

Bernards Township 2014 Profile

Area: 24.5 sq. miles
Population: 26,743 (2010 Census); 28,515 (Current Estimate)

2014 Municipal Budget \$33,818,594.65

2014 Library Budget \$2,246,423.00

2014 Tax Levy: \$127,559,964.63
County \$21,175,339.58, School \$83,442,340.00
County Open Space \$2,009,937.63, Municipal \$16,047,078.47
Library \$2,246,423.00, Municipal Open Space \$2,638,845.95

2014 Tax Rate/\$100: \$1.934
County \$.321, School \$1.265, County Open Space \$.031
Municipal \$.243, Library \$.034, Municipal Open Space \$.040)

Police Force: 38

Form of Government: Township Committee



John Carpenter
Mayor

Term Expires 12/31/2014



John Malay
Deputy Mayor

Term Expires 12/31/2015



Carol Bianchi
Term Expires 12/31/2016



Carolyn Gaziano
Term Expires 12/31/2015



Thomas Russo Jr.
Term Expires 12/31/2014

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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**

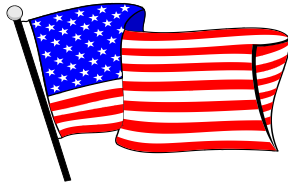
COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Bernards Township Meeting Date Schedule

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





N. J. Representatives

U.S. Senators

Cory Booker

www.booker.senate.gov

Washington D.C.

141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202) 224-3224

Newark, New Jersey

Gateway One
11-43 Raymond Plaza West
Suite 2300
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 639-8700

Camden

One Port Center
2 Riverside Drive
Suite 505
Camden, NJ 08101

Robert Menendez

www.menendez.senate.gov

Washington D.C.

528 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: (202) 224-4744

Newark, New Jersey

Gateway One
11-43 Raymond Plaza West
Suite 1100
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 645-3030
(973) 645-0502 (fax)

Barrington, New Jersey

208 White Horse Pike, Suite 18
Barrington New Jersey, 08007
(856) 757-5353
(856) 546-1526 (fax)

Congressman - District 7

Congressman Leonard Lance

<http://lance.house.gov/>

Washington DC Office

133 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 225-5361
Fax: (202) 225-9460

Westfield District Office

425 North Avenue East
Westfield, NJ 07090
Phone: (908) 518-7733
Fax: (908) 518-7751

New Jersey 21st Legislative District

[Senator Thomas H. Kean Jr.](#)

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, 2nd 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

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

Community Services & Highlights

Somerset County

Somerset County's Free E-Newsletter

www.co.somerset.nj.us/newsletter

Email Updates on more
than 90 items on the County Website

www.co.somerset.nj.us/subscribe.html

Resource Somerset

www.LeadershipSomerset.org

Somerset County Environmental Center

www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksfacilities/eec/eec.html

Somerset County Park Headquarters

www.somersetcountyparks.org/geninfo/information.html

Somerset County Riding Stables

www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksfacilities/stable/lss.html

Public Safety

Basking Ridge Fire Company
and First Aid Squad

www.brcco.com
908-766-9874

30 Washington Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Township Bureau
of Fire Prevention

[Fire Prevention Bureau](http://www.firepreventionbureau.com)
908-204-2511

277 S. Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Township Police

[BT Police](http://www.bt-police.com)
908-766-1122

1 Collyer Lane
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Liberty Corner Fire Company

www.libertycornerfire.org
908-647-3530

95 Church Street, POB 98
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

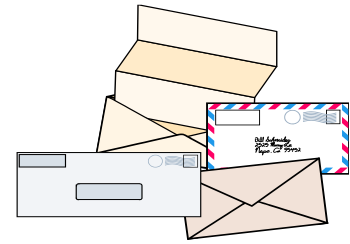
Liberty Corner First Aid

www.lcfas.org
908-647-1145

Martinsville Rd., POB 57
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Hospitals

Morristown Hospital	www.atlantichealth.org/morristown/ 973-971-5000	100 Madison Avenue Morristown, NJ 07960
Overlook Hospital	www.atlantichealth.org/overlook/ 908-522-2000	Beauvoir Avenue Summit, NJ
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset	http://www.rwjuh.edu/rwjuh/home.aspx 908-685-2200	110 Rehill Avenue Somerville, NJ 08876
Veterans' Affairs Medical Center	www.newjersey.va.gov/ 908-647-0180	Lyons, NJ 07939



