

# WHO KEEPS FRANKLIN'S WATER CLEAN? ... YOU DO!

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed into storm drains, then directly into our rivers, drinking supplies, lakes and the ocean. It's up to all of us to keep common pollutants out of stormwater. Here's how:

**Clean up after your pet** - Pet waste is not only a nuisance to pedestrians; it can be washed into catch basins and streams and can cause sickness if it gets in our water supply. The Township has adopted a Pet Waste Ordinance (Ord. #806) in order to ensure the proper disposal of pet waste.

**Don't litter!** - Place litter in trash receptacles and always remember to recycle. Any trash you throw in the street will be swept downstream in a storm and will end up in a waterway. Township Ordinance #1478 deals with littering.

**Properly dispose of hazardous waste** - Kitchen and bathroom cleansers, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints are among the many items in your home that contain hazardous ingredients. It is very important that these items are disposed in the proper way at the proper location such as at the Somerset County Recycling Center located at 40 Polhemus Lane in Bridgewater. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of waste.

**Don't feed wildlife** - The feeding of deer, Canada geese or wild turkey not only leads to overpopulation, it creates waste that can be washed into our water supply. Township Ordinance #3254 handles the issue of wildlife feeding.

**Properly dispose of yard waste** - Keep leaves and grass out of roadways and storm drains. Compost if you can. Public Works collects leaves in brown paper recyclable leaf bags during Mondays in the fall. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of yard waste.

**Do not illicitly connect to storm sewers** - It is illegal and dangerous to discharge domestic sewage or industrial waste into a storm sewer. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) deals with illicit connections.

**Keep refuse containers / dumpsters covered** - Keep all garbage containers covered and prevent them from overflowing, spilling and leaking. Township Ordinance #3861-10 deals with refuse containers.

**Private storm drain inlet retrofitting** - You have likely seen storm drains in Township roadways that have restricted openings and reminder messages stamped on them (i.e. "Drains to Waterway"). Upgrades to storm drains on private property are now required, as well. If a business or homeowner's association is resurfacing or making alterations near drainage structures, they will need to upgrade their inlets. Township Ordinance #3862-10 deals with inlet retrofitting.



## Green Forum Held for Earth Day

The Green Forum 2010 was held on April 17, 2010, marking the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. This program was a partnership between Theta Psi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Service Fraternity, Franklin Township Environmental Commission (FTEC), New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), PSEG Services Corporation (PSEG), and Somerset County.

The Green Forum 2010 provided a unique opportunity to help residents and members of the business community to "Go Green", by providing the necessary information, tools and resources. Refreshments were served and a compost bin was presented as the free raffle prize. Approximately 70 people attended.

Joseph Fiordaliso, Commissioner of NJBPU, delivered the keynote address followed by six green topic presentations, ranging from the uses of Compact Florescent Light (CFL) bulbs to save energy; Home and Business Energy Audits; the beneficial use of solar panels by business and residential customers; and the NJ Clean Energy and Solar Loan Programs. The presenters were PSEG, Solar Connections, Green Faith, Petra Solar, Dr. Theodore Chase of the Township Council, and Arnold Vernick, Chairman of Franklin Township Environmental Commission.



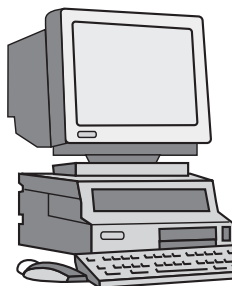
## NOMINATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is seeking nominations for the fourth annual Environmental Stewardship awards. The two awards will be presented in the fall of 2010 to an outstanding individual and organization or corporation that has contributed to the improvement of the environment in Franklin Township.

Nominations should provide the name and address of the individual or organization/corporation and information regarding the contribution to the environment that they have made. All nominations shall be submitted to: [franklinenvcomm@gmail.com](mailto:franklinenvcomm@gmail.com) by September 15, 2010. The Environmental Commission will review all nominations and select the individual and organization or corporation to receive this year's awards, based solely on the significance of their contribution to the environment.

# Department of Parks and Recreation

## Fall 2010 Recreation Programs



## Franklin In Technology Computer Classes

Mail and walk-in registration accepted through 9/17/10 or until classes are filled, whichever comes first.

Welcome to Franklin In Technology, bringing you and computers together. • Each 8 week course requires a \$65 fee. Take two 8 week courses for only \$125. • Each 4 week course requires a \$35 fee. Take two 4 week courses for only \$65. • Take one 8 week and one 4 week course for only \$95. • Classes are 1½ hours long. • Classes begin the week of September 20, 2010 (No class on Thursday, 11/11/10). • Classes are held at Somerset Residence located at 360 DeMott Lane, Somerset • Registration is accepted on a first come first served basis. **SEE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 7**

### #67711-10 Learning Computing I .....9:30 am – 11:00 am Mondays starting September 20

No experience required. You will learn to use the mouse and keyboard; you will learn many skills that will be needed for using email and the Internet. An email account will be established in Yahoo. Basic keyboard skills will be taught to enable you to write simple letters using your computer. You will learn to play solitaire and draw with a program that is on every computer.

### #67711-12 Digital Photography (NEW! 4 week course) ... 11:15 am – 12:45 pm Mondays from September 20 – October 11

Open to all levels of experience. Learn to use your digital camera and begin to figure out how to do simple editing and adjustments. Bring your digital camera to class. We'll show you how to get those photos on your computer for simple editing. Digital is "right now" photography - shoot, edit and print. Learn how simple it can be. Still like film? Learn how to use a computer to make those photos into a digital photo story with music, narration and pizzazz. Bring out your hidden creativity by learning simple tricks using free software.

### #67711-14 Learning Computing II .....9:30 am – 11:00 am Wednesdays starting September 22

Prerequisite required. You must have completed Computers I or have gotten instructor's approval. This course is for people who have had a little experience on a computer. You will be shown how to use the Internet for searching and discovery; how to be effective at using e-mail with your new free Yahoo account which is accessible anywhere in the world. We'll introduce you to Microsoft Word so you can create a simple letter. Increase your computing ability now.

### #67711-09 Learning Microsoft Word ..... 11:15 am – 12:45 pm Wednesdays starting September 22

Experience required. You should have completed Learning Computing II or received instructor approval. Mistakes are so easy to fix and we can't help but look really smart! But, it takes a bit of learning to figure out how to do it. Never rewrite or white-out again. Just edit!!!

### #67711-15 Learning Microsoft Excel. .... 9:30 am-11:00 am Thursdays starting September 23

Basic Computer experience required. GET ORGANIZED with Excel. Create lists and inventories that are easy to update and always at your fingertips. Use Excel to

get ready for a garage sale, update your phone lists, put together a household budget, and maintain club lists. Excel helps you do basic math and accounting. Use Excel to instantly alphabetize, sort, list and calculate columns of numbers.

### #67711-06 Internet/Yahoo Email (NEW! 4 week course) . . 11:15 am – 12:45 pm Thursdays starting September 23 – October 14

No experience required. You will learn to use the mouse and keyboard; you will learn many skills that will be needed for using email and the Internet. An email account will be established in Yahoo.

#### 4 Week Courses beginning in October

### #67711-07 Digital Photography (NEW! 4 week course) ... 11:15 am – 12:45 pm Mondays from October 18 – November 8

Open to all levels of experience. Learn to use your digital camera and begin to figure out how to do simple editing and adjustments. Bring your digital camera to class. We'll show you how to get those photos on your computer for simple editing. Digital is "right now" photography - shoot, edit and print. Learn how simple it can be. Still like film? Learn how to use a computer to make those photos into a digital photo story with music, narration and pizzazz. Bring out your hidden creativity by learning simple tricks using free software.

### #67711-08 Internet/Yahoo Email (NEW! 4 week course) . . 11:15 am – 12:45 pm Thursdays starting October 21 – November 18

No experience required. You will learn to use the mouse and keyboard; you will learn many skills that will be needed for using email and the Internet. An email account will be established in Yahoo.

**Note: Additional classes may be formed based on registration demand for specific classes.**

**You will be notified by the Recreation Department staff in advance of any changes in your selected class schedule.**

*Please contact the Recreation office at 732.873.1991 if you have any questions.*

**Return the Recreation Department Registration Form by mail or register in person at the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center - 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873. Registration is accepted on a first come first served basis. Cash, check or money orders accepted. Money Orders or Checks made payable to: Franklin Township**