

Bernards Township 2018 Profile

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

2018 Municipal Budget \$39,264,272.47

2018 Library Budget \$2,399,932

2018 Tax Levy: \$136,483,148.52
County \$22,350,445.81, School \$89,693,941.00
County Open Space \$2,114,537.87, Municipal \$19,924,291.84
Library \$2,399,932.00

2018 Tax Rate/\$100: \$2.005
County \$.329, School \$1.317, County Open Space \$.032
Municipal \$.292, 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

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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

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| 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

Robert Menendez
www.menendez.senate.gov

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

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 2300
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 639-8700

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

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

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

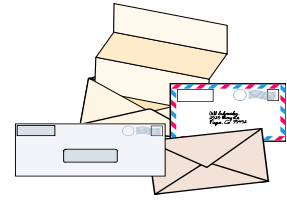
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| Somerset County's Free E-Newsletter | www.co.somerset.nj.us/newsletter | |
| Email Updates on more than 90 items on the County Website | www.co.somerset.nj.us/subscribe.html | |
| Resource Somerset | www.LeadershipSomerset.org | |
| Somerset County 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

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| Basking Ridge Fire Company and First Aid Squad | www.brfdc.com 908-766-9874 | 30 Washington Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| Bernards Township Bureau of Fire Prevention | Fire Prevention Bureau 908-204-2511 | 277 S. Maple Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| Bernards Township Police | BT Police 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

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| 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

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|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| 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 |
| | https://www.verizon.com/local/new-jersey-fios/ 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. |
| | 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

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|---|---|---|
| Board of Education | www.bernardsboe.com 908-204-2600 | 101 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| Cedar Hill Grades K-5 | http://cedarhill.bernards.boe.com 908-204-2639 | 100 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| Liberty Corner Grades K-5 | http://libertycorner.bernards.boe.com 908-204-2550 | 61 Church Street Liberty Corner, NJ 07938 |
| Mount Prospect Elementary Grades K-5 | http://mountprospect.bernards.boe.com 908-470-1600 | 111 Hansom Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| Oak Street Grades K-5 | http://oakstreet.bernards.boe.com 908-204-2565 | 70 W. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| William Annin Grades 6-8 | http://williamannin.bernards.boe.com 908-204-2610 | 70 Quincy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| Ridge High School Grades 9-12 | http://ridghigh.bernards.boe.com 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

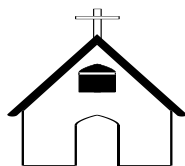
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| Albrook Montessori School Ages 2-12 years | www.albrookschool.org 908-580-0661 | 361-A Somerville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| Bonnie Brae Residential Treatment Center for Adolescent Boys | www.bonnie-brae.org 908-647-0800 | Valley Road , POB 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 of Basking Ridge | www.brpc.org 908-766-1616 | 1 E. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |

Organizations



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| 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 |
| Boy Scout Troop 555 | Thomas Aiken Assistant Scout Master | 350 Lake Rd. 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 |

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| 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 |
| Resource of Somerset County (Domestic Violence Services) | www.resourcecenterofsomerset.org | 427 Homestead Rd, Hillsborough, NJ 08844-1400 |
| Raritan Headwaters Association | www.raritanheadwaters.org/ 908-234-1852 | 2121 Larger Cross Rd. Bedminsite, NJ 07921 |
| 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/ | 310 Milltown Road |

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| | 908-526-6644 | Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3587 |
| Somerset Hills Elks Lodge 1983 | www.elks.org/lojdes/home.cfm? odgenumber=1983 908-234-1828 | 145 Rte. 206 S. Gladstone, NJ 07934 |
| Somerset Hills Kennel Club | www.somersetillskc.org | |
| Somerset Hills YMCA | www.somersetillsymca.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.historicalocietyofsomerset 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
908-221-0852 or
908-221-0801 (Corp.)

175 South Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Fellowship Village Continuing
Care Retirement Community

www.fellowshipvillage.org
908-647-7600 or
1-800-458-6715

8000 Fellowship Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Ridge Oak Senior Housing

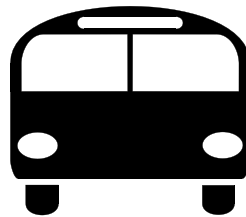
www.ridgeoak.org
908-221-0266

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.

