

Green Grapevine

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

At long last, spring is finally here! I hope everyone is enjoying the longer days and warmer weather. How nice it is to see everyone out and about in the park and on our trails.

Good news regarding the popular County Connector Trail. The Township will begin expanding the trail to the north this spring. Our Department of Public Works will begin clearing north of Creek Road through the former Trinca Airport property adding about a mile of new trail.

The Township is planning a road improvement project to White Hall Road between County Route 517 and County Route 603. Almost half the project cost is being paid for through a NJDOT grant that was awarded to the Township. The project includes raising a low-lying section of the roadway to prevent flooding of the roadway that has occurred in recent years.

Please don't forget to support our first responder volunteer organizations: Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad and Green Township Fire Department. You count on them to help you during times of emergency...they count on you for financial support to help maintain their facilities and equipment. And they are always looking for new volunteers.

Another reminder, if you still have not done so, please register for the Green Township Community Messaging system powered by Smart911. The link to register can be found on the Township's website or you may text GREENNJ to 67283 from your cell phone to opt-in to receive alerts. Also, follow the Township on Facebook and Twitter and visit the Township website, www.greentwp.com for announcements and information.

I wish everyone an enjoyable spring and summer season.

Be well, be safe,

Mayor Margaret "Peg" Phillips

MISS GREEN SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Are you between the ages of 17 and 21 or know someone who is???

Enter the Miss Green Scholarship Contest!

The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and will go on to represent Green Township at Queen of the Fair, if held, in August at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

This year the candidates will be asked to submit a creative video entry.

Due to safety concerns, no live event will be held.

Interested??? Please contact Kim at 908.852.9333 x13 or landuse@greentwp.com for more information or to obtain an application packet.



GET ON THE MAP!

Saturday, May 1st - 9:00am to 4:00pm

Rain date: Sunday, May 2nd

For more information or to get an application please go to www.greentwp.com

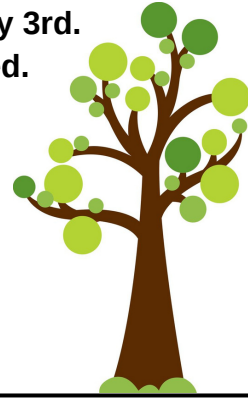
Maps will be available beginning at 1:00pm on Thursday, April 29th.

Questions??? Please call 908-852-9333 x13

Woodchipping Program

Starting Monday, May 3rd the Road Department will conduct a woodchipping program for
WINTER DEBRIS ONLY

- Brush should be stacked with the ends piled neatly facing the road by 6:00am on May 3rd.
- 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.
- No construction materials of any kind are allowed.
- If the brush pile contains metal of any kind it will be rejected, this includes nails.
- Each road will be canvassed only ONE TIME.
- Chips may be obtained at Wesley Field and Papa Park.



Pay your Taxes and Dog Licenses Online!

We are pleased to introduce online payments for PROPERTY TAXES and DOG LICENSES.

The convenience fee attached to these payments is \$1.50 for electronic check and 2.65% for credit card (\$3.00 min). You can find the payment button for taxes on the homepage of our website, www.greentwp.com, and on the Tax Collector page.

Please contact the Tax Collector, Karen Ferrone, with any questions 908-852-9333 x14.



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 Committee

1st Tuesday at 7:00pm

Agricultural Committee

As needed

Board of Health

As needed

Did you pick up a tree seedling at Town Hall?

If you want to give your new seedling a fighting chance we suggest planting it in a one gallon container. Prior to filling with good potting soil, place a few rocks in the bottom to ensure proper drainage. Fertilize as required. Mulch may be added to the top but be sure to keep it away from the stem. Water and leave outside in or close to the area where it will be planted.

Repeat process using two gallon container or plant in its final location. Continue to water and fertilize until established. Mulch as required to keep area weed free. Remember to be mindful of the tree's ultimate size and plant accordingly.

