

Bernards Township 2017 Profile

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

2017 Municipal Budget \$35,713,975

2017 Library Budget \$2,382,202

2017 Tax Levy: \$135,058,453.07
County \$22,457,421.08, School \$88,123,762.00
County Open Space \$2,127,590.61, Municipal \$17,250,956.80
Library \$2,382,202.00, Municipal Open Space \$2,716,520.58

2017 Tax Rate/\$100: \$1.989
County \$.331, School \$1.297, County Open Space \$.032
Municipal \$.254, Library \$.035, Municipal Open Space \$.040

Police Force: 38

Form of Government: Township Committee



Carolyn Gaziano
Mayor
Term Expires 12/31/2018



John Carpenter
Deputy Mayor
Term Expires 12/31/2017



Term Carol Bianchi
Term Expires 12/31/2019



John Malay
Term Expires 12/31/2018



Thomas S. Russo, Jr.
Term Expires 12/31/2017

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Location of Services

Mailing Address:

1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Main Phone:

908-766-2510

Emergency (Police, Fire, First Aid):

911

Web:

www.bernards.org

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES BUILDING

277 S. Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ
Phone: 908-204-3018

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

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

POLICE BUILDING

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

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

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

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

32 S. Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Phone 908-204-3031

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Bernards Township Meeting Date Schedule

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



N. J. Representatives

U.S. Senators

Cory Booker

www.booker.senate.gov

Washington D.C.

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

Newark, New Jersey

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

Camden

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

Robert Menendez

www.menendez.senate.gov

Washington D.C.

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

Newark, New Jersey

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

Barrington, New Jersey

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

Congressman - District 7

Congressman Leonard Lance

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

Washington DC Office

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

Westfield District Office

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

New Jersey 21st Legislative District

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

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

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

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

Somerset County Freeholders

20 Grove Street

Somerville, NJ 08876

www.co.somerset.nj.us

Robert Zaborowski, Director

Patricia Walsh, Deputy Director

Mark Caliguire

Peter Palmer

Patrick Scaglione

Community Services & Highlights

Somerset County

Somerset County's Free E-Newsletter

www.co.somerset.nj.us/newsletter

Email Updates on more than 90 items on the County Website

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

Resource Somerset

www.LeadershipSomerset.org

Somerset County Environmental Center

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

Somerset County Park Headquarters

www.somersetcountyparks.org/geninfo/information.html

Somerset County Riding Stables

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

Public Safety

Basking Ridge Fire Company and First Aid Squad

www.brcco.com
908-766-9874

30 Washington Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Bernards Township Bureau of Fire Prevention

[Fire Prevention Bureau](#)
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

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

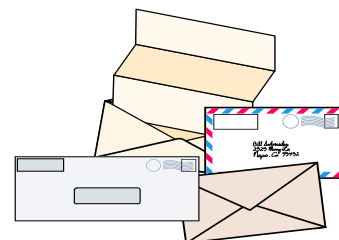
<http://www.rwjh.edu/rwjh/home.aspx>
908-685-2200

110 Rehill Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

Veterans' Affairs Medical Center

www.newjersey.va.gov/
908-647-0180

Lyons, NJ 07939



Post Offices

www.usps.com

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

Utilities

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



Schools

Public Schools

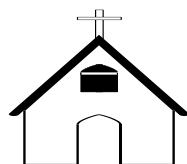
Board of Education	www.bernardsboe.com 908-204-2600	101 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Cedar Hill Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/CedarHillElementarySchool 908-204-2639	100 Peachtree Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Liberty Corner Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/LibertyCornerElementarySchool 908-204-2550	61 Church Street Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Mount Prospect Elementary Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/MountProspectElementarySchool 908-470-1600	111 Hansom Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Oak Street Grades K-5	www.bernardsboe.com/OakStreetElementarySchool 908-204-2565	70 W. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
William Annin Grades 6-8	www.bernardsboe.com/WilliamAnninMiddleSchool 908-204-2610	70 Quincy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools	www.scvths.org 908-526-8900	14 Vogt Dr., P.O.B. 6350 Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Private Schools		
Albrook Montessori School Ages 2-12 years	www.albrookschool.org 908-580-0661	361-A Somerville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bonnie Brae Residential Treatment Center for Adolescent Boys	www.bonnie-brae.org 908-647-0800	Valley Road , POB 369 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Lord Stirling Special Education	www.lordstirling.org 908-766-1786	Lord Stirling Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Pingry School Grades 7-12	www.pingry.org 908-647-5555	Martinsville Road, POB 366 Martinsville, NJ 08836
St. James Parochial School Grades K-8	www.sjsbr.org 908-766-4774	200 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Pre-Schools

