



# Township of Maple Shade

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## Township of Maple Shade News APRIL 2022

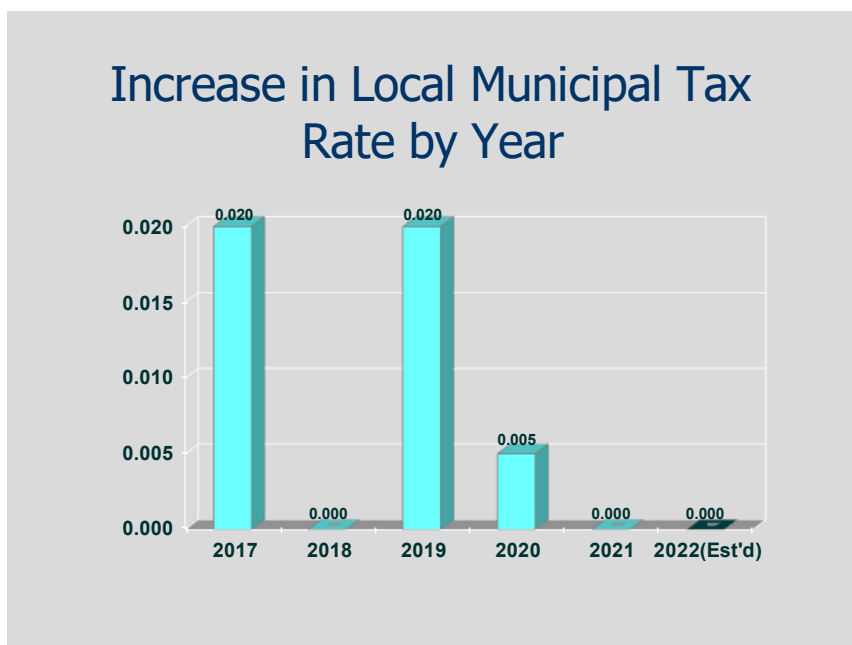
*Township of Maple Shade News is generally published monthly to provide residents with pertinent information and reminders related to Maple Shade and the surrounding area. The Township views this as another important means of keeping residents informed about our community.*

### 1. TOWN COUNCIL INTRODUCES A ZERO INCREASE BUDGET

On Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> Township Council introduced a \$19.2 million 2022 municipal budget, which includes a **0 increase** in municipal taxes for its residents. At the time of introduction, the Local Board of Education and County Budgets had yet to be finalized, but the introductions of these budgets will not change the Township’s 0 increase proposed for the local tax portion of residents’ tax bills.

Despite inflation and rising costs of goods and services crippling municipalities, the Township Manager and Chief Financial Officer were able to present a budget to Council with a zero increase; continuing their efforts on implementing cost-effective initiatives that will avoid burdening the residents, while at the same time maintaining and enhancing services and resources.

As many residents are still reeling from the effects COVID-19 has had on employment and inflation, the Administration continues their commitment to helping our already overburdened residents, which has become the driving force behind the efforts to introduce a fiscally responsible budget and continuing to provide and improve upon services and programs for all who live in Maple Shade.



The 2022 budget includes \$966,000 in federal aid through the American Rescue Plan, which will fund repairs for aged water and sewer infrastructure. The \$19.2 million budget also includes \$3 million for

Capital Improvements and Debt Service, \$5.1 million to Public Safety (Police/Fire/EMS) and \$1.9 million to the Department of Public Works for solid waste collection, building maintenance and miscellaneous roadway repairs. Some of the other projects included towards strengthening Maple Shade's infrastructure that will benefit the community for generations to come are:

- Municipal Park Improvements
- Milling & Paving of Municipal Roadways - Terrace Ave, W. Gradwell & Anna to name a few, in addition to previously approved N. Coles and S. Lippincott
- Improvements to Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants
- Cybersecurity and other administrative upgrades to systems and processes
- Development of the downtown

For some towns, a budget that expands township resources, addresses budget gaps and still holds the line on spending for its residents is unheard of. For Maple Shade, it's just another example of how the Administration remains connected regarding the issues that affect our community and our commitment to the residents.

The Council, Township Manager and Department Heads will continue to work hard to provide increased services and programs for all Maple Shade residents. The adoption of the municipal budget will be heard on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**2. INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & FIREWORKS SAVE-THE-DATE**

The 2022 Independence Day Parade & Fireworks Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**3. COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

This year's Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8AM - 1PM. Residents are invited to set-up yard sales at their homes. If you would like a yard sign and your address to appear on the comprehensive map listing, you must submit a registration form (see below) along with the \$10 registration fee by Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Residents are welcome to participate without registering but will not receive a sign or be included on the comprehensive map.

