

## Bernards Township 2012 Profile

Area: 24.5 sq. miles  
Population: 26,743 (2010 Census); 27,942 (Current Estimate)  
(2011) Municipal Budget \$33,237,114.01  
(2011) Library Budget \$2,339,788.00

(2011) Tax Levy: \$120,139,235.25  
(County \$19,177,518.00, School \$79,318,542.00  
County Open Space \$2,016,758.33, Municipal \$14,732,524.48,  
Library \$2,339,788.00, Municipal Open Space \$2,554,104.44)

(2011) Tax Rate/\$100: \$1.882  
(County \$.301, School \$1.243, County Open Space \$.032  
Municipal \$.23, Library \$.036, Municipal Open Space \$.040)

Police Force: 38

**Form of Government: Township Committee**



*Mary Pavlini  
Mayor*

*Term Expires 12/31/2014*



*Carolyn Gaziano  
Deputy Mayor*

*Term Expires 12/31/2012*



*John Carpenter  
Term Expires 12/31/2014*



*John Malay  
Term Expires 12/31/2012*



*Scott Spitzer  
Term Expires 12/31/2013*

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## Location of Services

Mailing Address: 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
Main Phone: 908-766-2510  
Emergency (Police, Fire, First Aid): 911  
Web: www.bernards.org

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
1 Collyer Lane  
Basking Ridge, NJ  
Phone: 908-766-2510

**ENGINEERING SERVICES BUILDING**  
277 S. Maple Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ  
Phone: 908-204-3018

Administration  
Computer Systems Administrator  
Finance  
Mayor & Township Committee Office  
Parks, Recreation, Pool, Golf  
Personnel  
Pool Commission  
Prosecutor  
Purchasing  
Senior Citizens Information  
Tax Assessor  
Tax Collector  
Township Clerk  
Train & Bus Decals  
Violations Bureau/Court Administrator  
Voter Registration

Building Inspector  
Bulky Waste Disposal  
Construction Permits  
Engineering  
Environmental Commission  
Bureau Fire Prevention  
Grounds  
Inspections  
Pill Hill Recycling Center  
Planner  
Planning Board  
Public Works  
Roads  
Sewerage Authority  
Smoke Detector Test Scheduling  
Zoning Board  
Zoning Officer

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
262 S. Finley Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
Phone: 908-204-3070

**POLICE BUILDING**  
1 Collyer Lane  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
Non-Emergency 908-766-1122

Animal Warden  
Board of Health  
Dog & Cat Licenses  
Environmental or Health Complaints  
Environmental or Health Inspections  
Local Assistance Board  
Marriage Licenses  
Registrar of Vital Statistics  
Septic  
Welfare  
Well Water

911 Information  
Accident Reports  
Detective Bureau  
Emergency Management  
Handicap Parking Placards  
Records  
Security Alarm Permits  
Traffic Control  
Weapon Permits

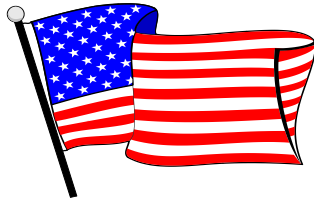
**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**  
32 S. Maple Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
Phone 908-204-3031

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
31 Stonehouse Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
Phone 908-766-9748

## Bernards Township Meeting Date Schedule

Agricultural Advisory	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Quarterly
Beautification Task Force	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, Monthly
Board of Adjustment:	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday after first Monday of Month; special meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday after the 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in January through June and September through November
Board of Health:	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday after first Monday of Month (no meetings in July, August, and November)
Cable TV Task Force	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday (no meetings in April, November and December)
Charter Day Committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month January, February, March, then bi-weekly April through Charter Day (Daytime meetings)
Deer Management	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Monthly
Environmental Commission:	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month
Fire Safety Forum	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in June, September and December
Golf Advisory Board	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in March, May, July, September & October (call to confirm dates)
Green Team	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Quarterly 6:30 PM
LEPC & Flood Mitigation	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in January, May and September (Daytime Meetings)
Library Board:	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month (no meetings in July and August)
Municipal Court:	Meets Tuesdays
Municipal Alliance/Youth Service	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Monthly except July & Aug. (6-7:30 PM)
Parks, Pathways & Recreation	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Monthly (except when a Holiday then on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)
Planning Board:	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays after first Monday, Monthly
Pool Commission:	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, Monthly
Sewerage Authority	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday (prior to TC Meetings) 6:30 PM
Shade Tree Commission:	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday after first Monday, Monthly
Township Committee	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> ^ 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays after 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Monthly





## **N. J. Representatives**

### **U.S. Senators**

Frank Lautenberg  
324 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-3002  
One Gateway Center, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102  
[www.lautenberg.senate.gov](http://www.lautenberg.senate.gov)

Robert Menendez  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-3002 or  
One Gateway Center, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102  
[www.menendez.senate.gov](http://www.menendez.senate.gov)

### **Congressman - District 11**

[www.frelinghuysen.house.gov](http://www.frelinghuysen.house.gov)

Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen  
2369 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

30 Schuyler Pl., Second Floor  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
(973) 984-0711

### **New Jersey 21st Legislative District**

[www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/roster.asp](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/roster.asp)

Senator Thomas H. Kean Jr.  
425 North Ave. East, Suite C  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
(908) 232-3673

Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick  
251 North Ave. West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
(908) 232-2073

Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz  
57 Union Pl., Suite 310  
Summit, NJ 07901  
(908) 918-0414

### **Somerset County Freeholders**

**20 Grove Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876**

[www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us)

Robert Zaborowski, Director  
Patricia Walsh, Deputy Director  
Mark Caliguire  
Peter Palmer  
Patrick Scaglione

## Community Services & Highlights

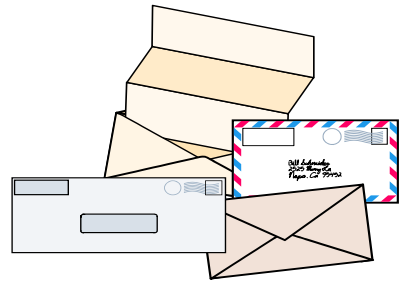
### Public Safety

Basking Ridge Fire Company and First Aid Squad	<a href="http://www.brfdc.com">www.brfdc.com</a> 908-766-9874	Washington Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bernards Township Bureau of Fire Prevention	<a href="http://www.bernards.org">www.bernards.org</a> 908-204-2511	277 S. Maple Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bernards Township Police	<a href="http://www.bernards.org">www.bernards.org</a> 908-766-1122	1 Collyer Lane Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Liberty Corner Fire Company	<a href="http://www.libertycornerfire.org">www.libertycornerfire.org</a> 908-647-3530	Church Street, POB 98 Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Liberty Corner First Aid	908-647-1145	Martinsville Rd., POB 57 Liberty Corner, NJ 07938



### Hospitals

Morristown Hospital	<a href="http://www.atlantichealth.org/morristown/">www.atlantichealth.org/morristown/</a> 973-971-5000	100 Madison Avenue Morristown, NJ 07960
Overlook Hospital	<a href="http://www.atlantichealth.org/overlook/">www.atlantichealth.org/overlook/</a> 908-522-2000	Beauvoir Avenue Summit, NJ
Somerset Medical Center	<a href="http://www.somersetmedicalcenter.com">www.somersetmedicalcenter.com</a> 908-685-2200	110 Rehill Avenue Somerville, NJ 08876
Veterans' Affairs Medical Center	<a href="http://www.newjersey.va.gov/">www.newjersey.va.gov/</a> 908-647-0180	Lyons, NJ 07939



**Post Offices:** [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

Basking Ridge Post Office	908-766-0611	21 Brownlee Place Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Liberty Corner Post Office	908-647-0841	8 Church Street Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

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**Utilities**

Cable	<a href="http://www.cablevision.com">www.cablevision.com</a> 732-356-1300 or 908-766-5008	Cablevision
Electric	<a href="http://www.firstenergycorp.com">www.firstenergycorp.com</a> 800-545-7741	JCP&L (First Energy)
Garbage	<a href="http://www.kohlerwasteservices.com">www.kohlerwasteservices.com</a> 908-903-9031	K.W.S. (Kohler Waste Services)
	<a href="http://www.midcowaste.com">www.midcowaste.com</a> 800-273-7539	Midco
	<a href="http://www.manta.com">www.manta.com</a> 908-561-8231	Pinto Bros.
	<a href="http://www.raritandisposal.com">www.raritandisposal.com</a> 1-800-342-5783	Raritan Valley Disposal
Gas	<a href="http://www.pseg.com">www.pseg.com</a> 1-800-436-7734	Public Service Electric/Gas Co.
Recycling	<a href="http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle">www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle</a> 732-469-3363	Somerset County Recycling Program
Sewer	<a href="http://www.bernards.org">www.bernards.org</a> 908-204-3020 908-647-2460 (Plant) 908-204-3078 (Payment)	Bernards Twp. Sewerage Authority
Telephone	<a href="http://www.verizon.net">www.verizon.net</a> 1-800-837-4966	Verizon
Water	<a href="http://www.amwater.com">www.amwater.com</a> 1-800-652-6987	New Jersey-American Water Company



## Public Schools

Board of Education	<a href="http://www.bernardsboe.com">www.bernardsboe.com</a> 908-204-2600	101 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Cedar Hill Grades K-5	<a href="http://www.bernardsboe.com/CedarHillElementarySchool">www.bernardsboe.com/CedarHillElementarySchool</a> 908-204-2639	100 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Liberty Corner Grades K-5	<a href="http://www.bernardsboe.com/LibertyCornerElementarySchool">www.bernardsboe.com/LibertyCornerElementarySchool</a> 908-204-2550	61 Church Street Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Mount Prospect Elementary Grades K-5	<a href="http://www.bernardsboe.com/MountProspectElementarySchool">www.bernardsboe.com/MountProspectElementarySchool</a> 908-470-1600	111 Hansom Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Oak Street Grades K-5	<a href="http://www.bernardsboe.com/OakStreetElementarySchool">www.bernardsboe.com/OakStreetElementarySchool</a> 908-204-2565	70 W. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Ridge High School Grades 9-12	<a href="http://www.bernardsboe.com/RidgeHighSchool">www.bernardsboe.com/RidgeHighSchool</a> 908-204-2585	268 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
William Annin Grades 6-8	<a href="http://www.bernardsboe.com/WilliamAnninMiddleSchool">www.bernardsboe.com/WilliamAnninMiddleSchool</a> 908-204-2610	70 Quincy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools	<a href="http://www.scvths.org">www.scvths.org</a> 908-526-8900	14 Vogt Dr., P.O.B. 6350 Bridgewater, NJ 08807
<b>Private Schools</b>		
Bonnie Brae Residential Treatment Center for Adolescent Boys	<a href="http://www.bonnie-brae.org">www.bonnie-brae.org</a> 908-647-0800	Valley Road , POB 369 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Lord Stirling Special Education	<a href="http://www.lordstirling.org">www.lordstirling.org</a> 908-766-1786	Lord Stirling Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Pingry School Grades 7-12	<a href="http://www.pingry.org">www.pingry.org</a> 908-647-5555	Martinsville Road, POB 366 Martinsville, NJ 08836
St. James Parochial School Grades K-8	<a href="http://www.sjsbr.org">www.sjsbr.org</a> 908-766-4774	200 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

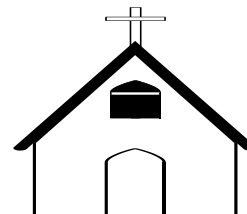
## Pre-Schools

Albrook Montessori School	<a href="http://www.albrookschool.org">www.albrookschool.org</a> 908-580-0661	361-A Somerville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Chabad Jewish Center Preschool	<a href="http://www.chabadcentral.org">www.chabadcentral.org</a> 908-604-8844	3048 Valley Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Children's Corner	<a href="http://www.lcpc.org">www.lcpc.org</a> 908-647-8401	45 Church Street Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Environmental Montessori	<a href="http://home.gowebway.com/~peterj">home.gowebway.com/~peterj</a> 908-647-2853	190 Lord Stirling Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Gentle Shephard Christian Pre-School	<a href="http://www.shlc.net/gentle-shepherd-christian-preschool">www.shlc.net/gentle-shepherd-christian-preschool</a> 908-766-1430	350 Lake Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Ivy Leaf Academy	<a href="http://www.ivyleafacademy.com">www.ivyleafacademy.com</a> 470-2220	Highlands Village Center 574 Allen Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Little Footprints Learning Center	<a href="http://www.littlefootprintsnj.com">www.littlefootprintsnj.com</a> 908-647-0011	520 King George Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset Hills Montessori	<a href="http://www.somersethillsmontessori.org">www.somersethillsmontessori.org</a> 908-221-0797	173 Madisonville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
The Tree House Child Caring Center	<a href="http://www.thetreehouseinc.org">www.thetreehouseinc.org</a> 908-221-1619	1 E. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

*For information on Child Care in Somerset County call Somerset County Child Care Alliance 908-725-6640*

## Colleges

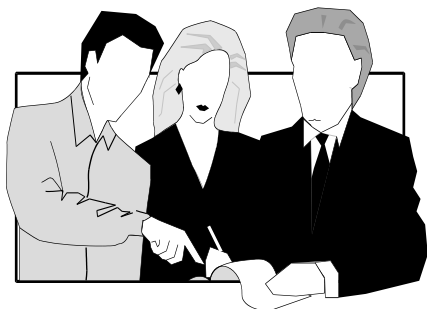
Philadelphia College of Bible	<a href="http://new-jersey.educationbug.org/colleges/5750-philadelphia-biblical-university-new-jersey.html">http://new-jersey.educationbug.org/colleges/5750-philadelphia-biblical-university-new-jersey.html</a> 908-604-2707	3575 Valley Road Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Raritan Valley Community College	<a href="http://www.raritanval.edu">www.raritanval.edu</a> 908-526-1200	Rte. 28 & Lamington Rd. North Branch, NJ 08876



## Churches

Millington Baptist Church	<a href="http://www.millingtonbaptist.org">www.millingtonbaptist.org</a> 908-647-0594	520 King George Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bishop Janes United Methodist	<a href="http://www.millingtonbaptist.org">www.millingtonbaptist.org</a> 908-766-1108	22 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Chabad Jewish Center	<a href="http://www.chabadcentral.org">www.chabadcentral.org</a> 908-604-8844	3048 Valley Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Congregation B'nai Israel	<a href="http://www.cbibr.org">www.cbibr.org</a> 908-204-1412	40 Whitenack Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Covenant Chapel (Reformed Episcopal)	<a href="http://www.covenantchapel.org">www.covenantchapel.org</a> 908-766-6174	127 W. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Evangelical Fellowship Chapel	<a href="http://www.efclc.org/">www.efclc.org/</a> 908-647-1979	3575 Valley Road Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Presbyterian Church of Liberty Corner	<a href="http://www.lcpc.org">www.lcpc.org</a> 908-647-0340	45 Church Street, P.O. Box 55 Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Somerset Hills Baptist Church	<a href="http://www.somerset hills baptist.org">www.somerset hills baptist.org</a> 908-647-7090	510 Mount Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset Hills Lutheran Church	<a href="http://www.shlc.net">www.shlc.net</a> 908-766-2858	350 Lake Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
St. James Catholic Church	<a href="http://www.saintjamesbr.org">www.saintjamesbr.org</a> 908-766-0888	184 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
St. Mark's Episcopal Church	<a href="http://www.stmarksbr.org">www.stmarksbr.org</a> 908-766-0510	140 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge	<a href="http://www.brpc.org">www.brpc.org</a> 908-766-1616	1 E. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



## Organizations

American Association of University Women	<a href="http://www.aauwnj.org">www.aauwnj.org</a> 908-696-0375	POB 5 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
American Legion Post 216	<a href="http://www.americanlegionpost216.com">www.americanlegionpost216.com</a>	151 Route 206 S. Gladstone, NJ 07934
Basking Ridge Garden Club	<a href="http://www.brgcnj.com">www.brgcnj.com</a> 908-340-4099 Agnes Bailey <a href="mailto:sunnyb21@optonline.net">sunnyb21@optonline.net</a>	21 Allen Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bernards Municipal Alliance	<a href="http://www.bernardsalliance.org">www.bernardsalliance.org</a> 908-204-2523	262 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bonafides of Somerset Hills	<a href="http://www.thebonafides.org">www.thebonafides.org</a> 908-647-3741 Mary Lynne Norris	POB 91 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Chamber of Commerce (Bernards Township)	908-766-6755	P.O. Box 11 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Chamber of Commerce (County)	<a href="http://www.scbp.org">www.scbp.org</a> 908-725-1522	www.somercountychamber. org
Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills	<a href="http://www.girlscouts-rh.org">www.girlscouts-rh.org</a> 908-725-1226	Attn: Membership 1171 Rte. 28 North Branch, NJ 08876
Judith G. Wharton Music Center	<a href="http://www.whartonmusiccenter.org">www.whartonmusiccenter.org</a> 908-790-0700	Andrew Nitkin Registrar 60 Locust Ave. Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922
Junior Woman's Club of Somerset Hills	<a href="http://gfwc.homestead.com">http://gfwc.homestead.com</a>	Junior Women's Club POB 52 Bernardsville, NJ 07924
Kiwanis Club of Somerset Hills	908-735-2683 John Greene	POB 246 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Knights of Columbus	<a href="http://www.kofc.org">www.kofc.org</a> 908-766-6163	14 Brook Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
League of Women Voters of Somerset Hills	<a href="http://www.lwvnj.org">www.lwvnj.org</a> 908-766-0747	181 Mountain Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Lions Club of Bernards		POB 352 Bernardsville, NJ 02924
New Neighbors	908-647-3610 Linda Arnold	POB 281 Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Newcomers & Neighbors of Somerset Hills	<a href="mailto:nshinterestgroups@gmail.com">nshinterestgroups@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://somersethillsnewcomersclub.com">http://somersethillsnewcomersclub.com</a>	POB 161 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Senior Wellness Center	<a href="http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/senior.html">www.co.somerset.nj.us/senior.html</a> 908-204-3435	202 Mt. Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset County 4-H	<a href="http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu/4h/">http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu/4h/</a> 908-526-6644	310 Milltown Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3587
Somerset Hills Elks Lodge 1983	<a href="http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodgenumber=1983">www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodgenumber=1983</a> 908-234-1828	145 Rte. 206 S. Gladstone, NJ 07934
Somerset Hills YMCA	<a href="http://www.somersethillsymca.org">www.somersethillsymca.org</a> 908-766-7898	140 Mount Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset/Hunterdon Chapter of Make-a-Wish Foundation	<a href="http://www.wish.org">www.wish.org</a> 800-252-9474	

The Historical Society  
of Somerset Hills

[www.historicalsocietyofsomerset  
hills.org](http://www.historicalsocietyofsomerset<br/>hills.org)  
908-221-1770

POB 136  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Trilogy Repertory

[www.trilogyrepertory.com](http://www.trilogyrepertory.com)

POB 199  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

U.S. Golf Association

[www.usgamuseum.com](http://www.usgamuseum.com)  
908-234-2300

77 Liberty Corner Road  
Far Hills, NJ 07931

Upper Raritan Watershed  
Association

[www.urwa.org](http://www.urwa.org)  
908-234-1852

Box 273, 2121 Larger Cross Rd.  
Gladstone, NJ 07934

Visiting Nurse Association  
of Somerset Hills  
Somerset Hills Hospice

[www.visitingnurse.org](http://www.visitingnurse.org)  
908-766-0180  
mail@visitingnurse.org

200 Mt. Airy Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



## Specialized Housing

Bernards Township  
Affordable Housing  
(Jersey Central Housing  
Resource Center)

908-704-9659  
[cjhrc@verizon.net](mailto:cjhrc@verizon.net)  
[www.cjhrc.org](http://www.cjhrc.org)

600 First Avenue, Suite 3  
Raritan, NJ 08869

Bethel Ridge Group Home

[www.bethelridgenj.org](http://www.bethelridgenj.org)  
908-221-0852 or  
908-221-0801 (Corp.)