Way to Go

Congratulations

Great Job

The Township Committee adopted a Proclamation at their March 15, 2021 meeting recognizing and honoring Bridget Rose Fajvan for her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award. Bridget's service project involved creating and organizing an inventory system of over 1200 costume pieces for the Newton High School Performing Arts. Congratulations to Bridget and thank you for your dedication and service to the community.

EverGreen Park Pavilion Rental

Did you know you can rent the Pavilion at EverGreen Park for only \$10???

Do you have a child's birthday party, celebration or organization meeting coming up and need a venue?

Contact Kim at 908-852-9333 x13 or landuse@greentwp.com to see if the pavilion is available.

Use of Facilities packet can be found on our website www.greentwp.com under FORMS on the home page.

Zoning Permit FAQ's

What is a Zoning Permit? A zoning permit is permission from the Township for WHERE you want place a structure such a pool, fence, or shed on your property.

Why do I need a Zoning Permit? You need a Zoning permit to ensure you are not encroaching on your neighbors property and they are not encroaching on yours. Also, to help keep your neighborhood aesthetically pleasing.

When do I need a Zoning Permit? A zoning permit is needed for pools (both above ground and in-ground), pole barns, detached garages, sheds, fences, decks, solar panels (including rooftop), standing generators, small greenhouses, additions, running a business out of your home, change of use and finishing a basement. This is NOT a complete list of what you need a zoning permit for, ONLY a list of the most common requests.

Why do I need a Zoning Permit to finish my basement? The quick answer is to make sure you aren't adding a bedroom or two. Homes are built to certain standards when it comes to the septic system. For example, if your home was built with 3 bedrooms then the septic system is rated for 3 bedrooms only. If you add a bedroom anywhere in the house you will need to go to the Sussex County Department of Health to upgrade your septic system.

Why do I need a permit to run a business out of my home? This is needed to regulate the intensity of the use on the property.

What do I need to submit a Zoning Permit? You will need to fill out the application which can be picked up at town hall or found on our website www.greentwp.com, under zoning. Along with a copy of a survey for your property to show where, exactly, you are placing the structure, you will need a check made out to Green Township in the correct amount. The fee schedule is listed on the zoning permit.

How do I submit a Zoning Permit application? Once you have everything required, you can submit your application by dropping it off at Town Hall either in person or by using the marked drop box by the front door OR you can mail it to PO Box 65, Tranquility, NJ 07879.

How will I know if my application was approved or denied? If approved, you will receive your permit via email or regular mail. If denied, you will receive a letter of denial via email or regular mail.

What do I do if my application is denied? If denied, you have the option to move the structure to an area that will allow for the approval or you can request a variance from the Land Use Board. For Land Use Board questions please contact Kim at landuse@greentwp.com or 908-852-9333 x13.

Who is the Zoning Officer and how do I contact him? Craig Bollmann is the Zoning Officer and the best way to contact him is through email at zoning@greentwp.com. You can also reach him in person, Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00pm and Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm or by phone 908-852-9333 x 17.

Please note: This is ONLY a summary of zoning regulations. All Township ordinances, including zoning, can be viewed at www.greentwp.com.

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Municipal Offices

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Memorial Day

May 31

Independence Day

July 5



STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Hope you enjoyed
the Letter Hunt!
"Spring is Here"
was the scrambled
phrase.

You can use
the drop boxes
outside Town Hall
for contactless
service in all
departments.

Please
remember to keep your
dog on a leash and clean up
after your pet when walking
around town, **this includes
dog waste bags**. No dogs are
not allowed in EverGreen
Park, ONLY on the County
Connector and
EverGreen Trails.

Interested in
being part
of a Board or Committee?
Openings available!
Please call
908-852-9333
for more info.

EverGreen Park,
playground and
bathrooms are officially
open! Please remember
to properly throw your
trash away when using
the park, pavilion or
bathrooms.

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