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Raritan Rapids at the YPCC

any children had a wonderful time this past summer enjoying "Raritan Rapids," the spray park at The YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center (YPCC).

For the YPCC's indoor amenities, at the time of printing this newsletter we are looking to open the YPCC on Thursday, October 1st. However, with the possibility of state policies and procedures changing due to coronavirus conditions in New Jersey, any dates and details may change.

Awaiting residents at the YPCC are three indoor pools, a large fitness center, a full-size basketball court with an overhead running track, golf simulators, dance and art studios, a café and a large meeting room.

We very much want Piscataway residents to have the option of trying

out the YPCC for free before joining. Once the YPCC can operate at a much larger capacity, we will look to set certain days for this opportunity.

A great way to keep up-to-date with what is happening at the YPCC as well as throughout Piscataway is through our weekly e-mail newsletter. If you would like to receive it, please go to the Township website at www.PiscatawayNJ.org. On the main webpage, you will see this box. Please enter your e-mail address into it and you will start receiving it.

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Senior Center (732) 562-1133

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.

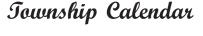
Also during closed times, congregate meals through the Middlesex County Nutrition Program are delivered to Township seniors by Piscataway Senior Center staff. If you are in need of home delivered meals, are at least 60 years old and are not able to grocery shop or cook for yourself, please call (732)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



Main: 732-562-2300	
Const. & Bldg. Regulations	562-2325
Engineering/Planning/Zoning	60/6570
Finance /3/-	767-7316
Fire Prevention (non-emergency)	562-2315
Health Office	562-2323
Housing Certificate of Occupancy Office 732-5	562-2393
Libraries: Kennedy	463-1633
Westergard	752-1166
Mayor's Office	562-2301
Municipal Alliance Substance Abuse	
Task Force	562-2397
Municipal Certificates of Continued Occupancy	
(MCCOs) office732-5	562-2393
Municipal Court	562-2330
Municipal Court	562-2305
Personnel	562-2308
Police:	
Main (non-emergency)	562-1100
Detectives	562-2366
Juvenile	562-2371
Public Information (Police)	553-7380
Records	562-2378
Service	562-6577
TDD	562-1100
Traffic	
Property Maintenance	521/7638
Public Information (Township)	653-7384
Public Works	562-2390
Purchasing	562-2320
Recreation	562-2382
Recreation (Program Cancellation)	562-2389
Senior Citizen Center	562-1133
Senior Citizen Transportation	743-2218
Senior Citizen Transportation	599-0033
Tax Assessor	562-2328
Tax Collector	562-2331
Township Clerk	562-2310

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October

- 8 Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Planning Board regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Planning Board site plan/subdivision meeting at 2:30 p.m.

November

- 4 Planning Board regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Township Council at 7:30 pm.
- 10 Township Council at 7:30 pm.
- 12 Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Township Council at 7:30 pm.
- 25 Planning Board site plan/subdivision meeting at 2:30 p.m.

December

- 1 Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Planning Board regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Zoning Board at 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Township Council at 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Planning Board site plan/subdivision meeting at 2:30 p.m.

2020 General Election Tuesday, November 3rd

At the time of this newsletter printing, this election is slated to be conducted primarily via vote-by-mail ballots sent to all "active" registered voters without a need for an application to receive one.

October 13th – Voter registration deadline

October 27th – Last day County Clerk may receive mail-in ballot request by mail.

November 2nd 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.

Your Elected Officials

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

> Frank Uhrin (Ward 1) 32 Desna Street 732-968-6088

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

Jim Bullard (Ward 2) 23 Independence Court 732-463-3927 Kapil K. Shah (At Large) 423 Netherwood Avenue 732-463-3659

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

Chanelle Scott-McCullum (At Large) 62 Morris Lane 732-878-2854

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



Stop the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Other Respiratory Illnesses in Your Community

Middlesex County has made a commitment, since the beginning days of the COVID-19 pandemic, to provide residents with free access to testing and to conduct vital contact tracing. This work continues. As numbers in the state are promising, it is critical that we as a community continue to remain vigilant, protect ourselves and others, and continue to mitigate the spread of the disease.

It is important to remember that coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person. The best way to protect yourself against viruses like COVID-19 or the flu is to avoid being exposed.

- You can help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses in your community by practicing healthy habits: washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; not touching your eyes, nose and mouth; covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in the trash and washing your hands; cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched often, and; staying home if you are sick.
- The symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, and new loss of taste or smell. Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus. Get medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19: trouble breathing; persistent pain or pressure in the chest; new confusion; inability to wake or stay awake, or; bluish lips or face.
- If you go out, wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth and stay at least six feet (about two-arm's length) from other people. You can stop the spread of coronavirus in your community by wearing a face covering, getting tested, and talking to a contact tracer. Even if you do not have symptoms, you can save lives by getting a test.

Since April, the Middlesex County Office of Health Services has been operating both drive-thru and walk-up COVID-19 testing sites, free of charge to Middlesex County residents. As the schedule changes weekly, please visit the County's Public Safety & Health webpage for the latest details. To schedule an appointment, visit



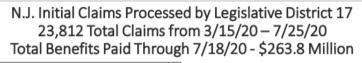
MiddlesexCountyNJ.gov/Covid19Testing or call (732) 745-3100. Testing is free for Middlesex County residents.

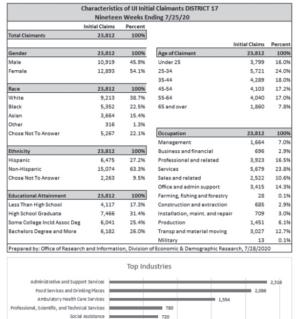
In addition to offering testing at its own sites, Middlesex County has compiled a comprehensive directory of COVID-19 testing facilities throughout its 25 municipalities to ensure that all residents can access free or affordable tests. A full list of testing facilities, contact details, and type of test offered are available on the County's Public Safety & Health webpage.

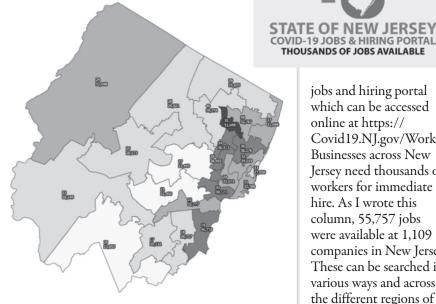
If residents have questions about COVID-19 prevention and testing, they can call the Middlesex County COVID-19 Call Center at (732) 745-3100, Ext. 1, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional COVID-19 information and guidance, please visit Middlesex County-NJ.gov. Other Middlesex County-specific COVID resources are available at DiscoverMiddlesex.com/

Covid19/.

State Government Report by Senator Bob Smith







jobs and hiring portal which can be accessed online at https:// Covid19.NJ.gov/Work. Businesses across New Jersey need thousands of workers for immediate hire. As I wrote this column, 55,757 jobs were available at 1,109 companies in New Jersey. These can be searched in various ways and across the different regions of our state. In addition, there is a New Jersey Career Network where job seekers can learn new job search skills through customized, recommended activities;

track progress, including their applications, and; apply what they learn to their job search through in-platform practice with motivational tools.

If you have not already visited the New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub at https://Covid19.NJ.gov, it is a comprehensive resource. Here you will find the latest news, guidance and support for every question and topic related across all state departments. Additionally, for general COVID-19 questions call 2-1-1 (24/7). For medical COVID-19 questions, call (800) 962-1253 (24/7) to receive medical information from healthcare professionals on symptoms, when to seek medical attention, and proper

We are all in this together. My district office is located here in Piscataway and can be reached at (732) 752-0770 and SenBSmith@NJLeg.org to be of assistance. The Legislature continues to meet at the State House under strict guidelines to conduct the business of our state.

steps to take if exposed to COVID-19. To

receive alerts Text NJCOVID to 898-211.

N.J. Initial Claims Processed by Legislative District 17

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic many people are facing some economic uncertainty and are stressed about the loss of a job, paying bills and putting food on the table. Across all of state government and in conjunction with our federal, county and local counterparts, we are all working to help.

Educational Services

int Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods

Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers

From March 15th through July 25th, the Department of Labor received a total of 1,076,202 unemployment claims from the residents of New Jersey. During that same time frame, 29,132 of my constituents in the 17th Legislative District filed at least one claim for unemployment. Of those, 18,101 are for regular unemployment claims. 11,031 are for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. These are staggering numbers when you consider that the 17th District is made up of five towns: Piscataway, Milltown, New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Franklin.

The Department of Labor's staff has been working tirelessly day and night since the pandemic began to help deliver \$263,753,255 (through July 18th) to 26,039 of the constituents in the 17th District whom have been struggling. Should you require assistance, please visit the New Jersey Department of Labor website NJ.gov/Labor to find the latest and most reliable information including what programs are available for employers and employees and who qualifies for these programs.

Unfortunately, even though the overwhelming majority of unemployment claimants in the 17th District have received an average of \$10,129 in benefits, there are still a small percentage of claimants who have not yet become eligible or have some other issue. My office, along with the offices of both Assemblymember Joe Egan and Assemblymember Joe Danielsen, has been working with the Department of Labor's liaison staff to forward information from constituents whom have contacted my office. Problems do not always get resolved quickly, but our staff is dedicated to attempting every way possible to assist each constituent.

For those seeking new employment opportunities, the State of New Jersey has a

How UV Pool Sanitizers Keep our Swimmers and Pools Safe



There's no better place than your community aquatic facilities to enjoy the transformative powers of water. Whether you use it for lessons, free play, exercise or instructional lessons, our aquatic facilities are a key part of our mission to strengthen our community and build confidence in our swimmers.

It is also important that we maintain strict standards when it comes to our pools' cleanliness. After all, murky pools aren't just cloudy; they're also dangerous breeding grounds for microorganisms and harmful bacteria. During this time of heightened risk to exposure of bacteria and germs, our priority is to keep our facilities sanitized and our members safe.

In preparation to combat those potential risks, we stand behind our UV pool sanitation technology and the benefits of keeping our pools and swimmers safe. We are here to share with you what the UV system does each and every day in our pools before, during and after usage.

Ultraviolet or "UV" pool sanitizers is non-chemical process that uses germicidal UV light rays to sanitize water, air and surfaces that may be contaminated. Ultraviolet pool sanitizers emit a high intensity germicidal light ray that alters or disrupts the DNA or RNA of targeted organisms such as algae, bacteria, viruses, cysts and protozoa. The highly concentrated electromagnetic energy also destroys organic matter, eliminating the formation of dangerous chlorine byproducts.

So is this process safe for our swimmers and the environment? UV sanitizers are very safe. The UV lamps are housed in a rugged high-impact polymer housing. UV cannot leave or escape the sterilization chamber so UV never enters the swimming pool.

UV is a physical process rather than a chemical process, making UV the most environmentally friendly choice in pool sanitation. There is no residual effect that is harmful to humans or the environment. UV also minimizes the need to generate, handle, transport or store dangerous chemicals.

All of our pool water is constantly being treated and disinfected through the use of the commonly recognized chemical chlorine in the YPCC pools, and 100 percent of the pool water is filtered and run through the UV disinfection process including every three hours in the children's activity pool and every six hours for the competitive and standard activity pools. New Jersey bather code requires a turnover rate of eight hours.

We are excited and eager to open our facilities in the very near future. In the meantime, continue to practice social distancing and stay healthy during these times!

520 Hoes Lane Piscataway NJ ymcaofmewsa.org

The YMCA at The Piscataway Community Center

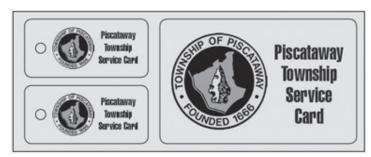
RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS				
Membership Type	Monthly Credit Card Draft	One-Time Joiner's Fee		
7 th Grade Student Must show valid school ID	FREE Sept. – June			
Teen (Ages 13-17)	\$18	\$29		
Young Adult (Ages 18-29)	\$25	\$29		
Adult (Ages 30-62)	\$35	\$49		
Senior (Ages 62+)	\$25	\$29		
Senior Couple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

Daily Guest Pass Rates					
Age	With Member	Without Member			
Adult (18-61)	\$10	\$15			
Child (2-12)	\$5	Must be accompanied by a member			
Teen(13-17)	\$8	Must be accompanied by a member			
Senior (62+)	\$8	\$15			

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

Parking is available in the visitor lot facing Sidney Road.

Recycling Center hours to December 31, 2020
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 3 and Thursday, November 26



Please remember that paper coupons are no longer mailed to residents for using services at the Piscataway DPW. The Piscataway Service Card has now replaced coupons for accessing all those services. 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.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, until further notice our offices are closed to the public, so while you cannot acquire a Piscataway Service Card in person, one can be mailed to you. Please visit the Township website at www.PiscatawayNJ.org, click on "Services" on the front page, then click on "Service Card" from the drop down menu and follow the instructions. You may call DPW at (732) 562-2390 if you need further assistance.

Credit for additional leaf bags may be purchased at the DPW office and entered onto your Service Card. Debit cards, credit cards and checks are the only forms of payment accepted.

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

Curbside/bulk pick-up: October 9th is the final day for scheduled curbside/bulk pick up for appointments made no later than September 18th. This program will then resume on January 11, 2021.

Leaf bags: Biodegradable leaf bags will be available October 5th - December 18th 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 Piscataway Service Card and the bags can be acquired by presenting your Service Card. Additional leaf bags may be purchased for \$8 per bundle at the DPW office and credit will be recorded on your Service Card. Leaf bag curbside pick-up will commence on October 15th and will continue until December 28th. 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 31, 2021.

Sterling Village



Apartments are available for those age 62 and older with low and moderate incomes at Sterling Village, Piscataway's independent senior living residence.

Located adjacent to the Senior Center, John F. Kennedy Library and Community Center, the 150-unit, five-story building has elevators, a community room, laundry on the first floor, and a furnished outdoor patio & grill. A security guard is on duty in the evenings and on weekends. Owned by the Township, it is professionally managed by Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey.

You do not need to be a Piscataway resident to move into Sterling Village. At this time, there are vacancies for low-income \$984/ month and moderate-income \$1,181/month one-bedroom apartments with electricity and gas included. Cats and dogs up to 20 lbs. are allowed with a one-time \$75 pet security deposit. For more information, please call (732) 699-0033.



Library Notes



www.piscatawaylibrary.org

All events described below will take place online. Advance registration is required by visiting our calendar at PiscatwayLibrary.org or calling (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6. For any questions, please email Library@PiscatawayLibrary.org or call us at Ext. 4126.

For Children – Early literacy programs will continue throughout the fall. Please check our calendar on PiscatawayLibrary.org for full details.

For Teens – Our Teen Department is presenting an **Arts Workshop Series** for students in grades 6-12 in collaboration with local guest artists. This series will explore creativity, self-expression and empowerment. To register or if you have questions, please email Teens@PiscatawayLibrary.org. Supplies will be available for pick up at Kennedy Library.

Book Making on Saturdays, September 27 and October 3 at 1 p.m. Calligraphy on Wednesday, October 7 at 3 p.m.

Kinetic Sculpture on Tuesday, October 13, at 3 p.m.

Paint & Sip on Thursday, October 22 at 3 p.m.

Create with Clay on Wednesday, October 28 at 3 p.m.

Photography on Monday, November 2 at 3 p.m.

Guided Painting on Tuesday, November 10 at 3 p.m.

Paper Quilling on Tuesday, November 17, at 3 p.m.

COUNTYON

Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund.

