



Township of Maple Shade

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Township of Maple Shade News OCTOBER 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. HALLOWEEN PARADE INFORMATION

Sunday, October 31st
1:30 PM - Costume Contest
2:15 PM - Parade Begins
Steinhauer Elementary School



PARADE YOUR DECORATED BIKES, STROLLERS, & PETS IN COSTUMES!

Costume Contest Winners will be announced at Gazebo Park at the conclusion of the parade!
The parade route will run from Main Street to N. Lippincott

Click [HERE](#) to access a printable flyer

2. HALLOWEEN PARADE PARTICIPATION

The Maple Shade Recreation Department is looking for organizations to participate in this year's Annual Halloween Parade.

If you are interested in joining, please complete the registration form below.

Contact Lauren Domzalski, Recreation Director, at recreation@mapleshade.com with any questions.

Click [HERE](#) to access the registration form



3. 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 for early in person on a voting 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

For voting information or interest in becoming a poll worker, please visit the County Website at vote.nj.gov.



4. RECREATION DEPARMENT

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

a. **Built by Me Stem Learning Classes with REVISED Dates:**

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](#) to access the class flyer with more information



b. **Lil Sous Chef:**

Lil Sous Chef is a cooking class for children ages 5 – 12. The class will allow children to prepare a meal and dessert with the assistance of the instructor. Interested participants **MUST pre-register EARLY** with the Township of Maple Shade so the recipe ingredients can be ordered. The ingredients are included in the class fee.

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



c. **Maple Shade Playgroup:**

This **FREE** playgroup is for children ages 6 months – 5 years and their parent(s). The weekly playgroup will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00AM – 11:30AM at the Municipal Building until December 15th.

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



d. **Ms. Lindsay's Lil' Rockers:**

This is the 2nd section of musical fun with Ms. Lindsay! The class is for children ages 2 – 6 years old. The 6-week class will run on Saturday mornings from 11:00AM – 11:45AM. Participants must pre-register with the Township of Maple Shade.

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



5. **LEGO DRIVE FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER**

The Township of Maple Shade Recreation Department is collecting LEGO KITS for Go4theGoal's Kart 4 Kids program. The LEGO's collected will be given to kids battling cancers in local hospitals in the hopes to bring them some much-needed cheer!

Click [HERE](#) for more specific information

6. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Did you know you can bring your metal items to the Public Works facility? The Public Works webpage contains helpful information like this, trash pick-up, what is and is not accepted at the DPW facility and seasonal leaf and brush collection information.

REMINDER: Please be sure to always keep the storm drain inlet covers clear of leaves and debris if physically able. We appreciate your cooperation.

Click [HERE](#) to access the Public Works webpage

7. **MAPLE SHADE WATER & SEWER**

Fall hydrant flushing will begin Sunday October 3rd and continue through Friday October 22nd. The utility flushes every hydrant each spring and fall to ensure the proper functionality of the hydrants, remove sediments from the distribution system and to improve overall water quality. The hydrants are flushed during the overnight hours from 10 PM to 6 AM.

It is not unusual to experience discolored water when nearby hydrants are flushed.

Residents are advised to run a **COLD** water only tap for 5 minutes to check for discoloration prior to doing laundry in October to avoid unexpected staining of clothing. Never run the hot water to check for discoloration.

If you do observe discolored water:

- Run a **COLD** water only tap until the condition clears (usually 15 minutes or less)
- Do not run any **HOT** water until after clear water is confirmed at the cold-water tap. Running hot water will draw discolored water into the water heater making the condition much more difficult to clear.
- Do not do laundry until clear water is confirmed at the cold-water tap.
- If clothing is inadvertently stained from washing with discolored water, **DO NOT DRY** the clothes. Drying the clothes will set the stain permanently. Call the utility at 856-488-7450 during normal business hours and we will provide you with a specially formulated detergent designed to remove these types of stains, **FREE OF CHARGE**.

The progress of this program will be posted on the utility's web site www.mapleshadeutilities.com and updated periodically throughout.

Since this program is being conducted during the evening hours, it will be dark and the roads will be wet, so please drive carefully when operating a vehicle near the flushing crew.

8. **WEDNESDAYS ON MAIN**

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month on Main Street from 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM for some family fun with theme events and live music. The final Wednesday on Main for the season will be on October 20th. The theme of the night is “Shades of Autumn”.



9. **MAPLE SHADE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Volunteers of America Delaware Valley – Immediate Mobilization Police Assisted Crisis Team (IMPACT) in Place Now with Maple Shade Police

Several months ago, there was an article about the Maple Shade Police Department's continued efforts to address the needs that we observed in our community during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mental Health, Addiction, Housing Issues, and Food Insecurity topped this list. Upon learning about the Volunteers of America Delaware Valley's (VOADV) IMPACT Program, we knew this was something worth pursuing to care for and support our town. The IMPACT Program stands for Immediate Mobilization Police Assisted Crisis Team. After months of preparation and work by the Police Department, the Township and VOADV, I am proud to announce the IMPACT Program is up and running out of the Maple Shade Police Department. Their role is to follow up with consumers in need, determine what those needs are and navigate them to the correct services to fill these identified gaps in care.

In speaking with the VOADV during this process, one of the motto's they shared with me is that they “meet people where they are at in life.” Volunteers of America Delaware Valley also stated that they quickly

realized that the most vulnerable consumers are often contacted by law enforcement, so a partnership with us seemed to be the most effective way to reach those in need. We agreed and pressed hard to build the framework necessary to support this partnership.

VOADV is an active organization and are very community oriented. They have already proved this to us here at MSPD. The organization's staff spend the bulk of their shift in the field or community connecting to those in need. Between our mobile pop-up events we have held the last several months and the IMPACT program, we have already connected almost 75 families and individuals to VOADV's programs for further assistance. The hours VOADV's staff will operate will vary at the start-up, but referrals can be made by calling 856-298-7741. You can also have an officer file a referral electronically in the off hours which will be followed up by a VOADV staff member when they are on shift the next business day.

As the IMPACT Program spins up here at MSPD, we are continuing to look at various other engagements to introduce services at the outset of contact with the township. We are planning to meet and educate teams throughout the town to include the multi-unit dwelling complexes, our school district, our Chaplain Corp and municipal court staff, as well as connecting VOADV to the Maple Shade Food Bank which the police department and Chaplain Corp, along with our non-profit the MSPCA, fully supports with donations, gift cards and cash donations.

If you see VOADV IMPACT staff members around town, please take a moment to say hi and don't hesitate to speak with them if you or someone you know is struggling and in need of a little help. They are humble, hardworking and clearly care. I have no doubt their presence here in Maple Shade will leave a positive lasting "impact" on our community.



Pictured left to right: VOA IMPACT Liaison & Maple Shade Police Lieutenant, Brian Weiss, IMPACT Supervisor, Jamal Miles and IMPACT Specialist, Amanda Mackie

10. MAPLE SHADE SOCCER

- a. **Indoor Soccer Registration** is now open for children ages 4 - 14. Games will be played on Saturdays from January 8th - March 19th in the Steinhauer Gym. Register online at www.mapleshadesoccer.net. The registration deadline is November 1st. If you have questions, please email Heather Talarico at htalarico115@yahoo.com.
- b. Maple Shade Soccer will be hosting a **Fall Festival** on Friday, October 29th from 6:00PM - 8:00PM at the Woodlawn Sports Complex. Click [HERE](#) to access the informational flyer.



11. OCTOBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, October 14, 2021 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Thursday, October 27, 2021 - Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, October 28, 2021 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM

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