175 South Maple Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Fellowship Village Continuing  
Care Retirement Community

[www.fellowshipvillage.org](http://www.fellowshipvillage.org)  
908-647-7600 or  
1-800-458-6715

8000 Fellowship Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Ridge Oak Senior Housing

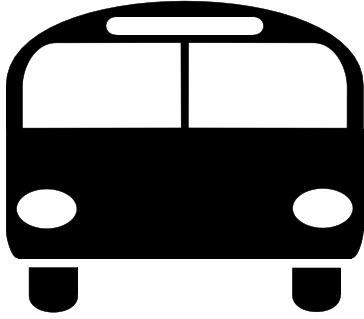
[www.ridgeoak.org](http://www.ridgeoak.org)  
908-221-0266

150 Manchester Drive  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Matheny Community Residence

[www.matheny.org](http://www.matheny.org)  
908-204-0950

33 N. Maple Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



### Transportation

Lakeland Bus Line

[www.lakelandbus.com](http://www.lakelandbus.com)  
973-366-0600

425 E. Blackwell Street  
Dover, NJ 07801

New Jersey Division  
of Motor Vehicles

[www.nj.gov/mvc](http://www.nj.gov/mvc)  
1-888-486-3339

General Information  
(Administrative Offices)

New Jersey Division  
of Motor Vehicle Services  
(Local Office – Somerville)

1-800-333-3879

10 Roosevelt Place  
Somerville, NJ 08876  
(Off Rt. 28)

New Jersey Division  
of Motor Vehicles  
(Inspection Station)

[www.nj.gov/mvc](http://www.nj.gov/mvc)  
1-888-486-3339

Flemington VIS  
181 Rtes 31 & 202  
Plainfield VIS  
1600 S. Second St.  
Randolph VIS  
160 Canfield Dr. (off Rte 10)

New Jersey Transit Train

[www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com)  
973-275-5555

Newark Airport

973-961-6000

Newark, NJ

Taxi / Limo Services

[www.metro1limo.com](http://www.metro1limo.com)  
973-220-2000

Metro 1  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



### Recreation Programs

Babe Ruth Baseball

[www.baberuthleague.org](http://www.baberuthleague.org)  
908-604-2220

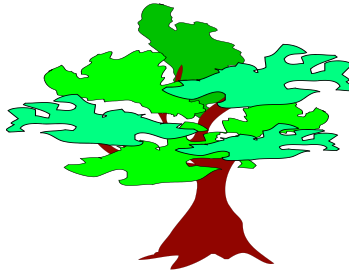
For boys and girls ages 13-15  
Registration in February

Basking Ridge  
Little League

[www.brll.org](http://www.brll.org)

Youth baseball for boys & girls  
6-12 - Registration in  
November

Bernards Township Recreation 1 Collyer Lane Basking Ridge, NJ 07920	<a href="http://www.bernards.org">www.bernards.org</a> 908-204-3003	A variety of programs and activities for all ages including basketball, girls softball, ant hockey, drama classes, tennis, summer camp, fitness, computer programs, karate, music, volleyball, golf, trips, senior citizen and therapeutic recreation services, and much more. Call for more details.
Fishing & Hunting Licenses	732-356-0604  908-359-1000 908-561-4400  908-575-8997 908-756-1925 <a href="http://www.Njfishandwildlife.com">www.Njfishandwildlife.com</a>	Efinger Sporting Goods Bound Brook Kmart, Hillsborough Ray's Sport Shop N. Plainfield Wal-Mart, Manville Wal-Mart, Watchung
Jr. Red Devils Football Club	<a href="http://www.jrreddevilsflagfootball.com">www.jrreddevilsflagfootball.com</a>	Girls & Boys, Ages 3-8 7 on 7 Non-contact Practice begins September
Mavericks Soccer Club	<a href="http://www.ridgemavericks.com">www.ridgemavericks.com</a>	Youth – Registration in spring
Wrestling	<a href="http://www.ridgeyouthwrestling.com">www.ridgeyouthwrestling.com</a>	Instructional club for grades K-8. Registration in October
Ridge Ice Hockey Association Jr. Devils	<a href="http://www.ridgehockey.net">www.ridgehockey.net</a>	Grades 6-8
Ridge Youth Sports, Inc. Football /Cheerleading Boys Lacrosse	<a href="http://www.ridgeyouthsports.com">www.ridgeyouthsports.com</a>	Grades K-8 Grades 2-8
Somerset Hills Bulldogs Football & Cheerleading	<a href="http://www.somerset hillsbulldogs.com">www.somerset hillsbulldogs.com</a>	Youth football boys and girls ages 5-14 & Cheerleading – Registration in spring
Somerset Hills Lacrosse Club	<a href="http://www.somerset hills lacrosse.com">www.somerset hills lacrosse.com</a>	Grades 4-8 – Registration in November
Somerset Hills Soccer Club	<a href="http://www.shsc.net">www.shsc.net</a>	Youth soccer for boys and girls Intramural: grades K-8 Travel:U8-U14
Somerset Hills YMCA 140 Mount Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920	908-766-7898 <a href="http://www.somerset hills ymca.org">www.somerset hills ymca.org</a>	Extensive leisure programs. Competitive programs in swimming, gymnastics. Call for more information



## Parks and Recreation Facilities

*For a Complete Listing of Township Parks and Recreation Facilities visit  
[www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org)*

