Green Grapevine

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Mayor's Message

As the leaves begin to change color and fall to the ground, the chill in the air is a welcome sign to a season of new beginnings and thankfulness. The town had an accomplished spring and summer. Movies in the Park have continued to be a great success. Green Township Day was a wonderful day again this year, residents spent time meeting their neighbors and we crowned our Queen, Bella Guzzo, during this yearly tradition.

Like the falling leaves, there has been change in the staffing at Town Hall as well. Our Tax Assessor and Our CFO both retired after years of service. All of us wish them well. We welcome our new Tax Assessor, Brain Townsend, and our Temporary CFO, Kevin Gleason.

Our Historical Society has been successful in getting a State Marker to commemorate the Benjamin Lundy Homestead. The Unveiling of this Marker is scheduled for November 7, 2026 at 1pm. The location of the marker will be behind the Fire House on Kennedy Road.

As Fall and Winter approach, it is time to get your home and yard ready for the next season.

The DPW remain extremely busy addressing roads and falling trees. They will also be getting ready for the season ahead and will be preparing our parks and properties for Fall and Winter.

Our Annual Tree Lighting will be held on December 6, 2026. We hope you will join us to welcome in the holiday season; we will be expecting a special visitor this year, so be sure to be good.

Wishing you all a Safe, Happy and Healthy Fall and Winter.

Mayor Virginia "Ginnie" Raffay

FREE Rabies Clinic

A FREE Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats will be held on
November 7, 2026 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, 2027 per NJ State Law in
order to be issued a 2027 dog license.

Holiday Hours for Town Hall

Thursday, December 24th - Closed - Holiday
Friday December 25th Closed - Holiday
Monday, December 28th - Open
Tuesday, December 29th - Open 8:30am-12:00pm
Closing Early for Office Maintenance
Wednesday, December 30th - Closed - Office Maintenance
Thursday, December 31st - Closed - Office Maintenance
Friday, January 1st - Closed - Holiday



Linda Di Lorenzo retired on September 1st after working in Green Township as the Certified Municipal Finance Officer/Treasurer for 25 years. Resolution 01-102R was adopted appointing Linda Di Lorenzo as the Township of Green's Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer commencing on June 18, 2001. Linda had exceptional financial expertise, professionalism, and a steadfast commitment to public service. She played an integral role in maintaining the Township's fiscal stability and safeguarding the responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

In 2006, after serving four consecutive years, Linda was granted tenure as Chief Financial Officer, a testament to her outstanding performance, dedication, and valued contributions to the Township.

Throughout her distinguished career, Linda provided sound financial guidance and trusted counsel to the Township Committee, department heads and municipal staff, helping to develop and manage balanced municipal budgets while ensuring the long-term financial health of the Township. Linda will be deeply missed by everyone who worked with her.

Welcome Kevin Gleason

Kevin is the new Temporary CFO/Treasurer.
He is recently married and a big sports fan.
Go Giants! Go Rangers!
Kevin can be reached at cfo@greentwp.com

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

Referendum for Open Space

At the November 3rd General Election Green Township Residents will be asked the following question:

Shall the Green Township Committee adopt an Ordinance revising the permitted uses of the Open Space Trust Fund, currently codified as Section 2-40.1 et seq. of the Green Township Code, to allow the Open Space Fund to be used not only for land acquisition, but also allow up to a maximum of 30% of the total Open Space Fund (as of January 1 of each year) to be utilized for construction and maintenance costs of Open Space properties?

A "YES" vote will not increase the tax. This proposed revision is intended to strengthen the long-term preservation of the Township's Open Space Trust Fund by reducing the percentage of funds that may be expended annually on construction and maintenance activities and by introducing a minimum balance requirement. By limiting withdrawals and ensuring a stable funding threshold, the Township aims to safeguard the financial sustainability of the Trust Fund while continuing to support essential stewardship and improvement of Open Space properties.

Currently, the Township Code permits the use of up to 30% of Open Space Trust Fund monies for construction and maintenance purposes with no minimum balance requirement.This proposal will revise the Township's current Open Space Ordinance, Section 2-40.1 et seq, by allowing a maximum of 10% of the balance of the Open Space Trust Fund monies each year to be utilized for costs associated with the construction and maintenance of Open Space properties, provided that the Fund maintains a minimum balance of more than $1,000,000 as of January 1 of the year in which the funds are to be used.A Yes vote on this referendum question will mean that the voters desire that up to 10% of Open Space funds [reduced from 30% of the Fund] may be utilized for construction and maintenance costs on Open Space properties, only if the balance of the Fund as of January 1 is $1,000,000.00. **A "YES" vote will not increase the tax.** This ballot question is non-binding.



MOVIE in the PARK

the silence of the lambs

18+ ADULTS ONLY



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH
6:30PM**

EVERGREEN PARK

**BRING YOUR OWN
BLANKETS AND
CHAIRS.
FREE POPCORN!**

Dog License 2027



All dogs 7 months of age and older must be licensed and all licenses are to be renewed by January 31, 2027 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, 2027. 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.

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 Saturday, October 31st

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



The Township has a No Knock Registry to prohibit soliciting on your property. Residents must register to be placed on “No KNock List”. For more information and registration form, please see our website at greentwp.com



Lost or Found a Dog or Cat?
Please contact Newton Animal Control Officer at 973-383-2525
Any other animals, please call the
NJ Fish and Wildlife Action Line at 877-927-6377
Dead Deer on the side of the road?
Please call Town Hall at 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 beginning Thursday, November 12th.

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 11th.
After that he will be too busy and may not be able to write back so get it in early!

Annual Tree Lighting

December 6th - 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 6th at EverGreen Park
or you can pick up your bag at Town Hall Monday through Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm beginning December 7th.
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

Get in the Holiday Spirit! Decorate your house for the Holidays and register with Kim at landuse@greentwp.com.
Voting will be held online beginning December 18th
You may also nominate your neighbors, with their permission of course!

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



Winter will be here soon!

EverGreen Park Bathrooms

The bathrooms at EverGreen Park will be closing on December 7th 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.

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

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.



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

The Green Township Historical Society presents:

NJ State Historical Marker Unveiling - Benjamin Lundy

This unveiling recognizes the birthplace of Benjamin Lundy in 1789 in what is now Green Township. Lundy was born to a Quaker family in Sussex County. Through his development of anti-slavery periodicals, he became a prominent member of the abolitionist movement.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

1:00-1:30pm

243 Kennedy Road - Behind the Greendell Post Office.

That Villain Moody: James Moody and Loyalist Activity in New Jersey during the American Revolution

A talk by Kevin Conn - brief Q&A to follow

Monday, November 9, 2026, 7:00pm

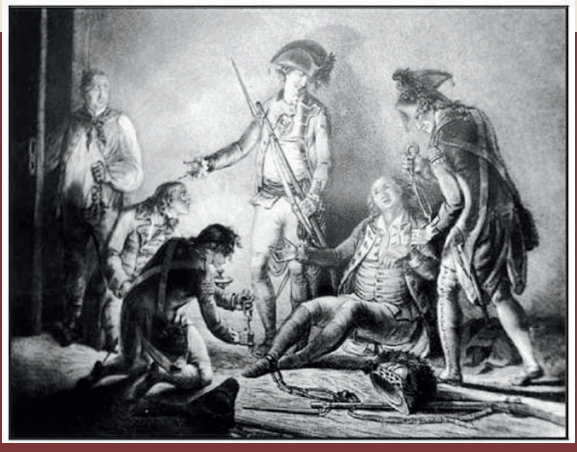
Green Township Municipal Building

Kennedy Rd, Green Township NJ

All are invited.

FREE ADMISSION

(donations gladly accepted)





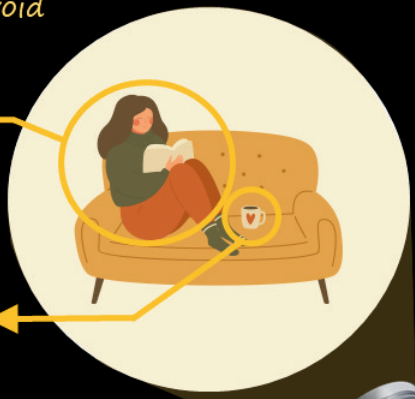
Winter Power Outage Safety Tips from the National Weather Service

weather.gov/winter

Staying warm when the power is out



- Close blinds or curtains to keep in some heat.
- Close off rooms to avoid wasting heat.
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
- Eat and drink. Food provides energy to warm the body. Avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for Area Warming Center information during a storm

After the Winter Storm: POWER OUTAGE

Be careful with heat sources

Candles and space heaters are a fire risk. Also stay warm by bundling up and keeping doors closed, placing towels in cracks.

Practice portable generator safety

Use outdoors, at least 20 feet away from doors/windows/garages to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Follow instructions on proper use.

Check on neighbors

Once your family is safe, check on your neighbors and the vulnerable to make sure they are OK.



weather.gov

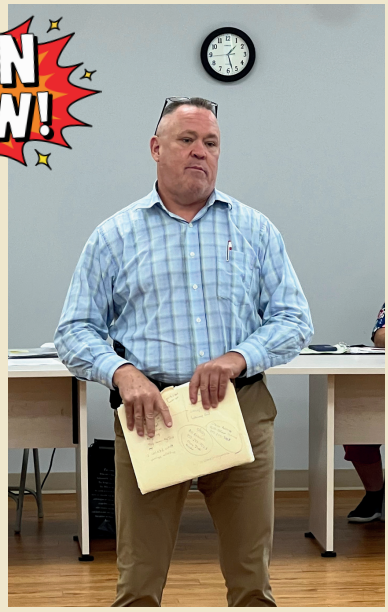
GreenTownship Seniors



Western Hills Church luncheon in September where one of the members won a bingo game and received a Shop Rite gift card.



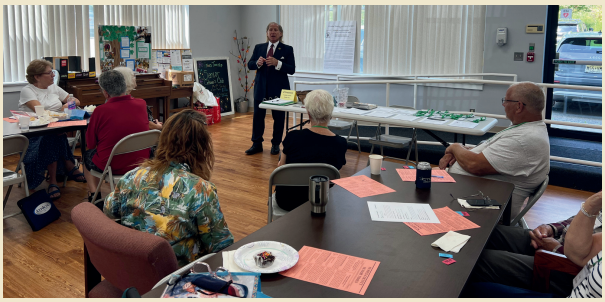




Detective Chris Grogan's visit from the Prosector's office in Newton and he spoke about scams in August



Luncheon at Lake Tranquility Club House in August where we ate delicious food made by members of the club



Iliff Ruggierio stopped by in September and gave lots of information about preparing your funeral ahead of time





Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road. For more information please call Josephine at 973-670-8117

Township of Green Garbage/Recycling Calendar

May 2026 - April 2027

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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...

Closed

Municipal Offices

Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27
Thanksgiving

Additional Holiday hours listed on Page 1

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.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

Pick up of trees will take place from January 4th - 29th. Please have trees curbside by 7:00am Monday, January 4th.

Follow Us!

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