



Green Grapevine

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Where did the summer go? I feel like it was only yesterday that I was drafting the message for the spring edition of the Grapevine! While the summer seems to have gone by in a blink of an eye, many projects in town continued to progress or were completed over the summer months.

I am pleased to report that after a long wait, the Township has at last been awarded a \$128,000 grant by FEMA toward the purchase and installation of generators. This grant money will now allow us to move forward with the generator project for the municipal, DPW, first aid squad and fire department buildings. We hope to complete the project before year end.

The soccer fields at EverGreen Park are looking great! Resting the fields in conjunction with the additional field maintenance treatments are certainly paying off. Thank you again to everyone that has graciously respected the continued field closures and the resulting inconvenience. In the spring of 2016 I think we will all say it was well worth it.

Over the summer a new ordinance, Ordinance 2015-04, was passed establishing new rules and regulations for the Township owned parks and public property. Please note that there has been and continues to be a permit process for persons and/or organizations wishing to use Township owned parks and facilities for parties, assemblies, business engagements and sport programs. The facility use packet is available on the Township website by visiting the "Form Center" under the "Quick Links" section on the home page. You may also pick up a packet at the municipal building during regular business hours. Usage requests must be submitted at least 30 days in advance and no more than 45 days prior to the desired use date.

Our scheduled road maintenance projects this summer went very well. Approximately 3.5 miles of roads in the Lake Tranquility section of town were chip sealed, extending the life of these roads. Maple Lane was also milled and paved as planned.

Many thanks to all the volunteers we have in town! The gift of time is precious and we cannot thank you enough for sharing that gift with our community.

On behalf of the Township Committee (Jim, Dan, Steve and Jason) and myself, we wish you a wonderful holiday season! Stay safe and warm this winter.



Peg Phillips
Green Township Mayor

RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEER SERVICES

During the opening ceremony at Green Township Day, the Mayor and Committee presented resolutions honoring Laszlo Raffay Jr. and Glenn Wershing for their years of dedication and volunteer services to the Township of Green. The Township recognizes and thanks these gentlemen for their many years of active participation in Green Township and the Committee also expresses its profound sorrow upon the loss of these two friends and neighbors and offers deepest sympathies to both families.

Laszlo Raffay Jr. served the Township of Green in various roles for 35 years. These roles include Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Board of Adjustment Chair, and Planning Board member. Laszlo began his service to the town in 1980. Laszlo also had a strong involvement with various projects in the Township which include the current Municipal Building, the DPW garage, Historical Society Showcase and the EverGreen Park and Pavilion.

Glenn Wershing was the founding member of the Green Township Historical Society having helped start the Society in the mid 1990's. Glenn also served on the Planning Board for 3 years and served as an Environmental Committee member for almost 20 years. Glenn had a passion for the history and archeology of Green Township which led the Township to appoint Glenn as the Township's official Archeologist in 1993 and served until 2015.

GREEN TOWNSHIP MEETINGS 2015

Township Committee
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

October 26
November 9
December 14
January 4 & 25, 2016

Zoning Board of
Adjustment
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Open Space Advisory
Committee
1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
No meetings July, Aug or Sept.

Recreation Advisory
Committee
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory
Committee
4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.





DID YOU KNOW.....



The Township has an ordinance in regards to Litter/Dumping/Leaves.

Section 3-1.3 states that no person shall discard, place, throw, dump, rake or sweep litter in, on or upon any roadway, right-of-way, parking lot, park, playground, recreational center, rail bed, public building, sidewalk, grounds, vacant land, public waters, gutter, catch basin, or any other public areas owned by the Township. Section 3-1.4 states that no person shall discard, place, throw, dump, pour, or release any material, solid or liquid waste including but not limited to stones, earth, debris, **snow, ice, leaves** brush or hazardous waste in, on or upon any roadway, parking lot, park, playground, recreational center, rail bed, public buildings, sidewalk, grounds vacant land, public waters, gutter, catch basin, or any other public area owned by the Township.

PLEASE keep this in mind when you are raking your leaves in your yard and shoveling, blowing, or plowing your driveways this fall and winter.

NEW JERSEY HAS A LAWN FERTILIZATION LAW.....This information is taken from the ProFACT website www.profact.rutgers.edu.

On January 5, 2011, New Jersey enacted New Jersey Act, P.L. 2010,c. 112 (C.58: 10A-64) This act is to protect all New Jersey surface and ground waters from impairment by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus that may be derived from fertilizer. Excess use of nitrogen threatens the coastal water quality and excess use of phosphorus threatens the fresh water quality. This act addresses the application, sale and use of fertilizer and distinguishes between retail and professional applications. The act does not apply to Commercial farms. For more information regarding this law, please refer to the website listed above.

INVASIVE SPECIES.....

Many of us have chosen to live in Green Township and Sussex County, NJ in part because of the natural beauty of this area and its natural appeal but did you know that the native plant and animal life is

under pressure from non-native, invasive plant species that have been introduced to this area? These plants have come to New Jersey over time from both accidental and intentional introductions, bringing plants from other parts of the world to North America as seeds or as ornamental nursery stock and once here, the plants thrive and spread because they no longer have natural controls of animals, insect or disease.

An invasive plant species is one that is introduced outside of its natural range and a plant that grows densely and produced a great number of offspring and ultimately excludes native plant species. Common examples in our area are Japanese Barberry, Chinese Tree of Heaven, Japanese Stilt Grass, Oriental Bittersweet or Multiflora Rose. Many of these plant species can be seen overgrowing native cedar trees or freely growing in meadows or open spaces, forming dense thickets.

Growing in this way, the invasive plants prohibit new growth of native trees and the grasses and woody or herbaceous shrubs that the native wildlife relies upon. These thickets also form fire hazards as the brush dries out and provide habitats for ticks and rodents. The impact of invasive species has been estimated at over \$100 billion dollars per year due to crop losses, the cost to control the spread of these species and controlling plant diseases introduced along with the invasive species.

The NY/NJ/PA area is particularly affected by these species due to the steady flow of new species through human activities such as shipping as well as migratory patterns of wildlife. Invasive species are also distributed through construction activities that displace soil or reduce native vegetation creating opportunities for invasive plants to become established. Finally, the increasing amount of non-native plants puts feeding pressure on the large white tailed deer population leading to increased browsing of native plants.

So, what should we do? Proper identification of invasive plants on your property and removal of non-native, invasive species is encouraged. To help you identify invasive plants and find the best method of controlling these damaging plants, we encourage you to visit the following resources:

NJ Invasive Species Strike Team:

<http://www.njisst.org/>

NJ Invasive Species Council:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/njisc/>

NY/NJ Trail Conference Invasive Strike

force: <http://www.nynjtc.org/invasives> Also,

check out the invasive species app for iPhone

and Android: [http://www.njisst.org/](http://www.njisst.org/NRCSGrant.htm)

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PARKS, FIELDS & FACILITIES

Dominick Papa Park.....

Michael Burke of Boy Scout Troop 184 has recently completed his Eagle Scout project. For Michael's project, he constructed two park benches and two picnic tables at Papa Park. Michael also added mulch and plantings to the park grounds. Thank you Michael for your hard work in making Papa Park a more enjoyable place for our community.

EverGreen Park.....During the opening ceremony at Green Township Day, The Mayor and Committee have named the new baseball field "The Laszlo Raffay Jr. Memorial Field." This field has been dedicated in memory of Laszlo Raffay Jr. who has served the Township in various roles for 35 years. The family and friends of Laszlo Raffay Jr. have donated a new bench for the park.

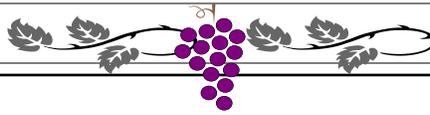
****REMINDER:** the soccer fields remain **CLOSED** through the fall season. Please obey the signs posted at the park.*****

EMERGENCY SERVICES



ALLAMUCHY-GREEN FIRST AID SQUAD IS IN NEED OF MEMBERS!