<p>Allen Street Gazebo          Intersection of Allen Street &amp;          North Finley Avenue</p>		<p>Place to relax and enjoy a          brown bag lunch</p>
<p>Astor Fields          1 Collyer Lane (behind          municipal building)</p>	<p>908-204-3003</p>	<p>3 multipurpose fields</p>
<p>Basking Ridge Country Club          185 Madisonville Road</p>	<p>908-766-9200</p>	<p>Private 18 hole golf course and          swimming pool – Members only</p>
<p>Ridge Baseball Complex          Valley Road</p>		<p>4 Little League baseball fields          &amp; area is flooded for ice skating          in winter</p>
<p>Bernards Township          Community Center          289 South Maple Avenue</p>	<p>908-204-3003</p>	<p>Activity room holds up to 35          people. Recreation room holds          up to 50 people.</p>
<p>Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf          Course (V.A.)          Valley Road</p>	<p>908-204-3003</p>	<p>9-Hole Course – Memberships          available.</p>
<p>Dead River Trail          West of Acken Road, north of          power lines</p>		<p>Wooded area with a rustic trail          for walking use only</p>
<p>Dunham Park          Somerville &amp; Liberty Corner          Roads          Liberty Corner</p>	<p>908-204-3003</p>	<p>Picnic shelter, indoor pavilion,          roller hockey rink,          softball/baseball field, sand          volleyball court, disc golf          course, bocce court, barrier-free          playground, bike/jogging path,          nature trail, multipurpose field</p>
<p>English Family Woods          Allen Road</p>		<p>Passive recreation</p>
<p>Farmstead Park          King George Road</p>		<p>Multipurpose field</p>

Liberty Corner Tennis Courts Church St. & Mine Brook Rd.	908-204-3003	2 Tennis courts
Lord Stirling Park Riding Stables 256 S. Maple Avenue	908-766-5955	Full program of public riding instruction in English horsemanship for youth and adults. Seasonally the stables offer reserved hay rides, sleigh rides
Manchester Drive Athletic Field, Manchester Dr.	908-204-3003	Multipurpose field
McCollum Farm		Passive recreation
Mountain Park Mountain & Martinsville Roads	908-204-3003	4 Multipurpose fields (2 lighted) 1.25 mile paved bike/jogging path; 4 LL/softball fields (2 lighted)
Oak Street Tennis Courts West Oak Street	908-204-3003	2 Tennis Courts
Pleasant Valley Park Valley Road	908-204-3003	Multipurpose fields, softball & baseball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelter, warming hut, stocked pond (no fishing permit required), pond shelter, walking trail, amphitheater, platform tennis courts, basketball court, sand volleyball court, barrier-free playground, fitness cluster
Pleasant Valley Pool Valley Road	908-204-3003	50 Meter "Z" shaped pool w/diving tank, training pool with slide, wading pool, water & play area, concession stand
Rebel Hill Park Fairview Drive S.	908-204-3003	Neighborhood park with soccer/softball field, tennis courts, barrier free playground, picnic tables
Schmidt Park Pond Hill Road	908-204-3003	Passive recreation – hiking trails, fishing with permit
Somerset County Environmental Education Ctr 190 Lord Stirling Road	908-766-2489	Nature walks, environmental programs and exhibits, classes
Sons of Liberty Farm Allen Road		Passive recreation, hiking trails, fishing (no permit required)

Southard Park  
North Maple Avenue

908-204-3003

Picnic shelter, soccer/softball field, basketball court, stocked pond for fishing (no permit required), sand volleyball court, barrier-free playground and bocce court, ice skating in winter, shuffle board court

War Memorial Field  
South Maple Avenue

Paws Park Dog Run (dogs must be licensed), multipurpose field, baseball & softball fields

Washington Ave. Athletic Field  
Washington Avenue

Soccer/Softball field

Whitenack Woods

Passive recreation



## Libraries

Bernards Township Library

[www.bernardslibrary.org](http://www.bernardslibrary.org)  
908-204-3031

32 S. Maple Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Somerset County Library

[www.somerset.lib.nj.us](http://www.somerset.lib.nj.us)  
908-526-4016

N. Bridge St. & Vogt Dr.  
Bridgewater, NJ 07920

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## Historic Sites Listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places

Alward Farm House  
(Chimney Ash Farm)  
1 Chimney Ash Farm Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Colonial era farmhouse represents the simple and primitive lifestyle of early settlers. Built c.1740, it is one of the first structures in Bernards Township. Entered in State and National Registers, 1986.

Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church  
1 E. Oak Street  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

[www.brpc.org](http://www.brpc.org)  
908-766-1616

Greek Revival style church built in 1839. A stately white oak tree over 600 years old stands in the churchyard where 35 Revolutionary War veterans are buried. Sanctuary, church yard and tree on State and National Registers, 1974.

Coffee House  
(Turner Homestead)  
214 N. Maple Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Built in 1804, the house is an example of a New Jersey frame farmhouse which later served as a crossroads tavern, meeting place and stage coach route. Entered in State and National Registers, 1977.

Kennedy-Martin-Stelle  
Farmstead  
King George Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Built between 1750 and 1840, the Farmstead and three historic agricultural structures are part of Old Farmstead Park, a 36.5 acre property along the Passaic River. The Farmstead's buildings are early examples of English and modified Dutch framing. The Farmstead is site of a classical school founded by the Rev. Samuel Kennedy; later relocated several times and finally housed in the Brick Academy. The 1740 home was also residence of founding father of State of NJ, Col. Ephraim Martin. Later home of prominent Stelle landowners. Property in agricultural use for more than 250 years. Other buildings include large English barn and wagon barn. State Register 2002; National Register 2003.

