



# Green Grapevine

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Green Township Residents:

Spring is finally here and I think we all have survived the winter. Old man winter definitely overstayed his welcome. Please join me in thanking our Road Department for their devotion and hard work this winter. They worked hard and long hours during a winter filled with severe temperatures, plenty of snow and ice, and gusty winds to maintain safe road conditions. As most towns, they had to do their job with a dwindling supply of salt. We all look forward to seeing them sweeping the streets, conducting wood chipping for the residents, and sprucing up the fields and parks for the season.

I am pleased to report that, by the time you read this, the Township Committee will have adopted a budget with ZERO percent increase on the municipal level. This marks the fifth year in a row that this has been accomplished!. Thanks to the employees who continue to do more with less and to Linda Padula, CFO and Linda Peralta, Clerk/Administrator who are primarily responsible for presenting the budget.

Numerous projects were completed this past year: a dump truck was added to the DPW fleet, a salt shed was built to replace one that was 50 years old, and a new Horton ambulance was purchased for the Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad. Two projects that we hope to complete in 2014 are improvements to the municipal building parking lot and installation of new generators at four township buildings. These will be accomplished within our current budget.

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to review the spring, summer and fall calendar of activities in this newsletter. Many of the activities listed are sponsored by our volunteer Recreation Committee. They have introduced new and fun events targeting all age groups. Note also that the Recreation Committee relies on your participation and support to keep these programs coming!

Thank you to the many volunteers who devote their time and energy to Green Township on various boards, Committees, and Emergency service organizations. These folks give an awful lot for very little in return!

I hope everyone has a safe spring and summer. Please be aware of children playing and riding as we Green Up!



Green Township Mayor



## SUMMER HOURS



### Municipal Building Summer Hours Starting From June 16th to Aug 31st

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday– 8:00am to 4:00pm

Thursday– 8:00am to 7:00pm

Friday– CLOSED



Please note that many departments are staffed on a part time basis, most notably the Tax Office, Construction Department, and Zoning Official. Please make an appointment or go to [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) for more information regarding office hours and departmental information.

### WELCOME NEW ZONING OFFICER DAVID DIEHL

Green Township welcomes new Zoning Officer David Diehl. David started with Green Township on February 1st. The Regular office hours for the Zoning Officer will be Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. For more department information please log on [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com).

## GREEN TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

2014

### Township Committee

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

April 14 & 28,

May 13 & 27

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8 & 22

October 14 & 27

November 10 & 24

December 8 & 22

January 5 & 20, 2015

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

### Planning Board

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

### Open Space Advisory Committee

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

No meetings July, Aug or Sept.

### Recreation Advisory Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

### Environmental Advisory Committee

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.





### DID YOU KNOW.....



**The Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA)**

provides the following FREE Recycling Services to residents and businesses:

**Household Hazardous Waste Days—** 6/7 and 11/1/14

**Electronic Waste Recycling Days—** 3/15, 5/3, 7/26 & 10/11/14

**Vegetation-Mulch & Compost** Sussex County residents can hand load regular mulch and compost for free.

**Recycling Center-Open Monday through Saturday 7:00am to 2:00pm**

**Paper Shredding Days—** 5/16, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19. Cost is \$6.00 per grocery bag full— Hours 9:00 to 12:00pm

**visit: [www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org)**

**REMINDER: Please DO NOT place TV's at Roadside. By State Law, TV's are no longer allowed to be picked up at curbside!**

### RADON

The New Jersey Department of Health along with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection urge all NJ residents to test their home for radon.

Many New Jersey residents live in moderate to high risk radon areas. Radon potential varies widely across NJ so the DEP has mapped radon potential by county and municipality. Visit <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/rpp/radon/radonin.htm>.

For more information, residents should contact the DEP radon program at (800)-648-0394 or visit [www.njradon.org](http://www.njradon.org).

### JCP&L

JCP&L now accepts outage reporting on facebook, [www.facebook.com/JCPandL](http://www.facebook.com/JCPandL) click on "Report an Outage" tab. JCP&L also added Crew Status to the outage maps. This feature lets customers know when crews have been dispatched, where they are working on a repair, and when additional crews or equipment are needed to complete the restoration work. This can be found by logging onto [www.jcp-l.com](http://www.jcp-l.com). More information about JCP&L's communication tools is available at [www.firstenergycorp.com/connect](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/connect).

### EMERGENCY SERVICES



The first Aid Squad and Fire Department both work tirelessly to protect and serve you and your loved ones. Please take a moment and thank them! Both departments are staffed by VOLUNTEER community members. New members are welcome and monetary donations are accepted! The Township is pleased to have been able to provide a new ambulance and two new fire trucks recently; monetary donations are used to maintain and outfit them. Please consider volunteering and/or donating.

### Swift 911.....

On February 12, 2014. we had the opportunity to use our new emergency notification system to let you know of a change in the garbage pickup due to an impending snow storm.....it worked but we want to reach more of you! Please take a moment to visit our website at [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com). Click on Swift 911 icon and follow the directions to sign up to receive emergency notifications via land line, cell phone, and text message. Please note that service will be used only in the event of an emergency.

### Email Subscription

Please visit our website [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) and sign up your email address under news notes and alerts. Click current events then click current events again and subscribe to receive an email for news and events going on in town.

### PARKS, FIELDS & FACILITIES

All Green Township parks, fields, and facilities are available for your enjoyment. Please note that if you plan an organized activity or event (i.e. birthday parties, sporting events, etc) for 12 or more participants, an application is required in advance of the event. Permission to use a facility will be granted on a first come basis with priority given to those events/organizations which primarily serve Green residents. More information and the application form are available on our website.

#### ATTENTION ALL GREEN NONPROFITS

The Township has outfitted the pavilion at Evergreen Park with a small kitchen. If you would like to use the pavilion to fundraise, please call (908) 852-9333. There is a \$100.00 security deposit for use of the kitchen and will be refunded after confirmation that the kitchen has been left in its original condition and the key is returned to the Municipal Building.



PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED** IN THE PARK.

As the weather is getting nicer, the park will be busy with activities so we ask that you please adhere to the rules of the park.

#### A NOTE FROM THE ZONING OFFICER

Spring is here and you may be anticipating indoor and outdoor home improvement projects. Please be reminded that a zoning permit approval is required prior to the construction of new homes, additions, renovations, decks, sheds, swimming pools (above ground and in ground), accessory structures, fences, change of use, and any other structures or improvements which may be required in accordance with the municipal code.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### SPRING

#### Clean Communities Day

##### TIRE, BATTERY, MOTOR OIL, USED CAR PARTS RECYCLING DAY

**When:** Saturday, April 26, 2014

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** DPW 173 Kennedy Rd. (across from the Municipal Building.)

Green Township residents can drop off batteries and used motor oil free of charge. Tires up to 16" cost \$2.00; over 16" cost \$5.00. **Absolutely NO TRACTOR TIRES.** Proof of residency required.

**Rain date: Saturday, May 3, 2014**

Additional information call

(908) 852-9333

##### WOODCHIPPING PROGRAM

Starting Monday, **April 28, 2014** the road department will conduct a woodchipping program. Brush should be stacked with the ends piled neatly facing the road at curbside **by 6:00am April 28th**. Only one (1) pile of brush per household will be accepted. Pile may be 5 ft. in length and 3 ft. high. No additional brush will be taken. No logs will be accepted over 2 inches in diameter. If the brush pile contains metal of any kind, it will be rejected; this includes nails. No construction materials are allowed. The roads will be canvassed only **ONCE**; there will be no return trips. Chips may be obtained at Wesley Field parking lot and Dominick Papa Park.

**INTENDED ONLY FOR WINTER DEBRIS, NO LOT CLEARING.**



**Spring Yard Sale-**  
Saturday, May 17th  
Rain Date: May 18th

### SUMMER



#### Summer Kick Off 2014

**BBQ:** Come kick off the summer and join the Recreation Committee for a BBQ at Evergreen Park. **Friday, June 27th at 6:00pm.** Enjoy a summer BBQ catered by Chef's, music entertainment and watch the crowning of Miss Green 2014.



#### Miss Green- Friday, June 27th; 7pm

Evergreen park. Winners will receive monetary prizes. Looking for girls who have passed their 17th birthday but have not reached their 22nd birthday by the application deadline of May 24th.

#### Summer Recreation- July 7th-25th



#### Movie in the Park

July 25th, 7:30pm  
Movie TBD. Check the website for details.



### YOUTH

#### SPORTS

**SOCCER UPDATE-** Youth Soccer now has a websites and you can access all information and registration forms. Please visit [www.greentownshipsoccer.com](http://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. This may cause delays which may result in a late registration fees and/or the inability to participate as some teams fill up fast. Any questions should be directed to the appropriate director of the sport.

### FALL



**Green Township Day-**  
Saturday, Sept. 20th  
1:00pm -5:00pm.



**Fall Yard Sale:** Saturday, Oct. 4th  
Rain Date Sunday, Oct. 5th



**Halloween Parade-**  
Sun. Oct. 26th

#### RECAP FALL/WINTER EVENTS

#### Congratulations to the Gingerbread Contest Winners:

**Under 14:** 1st Place Bridget Fajvan, 2nd place Melaina Scuralli, 3rd Place Madison Rhine

**Team- :** 1st place Seaman Family, 2nd Place Phillips Family, 3rd Place Heatherly Family

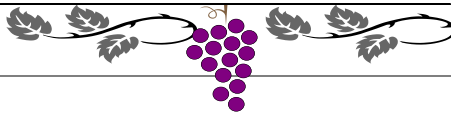
**People's Choice:** Seaman Family

#### Congratulations to the Home Holiday Decorating Contest Winners:

**Calhoun Family:** 3 Old Forge Lane  
**Moffatt Family:** 1 Mountainview Dr.  
**Schuessler Family:** 85 Wintermute Rd

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND OTHERS CHECK THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

[www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com)  
Department/Recreation



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Permit No. 509

Green Township  
P.O. Box 65  
150 Kennedy Road  
Tranquility, NJ 07879

## 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.*



## EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT

Plans are being made for a **Spectacular Celebration!** The Green Township Senior Citizens Club is Celebrating its **40th Anniversary (1974-2014).**

For more information or to volunteer to help in the planning process, feel free to call:

Wayne D. 908-852-4747  
Helen J. 862-258-0873  
Bud H. 908-862-4014

We welcome all ideas!



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 1, 2014 9:00-11:00am at the DPW Building (173 Kennedy Rd)

**RABIES MUST BE CURRENT THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2014.**

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

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