



Township of Maple Shade

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Township of Maple Shade News June 2021

Township of Maple Shade News is generally published monthly to provide residents with pertinent information and reminders related to Maple Shade and the surrounding area. The Township views this as another important means of keeping residents informed about our community.

1. RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMS

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| <u>FOCUS MENTORING & DANCE</u> -
The ultimate combination of MENTORING and DANCE
Kids Ages 7 - 14 years
Inside the Municipal Building | July 6th - August 10th, 2021 | Tuesdays at 6:00PM |
| <u>YOGA IN THE PARK</u> -
Yoga for Kids
Kids Ages 6 - 12 years
Collins Lane Park | July 7th - August 11th, 2021 | Wednesdays at 11:00AM |
| <u>MS. LINDSAY'S LIL' ROCKERS</u> -
Interactive Music & Games
Kids Ages 2 - 6 years
Inside the Municipal Building | July 7th - August 11th, 2021 | Wednesdays at 2:00PM |
| <u>GENTLE YOGA</u> -
Beginner paced; all levels of Gentle Yoga
Must be at least 13 years old
Inside the Municipal Building | July 12th - August 16th, 2021 | Mondays at 4:00PM |

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Participants MUST pre-register with the Township of Maple Shade
- Registration Forms for each individual class are available online at www.mapleshade.com/parks-recreation/ OR at the Municipal Building, 200 Stiles Avenue.

[Recreation Programs Printable Flyer](#)



2. LOCAL BUSINESSES LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED WITH TOWNSHIP EVENTS

The Maple Shade Recreation Department is seeking local businesses and food vendors for upcoming events and classes. If you are a business owner, and would like to attend and service community events or offer classes, please send your business card to Lauren Domzalski, Recreation Director, Township of Maple Shade, 200 Stiles Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ 08053 OR email your contact information to Recreation@mapleshade.com .

3. MAPLE SHADE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

On May 14th, 2021, the Township reached out to the Independent Fire Company and Maple Shade Fire Department and requested their attendance at a Kickoff Meeting with the Rodgers Group, LLC. On May 21st, 2021, representatives from the Independent Fire Company, the Fire Chief, Township Officials, and the Rodgers Group, met to introduce one another and to bring everyone up to date as to the scope of services to be provided by the consultant. The Rodgers Group shared they have been asked to review current Fire Department policies, procedures, and records to determine what is the best course of for the Township in providing a reliable, well trained, efficient, and fiscally responsible department that will ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the entire community. The consultants visit concluded with a tour of the town and a request for a follow up meeting with the Fire Chief to be conducted by the middle of June.

At the time of this newsletter, a follow up meeting has been scheduled with the Independent and Leadership of the Maple Shade Fire Department. The Rodgers Group, LLC is continuing their gathering and evaluation of requested documents, and the Township anticipates a preliminary update as to their findings within the next 3 weeks.

4. BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING

Burlington County OTC notified the Township that effective June 1st, curbside recycling collection would be indefinitely delayed due to a national driver shortage. The delay is county-wide. In response, the Township of Maple Shade has put the following in place for residents:

1. Recycling that cannot fit into the blue recycling cans may be brought to the DPW Yard at 620 Cutler Ave to be disposed of.
2. Curbside Collection through an outside contractor for all Maple Shade Residents on Saturday June 12th and Saturday June 26th. Residents should place their blue recycling cart at the curb no later than 6am. These efforts are being brought to our residents through the use of grant money earned by the Township. Additional updates and information can be found on our webpage at www.mapleshade.com

MAPLE SHADE CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION

SATURDAY JUNE 12TH, 2021

**RESIDENTS SHOULD PLACE THEIR
BLUE RECYCLE CARTS CURBSIDE
NO LATER THAN 6AM ON THE
12TH**

ONLY ITEMS IN THE CART WILL BE COLLECTED
Overflow Recycling should be taken to the DPW Yard



5. MAPLE SHADE POLICE PARTNER WITH THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA'S DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

Since March 2020 and with the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Maple Shade Police Department was challenged in ways that we have never quite experienced before. During this time, we fielded calls regarding food and housing insecurity, mental health and substance abuse consumers struggling desperately to connect to services and people simply trying to find a way to make ends meet. I clearly recognize that this would not traditionally be something that you would think people would call the police about, but they did because they knew we were here and would do whatever we could to help. It is representative of the philosophy that we employ at this police department.

As an agency who stayed on the front lines during the entire pandemic, we had a close-up view of the needs of our community that now existed both in person and as we all learned, in an on-line universe as well especially with the youth of our community.

The partnerships that existed between MSPD, PBA Local #267, the Police Chaplain Corp, the Maple Shade Police Chaplain Association – A NJ Non-Profit Corporation, the Maple Shade School District, the Maple Shade Food Bank, the Maple Shade Business Association, the Advisory Board of Commerce, the Maple Shade Rotary, and the Maple Shade Moose Lodge all banded together to fill this gap wherever we could. But in all honesty, I knew more was needed in terms of personnel and services.

