



Township of Maple Shade

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Township of Maple Shade News JANUARY 2023

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. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZES FOR 2023

On Thursday, January 5th, 2023, the Township Council held its 48th Re-Organization Meeting at 6:30pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building. Councilman Elect Charles “Chuck” Kauffman and Councilwoman Sandra Nunes were sworn in for their new terms on Council. Council then nominated Chuck Kauffman to serve as Mayor and Steve Schmidt to serve as Deputy Mayor in 2023. Assemblyman Lou Greenwald was in attendance to perform the swearing-in ceremonies for the elected officials.

The annual re-organization meeting is held within the first seven days of the month of January each year and is done so that the governing body can make annual appointments to various boards, commissions, and committees for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township. Township professionals and other Township staff are also normally appointed at this meeting along with other traditional beginning of the year appointments and business.

The Township Council is looking forward to a busy and exciting 2023!

2. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

- [Zumbini – Fridays in January/February Classes](#)
- [Playgroup](#) – on Wednesday Mornings
- [Seed Super Powers with Mindy](#)
- [Lil Sous Chef](#) – March Classes
- [Chomp, Chomp Carnivorous Plants Kids Class](#) - March 30, 2023

3. SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION & ALL-STAR SOCCER PROGRAM

Registration for the **Spring Recreation Soccer Program** is NOW OPEN online at www.mapleshadesoccer.net. The program is for children 3 and up. All games are played on Saturday mornings at the Turf Field and the season will start mid-March. Click [HERE](#) for a printable flyer with more information.

AllStar Soccer (An Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based program that is designed to meet the needs of children and young adults from ages 3 – 21 that have physical and/or intellectual disabilities and special needs. The program is a modified version of the game of soccer designed to provide a fun, relaxed, and active environment with the assistance of a “buddy”. It is sponsored by the Law Offices of Posternock and Apell and supported with the collaboration of the Maple Shade Soccer

Club and the Moorestown Department of Parks and Recreation.

To register for the program, obtain additional information, or learn about volunteering to be a “buddy”, please visit <https://www.mapleshadesoccer.net/page/show/4917195-all-star-soccer> .

4. CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas Trees will be collected from January 3rd – 31st, 2023 by the Public Works Department.

- Please place tree curbside for collection
- Please remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, garland, wire, etc.
- Do NOT place trees curbside in a plastic bag
- Trees may also be dropped off at our Public Works Complex at 620 Cutler Avenue



5. POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Maple Shade Police Department joined forces with Maple Shade PBA 267, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and employees of Maple Shade Township, to spread holiday cheer throughout Maple Shade. Community Affairs Officer, Misty Weiss, was able to work with the Maple Shade School District to identify families who would benefit from some assistance over the holidays. Once those families were identified, the Maple Shade PBA, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and Maple Shade Township employees joined forces to make sure they would all have a memorable Christmas. Together, we were able to give 23 children a special Christmas with over 200 donated gifts! Thank you to everyone who contributed, whether it was with gifts, time, money, or transportation. Once again, Maple Shade proved to be a small town with a big heart.



No Shave November has grown into a year-long fundraising event, “Beards for the Year”, for the MSPD. Officers are permitted to continue to participate in this no shaving event for the rest of the year for a generous donation. This January, the police department raised close to \$10,000 in donations, all from participating officers. Those donations will be utilized to purchase items to be given out to our community members, as well as to offer continued support to The Maple Shade Food Bank. If you see an officer donning facial hair, please be sure to thank them for their generosity!



We had a special visitor, Michael, a young officer in training who paid us a visit to see what we were all about. Michael got to check out the jail cells, the gym, and the administrative offices. He spent some time with officers who serve our community in different capacities. Michael will make a fine officer someday!

Important Reminder: The Maple Shade Police Department, nor the Maple Shade PBA solicit donations over the phone. Maple Shade PBA Local 267 does send out an annual fundraising mailer and we appreciate all who have donated. Please be aware of scam phone calls asking for donations for law enforcement.

The Maple Shade Police Department would like to send out a sincere **Thank You** to all of our supporters. Our kitchen is overflowing with love, well-wishes, and sweet treats! We appreciate your support today and throughout the year. Best wishes to all of you for a safe, happy, and healthy 2023!

6. UTILITIES

This is another friendly reminder that 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.

7. MAPLE SHADE TO UNDERTAKE A TREE HAZARD INVENTORY

Beginning the last week of January, a contractor for the township will begin a tree hazard inventory. This inventory is one of the actions falling under the Sustainable Jersey Program under which Maple Shade holds Bronze Certification. This inventory is an important component of managing and expanding the municipal tree canopy. A tree hazard refers to any potential tree failure due to a structural defect that may result in property damage or personal injury. The township received a grant for this work from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Parks and Forestry.

Hazard trees are standing trees, either live or dead, that have defects in the roots, trunk, or limbs which predispose them to mechanical failure in whole, or in part. Trees in this category will be included in the inventory which will be conducted on all of Maple Shade's municipal right-of-ways. These right-of-ways lie between all of the sidewalks and streets within the township. Each tree inventoried with any of the above conditions will be identified with a small tag for easy, later identification for pruning or removal (see photo below). Each qualifying tree will also be geo-located for future reference. After the inventory, municipal tree maintenance programs will be able to focus on preserving the street tree coverage, reducing tree hazard conditions, promoting healthy tree form, and structure, and reduce tree liability in

the community. Proper and timely maintenance supports the long-term health of the municipal tree stock and can minimize and manage impacts from disease and insect pests on the tree population.



8. BURLINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER RABIES CLINIC

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

3:00PM – 4:00PM

35 Academy Drive

Westampton, NJ 08060



9. 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, January 2nd – New Year's Day (observed)**
- **Monday, January 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Youth Services Events

- January 3rd @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween and Teen Lego Club. Registration Required.
- January 5th @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- January 10th @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- January 11th @ 3:30 p.m.: Kids Crafternoon: Perler Bead Art. Registration Required.
- January 17th @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Painters: Handprint Art. Registration Required.
- January 19th @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- January 24 @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- January 25th @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween and Teen Afternoon Art: Year of the Rabbit Crafts. Registration Required.

Adult Services Events

- January 7th @ 10:30 a.m.: Conversation for English Language Learners. Registration Required.
- January 11th @ 2:00 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening: Sunlight Care. *NO Registration Required.
- January 12th @ 6:00 p.m.: Medicare. Registration Required.
- January 18th @ 2:00 p.m.: Bookbuzzers Book Club. Registration Required.
- January 21st @ 10:30 a.m.: Conversation for English Language Learners. Registration Required.

All Events are Free!

10. JANUARY MEETINGS

- Thursday, January 5, 2023 - Town Council Re-Organization Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, January 19, 2023 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM