Bernards Township 2020 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

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

Joseph F. Esposito
Deputy Mayor
Term Expires 12/31/2021

John Carpenter
Term Expires 12/31/2020

Joan Bannan Harris
Term Expires 12/31/2021

Janice M. Fields
Term Expires 12/31/2022
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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

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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>
<td>Non-Emergency 908-766-1122</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>31 Stonehouse Road</td>
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<td>Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</td>
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<td>Phone 908-766-9748</td>
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Bernards Township Meeting Date Schedule
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<td>Agricultural Advisory</td>
<td>Meets 3rd Thursday after 1st Monday, Quarterly</td>
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<td>Board of Adjustment:</td>
<td>Meets 1st Wednesday after first Monday of Month; special meetings 2nd Thursday after the 1st Monday in January through June and September through November</td>
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<td>Board of Health:</td>
<td>Meets 2nd Thursday after 1st Monday of Month (no meetings in July, August, and November)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charter Day Committee</td>
<td>3rd Monday of Month January, February, March, then bi-weekly April through Charter Day (Daytime meetings)</td>
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<td>Deer Management</td>
<td>Meets 1st Thursday after 1st Monday, Monthly</td>
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<td>Environmental Commission:</td>
<td>Meets 2nd Monday of Month</td>
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<td>Golf Advisory Board</td>
<td>Meets 3rd Monday in March, May, July, September &amp; October (call to confirm dates)</td>
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<td>LEPC &amp; Flood Mitigation</td>
<td>Meets 3rd Wednesday after 1st Monday in January, May and September (Daytime Meetings)</td>
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<td>Library Board:</td>
<td>Meets 4th Wednesday after 1st Monday of month (no meetings in July and August)</td>
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<td>Municipal Court:</td>
<td>Meets Thursdays</td>
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<td>Municipal Alliance/Youth Service</td>
<td>Meets 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday, Monthly except July &amp; Aug. (6-7:30 PM)</td>
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<td>Parks, Pathways &amp; Recreation</td>
<td>Meets 1st Monday, Monthly (except when a Holiday then on 2nd Monday)</td>
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<td>Personnel Subcommittee</td>
<td>Call of the Chair</td>
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<td>Planning Board</td>
<td>Meets 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays after 1st Monday, Monthly</td>
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<td>Pool Commission</td>
<td>Meets 4th Monday, Monthly</td>
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<td>Police Subcommittee</td>
<td>4th Tuesday after 1st Monday, Monthly (Prior to TC Meetings)</td>
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<td>Sewerage Authority</td>
<td>Meets 2nd Tuesday after 1st Monday (prior to TC Meetings) 6:30 PM</td>
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<td>Shade Tree Commission:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Township Committee</td>
<td>Meets 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays after 1st Monday, Monthly</td>
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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)


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

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


**Public Safety**

Basking Ridge Fire Company and First Aid Squad


Bernards Township Bureau of Fire Prevention

[Fire Prevention Bureau](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/subscribe.html) 908-204-2511 277 S. Maple Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Township Police

[BT Police](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/subscribe.html) 908-766-1122 1 Collyer Lane Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Liberty Corner Fire Company

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

Liberty Corner First Aid

[Liberty Corner First Aid](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


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

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

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<td>21 Brownlee Place</td>
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<td>Liberty Corner Post Office</td>
<td>908-647-0841</td>
<td>8 Church Street</td>
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**Utilities**

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| Cable/Internet   | [www.cablevision.com](http://www.cablevision.com) 732-356-1300 or 908-766-5008  
| Electric         | [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com) 800-545-7741  
| Garbage          | [www.kohlerwasteservices.com](http://www.kohlerwasteservices.com) 908-903-9031  
|                  | [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com) 800-273-7539  
|                  | [www.raritandisposal.com](http://www.raritandisposal.com) 1-800-342-5783  
| Gas              | [www.pseg.com](http://www.pseg.com) 1-800-436-7734  
| Recycling        | [somersetcountyrecyclingprogram.com](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle) 732-469-3363  
| Sewer            | [Sewerage Authority](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle)  
|                  | Bernards Twp. Sewerage Authority  
| Telephone        | [www.cablevision.com](http://www.cablevision.com) 732-356-1300 or 908-766-5008  
|                  | [www.verizon.net](http://www.verizon.net) 1-800-837-4966  
| Water            | [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com) 1-800-652-6987  
|                  | New Jersey-American Water Company  


Schools

Public Schools
Board of Education  www.bernardsboe.com  101 Peachtree Road
  908-204-2600  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Cedar Hill  http://cedarhill.bernards.boe.com
Grades K-5  908-204-2639  100 Peachtree Road
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Liberty Corner  http://libertycorner.bernards.boe.com
Grades K-5  908-204-2550  61 Church Street
  Liberty Corner, NJ  07938

Mount Prospect Elementary  http://mountprospect.bernards.boe.com
Grades K-5  908-470-1600  111 Hansom Road
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Oak Street  http://oakstreet.bernards.boe.com
Grades K-5  908-204-2565  70 W. Oak Street
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

William Annin  http://williamannin.bernards.boe.com
Grades 6-8  908-204-2610  70 Quincy Road
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Ridge High School  http://ridghigh.bernards.boe.com
Grades 9-12  908-204-2585  285 S. Finley Avenue
  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  www.albrookschool.org
Ages 2-12 years  908-580-0661  361-A Somerville Road
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Bonnie Brae  www.bonnie-brae.org
Residential Treatment Center for Adolescent Boys  908-647-0800  Valley Road, POB 369
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Lord Stirling  www.lordstirling.org
Special Education  908-766-1786  Lord Stirling Road
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920

Pingry School  www.pingry.org
Grades 7-12  908-647-5555  Martinsville Road, POB 366
  Martinsville, NJ  08836

St. James Parochial School  www.sjsbr.org
Grades K-8  908-766-4774  200 S. Finley Avenue
  Basking Ridge, NJ  07920
### Pre-Schools

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<td>361-A Somerville Road</td>
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<td>Ages 2-12</td>
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<td>Chabad Jewish Center</td>
<td><a href="http://www.chabadcentral.org">www.chabadcentral.org</a></td>
<td>908-604-8844</td>
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<td>Children’s Corner</td>
<td><a href="http://www.lcpc.org">www.lcpc.org</a></td>
<td>908-647-8401</td>
<td>45 Church Street</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>908-766-1430</td>
<td>350 Lake Road</td>
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<td>908-647-0011</td>
<td>520 King George Road</td>
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<td>908-604-2707</td>
<td>3575 Valley Road</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.thetreehouseinc.org">www.thetreehouseinc.org</a></td>
<td>908-221-1619</td>
<td>1 E. Oak Street</td>
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<td>The Weintal Preschool</td>
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<td>908-204-1294</td>
<td>40 Whitenack Rd.</td>
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<td>Raritan Valley Community College</td>
<td><a href="http://www.raritanval.edu">www.raritanval.edu</a></td>
<td>908-526-1200</td>
<td>Rte. 28 &amp; Lamington Rd.</td>
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Houses of Worship

Millington Baptist Church
www.millingtonbaptist.org
908-647-0394
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.somersethillsbaptist.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 of Basking Ridge
www.brpc.org
908-766-1616
1 E. Oak Street
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
## Organizations

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<td>Association of University Women (AAUW)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.aauwnj.org">www.aauwnj.org</a></td>
<td>908-696-0375</td>
<td>POB 5</td>
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<tr>
<td>American Legion Post 216</td>
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<td>151 Route 206 S. Gladstone, NJ 07934</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basking Ridge Business Alliance</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ridgebusiness.org">www.ridgebusiness.org</a></td>
<td>(908) 766-9300</td>
<td>5 Lyons Mall #325</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:sunnyb21@optonline.net">sunnyb21@optonline.net</a></td>
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<td>Bernards Municipal Alliance</td>
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<td>908-204-2523</td>
<td>262 S. Finley Avenue</td>
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<td>Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Hunterdon &amp; Somerset Counties</td>
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<td>Bonafides of Somerset Hills</td>
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<td>908-647-3741</td>
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<td>Boy Scout Troop 555</td>
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<td>908-766-6755</td>
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<td>Cub Pack 54</td>
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<td>John Greene</td>
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<td>Resource of Somerset County (Domestic Violence Services)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.resourcecenterofsomerset.org">www.resourcecenterofsomerset.org</a></td>
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<td><a href="http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/">www.raritanheadwaters.org/</a></td>
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<td>908-234-1852</td>
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<td>Senior Arts &amp; Talents Of Somerset County</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/senior.html">www.co.somerset.nj.us/senior.html</a></td>
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<td><a href="http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu/4h/">http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu/4h/</a></td>
<td>310 Milltown Road</td>
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Somerset Hills Kennel Club  [www.somersethillskc.org](http://www.somersethillskc.org)  1908-234-1828

Somerset Hills YMCA  [www.somersethillsymca.org](http://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](http://www.wish.org)  800-252-9474

The Historical Society of Somerset Hills  [www.historicalsocietyofsomersethills.org](http://www.historicalsocietyofsomersethills.org)  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


Somerset Hills Hospice  mail@visitingnurse.org

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
www.cjhrc.org

Bethel Ridge Group Home
www.bethelridgenj.org
908-221-0852 or 908-221-0801 (Corp.)

Fellowship Village Continuing Care Retirement Community
www.fellowshipvillage.org
908-647-7600 or 1-800-458-6715

Ridge Oak Senior Housing
www.ridgeoak.org
908-221-0266

Matheny Community Residence
www.matheny.org
908-204-0950

**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
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

RideWise  
RideWise Transportation  
908-704-1011  
Somerset County  
20 Grove St.  
Somerville, NJ 08876

Taxi / Limo Services  
908-696-9616  
Cedars Car Servise, Inc.  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

908-766-6402  
Bernardsville Coach and Livery  
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  
www.bernards.org  
1 Collyer Lane  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
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  
908-359-1000  
908-561-4400  
Kmart, Hillsborough  
Ray’s Sport Shop  
N. Plainfield  
908-575-8997  
908-756-1925  
Wal-Mart, Manville  
Wal-Mart, Watchung  
www.Njfishandwildlife.com

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.  www.ridgeyouthsports.com  Grades K-8
Football/Cheerleading and Boys Lacrosse  Grades 2-8

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

Somerset Hills Lacrosse Club  www.somerset hills lacrosse.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  908-766-7898  Extensive leisure programs.
140 Mount Airy Road  www.somerset hillsymca.org  Competitive programs in swimming, gymnastics.
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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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  Place to relax and enjoy a brown bag lunch
Intersection of Allen Street &
North Finley Avenue

Astor Fields  908-204-3003  3 multipurpose fields
1 Collyer Lane (behind municipal building)

Basking Ridge Country Club  908-766-9200  Private 18 hole golf course and swimming pool – Members only
185 Madisonville Road

Ridge Baseball Complex  4 Little League baseball fields & area flooded for ice skating in winter
Valley Road

Bernards Township  908-204-3003  Activity room holds up to 35 people. Recreation room holds up to 50 people.
Community Center
289 South Maple Avenue

Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course (V.A.)  908-204-3003  9-Hole Course – Memberships available.
Valley Road

Dead River Trail  Wooden area with a rustic trail for walking use only
West of Acken Road, north of power lines
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<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>English Family Woods</td>
<td>908-204-3003  Allen Road</td>
<td>Passive recreation</td>
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<td>Farmstead Park</td>
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<td>Liberty Corner Tennis Courts</td>
<td>908-204-3003  Church St. &amp; Mine Brook Rd.</td>
<td>2 Tennis courts</td>
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<td>Lord Stirling Park Riding Stables</td>
<td>908-766-5955  256 S. Maple Avenue</td>
<td>Full program of public riding instruction in English horsemanship for youth and adults. Seasonally the stables offer reserved hay rides, sleigh rides</td>
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<td>Mountain Park</td>
<td>908-204-3003  Mountain &amp; Martinsville Roads</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</td>
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<td>Pleasant Valley Park</td>
<td>908-204-3003  Valley Road</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</td>
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<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</td>
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<td>Neighborhood park with soccer/softball field, tennis courts, barrier free playground, picnic tables</td>
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<td>Schmidt Park</td>
<td>908-204-3003  Pond Hill Road</td>
<td>Passive recreation – hiking trails, fishing with permit</td>
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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  
32 S. Maple Avenue  
908-204-3031  
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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1 Chimney Ash Farm Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 | February 5, 1986  
(ID #2468) | 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. |
| Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church  
1 E. Oak Street  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 | October 24, 1974  
(ID #2470) | | Greek Revival style church built in 1839. A stately white oak tree over 600 years old stands in the churchyard where 35 |
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<td>Revolutionary War veterans are buried. Sanctuary, church yard and tree on State and National Registers</td>
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<td>135 North Maple Ave</td>
<td>(ID #4955)</td>
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<td>Coffee House (Turner Homestead)</td>
<td>March 28, 1977</td>
<td>November 7, 1977</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>Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead</td>
<td>June 9, 2003</td>
<td>May 5, 2004</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>Lord Stirling Manor Site</td>
<td>December 1, 1976</td>
<td>May 22, 1978</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>The Brick Academy</td>
<td>November 25, 1975</td>
<td>July 21, 1976</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 Public School District #12 from 1852-1903; it then was a union hall and served as the municipal</td>
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Historic Districts

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<td>Composed 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.</td>
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<td>Liberty Corner Historic District</td>
<td>August 16, 1991</td>
<td>October 11, 1991</td>
<td>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.</td>
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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.