



Township of Maple Shade

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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. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Registration for the following classes can be found at www.mapleshade.com/recreation.

a. **Built by Me Stem Learning Classes:**

Built by Me is offering TWO classes for kids. One is a Filmmaking class for children in Grades 4 – 7. The other is a Robotics class for children in Grades 3 – 5. The two classes are SEPARATE and require a registration fee for each one. Interested participants **MUST pre-register** with the Township of Maple Shade. **REGISTRATION IS LIMITED.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information



2. NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Early, in-person voting is coming to New Jersey for the November 2nd General Election. In-person, early voting will begin Saturday, October 23rd, and continue through Sunday, October 31st. Early voting polls will be open from 10AM – 8PM on weekdays and Saturdays and from 10AM – 6PM on Sundays.

Burlington County Voters will be able to cast their ballot in person on a voting machine at any of the following locations:

- Chesterfield at the Chesterfield Township Municipal Building, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road;
- Evesham at the Gibson House Community Center, 535 East Main Street;
- Medford at the Medford Town Hall, 49 Union Street;
- Mount Laurel at Rowan College at Burlington County Student Success Center, 1500 College Circle;
- Pemberton Township at the Pemberton Community Library, 16 Broadway;
- Tabernacle at the EMS Building, 81 Hawkin Road;
- Willingboro at the Willingboro Public Library, 220 Campbell Drive



3. 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. The next Wednesdays of Main will be on September 15th. The theme of the night is "Music on Main".

Click [HERE](#) for a printable version of the flyer below



4. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mattresses and box springs placed curbside for trash collection **MUST** be wrapped in plastic or placed in a plastic mattress bag which are available at Lowe's, Home Depot, and other home improvement retail stores. This is to protect the trash hauler's employees from possible bed bug contamination. Mattresses and box springs NOT wrapped in plastic or placed in a plastic mattress bag will NOT be picked up.

A friendly reminder that you are permitted to place **7 items curbside** for trash collection each week. As an example, one trash can is considered one item, a chair is the second item and so on. Please be mindful of how many items you are discarding of each week.

Litter in our Parks is at an all-time high. Please **help keep our community clean** by using the necessary waste receptacles in the parks.

Proper Bulk Item Mattress and Box Spring Disposal



Mattresses and box springs must be bagged and sealed in plastic mattress bags when placed curbside



5. MAPLE SHADE WATER & SEWER

WATER OR SEWER ISSUES...WHO DO I CALL?

Getting bounced around when making a phone call wastes time and can be very frustrating. Knowing where to call for a particular question or problem can help to avoid these issues. Please use the following information as a guide to get connected to the proper person for water and sewer issues:

ISSUE	WHERE TO CALL	PHONE NUMBER
Billing questions	Maple Shade Tax Office	(856) 779-9610 Ext. 150
Final reads		
Account changes – including new account set up		
ALL WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCIES 24 HOURS A DAY	Maple Shade Utilities	(856) 488-7450
Water issues – including quality issues or pressure issues		
Water main break		
Water service – service turn on or turn off / locate curb stop		
Sanitary sewer backups or overflows		
Infrastructure issues – manholes or valve boxes in roadways	Maple Shade Public Works	(856) 779-9610 Ext. 221
Storm water and catch basins – including backups, obstructions and/or physical damage		
Mark out requests (required before digging)	New Jersey One Call	811

Maple Shade Utilities utilizes an answering service who will ask for your contact information before transferring the call to the proper person. This number is answered 24 hours a day.



6. MAPLE SHADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A message from the Maple Shade Police Department - Traffic Safety Bureau on back-to-school safety.

The Maple Shade Police Department reminds all parents and motorists traveling around our schools to exercise the upmost caution.

Parents- Please review the drop off/pick up plan specific to the schools that your children will be attending. It is important to follow the schools plan and to park legally in order to keep traffic flowing smoothly and safely. Each schools drop off/pick up plan can be found on the school's websites.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Students who are returning to in-person learning may rely on school buses to get them to and from school safely.

Did You Know: School buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road; they're designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in preventing crashes and injuries; and in every state, stop-arm laws exist to protect children from other motorists.

If you are driving, remember these simple rules:

- Yellow flashing lights on a school bus mean slow down — don't speed up — because the bus is preparing to stop. There are likely students waiting to get on the bus or parents waiting nearby to pick up children.
- Red flashing lights mean stop — and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus — because children are getting on or off the school bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.
- Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon, around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway, or drive through a neighborhood, school zone or bus stop.

Parents - talk bus safety with your children:

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Teach them to play it SAFE:

- Stay five steps away from the curb.
- Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.
- Face forward after finding a seat on the bus.
- Exit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.

WALKERS

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections (no mid-block crossings).
- Stay alert and avoid [distracted walking](#).

BIKE RIDERS

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child.

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.
- Make sure your child always wears a [properly fitted helmet](#) and bright clothing.

Copy and paste the links below to a web browser for additional back to school information and resources.

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school>

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/school-bus-safety/keeping-children-safe>

*The Maple Shade Police Department says thank you for keeping our children safe,
as well as your continued cooperation and patience while navigating
the spaces around our schools within the township*



7. MAPLE SHADE LIBRARY

The Maple Shade Library is OPEN 6 days a week!

EVENTS:

- **September 9th & 23rd @ 10:30AM:**
Collins Lane Park Storytime for Children. Registration is Required.
- **September 21st @ 4:00PM:**
Hojalata Art for Children ages 7 & up. Registration is Required.
- **September 28th @ 10:00AM:**
Ask the Master Gardeners
- **September 29th @ 4:00PM:**
Batik Painting. Children ages 7 & up. Registration is Required.



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.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

- Monday to Thursday: 10:00AM to 8:30 PM
- Friday & Saturday: 10:00AM to 5:00PM

8. SEPTEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021 - Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, September 9, 2021 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Thursday, September 23, 2021 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM

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

