

Township of Maple Shade

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Township of Maple Shade News

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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. MAPLE SHADE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE #3

On June 15th, the Rodgers Group met with members of the Independent Fire Company and select Officers of the Maple Shade Fire Department. During this meeting, the Rodgers Group took a tour of the Fire Department and requested to see documentation pertaining to Training, Fleet Maintenance and Certifications, as well as had the opportunity to evaluate equipment and apparatus. The Rodgers Group has reported that many of the Line Officers have the required minimum certifications and that the equipment and apparatus provided by the Township is adequate for the needs of the community. The Rodgers Group is awaiting copies of Membership Training Records, Fleet Maintenance records and Equipment Maintenance logs from the Fire Department at which time further assessment will be determined. Until a full assessment can be made, the Township continues to have complete coverage of Fire Protection Services in coordination with the Lenola, Mount Laurel and Cinnaminson Fire Companies, as well as other mutual aid fire companies.

2. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Maple Shade Department of Public Works will be accepting applications for the position of Laborer. Applications will be accepted in the Manager's Office Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM. This opening is an entry level, ground floor opportunity for someone looking to become part of a hard-working growing department. The successful candidate must be able to perform varied types of manual and unskilled laboring work and may drive a truck in connection with work on occasion (minimum of a CDL B required or able to obtain within 6 months of hire date).

This position is FULL TIME (40 hours) with occasional overtime and offers a comprehensive benefit and time off package. Starting hourly rate is \$18.86/hour.

3. 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 .

4. MAPLE SHADE WATER & UTILITIES

The Water Department is currently exercising water main valves. Please use caution when our crews are working in the roadways. The annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for drinking water is available for viewing on our website. Please visit the following link: <http://www.mapleshadeutilities.com/2020>

5. MAPLE SHADE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER HIGHLIGHT

Detective Diego Alvarez



Detective Diego Alvarez was hired by the Maple Shade Police Department in January 2015 and attended the Camden County Police Academy. Diego served in the Patrol Division from June 2015 through May 2021. He was assigned to the investigative Division in May of 2021. During his six years with the department, Diego was selected and served as a Defensive Tactics, Baton, and Physical Fitness certified instructor. Additionally, Diego was assigned as a Rifle and Taser operator, as well as being selected to be a Field Training Officer (FTO). The role of the FTO is to train and mentor new officers who recently graduated from the Academy and are transitioning into their new positions as police officers.

During his time in the Patrol Division, Diego was involved in the community outreach program and took great pride interacting with the public. Whether it was a foot patrol along Main Street, a meet and greet in Fox Meadow, or a stroll on foot down a block in town, Diego enjoyed the opportunity for the community to get to know him and he them. As a bi-lingual officer, Diego used his abilities to bridge the communication gap with our Spanish speaking residents and was frequently called by other jurisdictions to assist with translation services as they tended to victims or suspects of crimes.

Besides his service in the police department, Diego is also a member of the United States military. He enlisted in the US Army in December 1997 and attended basic training at Fort Knox, KY as an M1 crewman in September 1998. In March 1999, he was assigned to the 1-37 Armor battalion in Friedberg, Germany. During his time in Germany, Diego served under NATO in operations SFOR and KFOR as a peacekeeper in Bosnia and Kosovo. In January 2001, Diego left active duty and enlisted into the Reserve component after the attacks on September 11, 2001. Diego was assigned to the 2-385 Infantry Battalion in Providence, RI as a Drill Sergeant. He trained newly enlisted members in basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Fort Jackson, SC, and Fort Benning, GA.

In September 2004, Diego was deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom as a trainer advisor to the new Iraqi Army. He was assigned to a ten-man team who were responsible for training two Iraqi and one Kurdish Battalions to support the Qayyara Providence. The mission of his team was to develop these battalions into fully operational units that would control the region and conduct military operations replacing US personnel. In 2010, Diego and his unit mobilized to Fort Dix, NJ to train US soldiers deploying to specific theaters of operation. He is currently a Sergeant First Class assigned to 2-417th Infantry Battalion in Lodi, NJ and is proud of his military service.