Post Offices

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

Utilities

Cable/Internet	www.cablevision.com 732-356-1300 or 908-766-5008	Cablevision
	www.verizonfiosdeals.com 1-800-837-4966	Verizon
Electric	www.firstenergycorp.com 800-545-7741	JCP&L (First Energy)
Garbage	www.kohlerwasteservices.com 908-903-9031	K.W.S. (Kohler Waste Services)
	www.republicservices.com 800-273-7539	Republic Services
	http://www.pintoserviceinc.com/ 908-561-8231	Pinto Bros.
	www.raritandisposal.com 1-800-342-5783	Raritan Valley Disposal

Gas	www.pseg.com 1-800-436-7734	Public Service Electric/Gas Co.
Recycling	www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle 732-469-3363	Somerset County Recycling Program
Sewer	Sewerage Authority 908-204-3020 (Administrative) 908-647-2460 (Plant) 908-204-3078 (Payment)	Bernards Twp. Sewerage Authority
Telephone	www.cablevision.com 732-356-1300 or 908-766-5008	Cablevision
	www.verizon.net 1-800-837-4966	Verizon
Water	www.amwater.com 1-800-652-6987	New Jersey-American Water Company



Schools

Public Schools

Board of Education	www.bernardsboe.com 908-204-2600	101 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Cedar Hill Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/CedarHillElementarySchool 908-204-2639	100 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Liberty Corner Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/LibertyCornerElementarySchool 908-204-2550	61 Church Street Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Mount Prospect Elementary Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/MountProspectElementarySchool 908-470-1600	111 Hansom Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Oak Street Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/OakStreetElementarySchool 908-204-2565	70 W. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
William Annin Grades 6-8	www.bernardsboe.com/WilliamAnninMiddleSchool 908-204-2610	70 Quincy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Somerset County Vocational &
Technical Schools

www.scvths.org
908-526-8900

14 Vogt Dr., P.O.B. 6350
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Private Schools

Albrook Montessori School
Ages 2-12 years

www.albrookschool.org
908-580-0661

361-A Somerville Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bonnie Brae
Residential Treatment Center
for Adolescent Boys

www.bonnie-brae.org
908-647-0800

Valley Road , POB 369
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Lord Stirling
Special Education

www.lordstirling.org
908-766-1786

Lord Stirling Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Pingry School
Grades 7-12

www.pingry.org
908-647-5555

Martinsville Road, POB 366
Martinsville, NJ 08836

St. James Parochial School
Grades K-8

www.sjsbr.org
908-766-4774

200 S. Finley Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Pre-Schools

Albrook Montessori School
Ages 2-12

www.albrookschool.org
908-580-0661

361-A Somerville Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Chabad Jewish Center
Preschool

www.chabadcentral.org
908-604-8844

3048 Valley Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Children's Corner

www.lcpc.org
908-647-8401

45 Church Street
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Gentle Shephard
Christian Pre-School

www.shlc.net/gentle-shepherd-christian-preschool
908-766-1430

350 Lake Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Little Footprints Learning
Center

www.littlefootprintsnj.com
908-647-0011

520 King George Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Somerset Hills Montessori

www.somersethillsmontessori.org
908-221-0797

173 Madisonville Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Sunshine Preschool & Infant
Care

www.sunshinepreschool.net
info@sunshinepreschool.net
908-604-2707

3575 Valley Road
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

The Tree House Child
Caring Center

www.thetreehouseinc.org
908-221-1619

1 E. Oak Street
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

The Weintal Preschool

www.weintalpreschool.org
cbitots@optonline.net
908-204-1294

40 Whitenack Rd.
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Colleges

Philadelphia College of Bible

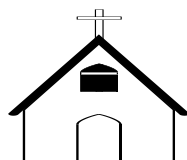
<http://new-jersey.educationbug.org/colleges/5750-philadelphia-biblical-university-new-jersey.html>
908-604-2707

3575 Valley Road
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Raritan Valley Community College

www.raritanval.edu
908-526-1200

Rte. 28 & Lamington Rd.
North Branch, NJ 08876



Churches

Millington Baptist Church

www.millingtonbaptist.org
908-647-0594

520 King George Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bishop Janes United Methodist

<http://bjumc.org/>
908-766-1108

22 S. Finley Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Chabad Jewish Center

www.chabadcentral.org
908-604-8844

3048 Valley Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Congregation B'nai Israel

www.cbibr.org
908-204-1412

40 Whitenack Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Covenant Chapel
(Reformed Episcopal)

www.covenantchapel.org
908-766-6174

127 W. Oak Street
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Evangelical Fellowship Chapel

908-647-1979

3575 Valley Road
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Fellowship Deaconry

<http://www.fellowshipdeaconry.org>

Presbyterian Church of Liberty Corner

www.lcpc.org
908-647-0340

45 Church Street, P.O. Box 55
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Somerset Hills Baptist Church

www.somersetbaptist.org
908-647-7090

510 Mount Airy Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Somerset Hills Lutheran Church

www.shlc.net
908-766-2858

350 Lake Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

St. James Catholic Church

www.saintjamesbr.org
908-766-0888

184 S. Finley Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

www.stmarksbr.org
908-766-0510

140 S. Finley Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

The Presbyterian Church

www.brpc.org

1 E. Oak Street

of Basking Ridge

908-766-1616

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Organizations



Association
of University Women (AAUW)