Based upon this and my strong desire to solve these issues for our community, I learned of a partnership that existed between the Pine Hill Police Department and the Volunteers of America – Delaware Valley. After reaching out to both groups and setting up a meeting, I was highly impressed with the services the VOA was supplying to the residents of Pine Hill and knew quite clearly that this would translate well here in Maple Shade.

As an agency and with the blessing of our Township Council and Township Manager, we entered the first phase of our partnership with the VOA and immediately began to see results with our outreach work along the more transient areas of the township involving multi-unit dwellings as well as with resident referrals in the main part of town for those who may have been in need of direction and/or services. Watching the VOA staff proactively engage with community members and meeting these folks wherever they were in life at that moment without judgment is exactly why we embarked on this journey with them. Further and is often the case but most especially since the advent of Covid-19, VOA staff members will literally take people in need by the hand and navigate them through the process of accessing services. I have personally been involved in this process in my attempt to help community members prior to partnering with the VOA and can completely understand the frustration and anxiety it can produce when you are asking others for help but failing to receive it. Excuses and roadblocks do not solve problem, only action-based organizations that do what they say and say what they truly do solve problems and that is exactly what we will get with the VOA.

Seeing these early successes and building on them, I will be having the VOA Management Team present the next phase of our partnership to the Township Council on Thursday June 10th. This phase, known as the IMPACT Program, will include embedding employees from the VOA in the Police Department to respond in real time during set hours and in the off hours, to follow up on police referrals as soon as possible when they are back in. It is our hope and goal to have this piece up and running by approximately August 2021. This is just the beginning of what I know will be a very successful and rewarding partnership for our agency that will directly benefit our community in a manner and way never seen before in Maple Shade. If you or someone you know is in need of help, please do not hesitate to contact the Volunteers of America at #856-671-6101 and they will be glad to offer their assistance as I described in my article, thank you!



6. MAPLE SHADE LIBRARY

The Maple Shade Library is OPEN 6 days a week!

- **Summer Reading is Going Virtual for 2021!** Check out the BCLS's website for information: <https://www.bcls.lib.nj.us>.
- There are many outdoor or virtual library events. Visit <https://bcls-nj.libcal.com/calendar> for all the details!
- The library study room is now open for 2-hour reservations. See a staff member to sign-up.
- Check out June's display on *Hypatia, The Last Librarian of The Library of Alexandria*
- In accordance with NJ Executive Order 242 all BCLS users and staff ages 2 and up are required to wear masks inside the library regardless of vaccination status. We thank you ahead of time for complying with the rule and keeping all safe.
- Hours of Operation:
 - Monday to Thursday: 10AM to 8PM
 - Friday & Saturday: 10AM to 5PM

7. SHREDDING EVENT

Thank you to the Sustainable Maple Shade Organization for organizing a successful Shredding Event last month. Many residents and local business owners took part to safely and efficiently shred confidential documents. Also, special thanks to our Public Works Department for their assistance.

8. ZONING PERMIT INFORMATION – FENCES & SWIMMING POOLS

FENCES:

All fences require a [ZONING PERMIT](#). Fences should be installed a minimum of 3" from the property line. Generally, fences up to 6-feet high are allowed in the rear yard and along the sides to the rear of the front of the house.

Fences up to 4-feet high that are an "open type" fence (i.e., chain link or pickets spaced apart) are generally allowed in the front of the house. Corner lots are bit more complicated. The 4-feet open type fences are allowed in the front yard as determined by which street the house faces. For the side of a corner property, or the street which the house does not face, fences up to 6-feet are allowed but must be a minimum of 8-feet from the edge of the pavement on the road. Remember to call for utility mark out before you dig to avoid hitting a gas or water line.

Click [HERE](#) for Fencing Zoning Code Information

SWIMMING POOLS:

All pools, except the small plastic kiddie pools, require a zoning permit too. Generally, they must be in the back yard and setback a minimum of 10-feet from your neighbor's property and 12-feet from your foundation. There are some exceptions. In addition to a zoning permit, most pools will also require construction permits as well.

Click [HERE](#) for Swimming Pool Zoning Code Information

Click [HERE](#) for ADDITIONAL Swimming Pool Information

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Zoning Permits and details about the zoning requirements for both fences and pools can be found in the Township's website. For the zoning requirements, please see the land use section of the Township Code, sections 205-47 through 205-58. Residential Zoning Permits cost \$10. Cash, Checks or Money Orders are acceptable forms of payment.



9. **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know there is a “Project Medicine Dropbox” at the Maple Shade Police Department’s lobby located at 200 Stiles Avenue?

Residents may visit the Maple Shade Police Department at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to dispose of their unused or excess medications. By giving residents a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey’s environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply.



10. **JUNE MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, June 10, 2021 Town Council Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021 Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, June 24, 2021 Town Council Meeting @ 7:00PM

The agendas can be found on the township’s website at www.mapleshade.com.