Diego is also huge soccer or futbol fan and has had the opportunity to attend matches worldwide and watch some of the best international players step onto the field or pitch. He is also a fitness enthusiast and prides himself on staying in top physical condition. Diego resides in town with his daughter and is proud to call Maple Shade his home.

6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Did you know littering of any type, including but not limited to, sweeping grass clippings, leaves, dirt, etc. into the street is breaking Township Codes? We need to keep the street and storm drains clear of debris for proper drainage.

Please help keep Maple Shade clean and free of litter and debris.

Put the waste in its place.



7. WEDNESDAYS ON MAIN

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month on Main Street for some family fun with theme events and live music. Click on the flyer below for more information about each Wednesday on Main: July 21st, August 18th, September 15th & October 20th.



8. BURLINGTON COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

Burlington County periodically sprays for mosquitoes. The Mosquito Helicopter treated wooded areas with standing water on June 4, 2021 between 7:30AM – 4:00PM. The chemical they used was MetaLarv and was sprayed in and around Maple Shade at a rate of 4-lbs. per acre.

Click [HERE](#) for an informational flyer

Here is some helpful information:

- Empty, drain, remove, cover, or turn upside down any containers that can hold water. This includes buckets, barrels, flowerpots, tin cans, bottles, jars, paint cans, etc.
- Change water in birdbaths frequently. (at least once a week)
- Empty and refill pet's water bowls/dishes daily.
- Store tires inside garage or shed or cover to prevent water from accumulating in them or dispose of properly.
- Keep rain gutters clean so that water does not accumulate in them.
- Prevent or remove accumulation of rain or sprinkler water on all plastic covers or tarps.

- Maintain swimming pools and ornamental ponds properly. Do not let water accumulate on swimming pool covers and be sure to keep pond aerators and pumps running.
- Empty small wading pools weekly. Store indoors when not in use.
- Do not dispose of grass clippings, leaves, branches, litter, or other items in catch basins, storm drains or ditches.
- Repair leaking pipes and outside faucets. Do not let runoff water from air conditioners collect in shady areas.
- Repair faculty septic systems.
- Empty toys in the yard that can hold water.

9. PIZZA & PAINT PARTY

Drop the phone, ditch the tablet, step away from the TV!

It is time to reclaim your free time, free from on-screen distractions.

Bring the whole crew to a Pizza & Painting Party.

Thursday, July 29, 2021

6:00PM – 8:00PM

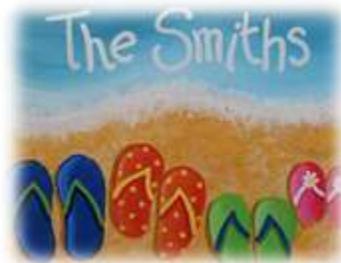
Maple Shade Municipal Building, 200 Stiles Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ

\$20.00 per registered group

NOTE: *Group cannot exceed 4 individuals.*

A party larger than 4 must complete an additional registration form/payment for an extra table.

Click [HERE](#) for a printable flyer



10. TOBACCO FREE FOR A HEALTHY NJ

Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ (TFHNJ) is a comprehensive tobacco prevention and cessation program funded by the NJ Department of Health, Office of Tobacco Control. TFHNJ works to reduce tobacco use and the negative impact of secondhand smoke in all counties of New Jersey.

TFHNJ can offer assistance with the following:

- Smoke-Free Outdoor Public Places
- Point of Sale (POS) Initiatives
 - Tobacco Retailer Education
- Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing
- Tobacco-Free Worksite Wellness Policies
- Sustainable Jersey: Tobacco Free Community Designation
- Free Cessation Resources

In addition, New Jersey residents have access to 11 “Quit Centers”. The centers offer individual and group counseling, resources, and support to stop or reduce the use of all tobacco products. Enrolled clients of the Quit Center may qualify for FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT).

More information about any of these programs can be found at www.tobaccofreenj.com and www.njquitline.org.

11. RECREATION FOCUS MENTORING & DANCE CLASS

FOCUS MENTORING & DANCE FLYER - July 20th - August 24th, 2021 **Tuesdays at 6:00PM**

The ultimate combination of MENTORING and DANCE

Kids Ages 7 - 14 years

Inside the Municipal Building

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Participants MUST pre-register with the Township of Maple Shade
- Click [HERE](#) to Register for the FOCUS Mentoring & Dance Class



12. RECYCLING

Burlington County resumed its normal recycling schedule on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Recycling will continue to be picked up every other Wednesday unless otherwise noted.

Remaining 2021 Recycling Schedule

Wednesday, June 30, 2021
 Wednesday, July 14, 2021
 Wednesday, July 28, 2021
 Wednesday, August 11, 2021
 Wednesday, August 25, 2021
 Thursday, September 9, 2021 *Holiday Week
 Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Wednesday, October 6, 2021
 Wednesday, October 20, 2021
 Wednesday, November 3, 2021
 Wednesday, November 17, 2021
 Wednesday, December 1, 2021
 Wednesday, December 15, 2021
 Wednesday, December 29, 2021

(Click each photo below for a larger version)

MAPLE SHADE 2021-22 RECYCLING BROCHURE
 Find where to recycle TVs, batteries and more! Download Burlington County's **RECYCLE COACH APP**
 • Never miss another collection day!
 • Report collection and cart issues.
 • View calendar with paper shredding days.
 Plus... it's FREE!
 No smartphone? No problem!
 Visit burfcorecycles.com for the computer-friendly version!

WARNING!
 Carts with **PLASTIC BAGS** and other **"DO NOT RECYCLE"** items **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED!**

RECYCLE:
 Paper and Cardboard **EMPTY, FLATTEN & FOLD**
 Plastic Bottles and Food Containers
 Glass Bottles and Jars
 Metal CANS Only
 Cartons
SET RECYCLING OUT BY 6 AM

DO NOT RECYCLE:
 NO hoses or hangers
 NO hardback books, food soiled, or frozen food boxes
 NO foil items, bulbs, cookware, or window glass
 NO motor oil, batteries, or hazardous items
 NO plastic with a
 NO Styrofoam
 NO plastic envelopes, bags, wrap, or shipping packaging
 NO plant pots, trays, lids, cups, or coffee pods
 NO shredded paper
NEVER put syringes in recycling!

RECYCLING: YES? NO? MAYBE?
AMAZON MAILER
AIR PELLEWS
STYROFOAM
INKJET CARTRIDGES

QUESTIONS?
RECYCLING CARTS
RECYCLING DROPOFF SITE
MUNICIPAL GARAGE
620 Cutler Avenue
Hours: Weekdays 7:30 am-2:30 pm
Where to Recycle Computers & TVs:
Municipal Garage, 620 Cutler Avenue
Hours: Weekdays 7:30 am-2:30 pm

2021-2022 RECYCLING SCHEDULE | SET RECYCLING CURBSIDE BY 6 AM

CARDBOARD RECYCLING RULES
DID YOU KNOW?

RECYCLING CARTS ARE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY
 It is illegal to put trash in your cart or move it to a new property.

13. 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>.
- 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.

We have AC! Plenty of FREE public computers for all to use.

NEW!! Hours of Operation:

Monday to Thursday: 10AM to 8:30 PM

Friday & Saturday: 10AM to 5PM

14. JULY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Wednesday, July 14, 2021 Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, July 22, 2021 Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM *
- Wednesday, July 28, 2021 Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

***There is only ONE Town Council Meeting in July & August.**

(The agendas can be found on the township's website at www.mapleshade.com.)

