



# Princeton Township

## NEWSLETTER

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### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**A**utumn in Princeton Township is a beautiful time of year, with magnificent colors, and renewed activities, but Autumn is also a season that involves work. Our majestic trees begin to shed their leaves, and thus we get ready to collect the leaves, brush and logs. All these chores are necessary, not only to assure that one's property is maintained and that our community is safe and clean, but also to be in compliance with the recent New Jersey State laws regarding stormwater runoff and environmental protection. Keep the insert from this newsletter on hand for easy reference as the season progresses.

As Autumn enters we will hear the shouts of excitement and cheers of competition as the Fall sports season begins. Whether it is soccer, football, paddle tennis or basketball our recreational facilities are ready for our avid athletes of all ages. Our senior fitness program is another Fall offering. Cyclists, joggers and hikers will be seen on our extensive bikepath and trail network.

As school begins, and darkness comes earlier, I remind you to watch out for children walking or biking to school. The Township Police Department gives sessions to students on how to safely walk to school and on general "street safety".

Fall will bring Halloween activities, The Spirit of

Princeton's Veteran's Day ceremony and the most American of holidays Thanksgiving.

During all seasons I feel proud and grateful to live and work in a town with beautiful natural resources and human resources—our community volunteers. Our volunteers labor in many fields, from A to Z—aging services to zoning issues.

Every few years we update our volunteer application file, and so I ask anyone who is interested in serving to please complete the enclosed form, and we will keep it on file and evaluate it as openings occur. They donate their personal time and professional expertise to enhance the quality of life as we know it here in our unique town.

So, the next time you are speaking to a neighbor and he or she indicates that they serve as a volunteer on a municipal board or commission, please take the time to thank them, as I do now, for the sacrifices that they have made to serve our community.

**Thank you VIP's. Very Important People..Volunteers in Princeton.**

*Phyllis L. Marchand*

### Shade Tree Commission News

#### GYPSY MOTH ALERT

Due to the recent outbreak of Gypsy Moths in the Township, the Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission urges all residents to contact their local tree care companies to have an evaluation of your landscape.

The Gypsy Moth can be devastating to trees through defoliation. Should this occur in successive years, your trees may be severely impacted. A treatment program would be beneficial and should be implemented in the 2007 season.

Also, if you are planning on having trees removed on your property, please be aware that permits are required along with utilizing registered tree companies. If you have any questions please contact Claudia at 609-921-7077. Have a happy and colorful fall!

# Sustainable Princeton Achieves Impressive First-Year Results

**S**ustainable Princeton, the Princeton Environmental Commission's new initiative, was formed to promote Princeton's environmental, social, and economic health. The group had an exciting and productive first year tackling sustainability's long-term challenges: (1) improving the natural environment for future generations, (2) seeking alternative energy sources, (3) avoiding polluting chemicals, (4) helping meet social needs fairly, and (5) contributing to economic well-being. Sustainable Princeton set as its initial goals showing Princetonians realistic ways to increase their overall sustainability and, more specifically, to decrease their reliance on the fossil fuels that contribute to global warming.

The group's greatest first-year accomplishment was winning a \$60,000 Building Livable Communities grant from the College of New Jersey's Municipal Land Use Center. The grant will help perform energy audits on Borough and Township municipal buildings, improve their energy efficiency, thereby reduce costs, and model how to save energy. Sustainable Princeton will also help Borough and Township officials buy environmentally-friendly supplies (locally whenever possible). Finally, Sustainable Princeton will sponsor conferences on sustainability for townspeople, local officials, and municipal staff. Afterwards, it will promote action groups and publicize successes.

Sustainable Princeton began the year urging Princeton's Board of Education to profit from state subsidies for solar panels (subsidies are available for all ratepayers and depend on how much power is produced). New Jersey receives more sun than many of us suppose, and, if surplus energy is produced, it can be sold to the state's power grid. Thus solar panels not only reduce pollution and cut electric bills: they may actually produce income.

