

Livingston History, Community, Recreational and Environmental Bingo

Color Legend

Historic Places Community Buildings Outdoor treasures Endangered/Threatened Animal Habitat



Township Of Livingston Bicentennial 1813-2013

Content Descriptions and Location

Baldwin Family Burial Ground

122 Passaic Avenue

A private burial ground next to the Washington Place School House and established in 1781. It contains 25 graves, including those of three Revolutionary War soldiers.

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Condit Family Cook House

366 South Livingston Avenue

The Condit Family Cook House was once the stand alone summer kitchen of a farm home. It was moved to its current location at the rear of The Old Force Homestead and is registered with The National Register of Historic Places.

East Hills Park

Shrewsbury Drive between East Cedar Street and East Mount Pleasant Avenue

A 55- acre wooded park with a separate Dog Park and 1 and ½ mile Fitness Trail with over 30 exercise stations. The Dog Park was built entirely by volunteers.

Ely Cemetery

On the West side of Hillside Avenue

The private burial ground of the Ely family, this cemetery was established by Captain William Ely, a veteran of the Colonial Wars circa 1777, on a ¼ acre of his fields.

Firehouse

62 South Livingston Avenue

The Livingston Fire Department was formed in 1921. The Fire Headquarters built in 1929 is the same one today with some additions and renovations. With the exception of the Chief and Assistant Chief, Livingston Firefighters are all volunteers who undergo specialized training to learn how to fight fires.

Lenape Trail

North Livingston Avenue, past Harrison School before Route 280

Part of the Liberty-Water Gap Trail; which goes from Liberty State Park to the Delaware Water Gap. Much of this trail follows the PSEG Right of Way (ROW) on the north side of town.

Liberty Tree Memorial

10 Robert Harp Drive

The Township of Livingston is the recipient of a Liberty Tree Memorial and has been designated as one of the country's Liberty Tree Memorial sites. At this site stands a disease-resistant American Liberty Elm and commemorative bronze Liberty Tree plaque that tells the story of our country's freedom. As early as 1646, the colonists celebrated the planting of shade trees. Their favorite tree was the American elm, native to their new country.

Littell's Pond

Next to Livingston High School, Robert Harp Drive, you can park at the swim club parking lot adjacent to Little People's Park playground

Named after the Littell family, who were among the earliest settlers of the Passaic Valley in the 17th and 18th centuries. The pond had fallen into disrepair and a group of high school students took the initiative to improve it with a lot of help from Township Council. Today the pond is refurbished and offers fishing in the summer and skating parties in the winter.

Livingston First Aid Squad

50 South Livingston Avenue

First begun on June 1, 1950 at an organizational meeting, the First Aid Squad boasts four ambulances and 31 volunteer members.

Livingston Municipal and Police Building

357 South Livingston Avenue

Housing the police department and city hall, this municipal complex opened in 2010.

Livingston Post Office

49 West Mount Pleasant Avenue

Livingston Public Library

10 Robert Harp Drive

In 1911, six local women - Minnie Collins Ashby, Edith DeCamp, Gertrude Halsey, Ada Vincent, Mrs. Robert DeCamp and Emily Ashby - formed a social and literary club called the Alpha Club whose members took turns entertaining at their homes, reading and discussing books and papers. They began a lending library that eventually became the Livingston Public Library. This state of the art new public library opened September, 2007.

Livingston Senior and Community Center

204 Hillside Avenue

Opened in January 2004, the center hosts Zumba lessons, Pilates, Golf Instruction, Tai Chi, Cross Training, a vibrant Adult School, and so much more.

Old Force Homestead

366 South Livingston Avenue

Samuel Force purchased this house in 1777 for his son Thomas, who was born in 1758 and served in the Revolutionary War. Thomas operated a saw mill across the street until May, 1816, when his eighteen month old grandson, John Anderson, died as a result of a fall through the mill. The mill was never used again. The ruins of its foundation are still visible.

Prospect Park

Shrewsbury Drive between East Mount Pleasant and Laurel Avenues

Hiking and Biking trails surrounded by 29 acres of steep Riparian (adjacent to rivers and streams) forest associated with Canoe Brook.

