

# Green Grapevine

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### REMINDER:

Pay your taxes by  
February 10<sup>th</sup>  
to avoid interest.

# 2026

## Happy New Year!

### 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](http://www.greentwp.com).

All new dogs must be registered *in person* at Town Hall.

For any licensing questions please call Gwen at 908.852.9333 x10.



# Reorganization

## 2026 Township Committee

Mayor - Virginia "Ginnie" Raffay

Deputy Mayor - Michael Rose

James "Jim" DeYoung

Margaret "Peg" Phillips

Bader Qarmout

The Township of Green operates under the Township form of government. This is the oldest form of municipal government in New Jersey, having been first established by the Township Act of 1798. The township form of government is "government by committee" with the legislative and executive responsibilities of the municipality vested in the township committee as a whole. The Committee establishes policies for the administration of the various departments and appoints the Township Administrator who is responsible for carrying out those policies and overseeing the day to day operations of the township.

The Township Committee members are elected officials whose three year terms of office begin on January 1 following their election at the November General Election. At the reorganization meeting during the first week of January, the Township Committee elects one of their members to be the Mayor and another to be the Deputy Mayor.



### Township Meetings

#### Township Committee

1st and 3rd Monday - 7:00pm

\*may be moved to due to holidays  
please check [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) to confirm

#### Land Use Board

2nd Thursday - 7:00pm

#### Open Space Advisory Committee

1st Wednesday - 7:00pm

#### Recreation Advisory Committee

3rd Tuesday - 7:00pm

#### Environmental Committee

1st Tuesday - 5:30pm

#### Agricultural Committee

As needed - please check website

#### Board of Health

As needed - please check website

All meetings are held at Town Hall,  
150 Kennedy Road, unless  
advertised and posted as virtual.

## 2026 Professionals

**Twp. Auditor** - Steven Wielkotz, RMA of Weilkotz & Company, LLC

**Twp. Attorney** - Ursula Leo, Esq. of Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP

**Twp. Engineer** - Thomas Knutelsky, PE, PP of Harold E. Pellow & Assoc., Inc.

**Professional Planner** - Jessica Caldwell, PP, AICP of J. Caldwell & Assoc, LLC

**Bond Counsel** - Steven Rogut of Rogut McCarthy, LLC

**Conflict Counsel** - Robert McBriar of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP

**Qualified Purchasing Agent** - Sean Canning of The Canning Group, LLC

**Appraisal Services** - Darren Raymond of Associated Appraisal Group

**Computer Technical Assistance** - Navitend

**Open Space Advisor** - Linda Glosinski of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

## Zoning

### WHEN IS A ZONING PERMIT IS REQUIRED?

A zoning permit 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. The property owner shall be asked to submit an Application for Zoning Permit to the Zoning Official so that he can review the project for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. Application for Zoning Permit is available at the municipal office during regular business hours.



### WHAT ARE THE FEES TO APPLY FOR AN APPLICATION FOR ZONING PERMIT?

New Construction – Commercial \$150.00

New Construction – Residential \$100.00

Accessory Structure \$ 35.00

Alterations \$ 25.00

Nonconforming Use Certificate \$ 50.00

Resubmit of Denied Application \$ 15.00  
(within 1 year of original submission)

If you are not sure if your project requires a zoning permit, please contact Craig Bollmann, Zoning Official at [zoning@greentwp.com](mailto:zoning@greentwp.com)

### WHAT IF YOUR PROJECT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE?

If the property owner can not comply with the Zoning Ordinance for any reason, a variance must be obtained from the Land Use Board before the project can proceed. The Zoning Official is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the Zoning Ordinance, and may not waive the requirements. That power is granted by law to the Land Use Board. If the project does require a variance, the Land Use Board Secretary, Kim Mantz, will explain the application process to you.