Albrook Montessori School Ages 2-12	www.albrookschool.org 908-580-0661	361-A Somerville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Chabad Jewish Center Preschool	www.chabadcentral.org 908-604-8844	3048 Valley Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Children's Corner	www.lcpc.org 908-647-8401	45 Church Street Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Gentle Shephard Christian Pre-School	www.shlc.net/gentle-shepherd-christian-preschool 908-766-1430	350 Lake Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Little Footprints Learning Center	www.littlefootprintsnj.com 908-647-0011	520 King George Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset Hills Montessori	www.somerset hills montessori.org 908-221-0797	173 Madisonville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Sunshine Preschool & Infant Care	www.sunshinepreschool.net info@sunshinepreschool.net 908-604-2707	3575 Valley Road Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
The Tree House Child Caring Center	www.thetreehouseinc.org 908-221-1619	1 E. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
The Weintal Preschool	www.weintalpreschool.org cbitots@optonline.net 908-204-1294	40 Whitenack Rd. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Colleges

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



Churches

Millington Baptist Church	www.millingtonbaptist.org 908-647-0594	520 King George Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bishop Janes United Methodist	http://bjumc.org 908-766-1108	22 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Chabad Jewish Center	www.chabadcentral.org 908-604-8844	3048 Valley Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Congregation B'nai Israel	www.cbibr.org 908-204-1412	40 Whitenack Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Covenant Chapel (Reformed Episcopal)	www.covenantchapel.org 908-766-6174	127 W. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Evangelical Fellowship Chapel	908-647-1979	3575 Valley Road Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Fellowship Deaconry	http://www.fellowshipdeaconry.org	
Presbyterian Church of Liberty Corner	www.lcpc.org 908-647-0340	45 Church Street, P.O. Box 55 Liberty Corner, NJ 07938
Somerset Hills Baptist Church	www.somersetbaptist.org 908-647-7090	510 Mount Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset Hills Lutheran Church	www.shlc.net 908-766-2858	350 Lake Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
St. James Catholic Church	www.saintjamesbr.org 908-766-0888	184 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
St. Mark's Episcopal Church	www.stmarksbr.org 908-766-0510	140 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge	www.brpc.org 908-766-1616	1 E. Oak Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Organizations



Association of University Women (AAUW)	www.aauwnj.org 908-696-0375	POB 5 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
American Legion Post 216		151 Route 206 S. Gladstone, NJ 07934
Basking Ridge Business Alliance	www.ridgebusiness.org (908) 766-9300 Barbara Long	5 Lyons Mall #325 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Basking Ridge Garden Club	www.brgcnj.com 908-340-4099 Agnes Bailey sunnyb21@optonline.net	21 Allen Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Bernards Municipal Alliance	www.bernardsalliance.org 908-204-2523	262 S. Finley Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Hunterdon & Somerset Counties	908-730-7773	79 Beaver Ave. Clinton, NJ 08809
Bonafides of Somerset Hills	www.thebonafides.org 908-647-3741 Mary Lynne Norris	POB 91 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Boy Scout Troop 54	Greg Healy 908-391-2113 ghealy@att.com	65 Ramapo Dr. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
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
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	http://gfwc.homestead.com	Junior Women's Club

