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Bernards Township 2019 Profile

Area: 24.5 sq. miles
Population: 26,743 (2010 Census); 28,682 (Current Estimate)

2019 Municipal Budget $39,113,636.40

2019 Library Budget $2,400,487.00

2019 Tax Levy: $138,824,029.00
County $22,610,677.62, School $91,387,676.00
County Open Space $2,110,274.99, Municipal $20,314,913.39
Library $2,400,487.00

2019 Tax Rate/$100: $2.034
County $.332, School $1.339, County Open Space $.031
Municipal $.297, Library $.035,

Police Force: 38

Form of Government: Township Committee

Carol Bianchi
Mayor
Term Expires 12/31/2019

James Baldassare, Jr.
Deputy Mayor
Term Expires 12/31/2020

John Carpenter
Term Expires 12/31/2020

Joseph F. Esposito
Term Expires 12/31/2021

Joan Bannan Harris
Term Expires 12/31/2021
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

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- 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

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<td>Phone: 908-204-3070</td>
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- 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

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<td>Phone 908-204-3031</td>
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Bernards Township Meeting Date Schedule

Agricultural Advisory  Meets 3rd Thursday after 1st Monday, Quarterly

Board of Adjustment:  Meets 1st Wednesday after first Monday of Month; special meetings 2nd Thursday after the 1st Monday in January through June and September through November

Board of Health:  Meets 2nd Thursday after 1st Monday of Month (no meetings in July, August, and November)

Charter Day Committee  3rd Monday of Month January, February, March, then bi-weekly April through Charter Day (Daytime meetings)

Deer Management  Meets 1st Thursday after 1st Monday, Monthly

Environmental Commission:  Meets 2nd Monday of Month

Golf Advisory Board  Meets 3rd Monday in March, May, July, September & October (call to confirm dates)

LEPC & Flood Mitigation  Meets 3rd Wednesday after 1st Monday in January, May and September (Daytime Meetings)

Library Board:  Meets 4th Wednesday after 1st Monday of month (no meetings in July and August)

Municipal Court:  Meets Tuesdays

Municipal Alliance/Youth Service  Meets 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday, Monthly except July & Aug. (6-7:30 PM)

Parks, Pathways & Recreation  Meets 1st Monday, Monthly (except when a Holiday then on 2nd Monday)

Personnel Subcommittee  Call of the Chair

Planning Board  Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays after 1st Monday, Monthly

Pool Commission  Meets 4th Monday, Monthly

Police Subcommittee  4th Tuesday after 1st Monday, Monthly (Prior to TC Meetings)

Sewerage Authority  Meets 2nd Tuesday after 1st Monday (prior to TC Meetings) 6:30 PM

Shade Tree Commission:  Meets 2nd Wednesday after 1st Monday, Monthly

Township Committee  Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays after 1st 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 Tom Malinowski
http://malinowski.house.gov/

Washington DC Office
426 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 225-5361
Fax: (202) 225-5361

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
Brian D. Levine, Director
Patricia Walsh, Deputy Director
Brian Gallagher
Shanel Robinson
Sara Sooy
Community Services & Highlights

**Somerset County**

Somerset County’s Free E-Newsletter  
[www.co.somerset.nj.us/newsletter](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/newsletter)

Email Updates on more than 90 items on the County Website  
[www.co.somerset.nj.us/subscribe.html](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/subscribe.html)

Resource Somerset  
[www.LeadershipSomerset.org](http://www.LeadershipSomerset.org)

Somerset County Environmental Center  
[www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksfacilities/eec/eec.html](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksfacilities/eec/eec.html)

Somerset County Park Headquarters  
[www.somersetcountyparks.org/geninfo/information.html](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/geninfo/information.html)

Somerset County Riding Stables  

**Public Safety**

Basking Ridge Fire Company and First Aid Squad  
[www.brfco.com](http://www.brfco.com)  
908-766-9874  
30 Washington Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Township Bureau of Fire Prevention  
[Fire Prevention Bureau](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksfacilities/stable/lss.html)  
908-204-2511  
277 S. Maple Avenue  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Township Police  
[BT Police](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksfacilities/stable/lss.html)  
908-766-1122  
1 Collyer Lane  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Liberty Corner Fire Company  
[www.libertycornerfire.org](http://www.libertycornerfire.org)  
908-647-3530  
95 Church Street, POB 98  
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Liberty Corner First Aid  
[www.lcfas.org](http://www.lcfas.org)  
908-647-1145  
Martinsville Rd., POB 57  
Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

**Hospitals**

Morristown Hospital  
[www.atlantichealth.org/morristown/](http://www.atlantichealth.org/morristown/)  
973-971-5000  
100 Madison Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07960