www.aauwnj.org
908-696-0375

POB 5
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

American Legion Post 216

151 Route 206 S.
Gladstone, NJ 07934

Basking Ridge Business Alliance

www.ridgebusiness.org
(908) 766-9300
Barbara Long

5 Lyons Mall #325
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Basking Ridge Garden Club

www.brgcnj.com
908-340-4099
Agnes Bailey
sunnyb21@optonline.net

21 Allen Street
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Municipal Alliance

www.bernardsalliance.org
908-204-2523

262 S. Finley Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Big Brothers / Big Sisters of
Hunterdon & Somerset
Counties

908-730-7773

79 Beaver Ave.
Clinton, NJ 08809

Bonafides of Somerset Hills

www.thebonafides.org
908-647-3741
Mary Lynne Norris

POB 91
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Boy Scout Troop 54

Greg Healy
908-391-2113
ghealy@att.com

65 Ramapo Dr.
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Township Regional
Chamber of Commerce

www.bernardstwpregionalchamber.org
908-766-6755
Al Licata

P.O. Box 11
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Chamber of Commerce (County)

www.scbp.org
908-725-1522

www.somercountychamber.org

Cub Scout Pack 451

Greg Healy
908-391-2113
ghealy@att.com

65 Ramapo Dr.
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Cub Pack 54	Ken White 908-604-2467 kennethwhite@yahoo.com	89 Harrison Brook Dr. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Farmstead Arts	farmsteadartscenter@gmail.com www.farmsteadartscenter.org 347-9ARTS4U (1-347-927-8748)	450 King George Rd. PO Box 155 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills	www.girlscouts-rh.org 908-725-1226	Attn: Membership 1171 Rte. 28 North Branch, NJ 08876
Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_swamp/	241 Pleasant Plains Rd. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Great Swamp Watershed Association	http://www.greatswamp.org/ 973-538-3500	PO Box 300 New Vernon, NJ 07976
Judith G. Wharton Music Center	www.whartonmusiccenter.org 908-790-0700	Andrew Nitkin Registrar 60 Locust Ave. Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922
Junior Woman's Club of Somerset Hills	http://gfwc.homestead.com	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	www.kofc.org 908-766-6163	14 Brook Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
League of Women Voters of Somerset Hills	www.lwvnj.org 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	nshinterestgroups@gmail.com www.nshclub.org	POB 161 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Passaic River Coalition	http://www.passaicriver.org/ 973-532-9830	330 Speedwell Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960
Raritan Headwaters Association - NJ's Watershed Watchdog	www.raritanheadwaters.org/	
Rotary Club of Bernardsville	908-295-7235	
Senior Arts & Talents Of Somerset County	908-647-3295	3020 Valley Rd. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

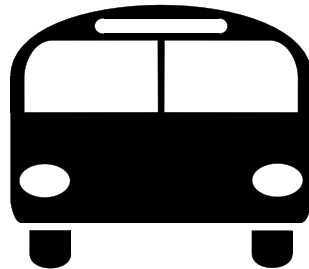
Senior Wellness Center	www.co.somerset.nj.us/senior.html 908-204-3435	202 Mt. Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset County 4-H	http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu/4h/ 908-526-6644	310 Milltown Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3587
Somerset Hills Elks Lodge 1983	www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodgenumber=1983 908-234-1828	145 Rte. 206 S. Gladstone, NJ 07934
Somerset Hills Kennel Club	www.somersethillskc.org	
Somerset Hills YMCA	www.somersethillsymca.org 908-766-7898	140 Mount Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset/Hunterdon Chapter of Make-a-Wish Foundation	www.wish.org 800-252-9474	
The Historical Society of Somerset Hills	www.historicalsocietyofsomerset-hills.org 908-221-1770	POB 136 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Trilogy Repertory	www.trilogyrepertory.com	POB 199 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
U.S. Golf Association	www.usgamuseum.com 908-234-2300	77 Liberty Corner Road Far Hills, NJ 07931
Upper Raritan Watershed Association	http://www.raritanheadwaters.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 908-766-0180 mail@visitingnurse.org	200 Mt. Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Women's Club of Bernardsville	908-766-3289	25 Fairview Dr. E. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



Specialized Housing

Bernards Township Affordable Housing (Jersey Central Housing Resource Center)	908-704-9659 cjhrc@verizon.net www.cjhrc.org	600 First Avenue, Suite 3 Raritan, NJ 08869
Bethel Ridge Group Home	www.bethelridgenj.org	175 South Maple Avenue