Sustainable Princeton's final accomplishment was establishing an award program to honor Princetonians who already contribute to sustainability. This year, Sustainable Princeton Leadership Awards went to two public gardeners (Dorothy Mullen and Peter Soderman), two nonprofits (Princeton Future and the Delaware and Raritan Greenway Land Trust), and two local businesses (White Lotus Futon and the Whole Earth Center). Sustainable Princeton intended to award achievements in environmental, economic, or social sustainability. In fact, the six winners modeled all three kinds. Nominations for next year's awards are already invited, especially for leadership in alternative energy.



**WINNING GOLF TEAM:** Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, center, accepted the Princeton Family YMCA's 2006 Mayor's Cup Trophy. The Mayor is flanked by the members of her winning foursome-from left, Alan Graham, Ann O'Neil, Bill Ricigliano, Gene Barry, and tournament sponsor Jud Henderson of Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty. The event raised \$75,000 for the YMCA's Y-Cares Scholarship Programs. The Township Team prevailed over our neighboring communities of Princeton Borough, West Windsor, Plainsboro and Montgomery.

## Rabies Clinic

The Fall 2006 rabies clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Community Park Pool Complex.

All dogs, cats and ferrets are welcome. Dogs must be on leashes and under control and cats in carriers or pillowcases.

## Dog Licenses

New Jersey State law mandates that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed.

The State of New Jersey also requires that you must provide a valid rabies certificate in order to license your dog. The certificate of vaccination cannot expire prior to November 1st of the licensing year. Dogs with a duration of immunity against rabies that expires prior to November 1st shall be revaccinated prior to the issuance of a license.

The fee for licensing is \$8.20 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$11.20 for a non-spayed/neutered dog.

Licenses may be obtained in person or by mail at the Office of the Township Clerk, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton NJ 08540 or visit our web site at [princetontwp.org](http://princetontwp.org) for information.

## RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Princeton Township residents are reminded that recyclables are collected every other MONDAY. Listed below are the recycling dates for 2006 and January 2007.

**\*September 4th** (NO REMOVAL Labor Day, removal will be on Sunday September 10th)

September 18th	October 2nd
October 16th	October 30th
November 13th	November 27th
December 11th	

**\*December 25th** (NO REMOVAL, removal WILL BE on Sunday, December 31st)

January 8th	January 22nd
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If your recyclables are not picked up on the scheduled day, please call the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) at 278-8086.

## Household Chemical Waste Disposal Day

This Event is sponsored by the Mercer County Improvement Authority.

**Where:** John T. Dempster Fire School  
Bakers Basin/Lawrence Station Road,  
Lawrence Township

**When:** Saturday, September 30th

**Time:** 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Rain or Shine!

**What to Bring:** Computer's, TV's, VCR's, Aerosol Cans, Household Batteries, (including Nickel Cadmium) Photographic Chemicals, Used Motor Oil, Lighter Fluid, Propane Gas Tanks, Pesticides/Herbicides, Pool Chemicals, Car Batteries, Used Oil Filters, Paint Thinner, Oil Based Paint, Satins/Varnishes, Anti-Freeze, Driveway Sealer, Gasoline, Gasoline/Oil Mix, Insect Repellants.

**What NOT to Bring:** Latex Paint, Silvex, Unknowns, Infectious Waste, Radioactive Materials, Explosives & Munitions, Agent Orange 2,4,5-T or Dioxin.

(Latex paint is non-hazardous. It may be properly disposed of in household trash if dried out completely)

**MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**  
Proof of Mercer County Residency Required.  
(Driver's License)

Residential waste only, no waste from Commercial or Industrial Sources.

**PLEASE CALL THE MERCER COUNTY  
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**  
at 278-8086 for further information.

## Household Batteries

Alkaline batteries (i.e. AAA, AA, C, D, 9volt) have been deregulated by the DEP due to the minimal amounts of hazardous materials within them. You can now throw them in the garbage. Please **DO NOT** put them in your recycle bucket. Rechargeable batteries, (i.e. watches, cell phones, cameras, remote control vehicles, cordless phones) under two (2) pounds can be recycled at retailers such as Radio Shack, Verizon, Home Depot, Lowes & Target. Look for the containers at the store. Please **DO NOT** put rechargeable batteries in your recycle bucket.