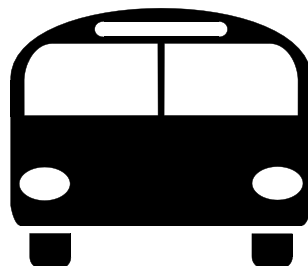
of Somerset Hills		POB 52 Bernardsville, NJ 07924
Kiwanis Club of Somerset Hills	908-735-2683 John Greene	POB 246 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Knights of Columbus	www.kofc.org 908-766-6163	14 Brook Avenue Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
League of Women Voters of Somerset Hills	www.lwvnj.org 908-766-0747	181 Mountain 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. Bedminsiteer, 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/ 908-526-6644	310 Milltown Road 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.somersethillskc.org	
Somerset Hills YMCA	www.somersethillsymca.org 908-766-7898	140 Mount Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Somerset/Hunterdon Chapter of Make-a-Wish Foundation	www.wish.org 800-252-9474	
The Historical Society of Somerset Hills	www.historicalsocietyofsomerset.hills.org 908-221-1770	POB 136 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Trilogy Repertory	www.trilogyrepertory.com	POB 199 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
U.S. Golf Association	www.usgamuseum.com 908-234-2300	77 Liberty Corner Road Far Hills, NJ 07931
Upper Raritan Watershed Association	http://www.raritanheadwaters.org / 908-234-1852	Box 273, 2121 Larger Cross Rd. Gladstone, NJ 07934
Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills Somerset Hills Hospice	www.visitingnurse.org 908-766-0180 mail@visitingnurse.org	200 Mt. Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
Women's Club of Bernardsville	908-766-3289	25 Fairview Dr. E. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



Specialized Housing

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



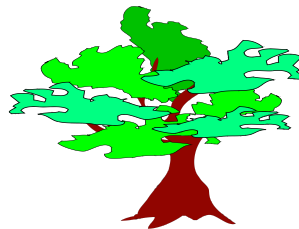
Transportation

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)
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 908-696-9616 908-542-1881	Metro 1 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 Cedars Car Service, Inc. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 Bernards Township Car and Limousine Service, Inc. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Recreation Programs

Babe Ruth Baseball	www.baberuthleague.org 908-604-2220	For boys and girls ages 13-15 Registration in February
Basking Ridge Little League	www.ridgebaseballclub.com	Youth baseball for boys & girls 6-12 - Registration in November
Bernards Township Recreation 1 Collyer Lane Basking Ridge, NJ 07920	www.bernards.org 908-204-3003	A variety of programs and activities for all ages including basketball, girls softball, ant hockey, drama classes, tennis, summer camp, fitness, computer programs, karate, music, volleyball, golf, trips, senior citizen and therapeutic recreation services, and much more. Call for more details.

Fishing & Hunting Licenses	732-356-0604 908-359-1000 908-561-4400 908-575-8997 908-756-1925 www.Njfishandwildlife.com	Efinger Sporting Goods Bound Brook Kmart, Hillsborough Ray's Sport Shop N. Plainfield Wal-Mart, Manville Wal-Mart, Watchung
Jr. Red Devils Football Club	www.jrreddevilsflagfootball.com	Girls & Boys, Ages 3-8 7 on 7 Non-contact Practice begins September
Mavericks Soccer Club	www.ridgemavericks.com	Youth – Registration in spring
Wrestling	www.ridgeyouthwrestling.com	Instructional club for grades K-8. Registration in October
Ridge Ice Hockey Association Jr. Devils	www.ridgehockey.net	Grades 6-8
Ridge Youth Sports, Inc. Football /Cheerleading Boys Lacrosse	www.ridgeyouthsports.com	Grades K-8 Grades 2-8
Somerset Hills Bulldogs Football & Cheerleading	www.somersetillsbulldogs.com	Youth football boys and girls ages 5-14 & Cheerleading – Registration in spring
Somerset Hills Lacrosse Club	www.somersetillslacrosse.com	Grades 4-8 – Registration in November
Somerset Hills Soccer Club	www.shsc.net	Youth soccer for boys and girls Intramural: grades K-8 Travel:U8-U14
Somerset Hills YMCA 140 Mount Airy Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920	908-766-7898 www.somersetillsymca.org	Extensive leisure programs. Competitive programs in swimming, gymnastics.



Parks and Recreation Facilities

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

Allen Street Gazebo
Intersection of Allen Street &

Place to relax and enjoy a
brown bag lunch

North Finley Avenue

Astor Fields 1 Collyer Lane (behind municipal building)	908-204-3003	3 multipurpose fields
Basking Ridge Country Club 185 Madisonville Road	908-766-9200	Private 18 hole golf course and swimming pool – Members only
Ridge Baseball Complex Valley Road		4 Little League baseball fields & area flooded for ice skating in winter
Bernards Township Community Center 289 South Maple Avenue	908-204-3003	Activity room holds up to 35 people. Recreation room holds up to 50 people.
Coakley-Russo Memorial Golf Course (V.A.) Valley Road	908-204-3003	9-Hole Course – Memberships available.
Dead River Trail West of Acken Road, north of power lines		Wooded area with a rustic trail for walking use only
Dunham Park Somerville & Liberty Corner Roads Liberty Corner	908-204-3003	Picnic shelter, indoor pavilion, roller hockey rink, softball/baseball field, sand volleyball court, disc golf course, bocce court, barrier-free playground, bike/jogging path, nature trail, multipurpose field
English Family Woods Allen Road		Passive recreation
Farmstead Park King George Road Liberty Corner Tennis Courts Church St. & Mine Brook Rd.	908-204-3003	Multipurpose field 2 Tennis courts
Lord Stirling Park Riding Stables 256 S. Maple Avenue	908-766-5955	Full program of public riding instruction in English horsemanship for youth and adults. Seasonally the stables offer reserved hay rides, sleigh rides
Manchester Drive Athletic Field, Manchester Dr.	908-204-3003	Multipurpose field
McCollum Farm		Passive recreation
Mountain Park Mountain & Martinsville Roads	908-204-3003	4 Multipurpose fields (2 lighted) 1.25 mile paved bike/jogging path; 4 LL/softball fields (2 lighted)

Oak Street Tennis Courts West Oak Street	908-204-3003	2 Tennis Courts
Pleasant Valley Park Valley Road	908-204-3003	Multipurpose fields, softball & baseball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelter, warming hut, stocked pond (no fishing permit required), pond shelter, walking trail, amphitheater, platform tennis courts, basketball court, sand volleyball court, barrier-free playground, fitness cluster
Pleasant Valley Pool Valley Road	908-204-3003	50 Meter "Z" shaped pool w/diving tank, training pool with slide, wading pool, water & play area, concession stand
Rebel Hill Park Fairview Drive S.	908-204-3003	Neighborhood park with soccer/softball field, tennis courts, barrier free playground, picnic tables
Schmidt Park Pond Hill Road	908-204-3003	Passive recreation – hiking trails, fishing with permit
Somerset County Environmental Education Ctr 190 Lord Stirling Road	908-766-2489	Nature walks, environmental programs and exhibits, classes
Sons of Liberty Farm Allen Road		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
908-204-3031

32 S. Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Somerset County Library

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.brpc.org
908-766-1616

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

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

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

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

Built between 1750 and 1840, the Farmstead and three historic agricultural structures are part of Old Farmstead Park, a 36.5 acre property along the Passaic River. The Farmstead's buildings are early examples of English and modified Dutch framing. The Farmstead is site of a classical school founded by the Rev.

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

908-766-2489

Samuel Kennedy; later relocated several times and finally housed in the Brick Academy. The 1740 home was also residence of founding father of State of NJ, Col. Ephraim Martin. Later home of prominent Stelle landowners. Property in agricultural use for more than 250 years. Other buildings include large English barn and wagon barn. State Register 2002; National Register 2003.

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

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

Originally built to house the Basking Ridge Classical School in 1809. This is the oldest existing Federal style building in Bernards Township; it was Public School District #12 from 1852-1903; it then was a union hall and served as the municipal building 1924-1975. It is the present home of The Historical Society of Somerset Hills.

Historic Districts

Franklin Corners
Childs Road & Route 202
Basking Ridge, NJ

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

Liberty Corner	Entered in State Register August 16, 1991 Entered in National Register October 11, 1991	State Register, 1974. Entered in National Register, 1975. Consists of 142 acres—84 contributing, 7 non- contributing buildings, 1 stone bridge and liberty pole site, centerpiece is Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, built 1868-69, an Italianate structure. Entered in State and National Registers, 1991.
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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.