	908-221-0852 or 908-221-0801 (Corp.)	Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Fellowship Village Continuing Care Retirement Community	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 908-221-0266	150 Manchester Drive Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Matheny Community Residence	www.matheny.org 908-204-0950	33 N. Maple Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



Transportation

Lakeland Bus Line	www.lakelandbus.com 973-366-0600	425 E. Blackwell Street Dover, NJ 07801
New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles	www.nj.gov/mvc 1-888-486-3339	General Information (Administrative Offices)
New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicle Services (Local Office – Somerville)	www.nj.gov/mvc 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 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 973-275-5555	
Newark Airport	973-961-6000	Newark, NJ
Taxi / Limo Services	www.metro1limo.com 973-220-2000	Metro 1 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
	908-604-8899	East Coast Limousine Inc. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
	908-696-9616	Cedars Car Service, Inc. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
	908-542-1881	Bernards Township Car and

Limousine Service, Inc.
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Recreation Programs

Babe Ruth Baseball

www.baberuthleague.org
908-604-2220

For boys and girls ages 13-15
Registration in February

Basking Ridge
Little League

www.ridgebaseballclub.com

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

Bernards Township Recreation
1 Collyer Lane
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

www.bernards.org
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

www.Njfishandwildlife.com

Efinger Sporting Goods
Bound Brook
Kmart, Hillsborough
Ray's Sport Shop
N. Plainfield
Wal-Mart, Manville
Wal-Mart, Watchung

Jr. Red Devils Football Club

www.jrreddevilsflagfootball.com

Girls & Boys, Ages 3-8
7 on 7 Non-contact
Practice begins September

Mavericks Soccer Club

www.ridgemavericks.com

Youth – Registration in spring

Wrestling

www.ridgeyouthwrestling.com

Instructional club for grades
K-8. Registration in October

Ridge Ice Hockey Association
Jr. Devils

www.ridgehockey.net

Grades 6-8

Ridge Youth Sports, Inc.
Football /Cheerleading
Boys Lacrosse

www.ridgeyouthsports.com

Grades K-8
Grades 2-8

Somerset Hills Bulldogs
Football & Cheerleading

www.somersetillsbulldogs.com

Youth football boys and girls
ages 5-14 & Cheerleading –
Registration in spring

Somerset Hills Lacrosse Club

www.somersetillslacrosse.com

Grades 4-8 – Registration in
November

Somerset Hills Soccer Club

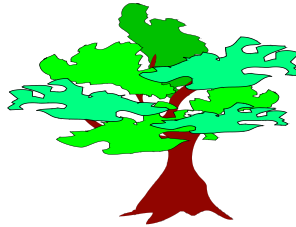
www.shsc.net

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
www.somersetillsymca.org

Extensive leisure programs.
Competitive programs in
swimming, gymnastics.



Parks and Recreation Facilities

For a Complete Listing of Township Parks and Recreation Facilities visit
www.bernards.org

Allen Street Gazebo
Intersection of Allen Street &
North Finley Avenue

Place to relax and enjoy a
brown bag lunch

Astor Fields
1 Collyer Lane (behind
municipal building)

908-204-3003

3 multipurpose fields

Basking Ridge Country Club
185 Madisonville Road

908-766-9200

Private 18 hole golf course and
swimming pool – Members only

Ridge Baseball Complex
Valley Road

4 Little League baseball fields
& area flooded for ice skating in
winter

Bernards Township
Community Center
289 South Maple Avenue

908-204-3003

Activity room holds up to 35
people. Recreation room holds
up to 50 people.

Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf
Course (V.A.)
Valley Road

908-204-3003

9-Hole Course – Memberships
available.

Dead River Trail
West of Acken Road, north of
power lines

Wooded area with a rustic trail
for walking use only

Dunham Park
Somerville & Liberty Corner
Roads
Liberty Corner

908-204-3003

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

English Family Woods Allen Road		Passive recreation
Farmstead Park King George Road Liberty Corner Tennis Courts Church St. & Mine Brook Rd.	908-204-3003	Multipurpose field 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

Southard Park
North Maple Avenue

War Memorial Field
South Maple Avenue

Washington Ave. Athletic Field
Washington Avenue

Whitenack Woods

908-204-3003

Passive recreation, hiking trails, fishing (no permit required)

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

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

Soccer/Softball field

Passive recreation



Libraries

Bernards Township Library

www.bernardslibrary.org
908-204-3031

32 S. Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Somerset County Library

www.somerset.lib.nj.us
908-526-4016

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

908-766-2489

yard and tree on State and National Registers, 1974.

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.

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.

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.

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 known 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.