## Stormwater Management and Your Recycle Bucket

By now you have noticed the changes in our curbside collection of brush, logs and leaves. These changes are to comply with New Jersey's Stormwater Management Regulations which went into effect last year state wide. These regulations govern stormwater run off and are intended to ensure cleaner water for future generations. But did you know that the contents of your recycle bucket can also adversely affect stormwater run off? Food and beverage containers that have not been rinsed before being put out for recycling contaminates stormwater and contributes to the altering of the Ph of our streams, lakes and waterways. Please help keep our water clean by doing your part and rinsing all your recyclables before placing them in your yellow recycle bucket. This small act will also deter odors and help keep animals out of your bucket.

## Joseph Maher Ecological Facility

If you have yard debris that you need to dispose of after the scheduled pick-up it can be taken by either yourself or a registered landscaper to the Joseph Maher Joint Ecological Facility located at 3701 Princeton Pike, just past the intersection of Provinceline Road. The facility is open April - December from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Proof of residency (i.e. driver's license or tax bill) is required to access the facility.

Mulch is also available at the facility and is free to Township residents with proof of residency. If you would like your mulch loaded for you there is a fee of \$9.00 per cubic yard, however this service is not available on Saturdays.

# Princeton Township Volunteer Application For Appointment to Boards and Commissions

Mail or deliver to the Office of the Township Clerk  
400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540  
609-924-5704

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
1ST CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following and attach a resume if possible or additional background information.

Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Work/Professional Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Involvement In Professional And Community Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Service On Any Board, Commission (Dates and Positions): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Briefly Why You Are Seeking The Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate Any Potential Conflicts of Interest You May Have If Chosen For A Board Or Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This application will be kept on file for three years. Please see the below and reverse side for a brief description of the agencies.

## TOWNSHIP AGENCIES

### BOARD OF IMPROVEMENT ASSESSORS

The Board of Improvement Assessors meets as required to determine improvement benefits and assessments to properties whenever a local improvement is completed and is to be assessed and the final determination of the board is referred to Township Committee for final action at a regular public meeting.

### CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

The Construction Board of Appeals shall meet monthly in order to comply with the time limits for board action established by statute or by Chapter 23A of the Uniform Construction Code.

### FLOOD AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This task force is composed of a member of the Township Committee, the Environmental Commission, an employee of the Township Engineering staff, and four citizens. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of conducting investigations and studies concerning flooding problems in the Township and cooperating with other governmental or private agencies having an interest in flood control. This Committee meets as required and reports directly to Township Committee.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Princeton Township Historic Preservation Commission was created to oversee the preservation of structures and properties, which reflect the heritage of the community. The Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

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## **TOWNSHIP AGENCIES (cont.)**

### **HOUSING BOARD**

The Princeton Township Housing Board was created to assist the Township implement its affordable housing program. The Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

### **SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

The Shade Tree Commission plants and maintains trees along Township streets and public rights-of-way and in municipal open space. Its mission is to create and maintain optimum tree cover, species diversity, and planned environment over the 17 square-mile area of Princeton Township. It meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

### **SIDEWALK AND BIKEWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Sidewalk and Bikeway Advisory Committee seeks to make Princeton a more walkable and bicycle-friendly community through research, expert opinion and recommendations to the governing body. Five members are appointed with overlapping terms. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Township Municipal Building.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Traffic Safety Committee was created to review local traffic and road conditions, to recommend correction of hazardous traffic conditions, to coordinate traffic matters as they relate to engineering and planning, and to consider and recommend appropriate speed limits on municipal roadways. The Committee meets on an as needed basis.

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment hears appeals from rulings and determinations arising from the enforcement of Township zoning ordinances. The Board consists of seven regular members and two alternates. The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

## **JOINT TOWNSHIP- BOROUGH AGENCIES**

### **CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE**

This Committee explores the many issues related to cable performance in our community. The Committee meets the first Wednesday for each month at 7:30 p.m. in Princeton Borough Hall.