Riker Hill Art Park

Right off of Beaufort Avenue

The 42-acre Riker Hill Art Park is an Essex County Park and was a United States Army Nike Missile Base in the 1950's. The tract was purchased from the federal government for one [\$1.00] dollar, in 1974. The buildings that once housed army facilities have been converted to art studios where sculpture, painting, photography, and various crafts now flourish.

Roosevelt School at Roosevelt Plaza

Northwest corner of South Livingston Avenue and Northfield Road

The first school in Livingston was built in 1782, a one room schoolhouse on Northfield Road. Eventually a larger, brick school was built on this site. That school was remodeled to house the shops and offices that are there now where Roosevelt Plaza is today.

September 11th Livingston Memorial Garden

Memorial Park at the Oval

Located near the gazebo, the seven sides of the octagonal-shaped garden are a memorial to the seven Livingston residents who died at the World Trade Center. The eighth side represents others who died that day. In the center of the garden is a sundial made from pieces of steel removed from the rubble of the WTC. Underneath the sundial in a vault is soil from Ground Zero. Plaques around the sundial show the times and places the four planes struck the towers, the Pentagon and the field in Shanksville, PA.

Walter Kidde Dinosaur Park

Eagle Rock Avenue and Locust Avenue - Drive down Locust Avenue until you cannot go any further. You will notice a small bridge and directly to your right you will see a trail with a few blue-blazed trails with pink ribbon. That's the trail to the Walter Kidde Dinosaur Park.

In 1968, there was a discovery of dinosaur tracks on the quarry. With the news, a 14-year-old, Paul E. Olsen who lived in Livingston, and his friend Tony Lessa started visiting the quarry to study them. It is one of the major sites in United States where a large number of dinosaur tracks are preserved. This site was also declared a National Natural Landmark in June 1971. This park is not open to the public.

War Memorial

Memorial Park at the Oval

Located in front of the high school and the Memorial Park Oval are a variety of War Memorials and Monuments dedicated to those Livingston residents who lost their lives in the service of our nation.

Washington Place School House

122 Passaic Avenue

Built around 1800, this one-room schoolhouse is registered with the NJ State Historic Site program. The current structure replaced an earlier school house on the site. The earlier private school was known as Washington Place Academy and later the Cheapside school.

Endangered/Threatened Animals in Livingston

Endangered species are those whose prospects for survival are in immediate danger because of loss of habitat, predation, competition, disturbance or contamination.

Threatened species are species that may become endangered if conditions around them get worse.

Red-shouldered Hawk -T, E (breeding)

Okner Parkway Playing Fields, Corner of Okner and Industrial Parkway

Red shouldered hawks are medium sized hawks and are found in lowland hardwood, mixed or coniferous forests. Nesting habitat is typically associated with water bodies including swamps and other forested wetlands.

Red-Headed Woodpecker-T

123 Naylon Avenue (behind the ARC building)

In northern New Jersey, red-headed woodpeckers prefer large open wetland complexes with stands of dead trees for excavating cavity nests. They can be seen foraging on trunks of oak and beech trees insects including carpenter ants, beechnut, acorns and other seeds. They are highly selective breeders and choose large, open wetland complexes. Nest heights may range from ground level to 100 feet high.

River Otter -T,E (environmental pollution)

The bridge over the Passaic River: Border between East Hanover and Livingston on Old West Mount Pleasant Avenue (Morris 610) right past the back entrance of Pane Vino Ristorante.

The River Otter could be seen along this portion of The Passaic River. The Passaic River is over 80 miles long and flows through 45 municipalities in NJ. The Native Lenape and Iroquois lived along the Passaic before European settlement. The word Passaic or "pahsayek" is a Native Lenape word meaning "Valley." The dens of Northern river otters (called holts) are generally natural hollows, spaces under fallen trees or rocks, or sometimes the confiscated dens of other animals, such as muskrats or beavers. They line their holts with fur, grass, moss, tree bark and leaves.