For Adults

Join attorney and author Kenneth Vercammen on Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. for an informative webinar discussing how you can use **will and estate planning** to protect your family.

Join us for **E-Commerce and Skills for Remote Workers** with Rajeeyah Madinah on Wednesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. Learn the skills you will need to land your next remote job or build your future as an entrepreneur.

Local artist Jeffrey Cobbold will lead a mindfulness-based **Journaling Workshop** on Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m.

What were the favorite mid-century holiday treats and trends? Take a trip to the past with a **Vintage Holiday Cookbook discussion** with cookbook collector and author Amy Alessio. Kick off your holiday season with nostalgia, delicious memories, recipes and more on Thursday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

Explore your creative side with a holiday-inspired **Zentangle class** led by Mimi Topping on Wednesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. Zentangle is easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun; no experience necessary.

Home delivery service – If you or a loved one is unable to come to the library because of a disability, please contact Kate at KBaker@PiscatawayLibrary.org or (732) 463-1633, Ext. 6.

Metlar-Bodine House Museum

1281 River Road, Piscataway – 732-463-8363 metlarbodine@gmail.com Website: MetlarBodineHouseMuseum.org Facebook: www.Facebook.com/ MetlarBodineHouseMuseum



Work Goes on Behind the Scenes

Although the Metlar-Bodine Museum has been closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, work has been continuing behind the scenes. This summer, two interns joined the volunteer staff (now numbering five): Sophia, (back for the 2nd time) is a high school sophomore and Piscataway resident; Ian is a Kean University junior majoring in history. Sophia is helping to develop children's programs & workshops and Ian is assisting the museum's volunteer archivist with accessioning the collection.

The Metlar-Bodine House is a collecting museum. Its extensive collection contains over 1,500 artifacts with area provenance that includes towns once part of the original 300 square mile land grant. Currently the collection is stored in two rooms in the museum's circa 1840s section - rooms always intended for other uses. A recently awarded grant from Middlesex County, matched by the Township, will allow crucial changes to be realized. One room will become a dedicated research-archives room open by appointment to the public/scholars/museum members; an unfinished loft (circa 1728) will become a sorely-needed, dedicated archive storage and workroom for accessioning artifacts used only by staff. When the loft archive is completed, artifacts will be relocated to this area, freeing up the room intended for changing/special exhibits, while selected artifacts will remain in the research-archives room. The remainder will be exhibited, illustrating the museum's theme.

Listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places, the museum is a community and educational resource. As a significant feature of community outreach, the information and documentation contained within must be made accessible.

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION! PISCATAWAY COMMUNITY TELEVISION

6:30 AM too early? How about 11:30 AM?

Time	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
11:30 AM	Look Great, Feel Great	Seniorcize	Piscataway Senior Center Classes at Home	Seniorcize	Seniorcize
12:00 PM	La Verdad Internacional	Aging Insights	La Verdad Internacional	Both Sides of the Bars	Off The Shelf
12:30 PM	Perils for Pedestrians	Reel Smaaht: The Movie Game	Old Ways in NJ	Spotlight on Middlesex County	R&B Bistro
1:00 PM	Health Talk	Off The Shelf	Natasha	Community Bulletin Board	2 Grannies on the Road
1:30 PM	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board
2:00PM	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board	Community Bulletin Board

PCTV Original Programming

Eye on Piscataway

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

Aging Insights

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

Health Talk

Mon 7:30A & 1:00P / Tues 6:30A & 7:00P / Wed 10:00P / Thurs 8:30P / Fri 6:30A

Piscataway Senior Center Classes at Home

Mon 8:00A / Wed 7A & 11:30A / Thurs 6:00A / Fri 8:00A / Sat 7:00A / Sun 6:00A

Senior Mix: Current Topics & Tips

Tues 7:00A / Thurs 8:00A / Sat 6:30A / Sun 8:00A

FULL BROADCAST SCHEDULE AND 24/7 LIVESTREAM AT PISCATAWAYNJ.ORG/PCTV



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