*NOTE: There is not a rain date for this event!*

Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with more information

Click [HERE](#) for the registration form

**4. ROTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Maple Shade Rotary will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8AM - 12PM at Steinhauer Elementary School (Chestnut Road Entrance). You can eat-in or take-out. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 10 & under. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.

Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with more information



**5. TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY**

Maple Shade's Clean Communities is hosting a Community Clean-Up Event on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9AM - 11AM. They are looking for VOLUNTEERS.

Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with more information

**6. 2022 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION - LATE REGISTRATION**

Residents are reminded all dogs are to be licensed each year. The Dog License Application Form is available [HERE](#). The cost is \$10.00 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$13.00 for non-neutered/non-spayed dogs plus a \$5.00 late fee.

**LATE applications are still being accepted.** Applications can be dropped off in the drop box outside of the main entrance of the municipal building or mailed to the following address: Township of Maple Shade, Tax Collector Office, 200 Stiles Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ 08052, Attn: Dog License



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## 7. BLOOD DRIVE

The Township of Maple Shade & Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12PM – 5PM at the Municipal Building, 200 Stiles Avenue. Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

Click [HERE](#) for a printable flyer

## 8. MAPLE SHADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Maple Shade PD Rolls Out Their New Command Post

The Maple Shade Police Department started the process of attempting to purchase a new command post almost two and a half years ago after retiring their old vehicle which had been donated by local businessman, Joe Walters. Retired Lt. Jeff Hoch was instrumental in its design and build specifications. After our first order with a vendor fell through because of issues regarding a specific engine type that our agency was looking for to power our unit, we were finally able to connect with Holman Mercedes-Benz Van Center of Maple Shade to fill the gap. Thanks to their expertise, generosity via a healthy discount and industry resources, MSPD was able to order the requested van through their center.

After receiving the van in the latter part of 2021, we contracted with Elite Vehicle Solutions to customize the interior and once again, Lt. Hoch's design elements took center stage. Elite was able to recreate the design features specified by Lt. Hoch and enhanced by their skilled craftsmen. Several other agencies throughout the state stopped by Elite to inspect the work on our command post and were highly impressed with the overall package. The interior was topped off much to our surprise and appreciation with a custom conference table for our team here at MSPD.

With the interior installed, Elite then switched gears to complete a custom graphics package on the exterior of the command post focused on design elements unique to our agency. It is important to note that this entire project was paid for using our Federal Forfeiture Funds and not taxpayer dollars! Once the graphics were complete and our agency finally took delivery of our new command post, we reunited with Holman to have their media team photograph the van and display it on their social media. In the weeks and months to come, you will see the van being utilized around town at critical incidents and crime scenes, as well as in support of our work within our community. We are thankful to Holman Mercedes-Benz Van Center and

Elite Vehicle Solutions for assisting us in making this vision a reality and look forward to utilizing our new command post in and amongst the community we proudly serve!



### 9. EASTER EGG HUNT

The Township of Maple Shade’s Recreation Department will be having a **FREE EASTER EGG HUNT** on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at Collins Lane Park, 57 Collins Lane, Maple Shade, NJ 08052.

Click [HERE](#) for more information



### 10. MAPLE SHADE UTILITIES

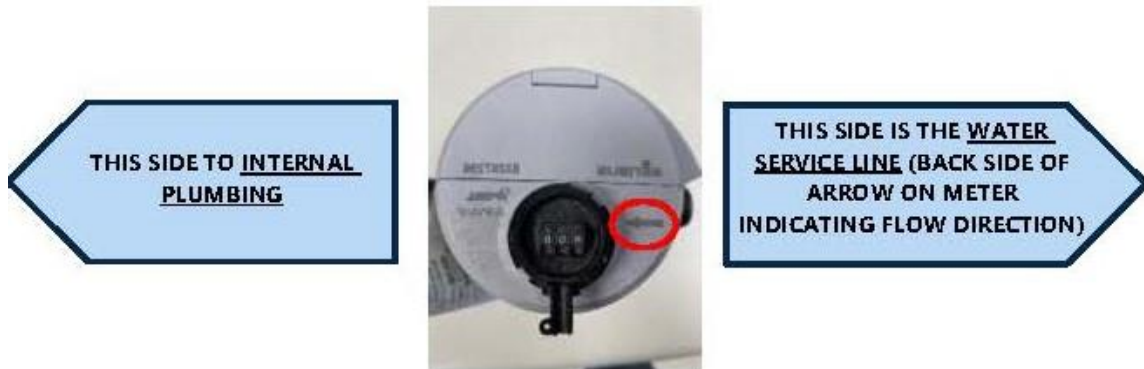
#### LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES

In case you missed it...The State of New Jersey has required water systems to replace all lead water service lines (LSL), including galvanized steel lines, within the next 10 years. This replacement of the LSL will be done at no cost to the homeowner. The water service line is the line that connects the municipal water main to the water meter. This replacement program DOES NOT include the internal plumbing after the water

meter, within the residence.

