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Mayor's Message

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Warmer and longer days are here and spring is in the air! Members of our DPW have already shifted gears, salters and plows have been stowed away and street sweeping, mowing, and brush cleanup are underway.

This spring and summer, the Environmental Advisory Committee will be installing a pollinator garden in Evergreen Park near the entrance to the County Connector Trail. Kudos to the volunteers that are making this possible. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the municipal building. Many hands make for lighter work.

Congratulations to our Recreation Advisory Committee for receiving a \$14,950 grant awarded by the NJ Department of Community Affairs. This grant will be used by Recreation to purchase movie equipment for our beloved outdoor movie events. Many thanks to those that assisted with obtaining this grant for the Township.

As you may already know, in 2024, Green Township will be celebrating 200 years since the municipality was incorporated. Our Bicentennial Celebration Committee is busy working on a variety of events to be held in 2024 to celebrate this milestone. Please be on the lookout for future announcements on how you may join in the fun.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer,
Mayor Margaret "Peg" Phillips

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CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8AM - 1PM

WATSON PERIGO DPW GARAGE - 173 KENNEDY ROAD

YOU CAN BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE TOWN GARAGE FOR RECYCLING FREE OF CHARGE:



MOTOR OIL
ELECTRONICS
CAR BATTERIES ONLY
TIRES (NO TRACTOR TIRES PLEASE)
PAPER SHREDDING 9AM-12PM

QUESTIONS?? PLEASE CALL PATTY 908-852-9333 X11

PLEASE TAKE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING IN TOWN DURING CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY AS THERE WILL BE GROUPS OF RESIDENTS OUT HELPING CLEAN UP THE ROADSIDE AREAS.



FREE TREE SEEDLINGS

APRIL 22
10AM-12PM
TOWN HALL

BRUSH REMOVAL

Starting Monday, May 1, 2023, the Road Department will conduct a Brush Removal Program for winter debris only.

- Brush should be stacked with the ends piled neatly facing the road by 6:00 a.m. on May 2nd.
- 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 (when available).



Vendors Wanted

The Recreation Committee is looking for vendors for Green Township day on Saturday, September 23rd. Only \$10 for a 12 x 12 space!

Crafters, Direct Sales and Services ONLY,
Email landuse@greentwp.com or call 908-852-9333 x13 for more information



Dog License



All dogs 7 months of age and older must be licensed and all licenses are to be renewed by January 31, 2023. 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, 2023. 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.

Looking to Volunteer?

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming Green Township's representative on the Sussex County Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to critique and aid the staff of the Water Quality Management Program in determining the best, fairest and most practical means of dealing with water quality problems, issues and to make recommendations concerning the same to the Board of County Commissioners. The meeting dates are monthly on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Center in Newton. Please call the Municipal Building at (908) 852-9333, x11 for more information.

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 or landuse@greentwp.com to see if the Pavilion is available.

The Use of Facilities Packet can be found at www.greentwp.com under FORM CENTER on the home page.





GREEN TOWNSHIP
2024
Bicentennial
LOGO CONTEST



GENERAL GUIDELINES

- The logo must be an original design that should reflect the bicentennial theme and Green Township.
- You may choose to use the existing Green Township triangle logo shown above as part of your design but it is not required.
- The logo size should not exceed 3 inches wide by 2 inches in height so that it can be placed on letter head.
- Digital submissions must come in the form of JPEG, PNG or PDF.
- Flash drives, or CD's are also acceptable but will not be returned.
- There will be no prize given away for the winning entry other than the recognition of having your design on all Bicentennial promotional materials.
- All submissions MUST be accompanied by the signed application.
- You must be a full time resident of Green Township, proof of residency may be required.
- Submission Deadline is Friday, May 19th.
- Winning logo will be chosen by vote from the Bicentennial Committee on May 22nd.

QUESTIONS??

PLEASE CALL 908-852-9333 X13 OR EMAIL LANDUSE@GREENTWP.COM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.GREENTWP.COM FOR MORE DETAILS AND APPLICATION



parkruns are free, weekly, community events all around the world. parkrun events are 5k and take place on Saturday morning in parks and open spaces.

parkrun is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate.

<https://www.parkrun.us/evergreen>



Radon Testing

Green Township has applied for and been approved for this year's Radon Awareness Program Grant. This program will allow the Township to purchase radon test kits up to \$2,000. Please contact Patty DeClesis at (908) 852-9333 Ext. 11 if you would like to receive a free test kit.