Overlook Hospital  
[www.atlantichealth.org/overlook/](http://www.atlantichealth.org/overlook/)  
908-522-2000  
Beauvoir Avenue  
Summit, NJ

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset  
[http://www.rwjuh.edu/rwjuh/home.aspx](http://www.rwjuh.edu/rwjuh/home.aspx)  
908-685-2200  
110 Rehill Avenue  
Somerville, NJ 08876

Veterans’ Affairs Medical Center  
[www.newjersey.va.gov/](http://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  Cablevision
    732-356-1300 or 908-766-5008
    https://www.verizon.com/local/new-jersey-fios/
    1-800-837-4966  Verizon

Electric  www.firstenergycorp.com  JCP&L (First Energy)
          800-545-7741
Garbage  www.kohlerwasteservices.com  K.W.S. (Kohler Waste Services)
         908-903-9031
         www.republicservices.com  Republic Services
         800-273-7539
         http://www.pintoserviceinc.com/  Pinto Bros.
         908-561-8231
         www.raritandisposal.com  Raritan Valley Disposal
         1-800-342-5783
Gas  www.pseg.com  Public Service Electric/Gas Co.
     1-800-436-7734

Recycling  www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle  Somerset County Recycling
           Program  732-469-3363

Sewer  Sewerage Authority  Bernards Twp. Sewerage Authority
        908-204-3020 (Administrative)
        908-647-2460 (Plant)
        908-204-3078 (Payment)

Telephone  www.cablevision.com  Cablevision
            732-356-1300 or
            908-766-5008
            www.verizon.net  Verizon
            1-800-837-4966

Water  www.amwater.com  New Jersey-American Water Company
        1-800-652-6987
Schools

Public Schools
Board of Education
www.bernardsboe.com 101 Peachtree Road
908-204-2600 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Cedar Hill
Grades K-5
http://cedarhill.bernards.boe.com 100 Peachtree Road
908-204-2639 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Liberty Corner
Grades K-5
http://libertycorner.bernards.boe.com 61 Church Street
908-204-2550 Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Mount Prospect Elementary
Grades K-5
http://mountprospect.bernards.boe.com 111 Hansom Road
908-470-1600 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Oak Street
Grades K-5
http://oakstreet.bernards.boe.com 70 W. Oak Street
908-204-2565 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
William Annin
Grades 6-8
http://williamannin.bernards.boe.com 70 Quincy Road
908-204-2610 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Ridge High School
Grades 9-12
http://ridghigh.bernards.boe.com 285 S. Finley Avenue
908-204-2585 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset County Vocational &
Technical Schools
www.scvths.org 14 Vogt Dr., P.O.B. 6350
908-526-8900 Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Private Schools
Albrook Montessori School
Ages 2-12 years
www.albrookschool.org 361-A Somerville Road
908-580-0661 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bonnie Brae
Residential Treatment Center
for Adolescent Boys
www.bonnie-brae.org Valley Road , POB 369
908-647-0800 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Lord Stirling
Special Education
www.lordsstirling.org Lord Stirling Road
908-766-1786 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Pingry School
Grades 7-12
www.pingry.org Martinsville Road, POB 366
908-647-5555 Martinsville, NJ 08836
St. James Parochial School
Grades K-8
www.sjsbr.org 200 S. Finley Avenue
908-766-4774 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
### Pre-Schools

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<td>3048 Valley Road</td>
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<td>Children’s Corner</td>
<td><a href="http://www.lcpc.org">www.lcpc.org</a></td>
<td>45 Church Street</td>
<td>908-647-8401</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.shlc.net/gentle-shepherd-christian-preschool">www.shlc.net/gentle-shepherd-christian-preschool</a></td>
<td>350 Lake Road</td>
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<td>Little Footprints Learning Center</td>
<td><a href="http://www.littlefootprintsnj.com">www.littlefootprintsnj.com</a></td>
<td>520 King George Road</td>
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<td>Sunshine Preschool &amp; Infant Care</td>
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<td>3575 Valley Road</td>
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<td>The Tree House Child Caring Center</td>
<td><a href="http://www.thetreehouseinc.org">www.thetreehouseinc.org</a></td>
<td>1 E. Oak Street</td>
<td>908-221-1619</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:cbitots@optonline.net">cbitots@optonline.net</a></td>
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### Colleges

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<td>Raritan Valley Community College</td>
<td><a href="http://www.raritanval.edu">www.raritanval.edu</a></td>
<td>Rte. 28 &amp; Lamington Rd.</td>
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<td>520 King George Road</td>
<td>908-647-0594</td>
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<td>3048 Valley Road</td>
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<td>Congregation B'nai Israel</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cbibr.org">www.cbibr.org</a></td>
<td>40 Whitenack Road</td>
<td>908-204-1412</td>
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<tr>
<td>Covenant Chapel (Reformed Episcopal)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.covenantchapel.org">www.covenantchapel.org</a></td>
<td>127 W. Oak Street</td>
<td>908-766-6174</td>
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<td>Evangelical Fellowship Chapel</td>
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<td>Presbyterian Church of Liberty Corner</td>
<td><a href="http://www.lcpc.org">www.lcpc.org</a></td>
<td>45 Church Street, P.O. Box 55</td>
<td>908-647-0340</td>
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<td>Somerset Hills Baptist Church</td>
<td><a href="http://www.somersethillsbaptist.org">www.somersethillsbaptist.org</a></td>
<td>510 Mount Airy Road</td>
<td>908-647-7090</td>
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<td>Somerset Hills Lutheran Church</td>
<td><a href="http://www.shlc.net">www.shlc.net</a></td>
<td>350 Lake Road</td>
<td>908-766-2858</td>
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<td>St. James Catholic Church</td>
<td><a href="http://www.saintjamesbr.org">www.saintjamesbr.org</a></td>
<td>184 S. Finley Avenue</td>
<td>908-766-0888</td>
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<td>St. Mark’s Episcopal Church</td>
<td><a href="http://www.stmarksbr.org">www.stmarksbr.org</a></td>
<td>140 S. Finley Avenue</td>
<td>908-766-0510</td>
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<td>The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge</td>
<td><a href="http://www.brpc.org">www.brpc.org</a></td>
<td>1 E. Oak Street</td>
<td>908-766-1616</td>
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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  
21 Allen Street  
Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Bernards Municipal Alliance  
www.bernardsalliance.org  
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

Boy Scout Troop 555  
Thomas Aiken  
Assistant Scout Master  
350 Lake Rd.  
Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Bernards Township Regional Chamber of Commerce  
www.bernardstownregionalchamber.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.  
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<td>Gladstone, NJ 07934</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.wish.org">www.wish.org</a></td>
<td>Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</td>
<td>800-252-9474</td>
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<td>The Historical Society of Somerset Hills</td>
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Specialized Housing

Bernards Township
Affordable Housing
(Jersey Central Housing Resource Center)

Bethel Ridge Group Home

Fellowship Village Continuing Care Retirement Community

Ridge Oak Senior Housing

Matheny Community Residence

Transportation

Lakeland Bus Line

New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles

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

New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles (Inspection Station)

600 First Avenue, Suite 3
Raritan, NJ 08869

www.cjhrc.org
cjhrc@verizon.net

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

800 Fellowship Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

175 South Maple Avenue

150 Manchester Drive
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

33 N. Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

1-800-458-6715

1-800-333-3879

1-888-486-3339

908-704-9659

908-221-0852 or 908-221-0801 (Corp.)

908-647-7600 or 1-800-458-6715

www.bethelridgenj.org

908-221-0266

www.fellowshipvillage.org

www.ridgeoak.org

908-204-0950

www.matheny.org

www.lakelandbus.com

www.nj.gov/mvc

www.nj.gov/mvc

www.nj.gov/mvc

973-366-0600

1-888-486-3339

1-800-333-3879

1-888-486-3339

425 E. Blackwell Street
Dover, NJ 07801

General Information
(Administrative Offices)

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

Flemington VIS
181 Rtes 31 & 202

Plainfield VIS
160 S. Second St.

Randolph VIS
160 Canfield Dr. (off Rte 10)
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<td>973-275-5555</td>
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<td>Newark Airport</td>
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<td>973-961-6000</td>
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<td>Basking Ridge Little League</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ridgebaseballclub.com">www.ridgebaseballclub.com</a></td>
<td>Youth baseball for boys &amp; girls</td>
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<td>Bernards Township Recreation</td>
<td><a href="http://www.bernards.org">www.bernards.org</a></td>
<td>A variety of programs and</td>
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<td>1 Collyer Lane</td>
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<td>activities for all ages including</td>
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<td>much more. Call for more details.</td>
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<td>Fishing &amp; Hunting Licenses</td>
<td>908-359-1000</td>
<td>Kmart, Hillsborough</td>
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<td>Practice begins September</td>
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<td>Mavericks Soccer Club</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ridgemavericks.com">www.ridgemavericks.com</a></td>
<td>Youth – Registration in spring</td>
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<td>Wrestling</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ridgeyouthwrestling.com">www.ridgeyouthwrestling.com</a></td>
<td>Instructional club for grades</td>
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<td>K-8. Registration in October</td>
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<td>Ridge Ice Hockey Association</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ridgehockey.net">www.ridgehockey.net</a></td>
<td>Grades 6-8</td>
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Jr. Devils

Ridge Youth Sports, Inc.  
Football /Cheerleading and Boys 
Lacrosse  
www.ridgeyouthsports.com  
Grades K-8
Grades 2-8

Somerset Hills Bulldogs  
Football & Cheerleading  
www.somersetbuddogs.com  
Youth football boys and girls 
ages 5-14 & Cheerleading – 
Registration in spring

Somerset Hills Lacrosse Club  
www.somersetbuddogs.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.somersetbuddogs.com  
Extensive leisure programs. 
Competitive programs in 
swimming, gymnastics.

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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

Bernards Township  
Community Center  
289 South Maple Avenue  
908-204-3003  
4 Little League baseball fields 
& area flooded for ice skating in 
winter

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  
Wooded area with a rustic trail 
for walking use only
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<td>Dunham Park, Somerville &amp; Liberty Corner Roads, Liberty Corner</td>
<td>908-204-3003</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Farmstead Park, King George Road, Liberty Corner Tennis Courts, Church St. &amp; Mine Brook Rd.</td>
<td>908-204-3003</td>
<td>Multipurpose field</td>
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<td>Lord Stirling Park Riding Stables, 256 S. Maple Avenue</td>
<td>908-766-5955</td>
<td>2 Tennis courts</td>
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<td>Manchester Drive Athletic Field, Manchester Dr.</td>
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<td>McCollum Farm</td>
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<td>Mountain Park, Mountain &amp; Martinsville Roads</td>
<td>908-204-3003</td>
<td>4 Multipurpose fields (2 lighted) 1.25 mile paved bike/jogging path; 4 LL/softball fields (2 lighted)</td>
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<td>Oak Street Tennis Courts, West Oak Street</td>
<td>908-204-3003</td>
<td>2 Tennis Courts</td>
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<td>Pleasant Valley Park, Valley Road</td>
<td>908-204-3003</td>
<td>Multipurpose fields, softball &amp; 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</td>
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<td>Pleasant Valley Pool, Valley Road</td>
<td>908-204-3003</td>
<td>50 Meter “Z” shaped pool w/diving tank, training pool with slide, wading pool, water &amp; play area, concession stand</td>
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<td>Rebel Hill Park, Fairview Drive S.</td>
<td>908-204-3003</td>
<td>Neighborhood park with soccer/softball field, tennis courts, barrier free playground, picnic tables</td>
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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  
32 S. Maple Avenue  
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

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| Alward Farm House (Chimney Ash Farm)  
1 Chimney Ash Farm Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ  07920 | Entered in State Register February 5, 1986  
(ID #2468)  
Entered in National Register March 13, 1986  
(NR Reference #86000388) | 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. |
<p>| Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church | Entered in State Register October 24, 1974 | Greek Revival style church built in 1839. A stately white |</p>
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<td>1 E. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</td>
<td>(ID #2470) Entered in National Register December 31, 1974 (NR Reference #74001190)</td>
<td>oak tree over 600 years old stands in the churchyard where 35 Revolutionary War veterans are buried. Sanctuary, churchyard and tree on State and National Registers</td>
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<td>Boudinot-Southard Farmstead 135 North Maple Ave Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</td>
<td>Entered in State Register September 11, 2009 (ID #4955) Entered in National Register December 18, 2009 (NR Reference #09001101)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Coffee House (Turner Homestead) 214 N. Maple Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</td>
<td>Entered in State Register March 28, 1977 (ID #2471) Entered in National Register November 7, 1977 (NR Reference #77000906)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead King George Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</td>
<td>Entered in State Register June 9, 2003 (ID #4200) Entered in National Register May 5, 2004 (NR Reference #03000868) COE: May 14, 2001</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Lord Stirling Manor Site 96 Lord Stirling Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 908-766-2489</td>
<td>Entered in State Register December 1, 1976 (ID #2475) Entered in National Register May 22, 1978 (NR Reference #78001795)</td>
<td>Originally built to house the Basking Ridge Classical School in 1809. This is the oldest existing Federal style building in Bernards Township; it was</td>
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### Historic Districts

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<th>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.</th>
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| Franklin Corners  | December 12, 1974 (ID #2472) | May 12, 1975 (NR Reference #75001159) | **Franklin Corners**  
Childs Road & Route 202  
Basking Ridge, NJ  
Entered in State Register December 12, 1974 (ID #2472)  
Entered in National Register May 12, 1975 (NR Reference #75001159) |
| Liberty Corner Historic District | August 16, 1991 (ID #2473) | October 11, 1991 (NR Reference #91001477) | 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. |
| Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District | April 29, 2013 (ID #2476) | July 3, 2013 (NR Reference #13000461) | Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District  
151 Knollcroft Rd.  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
Entered in State Register April 29, 2013 (ID #2476)  
Entered in National Register July 3, 2013 (NR Reference #13000461) |

### 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.