

**Township of Maple Shade** 

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# *Township of Maple Shade News* DECEMBER 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. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The 2022 Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. Sixty-three people attended the annual event. Santa performed magic trips, made balloon art, and sat for a photo with each child in attendance. A special thank you to the Recreation Department for hosting this event.



## 2. <u>RECREATION DEPARMENT</u>

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

- Zumbini December Classes
- Lil Sous Chef January Classes
- <u>Esports Winter League</u>

## 3. HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

Maple Shade residents are encouraged to be mindful of the significant increase in waste generated during the holidays. YOU can help control the costs, however, by knowing what items are acceptable and unacceptable to recycle. Simply go to <u>https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/887/Recycling-and-Waste-Management</u> or download the **Stecher** app to find additional information.

While opening presents, hosting parties, or sending season's greetings, being good environmental stewards is important, not only for the environment but in helping to keep costs low too. Whenever possible, use recyclable or reused items. We know plain wrapping paper may not be as exciting under the tree for some, but did you know, glitter and foil paper <u>cannot</u> be recycled; and before you throw out the clothing boxes you had to buy, because the department stores no longer give them to you for free, save them for next year; but if you must toss them out, be sure to break them down before you place them in the recycle cart...and don't forget, ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS OR TRASH BAGS IN THE RECYCLE BINS...Your cart will be rejected by the driver and it will not be collected. Unfortunately, when these bags do slip by and get collected, the recycling becomes "contaminated" and can even shut down the sorting and processing equipment.

As online shopping increases so does the recycling of cardboard; be sure to remain on Santa's "nice list" this year and break down those boxes too! For those who live in multi-family communities its especially important to follow the recycling and solid waste requirements as it helps to improve the quality of living. Recycling is not only required, it is our responsibility to our community and to one another. See Santa's Naughty and Nice List for Recycling Reminders this Holiday Season.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!



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(click photo for a larger view of the flyer)

#### 5. UTILITIES

Winter is quickly approaching, and cold temperatures can easily damage an exposed water meter. If your water meter is installed in an unheated location, such as an unheated porch or a crawl space, it needs to be protected from the cold. If your water meter is damaged because it becomes frozen, you may be responsible for the replacement fee, currently \$480.00.

Maple Shade Utilities will supply and install an insulating jacket on your water meter *free of charge*, so property owners do not have to worry about the liability of the replacement fee. The installation of an insulating jacket takes less than 10 minutes. All you need to do is call the utility at (856) 488-7450 and schedule an appointment for the installation of an insulating meter jacket.

The staff of Maple Shade Utilities would like to wish you and your family Happy Holidays!



#### 6. POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Maple Shade Police Department hosted its "Fill the Truck" food event on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Food was collected all about town at local businesses. The event wrapped up at the Maple Shade Custard stand, where Johnny Fischer handed out free water ice coupons to all who donated. Despite the cold, rainy weather, the event was a huge success. The competition portion of the event was fierce. The overall winner of the competition was the Our Lady of Perpetual Youth Group, followed by Maple Shade Girls Softball, Maple Shade Cheerleading and the Maple Shade Arts Council wrapped it up taking 4<sup>th</sup> place. Over \$3,200 was given away in prize money and over 3,000 food items were collected for the Maple Shade Food Bank! A big win for all involved! Special thank you to Bentley Truck Services and Chuck and C.J. Wiest for supplying the truck and the muscle! Thank you to Chaplain Annemarie Cook for braving the cold and sticking it out all night!



**No Shave November** is in full swing at the Maple Shade Police Department. **No Shave November** is a fundraiser started by Chief Fletcher, allowing officers to grow beards in exchange for a \$50 donation. Every year Chief Fletcher picks a recipient of the funds raised during the event. The funds raised this year go directly to the Maple Shade Food Bank. One thousand dollars was presented to the Food Bank for the month of November. The money will be used to purchase gift cards that will be distributed over the next few months.



Detective Brian Martino of the Maple Shade Police Department was honored at a special ceremony for Veteran's Day at Howard Yocum School on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Veterans were served a complimentary breakfast and then celebrated and serenaded with songs from the students. Master Sergeant Brian Martino of the United States Army Reserve was honored for his service to our Country.



The Maple Shade Police Department's civilian staff serves an integral role in the agency. This month, aside from their daily duties, the civilian staff shopped for groceries using some of the funds from **No Shave November**. With the help of a generous donation from F.C. Kerbeck, who donated the turkeys, the civilian staff were able to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal for 20 families in Maple Shade who are struggling with food insecurities. We are grateful for our civilian support staff!



**Straight to Treatment:** The Straight to Treatment program is available at the Maple Shade Police Department on Monday night from 4pm to 8pm for those struggling with addiction and looking for immediate assistance.

**Operation Helping Hand** is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hotline number is 877-266-8222. This program is also for those struggling with addiction. You can also reach out to the Maple Shade Police Department for assistance with any of these programs.

If you are struggling to make ends meet, reach out to our Volunteers of America representatives who are available in police headquarters from 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. You can also reach them by phone at 856-833-0249.

The Maple Shade Police Department would like to remind you not to leave valuables in your vehicle and to keep your vehicle locked. Many times, car burglaries are crimes of opportunity. Your vehicle is an easy target, especially when it is left unlocked and filled with gifts for the holidays. Don't be a victim, lock it up. As always be aware of your surroundings while doing your holiday shopping.

Happy Holidays from the Maple Shade Police Department.

#### 7. MAPLE SHADE LIBRARY

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am to 8:30 pm Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Call or Visit the Library for Further Details

#### Library is CLOSED on the following dates:

• Monday, December 26th

#### Youth Services Events

- December 1st @ 10:30 am: Maple Shade Collins Lane Storytime. Registration Required.
- December 3rd @ 3:30 pm: Tween and Teen LEGO Club. Registration Required.
- December 7th @ 3:30 pm: Kids' Afternoon Art: Dinosaur or Unicorn Painting. Registration Required.
- December 8th @ 10:30 am: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- December 13th @ 10:30 am: Preschool Storytime. <u>Registration Required.</u>
- December 15th @ 3:30 pm: Tween and Teen Afternoon Art: Tiny Canvas Paintings. <u>Registration</u> <u>Required.</u>
- December 20th @ 10:30 am: Preschool Painters: Dot Marker Magic. Registration Required
- December 22nd @ 10:30 am: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- December 27th @ 10:30 am: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- December 30th @ 11:30 am: Hooray for 2023 New Year's Eve Party! Registration Required.

## Adult Services Events

- December 3rd @ 10:30 am: Conversation for English Language Learners. <u>Registration Required.</u>
- December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am: Crazy for Crochet Club.
- December 8th @ 6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga. <u>Registration Required.</u>
- December 14th @ 3:00 pm: VIRTUAL: Not Your Mother's Book Club. Registration Required.
- December 15th @ 6:00 pm: Gentle Yoga. <u>Registration Required.</u>
- December 21st @ 11:00 am: Crazy for Crochet Club. <u>Registration Required.</u>

## All Events are Free!

### 8. MUNICIPAL OFFICES HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Friday, December  $23^{rd}$  - Monday, December  $26^{th}$  - Monday, January  $2^{nd}$  -

Christmas Eve (observed) Christmas Day (observed) New Year's Day (observed)



#### 9. DECEMBER MEETINGS

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- Thursday, December 8, 2022 Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM \*
  - Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Wednesday December 21, 2022 Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
  - Thursday, January 5, 2023 Town Council Re-Organization Meeting @ 7:00PM

\*only ONE town council meeting in December