## Construction Violations

### WHAT HAPPENS IF WORK IS DONE WITHOUT A PERMIT?

The State of New Jersey law, the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), makes it mandatory that when a Construction Official becomes aware that an owner or his/her agent fails to obtain a required permit prior to commencing construction, the Construction Official shall issue a Notice of Violation/Order to Pay Penalty to the owner of the property and/or his/her agent. The penalty can be up to \$2,000 per subcode and an additional \$2,000 per week that the violations remain outstanding. The violation may lead to a summons to appear in municipal court to enforce the payment of the penalty.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF A VIOLATION IS ISSUED?

If a violation is issued you will need to obtain a permit by the deadline stated in the violation or you will begin to accrue additional fines, potentially at \$2000 per week. In some cases, you may need to apply for a Zoning Permit prior to the Construction Permit depending on the work that was done. The forms needed to apply for a Construction Permit are available in the Construction Office at Town Hall and the Zoning Permit Application is available on our website: [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) under the Zoning Tab.

There have been a large number of violations in town lately resulting in severe penalties. If you are unsure if the work you are proposing to do in your home or yard needs a permit please contact the Construction Department at 908.852.9333 x12.





# Winter Reminders

## DPW Issues

For any DPW Issues or after hours road emergencies please call 908.852.3092.

Please note: The Green Township DPW Employees are not allowed to cut trees resting on or tangled in power lines. That must be done by JCP&L lineman.

## Fire Hydrants

Township Code 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.

## Parking/Snow Plowing

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

## EverGreen Park Bathrooms

The bathrooms at EverGreen Park are closed 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.



## Traffic Stops in Green Township



Every year the municipal building receives numerous calls concerning speeding, erratic driving and unlawful parking in Green Township.

Last year Green Township entered into an interlocal agreement with the Andover Police Department to provide traffic enforcement services.

It is the opinion of the Green Township administration that this service helped reduce the number of complaints concerning roadway safety.

There was a total of 408 traffic stops resulting in 268 citations issued throughout the year.

The Green Township Committee is committed to improve the safety of the roadways by engaging in this agreement again in 2026.

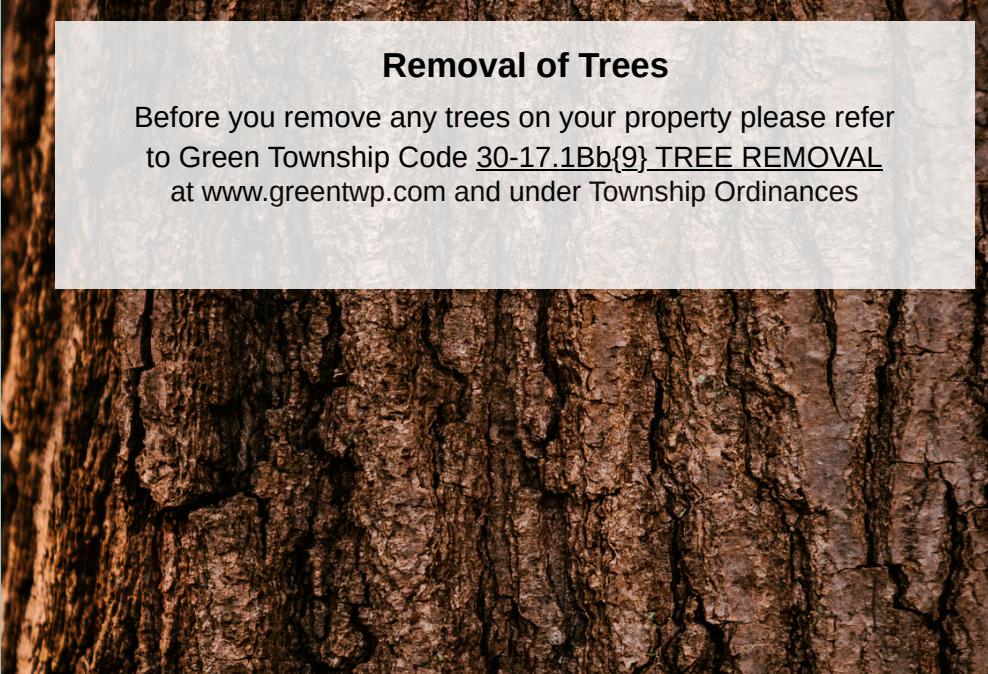
Please slow down for your safety as well as others.

## Member needed for Environmental Committee

The Green Township Environmental Advisory Committee is looking for an additional member to become an alternate. The Environmental Committee meets once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 5:30pm at Town Hall. This Committee is responsible to programs like the Pollinator Garden at EverGreen Park. If you are interested in joining please call Gwen at 908.852.9333 x10 for more information

## Removal of Trees

Before you remove any trees on your property please refer to Green Township Code 30-17.1Bb{9} TREE REMOVAL at [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) and under Township Ordinances



## Water Quality Volunteer Needed

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.



# Green Township Recreation Advisory Committee Members Needed!

THE RECREATION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS! If you are interested in helping plan and implement recreation programs in Green Township please call 908-852-9333.

Recreation meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall.

The next Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> - *please note this is not a regularly scheduled meeting date, it has been moved to accommodate the Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 16th*

The Recreation Committee is responsible for programs like the Annual Egg Hunt, The Miss Green Scholarship Contest, Green Township Day, Movies in the Park and The Annual Tree Lighting to name a few.

Come join the Committee to help with coordinating, running and updating the existing programs and creating some new ones!

## Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners

*Congratulations to:*

18 Highland Avenue  
45 Hedden Road  
11 Fawn Hollow Drive

This year was a little different in that the residents voted for their favorites on social media. It was a fun way to get the community involved! Look for the decorated homes next year so you can vote too!

A special shout out to "Christmas Lane" (Old Forge Lane) for always putting on a spectacular show!

**Christmas Lane**

## Annual Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th  
EverGreen Park



## Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Another great night for the Annual Tree Lighting! Santa rode in on the Fire Truck to take pictures with the kids and the Gingerbread Bags were handed out. The students from Green Hills sold Pizza and did a great job helping the kids with the crafts! A big thank you to the Allamuchy Green First Aid Squad and the Green Township Volunteer Fire Department who brought Santa and to everyone else who helped make it a great night!



## Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 1st  
9am 4pm



*Save  
The  
Dates!*



# Senior Spolight

## Sussex County Project Healthy Living for Seniors



**Balancing Act! A MATTER OF BALANCE:** Managing Concerns about Falls - FREE Peer led, 8 session (2 hours each) program that offers practical strategies to reduce fear of falling, address safety issues, increase activity levels, and improve balance, flexibility, and strength through exercise.

**TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH** - Action plans for enhancing wellness for adults of all ages and caregivers who are dealing with a long term health/medical condition(s). FREE peer-led, six-week (2 ½ hour sessions) self-management workshops that are goal-oriented and include a FREE manual, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."

**DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM-** Action Plans for Enhancing Wellness for adults of all ages and caregivers who are dealing with Type 2 diabetes. FREE Peer led, six-week (2 ½ hour sessions) self- management program that is goal-oriented and includes a FREE manual, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."

**CANCER: THRIVING AND SURVIVING** - Action Plans for Enhancing Wellness for adults of all ages of all ages and caregivers who are dealing with all forms of cancer. FREE Peer led, six-week (2½ hour sessions) self-management program that is goal-oriented and includes a FREE manual, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."

**STRESS-BUSTING PROGRAM FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS** - An evidence-based program which provides support for caregivers of individuals with chronic conditions. Helps to improve the quality of life of caregivers and assist them with managing stress and being able to cope better in their lives. FREE peer led, 9 week program (90 minute sessions). Many new skills are introduced and information about the disease process, stress management techniques and more are provided.

**HealthEASE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** - FREE presentations of health promotion programs. Available to senior clubs and housing sites, community organizations, etc.

\*Exercise and Getting FIT \*Keeping Up the Beat (Heart Health) \*Be Wise about Your Medications  
\*Standing Tall Against Falls \*Serving Up Good Nutrition \*Bone Up on Your Health \*Keeping Your Mind Sharp

**PROJECT HEALTHY BONES** - FREE, peer-led, 24 week (1 ½ hour sessions) exercise and program for men and women who are at risk, or who have osteoporosis. This program is designed to stabilize bone density, increase strength, balance and flexibility; and build muscle mass. Manual and light weights are provided.

**MOVE TODAY** - FREE, peer-led, 12 session (approx. 1 hour each) non-aerobic exercise program using resistance bands. This program is designed to improve flexibility, balance, stamina, muscle strength, posture, and body mechanics. Resistance bands and manual provided.

For additional information about any of the  
Project Healthy Living workshops, or leadership opportunities for any of the programs,  
contact: Sussex County Division of Senior Services  
973-579-0555 - [seniorservices@sussex.nj.us](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us)

# Township of Green Garbage/Recycling Calendar

May 2024 - April 2025

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G= Garbage pick up, please have can curbside by 6:00am

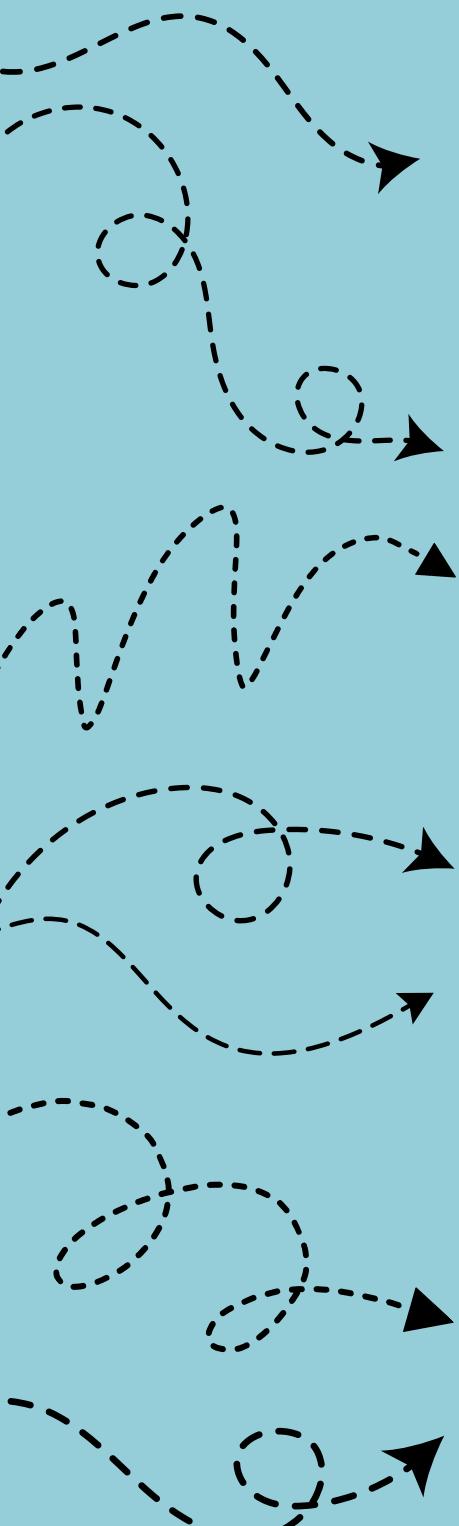
R=Recycling pick up, please have can curbside by 6:00am

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

January 19<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day

February 16<sup>th</sup> - President's Day

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday

### Tax Collector Hours

Mon. Wed. Thurs.

8:30am-2:30pm

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

### Found or Lost a Dog or Cat?

Newton Animal Control provides animal control services to Green Township under a shared services agreement.

For non-emergency matters, the most efficient way to reach Animal Control is by email at [animalcontrol@newtonpolice.org](mailto:animalcontrol@newtonpolice.org). For emergencies, or to speak with an Animal Control Officer, please call (973) 383-2525 and select Option 0. A police dispatcher will take your information and ensure an officer contacts you promptly.



### Municipal Building Hours

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

#### *Please note:*

**The Building is closed from 12pm-1pm for lunch.**

Please use the drop boxes located by the front door.

## Follow Us!

Don't forget to like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter) for the most up to date information!