### **CORNER HOUSE BOARD**

This Board was formed and created by ordinance on July 17, 2006. The Board is charged with providing recommendations to Borough Council and Township Committee concerning the operations and administration of Corner House, the municipal treatment and prevention agency addressing substance abuse and education programs.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

This Committee was formed and created by ordinance on December 21, 1977. It is charged with the protection, development and use of natural resources in the Township and Borough. Regular public meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, with the exception of August, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

## **HEALTH COMMISSION**

The Commission was formed in 1976 by contract between the Borough and Township Boards of Health to furnish public health services to both municipalities through a single health department, which is located in Borough Hall. The Commission meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

The mission of the Princeton Human Services Commission is to advocate for the interests of Princeton seniors, youth, local assistance recipients, as well as the residents of the Borough and Township in the area of civil and human rights. It is composed of fourteen representatives citizens. It meets the third Wednesday of each month, except August at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Recreation Building.

## **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of the Joint Free Library of Princeton are charged with the administration, maintenance and operation of all public library services. Members serve a five-year term and meet the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Library at 65 Witherspoon Street.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Regional Planning Board of Princeton meets in public session on the first and third Thursday (with exceptions) of each month in the Township Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. The Planning Board's primary responsibilities include: review of land use applications in accordance with state and local regulations, development of the Princeton Community's Master Plan, and recommendation of revisions to the land use ordinances to the governing bodies. The Planning Board is a regional board with members appointed by the governing bodies of the Township and Borough.

## **RECREATION BOARD**

The Joint Recreation Board is responsible for the joint planning, development, and operation of several parks, recreational facilities, programs and activities. This Board also establishes and enforces rules and regulations governing the use of recreational programs and activities under its jurisdiction. The Board holds public meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Building Community Room.

## **SEWER OPERATING COMMITTEE**

This Committee is charged with the responsibility of the planning, development and operation of the sanitary sewer system, Convenience Center and landfill operation for the entire Princeton community. The PSOC meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in Princeton Borough Hall.

## **SITE PLAN REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD**

This advisory board reports directly to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton or the zoning board of the respective municipality. The committee reviews all development proposals, except those for single and two-family residences, prior to approval of any building permit. Township members serve four-year terms. It meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

## **STONY BROOK REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

The Authority was created to plan, develop and operate a regional sewerage system to serve the area. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the SBRSA Operations Building.

# REGULATIONS for Brush and Log Collection Program

Brush and Log collection this fall is scheduled to be completed the week of October 9th. Residents should have their brush and logs ON PAVED ROADWAY BUT NOT MORE THAN 3' INTO PAVED ROADWAY (measured from curb, if no curb exists measure from where the pavement begins) not more than 7 days prior to the following dates: (please have all material out for removal before 7:00am on the Monday morning of the scheduled week of collection).

