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Mayor's Message

As Fall tries to make up its mind on when it will arrive, I hope this message finds you all well and rested from Spring and Summer.

Town has been quite busy this summer completing a myriad of projects such as paving Yellow Frame Road, repairing the wall at the intersection of Pequest and Sutton, improving the embankment, and paving Hunts Road. Princeton Hydro continues its work on the water study for Lake Tranquility. Unfortunately, weather forecasts caused the cancellation of Green Township Day, not once, but twice. We did not, however, forget about our outstanding Senior Award. This year Paul (Skip) Henry was the recipient for all that he has done and continues to do for the town. He is a life member of our fire department, and you can usually see him manning the grill for the Chicken BBQs.

It is wonderful to see so many of you enjoying Evergreen Park. We are happy to announce that we will be improving the walking path, fence and guard rail. If the weather cooperates, we plan on making improvements to the parking lot as well.

Thank you to our Environmental committee, who have put in a second pollinator garden at the entrance to the connector trail. Thank you to our recreation committee who provided movies in the park which many participants cheered as a huge success.

Congratulations to the Weekend bag program and the First Aid squad for receiving grants from Lowes to further their good works. We will be continuing the added patrols of the Andover Police departments, in answer to complaints about speeding drivers and helping make our town safer.

Be sure to check out what is going on in our town at www.greentwp.com.

I hope you all have a safe Halloween and Happy and Healthy Holidays. I look forward to seeing you all at the tree lighting on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Warmest Regards,

Virginia (Ginnie) Raffay, Mayor

FREE Rabies Clinic

A FREE Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats will be held on

November 1, 2025 from 9:00am - 10:00am at the

Watson Perigo Municipal DPW Complex, 173 Kennedy Road.

All dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier.

Note: All dogs must have current rabies vaccination that does not expire prior to November 1, 2026 per NJ State Law in order to be issued a 2026 dog license.



Important Halloween Information

Curfew



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

No Parking on Halloween

Parking on portions of Lake Tranquility Roads will be temporarily prohibited on Friday, October 31st from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Please adhere to the following:

- No parking on lake-side of Shore Road, between Lakeview Drive and Scenic Drive.
- No parking on lake-side of Lakeview Drive, between Decker Pond Road and Forest Road.



This temporary restriction is solely for public safety purposes in connection with Halloween activities

Safety Tips

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies

Outstanding Older American

Congratulations

Skip Henry



Skip Henry pictured with
Virginia (Ginnie) Raffay, Mayor

Card Club

Every Friday Night
Downstairs Meeting Room
at Town Hall
150 Kennedy Road
7:00pm

Beginners Welcome!!



Bus Trip

The seniors and some residents had a great time on the bus trip to see "Never Too Late"! They all enjoyed a delicious meal and are already looking forward to next year!



Taxes Due

Fourth quarter taxes due on November 1st. You must pay by November 10th if you want to avoid interest charges.

Tax Collector Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30am - 2:30pm



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Dog License 2026

All dogs 7 months of age and older must be licensed and all licenses are to be renewed by January 31, 2026 IF LICENSES ARE NOT RENEWED ON TIME A LATE FEE OF \$5.00 PER DOG PER MONTH WILL BE IMPOSED AFTER FEBRUARY 10TH.

Per State Law, a license cannot be issued if the current rabies vaccination expires before November 1, 2026. If you do not renew the license, a court complaint/summons will be issued. To renew and pay online please visit www.greentwp.com. All new dogs must be registered in person at Town Hall. For any licensing questions please call 908-852-9333 x10.

Upcoming Holiday Events

Letters to Santa



Santa has asked us to be part of his "Municipal Communications Initiative" again this year because he is so busy and needs help with his mail.

Of course, we said yes!!

Write your letter to Santa, tell him what you did this year and your achievements, not just your Christmas list. Remember to write your name and address nice and clear or ask a parent to help you.

We will mail it to the North Pole, you don't even have to put a stamp on it!

Put your letter in an envelope and bring it to Town Hall to drop in the Red Box inside or the North Pole Post box outside.

Santa will write back to you, send it to us and we will mail it to your house as long as you get it to Town Hall by Friday, December 12th. After that he will be too busy and may not be able to write back so get it in early!

Letters will be accepted beginning Wednesday, November 12th

Annual Tree Lighting

December 7th - 4:30pm - EverGreen Park

Come join us for Dinner with Santa, a Holiday Craft, Pictures, Carolers and of course, the Tree Lighting!

Sales from the Pizza and Drinks will directly benefit the 7th & 8th grade classes at Green Hills School and all activities are free!



Gingerbread in a Bag

Bag pick up begins at the Annual Tree Lighting on December 7th at EverGreen Park or you can pick up your bag at Town Hall Monday through Friday

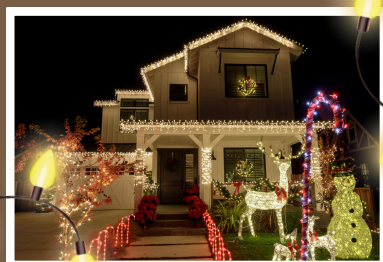
8:30am - 3:30pm beginning December 8th.

