiscatawayLibrary) on Saturday, January 30th at 2 p.m. to **celebrate the Lunar New Year!** Welcome the Year of the Ox with an interactive story time including traditional music and dance as well as a holiday craft.

Help your child practice reading skills with our teen volunteers with **Virtual Reading Buddies** on Wednesdays in February. This program is designed to help children in grades K-3 increase vocabulary, practice social skills, and build reading confidence. Paired reading buddies will be supervised by Library staff in Zoom breakout rooms. Participants must attend all four sessions: February 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th at 4 p.m. Visit PiscatawayLibrary.org/ReadingBuddies for more details and to register.

Saturday, February 6th is **Take Your Child to the Library Day**. Stop by either branch from Noon-4 p.m. to pick up your grab-and-go craft and then join us on Facebook Live (Facebook.com/PiscatawayLibrary) at 4:15 p.m. to assemble the craft together.

The Library will host our second annual **African American Read-In** on Saturday, February 20th. Join us to celebrate diversity in literature! Watch our calendar for registration information.

Free English classes for New Americans are available through the Library this spring. Please contact Kate at KBaker@PiscatawayLibrary.org or (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6 for more information.

Virtual Volunteer Opportunities for Teens are available for teens ages 11-17. Visit PiscatawayLibrary.org/VirtualVolunteering for more information.

Stop by the **Friends Book Store** at the Kennedy and Westergard branches to pick up some great new reads to keep! Payment is now contact-free and they are open during all Library hours.

If you would like **Library updates** sent straight to your inbox – the surest way to not miss anything – sign up for our email newsletter at PiscatawayLibrary.org/Newsletter. For any questions, please e-mail Library@PiscatawayLibrary.org or call (732) 463-1633, Ext. 4126.

Senior Center

When the Piscataway Senior Center is closed to its guests, its wonderful staff is available by phone at (732) 562-1133 on Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. to help our elderly residents register for bus transportation for grocery shopping and medical appointments.

Also during closed times, congregate meals through the Middlesex County Nutrition Program are delivered to Township seniors by Piscataway Senior Center staff. If you are in need of home delivered meals, are at least 60 years old and are not able to grocery shop or cook for yourself, please call (732) 793-9844. 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.



Road & Park Improvements

Good roads and quality parks are two of many reasons why Piscataway is a wonderful place to live. Keeping up with our robust roadwork schedule, in 2020 we resurfaced large sections of Centennial Avenue, Newark Avenue, Piluso Way, Pleasant Avenue, Prospect Avenue, S. Randolphville Road and Trinity Street.

For reconstruction of roads that can include new sidewalks, curbs and/or storm sewers as well as resurfacing, in 2020 we completed long sections of Academy Street, Crestwood Street, Evergreen Court, Haywood Avenue, Kossuth Street & Terrace Court, Lakeside Drive S., Lynnwood Street, Morris Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue, Tabb Avenue, Wilkins Drive, Woodland Road and Wynnwood Avenue. As of this printing, crews continue working on Brotherhood Street, Grandview Avenue E., Kroeger Lane, Richards Avenue, Riverview Avenue and Suttie Avenue.

In addition, Piscataway continued to make annual park upgrades this year with new playgrounds at Byrne, North Stelton and Nova Ukraine parks complemented with new shelters, sidewalks, benches and landscaping.

Wynnwood Park got two pickleball courts as well as a new playground with sidewalks, benches and landscaping. We also installed an outdoor, wheelchair access adult fitness area at Suskin Park.

We also built a new setting at Byrne Park for the memorial to our local hero Jeffrey R. Byrne who grew up in Piscataway's Lake Nelson neighborhood. The 19-year-old U.S. Army helicopter pilot was serving in the Vietnam War and was shot down on February 18, 1968 in the Quang Nam province. He was buried at Beverly National Cemetery.



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