Lord Stirling Manor Site  
96 Lord Stirling Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

908-766-2489

Two brick buildings are all that remain of the Lord Stirling/William Alexander estate. Research has established these were auxiliary buildings related to farm life (granary, farm office, perhaps used by domestic servants). Archeological digs are ongoing on site which is owned by the Somerset County Park Commission. Entered on State Register, 1976; National Register, 1977.

The Brick Academy  
15 W. Oak Street  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Originally built to house the Basking Ridge Classical School in 1809. This is the oldest existing Federal style building in Bernards Township; it was Public School District #12 from 1852-1903; it then was a union hall and served as the

municipal building 1924-1975. It is the present home of The Historical Society of Somerset Hills.

## Historic Districts

Franklin Corners  
Childs Road & Route 202  
Basking Ridge, NJ

Consists of 50 acres including 13 structures, and its focal point, the Van Dorn Mill, c.1843, one of the finest examples of stonework in N.J. First residents were farmers and millers, settled in mid-1700s. Present mill replaced original one of 1768 which supplied Washington's troops with grain. Operational until World War II. Entered in State Register, 12/12/74. Entered in State Register, 1974. Entered in National Register, 1975.

Liberty Corner

Entered in State Register  
August 16, 1991  
Entered in National Register  
October 11, 1991

Consists of 142 acres—84 contributing, 7 non-contributing buildings, 1 stone bridge and liberty pole site, centerpiece is Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, built 1868-69, an Italianate structure. Entered in State and National Registers, 1991.



## A Brief History of Bernards Township

Bernards Township is where the following events occurred:

- The Rev. George Whitefield, English evangelist, preached to 3,000 people under the white oak tree of the Presbyterian Church, during the Great Awakening of 1740.
- Lord Stirling (William Alexander) built his palatial estate, Stirling Manor, here. Local people called it The Buildings, because of its size; the road was called Building Lane.
- Washington and Lafayette picnicked and colonial troops rested under the old oak tree in Basking Ridge Presbyterian Churchyard.
- Young men attended a small private academy, entered the College of New Jersey and became prominent in State and National history.
- Uniforms were sewn for the Northern soldiers during the Civil War and four years after the war, the Chief Surgeon of the Union Army built a home two blocks away. Also, axles for the mess wagons onto the battlefields were made in a hub and spoke factory here.
- Liberty Corner was a popular summer resort, with vacationers staying at local homesteads and dairy farms. A carriage would meet guests at the Lyons depot.
- Governor Woodrow Wilson made a speech on the village green in Basking Ridge prior to World War II.
- Colonel John Jacob Astor IV donated stones to build the Methodist Church, 14 years before he perished in the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.
- Samuel Owen of Newark, a pharmaceutical magnate, built his English Tudor mansion in 1912, now Town Hall.

The Lenni-Lenape Indians, a branch of the Delaware (part of the Algonquin Nation) were the first known inhabitants of the Bernards Township area. Scattered throughout are traces of these people: arrowheads, tomahawks, hearthstones, hammerheads and camp rubble, which indicate long occupation. One of the most widely used Indian areas was near Madisonville Road--a major campsite was the present AT&T location on North Maple Avenue. A burial ground is known to have existed on the east side of Childs Road on the hillside across from the Indian Graves Brook.

The area was purchased by John Harrison, agent of King James II of England in 1717, from Chief Nowenoik of the Lenapes, a real estate package of 3,000 acres for \$50. The remainder of the Township's land was bought later that year by William Penn. Early settlers were Scotch, Irish and English. Harrison's Purchase or Harrison's Neck was the property's designation. In 1733 the name Basking Ridge first appeared in ecclesiastic records of the Presbyterian Church and is recorded as being derived from the fact that "the wild animals of the adjacent lowlands were accustomed to bask in the warm sun of this beautiful ridge." Baskeridge and Baskenridge were commonly used.

By 1740 a list of settlers included names as Alward, Annin, Conkling, Cross, Dayton, and Lewis. At the time of the American Revolution, as many as 100 men from Bernards answered the call to arms. Revolutionary troops came from Bound Brook through Annin's Corner and Basking Ridge en route to Morristown. During this time, a liberty pole was placed on the village green, with Annin's Corner renamed Liberty Corner. Basking Ridge was thought to be a secure place from the British Army as it was only seven miles away from the center of Washington's army at Jockey Hollow. General Charles Lee, second in command, was captured by British forces at the Widow White's Tavern in December, 1776. (This is at the corner of Colonial Drive and South Finley Avenue.) A local street, Old Army Road, was so named because it was the path trod through the country from Jockey Hollow to the Vealtown Tavern in Bernardsville by American troops.

In 1750 a classical school, designed to prepare young men for college, was established in Basking Ridge by Dr. Samuel Kennedy, fourth pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and later run by his successor, Dr. Robert Finley. The school, known as the Basking Ridge Classical School for almost 50 years, was conducted in the ministers' homes. Through contributions and partly at Dr. Finley's expense, the Brick Academy was built in 1809. Pupils came from many other states, as well as New Jersey; residents provided lodgings. The Academy was know as having contributed more men "to the bench, the bar and the pulpit". Students entered their junior year at the College of New Jersey (Princeton University). Among the Academy students were Samuel Southard, governor of New Jersey, U.S. Senate president and acting vice-president under President Tyler; William Lewis Dayton, vice-presidential candidate with John C. Fremont in 1856, and President Lincoln's Minister to France during the Civil War; Robert Field Stockton, hero of the Mexican War; Theodore Frelinghuysen, U.S. Senator, vice-presidential candidate with Henry Clay in 1844 and president of Rutgers College.