Bags are free and will be available only while supplies last. Bags cannot be reserved and are limited to one per family.

This is a great family project to do in your own home on a nice, cold and snowy weekend. Each bag will contain a gingerbread house kit, ornament crafts and a few family games.



Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Judging will be held on Tuesday, December 12th beginning at 7pm

The top three houses will each receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card

To register your home please email Kim at landuse@greentwp.com with your name and address.

You may also nominate your neighbors!

Winter is Coming!

EverGreen Park Bathrooms

The bathrooms at EverGreen Park will be closing on December 8th for the season. This closure prevents the pipes from freezing and is necessary for the protection of the systems. A temporary, handicap accessible bathroom will be available throughout the winter.



Fire Hydrants

Ordinance 17-2.7.1 Removal of Snow Around Fire Hydrants
The owner, owners or lessees of any real property in the Township abutting any fire hydrant shall maintain the area within a five-foot radius of the perimeter of any such fire hydrant free of snow. The removal of snow shall be completed within 24 hours of daylight after the snow has formed or fallen or accumulated on or around any fire hydrant. On failure to perform the required clearance within the specified time frame, the Township, or any department thereof, may perform the clearance and bill the responsible party no more than \$75.



No Parking

There is **NO PARKING** on any road during snow storms, cars will be towed at owner's expense.

Snow plowing & shoveling

There will be NO plowing, shoveling, or snow blowing of snow INTO or ACROSS the roads. Please make sure all sidewalks on your property are cleared of snow within 24 hours of storm



For any weather related emergencies regarding trees or wires across the roadway please call 908.852.3092 during and after business hours.

Winter Driving Safety Tips from the National Weather Service

WINTER DRIVING WHILE ON THE ROAD

Don't crowd the plow.
The road behind an active plow is safer to drive on. Give them plenty of room to work and only pass when it is safe to do so.

Change the way you drive.
Drive slower than normal and leave more room between you and surrounding vehicles when roads are wet, snowy or icy. **DO NOT** use cruise control, brake quickly or take sharp turns.

Stay alert.
Make sure you keep your gas tank over half full and keep a close eye on road conditions, which can change rapidly. On road trips, take breaks often so you can stay focused on the road.



WINTER DRIVING KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Check road conditions.
Call 511 or visit your state's DOT webpage to check on road conditions. Choose a different route or adjust your travel plans if road conditions are poor.

Pack an emergency supply kit.
Stock your vehicle with a mobile phone, charger, batteries, blankets, flashlight, first-aid kit, high-calorie, non-perishable food, candle to melt snow for drinking water, sack of sand or cat litter for traction, shovel, scraper, and battery booster cables.

Get the weather forecast.
Change your travel plans if hazardous weather is expected.

Ready your vehicle.
Check your battery, wipers, coolant, and other systems affected by cold temperature. Make sure your tires have good tread. Clear snow, ice or dirt from your windows, lights and camera.



WINTER DRIVING FOCUS ON SAFETY

Prevent a bad situation from getting worse.
If you're involved in an accident, try to pull your vehicle off the road and use hazard lights, flares, reflectors or flashlights to warn other drivers. **STAY OFF THE ROAD**, dial 911, and wait for the police to arrive. These actions can help prevent multi-vehicle crashes in winter weather.

Avoid risky driving behavior.
Always avoid risky behavior such as texting or phone calls, speeding, or drug/alcohol use. These activities are always dangerous, but the risk is much higher in winter weather.

Wear your seatbelt.
Accidents happen more frequently with wet and icy roads. Always wear your seatbelt and ensure everyone in your vehicle does the same, including young children in proper car seats.



For more information on how to prep for cold weather
go to www.weather.gov/safety

GreenTownship Seniors

Celebrate 50 years!



Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road.

Township of Green Garbage/Recycling Calendar

May 2025 - April 2026

MAY 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2025						
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MARCH 2026						
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APRIL 2026						
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G= Garbage pick up, please have can curbside by 6:00am

R=Recycling pick up, please have can curbside by 6:00am

You are allowed 2 bulk items per week, you may want to call Blue Diamond to let them know if an item is large.

PLEASE CALL BLUE DIAMOND AT 973-598-9800 WITH ANY ISSUES OR PROBLEMS BEFORE YOU CALL TOWN HALL.

YOU MUST REFERENCE GREEN TOWNSHIP AS YOUR ADDRESS.

Stuff You Should Know...

Municipal Offices

Closed

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28

Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 25 & Friday, December 26

Christmas

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day



Christmas Tree Pick Up

Pick up of trees will
take place from
January 5th - 30th.
Please have trees
curbside by 7:00am
Monday, January 5th.

Municipal Building Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30am-3:30pm

**Please note: The Municipal Building is closed
M-F from 12pm-1pm for lunch.**

Please use the drop boxes located
by the front door.

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