The cadet program starts for anyone who is 17 1/2 years old, no medical background needed— training will be provided. If interested please visit the website at www.95rescue.org or call **908-852-3554** for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FALL



Halloween Trunk or Treat– Sun. Oct. 25th 2:00pm-4:00pm
EverGreen Park

HALLOWEEN CURFEW

The Township Committee has declared a 9:00pm curfew for all minors on Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st. The State Police have been notified of this curfew. The Committee requests assistance of all residents in keeping Halloween safe for everyone.



Rabies Clinic– Saturday November 7th, 9:00am-11:00am. at the DPW Building (173 Kennedy Rd)

WINTER



Tree Lighting/Gingerbread contest– Saturday, December 5th at EverGreen Park at 4:00pm. Come join your friends and neighbors to kick off the holiday season. Please visit the website for more information.

DPW NEWS

REMINDER: There is no parking on the streets during snow storms and there shall be no plowing, snow blowing or shoveling of snow into the streets.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Pick up will take place January 1-31st. Please have all trees curbside for pickup.

SPRING



Easter Egg Hunt– Tentative March 20th. Please visit the website for updated information

at www.greentwp.com.



Spring Yard Sale
Tentative May 14th. Rain date, May 15th.

SUMMER

Checkout the town website www.greentwp.com for updates regarding information on...

Entertainment in the Park– June
Miss Green– June
Summer Recreation Program– July

The Recreation Committee is looking for new members. If interested, please contact Christine Licata at 908-852-9333 ext. 10 for more information.

YOUTH SPORTS



BASKETBALL– Registration process has begun and forms can be found on the town website: www.greentwp.com.

SOCCER - For information and registration forms. Please visit www.greentownshipsoccer.com

REMINDER: All Sport registration forms **MUST** be mailed to the PO Box listed on the form. Registrations mailed or delivered to Town Hall will be returned to you. Please contact the director of the sport with any questions.

RECAP SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 MISS GREEN STEPHANIE AHMAD



SUMMER KICK OFF BBQ 2015– was held on June 12th at EverGreen Park. Great food catered by Chef's along with music entertainment by Kip & Mr. Microphone and the crowning of Miss Green was enjoyed by all.

GREEN TOWNSHIP DAY

was held on Saturday, September 19th. The day was filled with food, games, crafts, vendors and more. Thank you to those who donated and volunteered to make this day a success!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

2015 Outstanding Older American Wayne Daniel

Girl Scout Troop 4082 for earning The Girl Scout Bronze Award

**Sydney Cotter
Rhiannon Drislane
Audree Fullman
Madison McCann
Erin McLean
Kaiya Murray**



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GREEN TOWNSHIP SENIORS

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. downstairs in the Municipal Building.

GREEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meets on the third Monday of the months of April, May, October, and November at 7:00p.m.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Have you lost or found a dog? Call the Animal Control Officer, Alan DeCarolis, 908-377-0808.



TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

Linda Peralta..... Clerk/
 Administrator
 Patty DeClesis.....Deputy Clerk/
 Registrar
 Penny Holenstein.....Tax Assessor
 Karen Ferrone.....Tax Collector
 Linda Padula.....CFO
 David Diehl.....Zoning Officer
 Open.....BOA/PB Secretary
 Kim Mantz.....Construction
 Bill Flammer.....Fire Prevention
 Christine Licata.....Receptionist
 Watson Perigo.....Road Supervisor



All dogs 7 months of age and older must be licensed and all licenses are to be renewed every January.

IF LICENSES ARE NOT RENEWED ON TIME A LATE FEE OF \$5.00 PER MONTH WILL BE IMPOSED if paying after February 10.

If you do not renew the license a court complaint/summons will be issued.

FREE RABIES CLINIC for all dogs and cats, Saturday, November 7, 2015 9:00-11:00am at the DPW Building (173 Kennedy Rd)

RABIES MUST BE CURRENT THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2016 .

Licensing questions only call Heidi at 908-852-9333 ext. 33. Applications can be found on our website: www.greentwp.com
