

Established as Raritan Township, area is rich in history, and ripe for commercial growth. Edison's earliest public road, which still in use, is Old Post Road. George Washington traveled it on his way to New York City for his inauguration as president. During World War II, the federal government purchased acreage to establish the Camp Kilmer military aircraft site. A rural community until the 1920s, Edison is now a major commercial and industrial center.

**POPULATION:** 72,000.  
**POST OFFICES:**  
Edison — 2101 Route 27, 287-4311  
Leno Park — Route 1 and Partridge Road, 548-4603  
Edison — 2079 Woodbridge Avenue, 3442

**ZIP CODES:**  
North Edison — 08817  
Clara Barton — 08837  
South Edison — 08820  
Edison P.O. Box No. — 08818

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET:** \$7,070,943.

**TAX RATE:**  
\$2.94 for school purposes.  
\$.22 for municipal purposes.  
\$.22 for county purposes.  
\$.22 for garbage where service available.  
Total General Tax Rate, excluding page rate, \$4.26

**POLICE:** Headquarters in the rear of Municipal Building, 100 Municipal Blvd., off Route 27, 287-0900.  
Police Chief: William T. Fisher.  
To report a crime or accident: dial 0900.  
Copies of police reports may be obtained at the Central Records Bureau of the department from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**EMERGENCIES:** dial 287-0700.  
**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Judge: Paul E. Anderson  
Court Clerk: Margery Curran

**GOVERNMENT**  
Edison operates under the Home Rule Act, which provides for a mayor and seven council members to be elected at large on a partisan basis on staggered terms of four years. The Municipal Building is at 100 Municipal Blvd., off Route 27. The Township Council holds regular meetings at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the council chambers on the second floor of the municipal building. Caucus sessions are held at 7:45 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the council caucus room, located behind the council chambers.

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:**  
Mayor Anthony M. Yelencsics; Democrat, office, 287-0900, Ext. 200. Term ends Dec. 31, 1985.  
Council President Angelo Orlando; Democrat, office, 287-0763. Term ends Dec. 31, 1985.  
Councilwoman Dorothy Drwal; Democrat, office, 985-6663. Term ends Dec. 31, 1983.  
Councilwoman Margery Golin; Democrat, office, 548-4985. Term ends Dec. 31, 1983.  
Councilman John Hogan; Democrat, office, 985-0800. Term ends Dec. 31, 1983.  
Councilman George Asprocolas; Democrat, office, 225-3873. Term



## New Township Hall

The Edison Municipal Complex is located on Route 27 near Talmadge Road. The new building, which also houses police headquarters, was completed in 1981. The complex replaces the old building on Plainfield Avenue near Woodbridge Avenue, which has been sold.

ends Dec. 31, 1985.  
Councilman Lewis Bloom; Democrat, office, 572-2883. Term ends Dec. 31, 1983.  
Councilman George Spadoro; Democrat, office, 494-6006. Term ends Dec. 31, 1985.

**ELECTIONS**  
Voting for council is held every two years, on a staggered basis. The mayor and three councilmen are elected every four years; four councilmen are elected in alternate years.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
Registration may be made at the township clerk's office, daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the municipal building, 100 Municipal Blvd.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**  
Business Administrator: John Delesandro, office, 287-0900, Ext. 200.  
Clerk: Lucille Tucker, office, 287-0900.

**RECREATION:**  
Edison has two large county parks within its borders, more than 30 equipped and staffed neighborhood playgrounds, softball fields and several golf courses. Fourteen of the parks are located on public or parochial school grounds and are in full operation for eight weeks during the summer.  
Boating is available at the Edison Boat Dock, located at the foot of Meadow Road. Dock licenses can be picked up at the Municipal Building.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:** Edison has public garbage collection for most residents of private homes who live within 13 garbage districts. Other areas and nearly all apartment complexes are served by private collectors paid by the users. Pickups in the garbage districts are twice weekly, either on Mondays and Thursdays or Tuesdays and Fridays, 287-0900, Ext. 300.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays for oversized or special items. Arrangements may be made with the Sanitation Department, 287-0900, Ext. 300.

**WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**  
Most older homes will already have water meters; new home owners may call the Water Department, 287-0900, Ext. 305.

Clara Barton and North End are serviced by the Middlesex Water Co., 634-1500.

Other areas are served by the municipal water department.

**LIBRARIES:**  
The library system consists of a

main library, two branch libraries and a bookmobile. Library hours are subject to change.  
Library cards are available free to township residents. Both adult and junior cards are offered. Non-residents can obtain a card for a \$5 fee. Edison has a reciprocal agreement with Woodbridge Township in honoring cards.

Main Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., 287-2298.