There are twelve Houses of Worship of nine denominations. The Township has two historic districts: Franklin Corners and Liberty Corner. There are eight listings on the State and National Registers: The Brick Academy, Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, Van Dorn Mill, Coffee House Corners (Turner Homestead), Chimney Ash Farm (Alward Homestead), Lord Stirling Estate out-buildings, and the two historic districts.

Two transportation-related events changed Bernards Township. In 1872 the railroad completed, opening the area to those who wished to live in the country and work in the metropolitan environment. Almost 100 years later, construction of Route 287 and later Route 78, two Interstate Highways, made commuting much easier for those seeking to live in residential climate.

Liberty Corner, settled since 1722, still maintains its gentle rural atmosphere. However, large housing developments are under construction in that village. In the later part of the 19th Century it was famous for its summer resorts.

## **Bernards Township Town Hall**

### **Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, New Jersey**

High on the ridge encircled on three sides by public roads stands an English Tudor style mansion. Built in 1912, this Basking Ridge landmark was the home of four wealthy families--Owen, Lee, Bissell and Astor, before it was purchased by Bernards Township in 1968. Commonly called the Astor Mansion after its last owner, this is the Bernards Township seat of government. The original choice 100



acres have a commanding view of Collyer Lane, South Finley Avenue and South Maple Avenue. The entire tract extended to the northern boundary of Homestead Village and included what is now War Memorial Field, plus the properties of Cedar Hill School and Ridge High School.

This residence, built of brick laid in Flemish bond, was the dream of Samuel Owen of Newark, a pharmaceutical manufacturer and gentleman farmer. The manor house contained 20 rooms, had an attached servants' quarters for the head outside man, an unfinished third floor storage and servants' quarters, an attached three stall garage and a small building for garden equipment. There also were two auxiliary structures on the grounds--a gate or carriage house on South Finley Avenue and the estate manager's cottage on South Maple Avenue.

The Owens named their new home, "Cedar Hill" and spent six months there and the remainder in Newark. Alice Burford Owen was related to Sir James Horlick, president of Horlick Malted Milk Products. To reflect his wife's British ancestry, Mr. Owen attempted to reproduce an English country home with beautiful brick-walled formal gardens, a rambler rose-covered arbor and a rose garden. A handsome native stone wall surrounded the entire acreage.

Features of the house include a red tiled roof, French and pocket doors, mahogany and birdseye maple paneling, etched crystal and brass wall sconces, unique moldings, green and rare red marble fireplaces with large marble hearths. The Owen family crest appears on the fireplace wall in the crystal chandeliered dining room. Townspeople were invited to picnic in Owen's woods; 35 acres were planted with 5,000 peach and 1,500 apple trees. Cedar Hill Farm provided summer jobs for local students and at harvest time, for residents.

Trustees of the Owen estate sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. George Ludlow Lee Sr. in 1940. Mr. Lee was owner/treasurer of the Red Devil Tool Company of Irvington, 1937-1950; he later became chairman of the board, renamed Red Devil, Inc., now at Union, N.J. Mr. Lee served on the Bernards Township Planning Board and was its vice-chairman in 1944. He and his wife, Dulcinea Harrison Smith Lee,

continued operation of the flourishing fruit farm, where local markets and roadside stands were supplied with the produce.

In 1946, 28 acres were divided into two tracts: 11.3 acres Lee retained in its natural state; 17 acres including the house were sold to Eugene V.N. Bissell and Zita Gatlin Bissell. John Jacob Astor VI bought the smaller tract of 11.3 acres from Lee in 1947. In the mid-50s, Lee donated 60 acres of land to Bernards Township Board of Education to build Cedar Hill School and Ridge High School with their associated athletic fields. An additional 12 acres were sold to the Neill Card Post #114, American Legion, War Memorial Foundation, for its field on South Maple Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Bissell renamed the estate “Maple Way” and lived there from 1946-1950. Mr. Bissell was executive vice-president of the Continental Grain Company in New York City. They sold the property to John Jacob Astor VI in 1950. Mr. Astor acquired an additional 17 acres from the Bissells, adding to his original 11.3 from the Lees. He lived in the mansion infrequently, but employed a staff to run it. Vacated in 1960, it remained unoccupied for eight years before Bernards Township purchased the hilltop house and 28 acres for \$140,000 in 1968. (Mr. Astor was the son born posthumously to Colonel John Jacob Astor IV, who perished in the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.)

An addition to the mansion (a new police wing in 1974) and further remodeling paved the way for the relocation of Bernards Township’s government, which had been housed in an 1809 Federal style school house on West Oak Street. In 1975 for the first time Township offices were in a centralized location.

This picturesque real estate is almost entirely surrounded by public and semi-public lands. To the rear is the Board of Education property; across Collyer Lane is the St. James Church and School; and on the opposite side of South Maple Avenue is Lord Stirling Park, which includes the Somerset County Environmental Education Center and Riding Stables, covering almost 1,000 acres.

The Bernards Township Committee invites you to tour the house and the grounds.