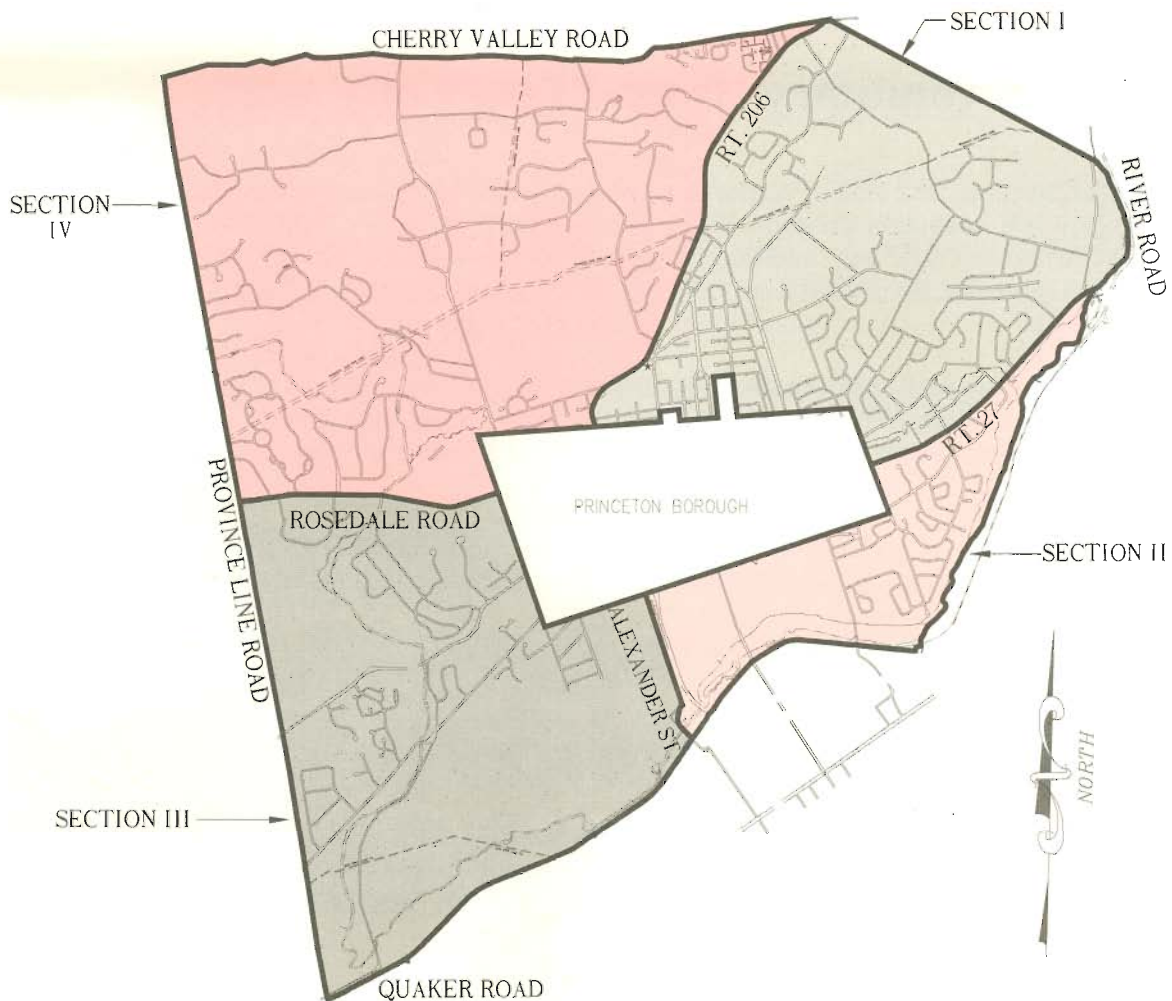
**Section I:** Week of September 18th  
**Section III:** Week of September 4th  
Week of October 2nd

**Section II:** Week of September 25th  
**Section IV:** Week of September 11th  
Week of October 9th

1. Branches and logs are to be placed in separate untied bundles or piles. A maximum total of three (3) piles of materials (branches and logs) may be put out for any scheduled collection.
2. Branches must be cut no longer than three (3) feet in length and be a maximum of four (4) inches in diameter.
3. Logs must be cut no longer than three (3) feet in length and be a maximum of six (6) inches in diameter.
4. Logs greater than 6" in diameter are the responsibility of the resident to remove.
5. Piles of branches and logs put out for collection shall be no longer than three (3) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and three (3) feet in height.

After all brush and log collection has been completed please **DO NOT** place material in the Township Right-of-Way until 7 days before the collection schedule begins again. The Township Right-of-Way is the paved area and the area 10' behind the edge of the road or curb line.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE NEW REGULATIONS, ALL LANDSCAPERS ARE NOW REQUIRED TO REGISTER TO WORK WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY. YOUR LANDSCAPER MAY CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT (609) 688-2566 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



# REGULATIONS

## Fall Loose Leaf Collection

Loose leaf collection this fall is scheduled to begin the week of October 23, 2006. Loose leaves are collected once per month per section during the months below. For scheduling purposes, the Township has been divided into 4 sections:

- Section I: Northeast:** Bounded by Route 206 to the west and the Borough line and Route 27 to the south.
- Section II: Southeast:** Bounded by Alexander Street to the west and the Borough line and Route 27 to the north.
- Section III: Southwest:** Bounded by Rosedale Road, the Borough line and Alexander Street to the east.
- Section IV: Northwest:** Bounded by Rosedale Road, the Borough line and Route 206.

Residents should have their loose (**un-bagged**) leaves on paved roadway ***not more than 7 days prior*** to the following dates: (please have all material out for removal prior to 7:00am on the Monday morning of the scheduled week of collection)

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| <b>Section I:</b> Week of November 13th  | <b>Section I:</b> Week of December 11th   |
| <b>Section II:</b> Week of October 23rd  | <b>Section II:</b> Week of November 20th  |
| <b>Section III:</b> Week of October 30th | <b>Section III:</b> Week of November 27th |
| <b>Section IV:</b> Week of November 6th  | <b>Section IV:</b> Week of December 4th   |

LOOSE LEAVES ARE TO BE PLACED IN PILES DIRECTLY ON THE PAVED ROADWAY NOT MORE THAN 3' WIDE EXTENDING FROM THE CURB, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CURB MEASURE FROM WHERE THE PAVEMENT BEGINS.

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# REGULATIONS

## Voluntary Bagged Leaf Collection

Due to its continued success, the Public Works Department is offering residents 20 free bio-degradable bags for the voluntary bagged leaf collection program. Bags can be picked up at the Public Works Department Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, additional bags can be purchased in lots of 10 for \$2.50. Bags can also be picked up on the following Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12 noon: September 23rd, September 30th, October 7th and October 14th.

Residents should place their bagged leaves on the grass area that is immediately adjacent to the edge of the paved roadway BUT NOT ON THE PAVED ROADWAY OR THE CURB ITSELF ***not more than 7 days prior*** to the following dates: (please have all material out for removal before 7:00am on the Monday morning of the scheduled week of collection)

- Section I:** Bags will be collected each Monday beginning: October 16th, October 23rd, October 30th, November 6th, November 13th, November 20th, November 27th, December 4th, December 11th, December 18th.
- Section II:** Bags will be collected each Tuesday beginning: October 17th, October 24th, October 31st, November 7th, November 14th, November 21st, November 28th, December 5th, December 12th, December 19th.
- Section III:** Bags will be collected each Wednesday beginning: October 18th, October 25th, November 1st, November 8th, November 15th, November 22nd, November 29th, December 6th, December 13th, December 20th.
- Section IV:** Bags will be collected each Thursday beginning: October 19th, October 26th, November 2nd, November 9th, November 16th, November 23rd, November 30th, December 7th, December 14th, December 21st.

## PRINCETON TOWNSHIP

Administrator's Office .....	924-5176	PADA .....	924-8059
Affordable Housing .....	688-2029	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
<b>AMBULANCE</b> .....	<b>9•1•1</b>	(non-emergency) .....	921-2100
Building Inspector .....	921-7078	<b>POLICE EMERGENCY</b> .....	<b>9•1•1</b>
Clerk's Office .....	924-5704	Princeton Public Library .....	924-9529
<b>CONFIDENTIAL TIP LINE</b> .....	<b>688-2049</b>	Public Works/Recycling .....	688-2566
Corner House .....	924-8018	Recreation Department.....	921-9480
Crosstown '62 .....	924-6162	Recycling, Mercer County.....	278-8086
Engineering Department .....	921-7077	Regional Planning Board .....	924-5366
Environmental Commission.....	921-1359	Rental Housing Inspection .....	924-4257
Finance/Purchasing Department .....	924-9183	Sewer Operating Committee .....	497-7639
Fire Official .....	921-8020	Sewer Emergencies-Weekends, etc. ...	924-4141
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b> .....	<b>9•1•1</b>	Sewerage Authority (Odor Problems)	924-8881
Health Department .....	497-7608	Shade Tree Commission .....	921-7077
Historic Preservation.....	921-1359	Small Animal Control Officer .....	924-2728
Human Services		Tax Assessor .....	924-1084
(Welfare, Civil Rights, etc.) .....	688-2055	Tax Department .....	924-1058
Mayors Office .....	924-5176	Violations Bureau .....	924-5042
Municipal Court .....	924-5042	Zoning Department .....	921-1359