North Edison Branch, Library Place and Grove Avenue, 548-3045.

Clara Barton Branch, Hoover and Pleasant Aves., 738-0096.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Fire chief: H. Ray Vliet, appointed by the mayor. Edison has both paid and volunteer firefighters. There are five fire precincts, with approximately 120 paid firemen and 250 volunteers. Members of each precinct elect their own officers.  
All fires are reported to a central number, 287-0100.

Precinct 1 — Raritan Engine Co. 1, House 1, Plainfield and Simpson Avenues; House 2, Route 27 and Langstaff Avenue.

Precinct 2 — Edison Volunteer Co. 1, Route 27, park area.

Precinct 3 — Raritan Engine Co. 2, 849 Amboy Ave.

Precinct 4 — H.K. Volunteer Co., 840 New Dover Road.

Precinct 5 — Oak Tree Volunteer Co., 1 Beverly St.

**FIRST AID SQUADS**  
There are three first aid squads in Edison, each serving a separate section of the township. They are staffed by volunteers, with officers elected by the members.  
All emergencies are reported to a central number, 287-0700.

Edison First Aid Squad No. 1, Lakeview Boulevard, off Woodbridge Avenue.

Edison First Aid Squad No. 2,

Route 27.  
Clara Barton First Aid Squad No. 3, 1079 Amboy Ave.

## SCHOOLS

The Edison Township School District includes 13 elementary schools, four junior high schools and two high schools.

**SCHOOL BUDGET:** \$39,552,736.  
**TAX RATE:** \$2.94 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:** Charles A. Boyle, office, 287-4100, third floor municipal building, 100 Municipal Blvd., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** 10,750.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**  
All kindergarten through sixth grade.

No. 3, Piscatawaytown, 2060 Woodbridge Avenue, 985-3181.

No. 7, Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Avenue, 225-3060.

No. 8, Lincoln, Brookville Road, 287-2320.

No. 9, Washington, Winthrop and Cambridge Roads, 985-1102.

No. 10, James Madison, New Dover Road, 549-9440.

No. 11, Benjamin Franklin, 2485 Woodbridge Avenue, 985-7330.

No. 13, John Marshall, Cornell Street, 985-3377.

No. 14, Menlo Park, Monroe Avenue, 548-3903.

No. 15, James Monroe, Sharp Road, 225-3170.

No. 16, Lindeneau, Blossom Street, 985-7011.

No. 17, Woodbrook, Robin Road, 548-3375.

No. 18, Martin Luther King, Tingley Lane and Inman Avenue, 754-4289.

No. 20, James Madison, New Dover Road, 549-4852.

Cerebral Palsy Center School, Roosevelt Park, 225-3060.

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS:**  
John Adams, New Dover Road, 549-9257.

Thomas Jefferson, Division Street, 985-2500.

Herbert Hoover, Jackson Avenue, 225-9390.

Woodrow Wilson, Woodrow Wilson Drive, 548-2550.

**HIGH SCHOOLS:**  
Edison High School, Boulevard of the Eagles, 985-2900.

John P. Stevens High School, Grove Avenue, 549-5543.

**REGISTRATION:** Go to the principal's office of the school serving your area and present the child's birth certificate, health records and school records.

**PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS:**

St. Helena Roman Catholic School, (k-8), Grive Avenue, 549-6234.

St. Mathews R.C. School, (k-8), Seymour Avenue, 985-6633.

St. Francis R.C. School, (k-8), Main Street, Metuchen, 548-3107.

Edison Township has existed as an independent municipality for more than 100 years. It was incorporated as Raritan Township in 1870, and developed on a neighborhood basis. At the northern end of the township Thomas Edison labored in his laboratory where he perfected the incandescent light in 1879. In 1954, residents voted to change the name of their community to Edison Township. A rural community until the 1920s, Edison is now a major commercial and industrial center.



Our Lady of Peace R.C. School, (k-8), New Brunswick Avenue, Fords, 738-7464.

Moriah Yeshiva Orthodox Jewish Academy, (k-8), 2 Harrison St., 572-5052.

Alpha Montessori School, (k-6), Plainfield Avenue, 985-0594.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School, (9-12), New Dover Road and Tingley Lane, 549-1108.

Wardlaw-Hartridge School, (8-12), Inman Avenue, 754-1882.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**  
The Board of Education holds public meetings at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Caucus ses-

sions are held at 8 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the second Monday.

On even months, the board meets at Edison High School; on odd months, at John P. Stevens High School.

**Members:**  
Dennis O'Shea, president  
Ralph Bayard  
Bertha Griffin  
John White  
James Cassidy

The mayor is expected to appoint two additional members to fill vacancies created by expiration of terms.

Board members can be contacted through the Board of Education, 287-4400.