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# Green Grapevine

Spring 2018

Official Newsletter of Green Township

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In the wake of of winter storms Riley and Quinn, this letter may be longer than usual.

Our "awesome little town" as one resident called us, is finally back to normal. I would be remiss if I did not thank the following people.

First, our OEM coordinator, Mike Rose. Mike did an outstanding job when the storms hit and our power went down, he was on top of the situation and made my job easier as Mayor. He was calm when the situation wasn't so calm and it was a pleasure to work with him. Thank you, also, to our Clerk/Administrator, Mark Zschack, and Deputy Clerk, Patty DeClesis, who both came in on the weekend to do what we needed them to do. I appreciate your dedication.

To the Green Township Fire Department for working with Mike Rose in helping to assess our power outages so we had proper information to relay to JCP&L. They also helped make the list of closed roads so we had a better handle on things. The Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad who, as always, works quietly behind the scenes performing their job of helping the sick and injured. And this would be a great time to mention whenever you see the red lights, hear the sirens and wonder what is happening you can have all the answers you want by becoming a member of this dedicated group of men and women. They can always use your help.

After Super Storm Sandy we started a CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team). The team leader is Jenn Assante and they were able to assemble to help man the warming stations. We will look at ways they may assist GTFD and AGFAS in the future.

Also, a quick thanks to Nextdoor Green Township which, for the first time, was used for getting information out to you. Mike Rose and I found it very helpful.

So now on to other business. On March 19th the Township Committee introduced the 2018 municipal budget. I am extremely pleased to share with you that this is the 10th consecutive year the Committee has presented a ZERO percent increase to the municipal budget. Thank you to all the township employees for your efforts in helping make this happen for the residents of Green by being fiscally responsible.

Our annual road maintenance projects continue. The township recently applied for and received a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for a portion of heavily traveled Mackerley Road to be repaved. Look for that sometime in the summer. Also, the annual brush chipping program will start the end of April weather permitting. On behalf of the Township Committee, we wish everyone a wonderful spring!

-Dan Conkling, Mayor

New this year! Paper Shredding

Clean Communities Day

Saturday, April 21st 8:00am - 1:00pm DPW Builidng - 173 Kennedy Road

Recycle: Old Tires, Batteries, Used Car Parts, Motor Oil and E-Waste Green Township Residents can drop off the above items FREE of charge.

Proof of Residency Required • No Tractor Tires Please



## Art in the Park, Family Fun Nights and STEM Programs

This Series will run every week throughout the summer and have a wide variety of programs to choose from. Please check our website www.greentwp.com in the coming months for more details on the various programs and schedules.

## Summer Kick Off BBQ And Miss Green

Saturday, June 23, 2018 - BBQ served 5pm-7pm - EverGreen Park - Rain or Shine - Tent Seating available

Miss Green Scholarship Contest begins at 7pm

Musical Entertainment • Bounce House for the Kids

ALL YOU CAN EAT Beef Brisket, Roasted Chicken, Hot Dogs, Grilled Veggies, Veggie

Burgers, Salads and Drinks catered by Chef's

Enjoy musical entertainment by Kip and Mr. Microphone and the Crowning of Miss Green!!

Miss Green, Musical Entertainment and Bounce House are FREE.

Tickets: \$10 for ages 12 and up - \$5 for children 4-11 - 4 and under are FREE

RSVP Deadline - June 20th - Please download the registration form at www.greentwp.com

#### **ATTENTION RESIDENTS:**

Please be advised that ALL Garbage and/or Recycling complaints/issues MUST be directed to Waste Management by calling 1-800-633-9096. You MUST reference Green Township as your address. If the issue is not addressed by Waste Management then call Town Hall for additional help.

## Spring Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 5
Rain Date: May 6
Go to www.greentwp.com to
download the registration
form.



### Seedlings Are Here Again!

We are please to inform you that we will be doing the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign for the tree seedlings again this year. These seedlings are FREE and on a first come first served basis. Please come to town hall located at 150 Kennedy Rd. on May 5th, between 10am-12pm to pick up an assorted variety of trees and instructions on how to care for them. This program helps with all the lost trees due to Hurricane Sandy and the recent snow storms, so please be encouraged to do your part in replenishing the tree population!

-Environmental Committee

Green Township Meetings

Township Committee

Please check

www.greentwp.com

for dates

Land Use Board

2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

Open Space Advisory

Committee

1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

Recreation Advisory

Committee

3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm

**Environmental Advisory** 

Committee

4th Tuesday at 8:00pm

<u>Save the Date!</u> Green Township Day and the GTFD Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Green Township Day starts at 12pm and the Chicken BBQ starts at 5pm.

### **Green Township OEM Update**

Thank you to all of our first responders, DPW Members, Cert Team Members and Township Officials who worked through Winter Storm Riley to assist our residents. While this was a very challenging time for our community, all of our municipal agencies worked together for the benefit of our residents.

#### **→** How can you help your community and your neighbors?

Volunteer for our volunteer Fire Department. Contact Chief Tom Charles at 908-268-7864 or visit www.greentownshipfire.com

Volunteer for the Allamuchy Green First Aid Squad. Visit their website for all of the necessary information: www.95rescue.org/joining-the-team/

Join our Green Township Cert Team, please email **OEM@greentwp.com** for more information

#### **→** Township Notification Systems:

During emergency situations, Green Township will make every effort to keep our residents informed with any information that we may have. We would ask that all residents register with Swift911 which is the communications system we use for emergency notifications. Please register your home and cell phone numbers so that you receive these important notifications.





Visit the township website for important updates during emergency situations: www.greentwp.com Green Township
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#### **Municipal Offices Closed**

Monday, May 28th Wednesday, July 4th

#### **DOG LICENSE 2018**

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

IF LICENSES ARE NOT RENEWED ON TIME
A LATE FEE OF \$5.00 PER MONTH WILL BE

IMPOSED IF PAYING

AFTER FEBRUARY 10TH.

If you do not renew the license, a court complaint/summons will be issued. Per State Law, a license cannot be issued if the current rabies vaccination expires before November 1, 2018.

For licensing questions call 908-852-9333 ext. 10

Applications can be found on our website: www.greentwp.com

Have you lost or found a dog or cat??

Call the Animal Control Officer,

Alan DeCarolis - 908-377-0808

#### Summer Rec Program Discontinued for 2018.

The decision to discontinue Summer Rec was not taken lightly.

The Rec Committee believes a fresh new set of programs is the best choice. If you have any questions please call Kim at 908-852-9333.

#### **WOODCHIPPING PROGRAM**

Starting Monday, April 23rd the Road Department will conduct a woodchipping program for **WINTER DEBRIS ONLY**.

- Brush should be stacked with the ends piled neatly facing the road at curbside by 6:00am on April 23rd.
- Only one pile of brush, 5 feet in length and 3 feet high, per household will be accepted.
- Please leave limbs in lengths, not cut into small pieces.
- No logs 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 of any kind are allowed.
- The roads will be canvassed only ONCE. NO return trips.
- Chips may be obtained at Wesley Field and Papa Park.