Interested in being part of a Township Board or Committee? It's a great way to see what is going on and be part of the programs in town. Openings are available on the

ENVIRONMENTAL

and

RECREATION COMMITTEES

Please call 908-852-9333 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Green Township Bicentennial 2024

The Bicentennial Committee has begun planning events to celebrate Green Township's Bicentennial in 2024! If anyone has old pictures of Green Township past and would be willing to share with us, please contact the Municipal Building at (908) 852-9333, ext. 11.

200 *Years*

Pollinator Garden

The Environmental Committee is pleased to announce that a Pollinator Garden will be placed at Ever Green Park. Work will start in the spring with seedlings and small plants, and volunteers are most welcome! Please contact Sheri Janoski at 908-852-9333 ext 10 any questions



Community

Yard Sale



For just \$5 you can put your house on the map! The fee is used to advertise in the NJ herald for 3 days and on www.yardsale.com

The application can be found at www.greentwp.com

Questions??? please call Kim at 908.852.9333 x13

Summer Kick Off

★ BBQ ★



**FRIDAY,
JUNE 9TH 2023**

5:00PM - 7:00PM



**EVERGREEN PARK
14 KENNEDY ROAD**

908.852.9333

**All you can eat BBQ catered by Chef's
vegetarian options available**

WWW.GREENTWP.COM FOR TICKETS

Miss Green Scholarship Contest

June 9th

EverGreen Park

7:00pm

Requirements:

- ~Open to all residents who have passed their 16th birthday but have not yet reached their 22nd birthday by the application deadline.
- ~All applicants must be a bona fide year round resident of Green Township. Proof of residency is required (ex: driver's license or passport).
- ~Contestants must be willing to represent Green Township at the NJ State Fair/ Sussex County Farm and Horse Show as well as other community events.
- ~All contestants must dress in formal wear (long gown preferred, if possible, but not required).



Please go to www.greentwp.com for application. Deadline to submit is Friday, June 2, 2023

GreenTownship *Seniors*

Come, relax with friends and neighbors over coffee, tea and yummy homemade goodies. Participate in multiple activities like great luncheons, fun trips and interesting and informative speakers. You will get to interact with school officials, town employees, community leaders and receive first hand information on the Sussex County Senior Programs.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road. Interested in joining this fun group? Please call Fausto at 973-600-6002



Jeffrey Parrott,
County Clerk
and
Gary Chiusano,
Sussex County Surrogate
stopped by to talk with the
Seniors and answer
questions.

Next meeting is April 25, 2023
at Town Hall



NJ Black Bear Safety

Black bears by nature tend to be wary of people. However, if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood or outdoors while hiking or camping, follow these common-sense safety tips provided by www.nj.gov

- Do not feed bears!
- Never feed or approach a bear!
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. Do not run from it.
- Make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an airhorn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.
- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.
- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.
- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away and do not run.
- If the bear does not leave, move to a secure area.
- Families who live in areas frequented by black bears should have a "Bear Plan" in place for children, with an escape route and planned use of whistles and air horns.



Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337).

Black bear attacks are extremely rare. If a black bear does attack, fight back!

Bear Safety information found at www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/bearfacts.htm



Township of Green Garbage/Recycling Calendar

May 2023 - April 2024

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MARCH 2024						
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APRIL 2024						
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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...

Lost a dog or cat?

Found a dog or cat?

Call the Animal Control Officer,
Alan DeCarolis
908-377-0808

You can also call Town Hall to
speak with
Sheri at x10

Municipal Offices

Closed

Monday, May 29th
Memorial Day

Monday, June 19th
Juneteenth



Save the Date!

GREEN TOWNSHIP DAY

Saturday, September 23rd

Tax Collector Hours

Mon. Wed. Thurs.

8:30am-2:30pm

Tax payments can also be
put in the drop box outside
Town Hall.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

No Post-Dated Checks

Please date your check with the date you are writing it, not a future date. This is called "post-dating" and it makes it impossible for us to deposit your check on time. We are not allowed to hold payments for residents, so make sure that you do not post-date checks. We do not want to have to return it to you.

Natural Gas Service

Elizabethtown Gas is currently working through the western side of Lake Tranquility bringing natural gas to many of the homes in that area. If you are interested in a hooking into this system please call 844-886-8488.