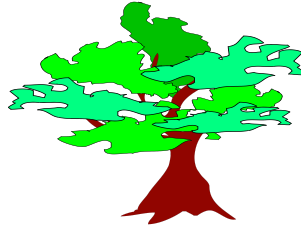
Randolph VIS
160 Canfield Dr. (off Rte 10)

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| 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 |
| | 908-696-9616 | Cedars Car Service, Inc. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |
| | 908-542-1881 | Bernards Township Car and Limousine Service, Inc. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 |

Recreation Programs

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| 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 | 908-359-1000 908-561-4400 908-575-8997 908-756-1925 www.Njfishandwildlife.com | 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 andBoys Lacrosse | www.ridgeyouthsports.com | Grades K-8 Grades 2-8 |

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| Somerset Hills Bulldogs Football & Cheerleading | www.somersethillsbulldogs.com | Youth football boys and girls ages 5-14 & Cheerleading – Registration in spring |
| Somerset Hills Lacrosse Club | www.somersethillslacrosse.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.somersethillsymca.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

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| 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 |

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| | | 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 | 908-766-2489 | Nature walks, environmental programs and exhibits, classes |

190 Lord Stirling Road

Sons of Liberty Farm
Allen Road

Southard Park
North Maple Avenue

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

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
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

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| <p>Alward Farm House (Chimney Ash Farm) 1 Chimney Ash Farm Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</p> | <p>Entered in State Register February 5, 1986 (ID #2468) Entered in National Register March 13, 1986 (NR Reference #86000388)</p> | <p>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> |
| <p>Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church 1 E. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 www.brpc.org 908-766-1616</p> | <p>Entered in State Register October 24, 1974 (ID #2470) Entered in National Register December 31, 1974 (NR Reference #74001190)</p> | <p>Greek Revival style church built in 1839. A stately white oak tree over 600 years old stands in the churchyard where 35 Revolutionary War veterans are buried. Sanctuary, church yard and tree on State and National Registers</p> |

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| <p>Boudinot-Southard Farmstead 135 North Maple Ave Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</p> | <p>Entered in State Register September 11, 2009 (ID #4955) Entered in National Register December 18, 2009 (NR Reference # 09001101)</p> | |
| <p>Coffee House (Turner Homestead) 214 N. Maple Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</p> | <p>Entered in State Register March 28, 1977 (ID #2471) Entered in National Register November 7, 1977 (NR Reference #77000906)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead King George Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</p> | <p>Entered in State Register June 9, 2003 (ID #4200) Entered in National Register May 5, 2004 (NR Reference #03000868) COE: May 14, 2001</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Lord Stirling Manor Site 96 Lord Stirling Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 908-766-2489</p> | <p>Entered in State Register December 1, 1976 (ID #2475) Entered in National Register May 22, 1978 (NR Reference #78001795)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>The Brick Academy 15 W. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920</p> | <p>Entered in State Register November 25, 1975 (ID #2467) Entered in National Register July 21, 1976 (NR Reference #76001185)</p> | <p>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</p> |

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Historic Districts

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

A Brief History of Bernards Township

Bernards Township is where the following events occurred:

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

- Colonel John Jacob Astor IV donated stones to build the Methodist Church, 14 years before he perished in the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.
- Samuel Owen of Newark, a pharmaceutical magnate, built his English Tudor mansion in 1912, now Town Hall.

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

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

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

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

Minister to France during the Civil War; Robert Field Stockton, hero of the Mexican War; Theodore Frelinghuysen, U.S. Senator, vice-presidential candidate with Henry Clay in 1844 and president of Rutgers College.

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



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

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

Bernards Township Town Hall Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, New Jersey

High on the ridge encircled on three sides by public roads stands an English Tudor style mansion. Built in 1912, this Basking Ridge landmark was the home of four wealthy families--Owen, Lee, Bissell and Astor, before it was purchased by Bernards Township in 1968. Commonly called the Astor Mansion after its last owner, this is the Bernards Township seat of government. The original choice 100 acres have a commanding view of Collyer Lane, South Finley Avenue and South Maple Avenue. The entire tract extended to the northern boundary of Homestead Village and included what is now War Memorial Field, plus the properties of Cedar Hill School and Ridge High School.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This picturesque real estate is almost entirely surrounded by public and semi-public lands. To the rear is the Board of Education property; across Collyer

Lane is the St. James Church and School; and on the opposite side of South Maple Avenue is Lord Stirling Park, which includes the Somerset County Environmental Education Center and Riding Stables, covering almost 1,000 acres.