We are currently in the final phase of the replacement planning process, which includes identifying unknown service lines and developing an LSL replacement schedule. Of the 4371 water service lines in Maple Shade: 0 have been identified as lead, 172 have been identified as galvanized and 475 are not known by the utility.

Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with additional information



## 11. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Maple Shade Recreation is looking for Maple Shade organizations and vendors to raise money and get involved with Township sponsored events and classes. If you would like to be included in community events to raise money for your organization or offer classes, please send an email to Recreation Director, Lauren Domzalski, at [Recreation@mapleshade.com](mailto:Recreation@mapleshade.com).

Registration for the following classes can be found at [www.mapleshade.com/recreation](http://www.mapleshade.com/recreation).

a. SUMMER PROGRAMS:

The Township of Maple Shade's Recreation Department is offering several Summer Programs.

Click [HERE](#) to access the flyer with more information.



b. ESPORTS:

The Recreation Department of Maple Shade has partnered with GGLeagues to launch an esports club! Join the club today and connect with other players from the Township of Maple Shade Recreation and surrounding communities. There's a place for players of all ages and gaming backgrounds.

Click [HERE](#) to access the registration site with more information



## 12. MAPLE SHADE LIBRARY

### Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10AM to 8:30PM

Friday & Saturday: 10AM to 5:00PM

Masks are optional!

Please visit the following link for updated events at our branch and others throughout the county.

<https://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/events>

## 13. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Spring Brush & Branches Curbside Collection will run from April to April. Leaves will also be collected at this time. They should be loose or in UNTIED bags at the curbside.

Click [HERE](#) for the flyer with more information

## 14. BURLINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING

Burlington County will be holding **Paper Shredding Events** on the following dates:

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

All events are from 9AM to 1PM – RAIN or SHINE

It is being held at the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex (Landfill), 22000 Burlington-Columbus Road, Florence, NJ 08518.

Click [HERE](#) to access the flyer with more information

Click [HERE](#) for Recycling Guidelines Update



## 15. BagUpNJ - PLASTIC BAG BAN PROGRAM BEGINS ON MAY 4, 2022

On Nov. 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature enacted the most progressive bag ban law in the country. The law reduces litter and encourages the use of reusable bags by phasing out **single-use carryout bags**.

The law bans single-use plastic bags, regardless of thickness, at grocery stores and retail establishments, as well as paper bags at grocery stores **equal to or larger than 2,500 sq. ft.**

It also bans polystyrene **foam** takeout food containers and other products such as plates, cups, food trays and utensils; and makes plastic straws at restaurants available only upon request.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and dates

## **16. MAPLE SHADE'S 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION**

**SAVE THE DATE** for Maple Shade's 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022... More Information TBA**



## **17. SHOULD I PUT MY RECYCLABLES IN A GARBAGE BAG?**

The answer to that question is a big “NO,” to bagging them.

Burlington County is asking we remind residents to NOT put their recyclables in a bag in the cart. The main reason is because loose bags get stuck in the machines that sort the recyclables. When the bags get stuck, it causes the machine to jam and stop working. This obviously slows down the process.

Loose bags caught in the machinery can also damage the equipment, which can be expensive to repair (especially if large parts need to be fully replaced). Damaged equipment and the extra man hours it takes to unclog a machine will result in a loss of money and time for both the recycling center and the Township.

**Recycling containers which have plastic bags in them or items not allowable may not be collected.**



## **18. COVID VACCINATION CLINIC**

Southern Jersey Family Medical Center's FREE, Pop-Up Vaccination Clinic will be in Maple Shade on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 12PM until 5PM in the Municipal Building Parking Lot at 200 Stiles Avenue. Initial Vaccinations, boosters, and 2<sup>nd</sup> boosters available.

## **19. APRIL MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 - Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, April 14, 2022 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022 - Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, April 28, 2022 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM