



# Township of Maple Shade

200 Stiles Avenue  
Maple Shade, NJ 08052  
(856) 779-9610  
[www.mapleshade.com](http://www.mapleshade.com)

Mayor Charles Kauffman • Deputy Mayor Steve Schmidt  
Councilwoman Sandy Nunes • Councilwoman Claire Volpe • Councilman Nelson Wiest

## *Township of Maple Shade News* **FEBRUARY 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. RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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

- [Playgroup](#) – on Wednesday Mornings
- [Lil Sous Chef](#) – March Classes
- [Painting Party with Main Street Art](#) – March 25, 2023
- [Chomp, Chomp Carnivorous Plants Kids Class](#) - March 30, 2023
- [Seed Super Powers with Mindy](#)
- [Tech Help Thursdays](#)
- [Relax at Last \(Free Trial\) & Relax at Last \(6-week session\)](#)
- [Township of Maple Shade Parks & Recreation Programs & Sports Organizations Contact Information](#) – Bookmark this for a quick reference

### **2. SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING TOWNSHIP EVENTS**

Rotary Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 2, 2023  
Community Wide Yard Sale - Saturday, April 29, 2023  
Sustainable Maple Shade 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Yard Sale at Collins Lane Park – Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Township Household Clean-Up – May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>

### **3. SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION & ALL-STAR SOCCER PROGRAM**

Registration for the **Spring Recreation Soccer Program** is NOW OPEN online at [www.mapleshadesoccer.net](http://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. POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Maple Shade Police Department is always training and finding new ways to improve their skills. During the month of January, they opened their doors to Alex Mann. Alex is a young man who dedicates his time educating law enforcement officers about Autism. Alex, who was diagnosed at a young age, has made it his mission to visit and educate as many law enforcement agencies as he can. Alex, 22, has visited over 200 law enforcement agencies. Officers were able to learn from this unique experience by seeing things from Alex's perspective. Thank you, Alex!



While the students enjoyed a day off, it was down to business inside the high school for all district staff. The personnel of the Maple Shade Police Department joined forces with the Maple Shade School District for a day of training. School staff were provided with suggestions should they ever be face to face with a threat. Officers were also able to share with staff what they could expect during a police response. Aside from information sharing, the police department and the school district were able to strengthen existing relationships and build new ones. The relationship between the police department and the school district continues to grow thanks to the leadership of Chief Christopher Fletcher and Superintendent Beth Norcia.

The men and women of the Maple Shade Police Department are always proud to serve the community. Officer Scott Parker walks his friend to class in the morning to make the day a little easier for both of them. Officer Michael Maiden was caught greeting some Maude Wilkins students as they got off the bus and headed into school for the day. The beginning of a great day for all!



We support the enthusiasm surrounding the upcoming Super Bowl; however, we are urging our community to celebrate responsibly. Let's have a tragedy-free Super Bowl! Designate a sober driver!



***A reminder from the Maple Shade Police Department:  
Please make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street day and night.***

## 5. ANCHOR BENEFITS APPLICANTS

The deadline for filing your ANCHOR benefit Application with the State of New Jersey has been extended to February 28, 2023.

This program provides property tax relief to New Jersey residents who owned or rented their principal residence (main home) on October 1, 2019, and met the income limits.

ANCHOR eligibility is as follows:

- Homeowners with income of \$150,000 or less will receive \$1,500.
- Homeowners with income of more than \$150,000 and up to \$250,000 will receive \$1,000.
- Renters with income of \$150,000 or less will receive \$450.



You may file online at <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml> or by phone 1-888-238-1233. The ANCHOR call center will have extended hours through February 28, 2023. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until February 28, 2023.

ANCHOR benefits will be paid starting late spring from the State of New Jersey in the form of a direct deposit or check, not as credits to property tax bills. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## 6. UTILITIES

The Township of Maple Shade now has reporting capabilities for water consumption from the meter manufacturer, Sensus. When a single-family residential home shows continuous flow, a letter from the Tax Collectors Office will be sent to the bill payer informing them of the suspected abnormal usage. If you should receive one of these letters, you are encouraged to act quickly to identify the source of the excess water consumption as leaks left unfixed could result in having to pay a higher-than-normal utility bill.

Click [HERE](#) to access a Sample of the Continuous Flow Letter



## 7. TUITION-FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS AT ROWAN COLLEGE AT BURLINGTON COUNTY



Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) provides a variety of tuition-free training programs for eligible candidates. These programs are funded through grant resources, and supported by employer partners who are hiring.

All of their opportunities are designed to get individuals trained, certified and employed in well-paying, in-demand occupations quickly and affordably. Please help us assist members of our community on their path to a well-paying career.

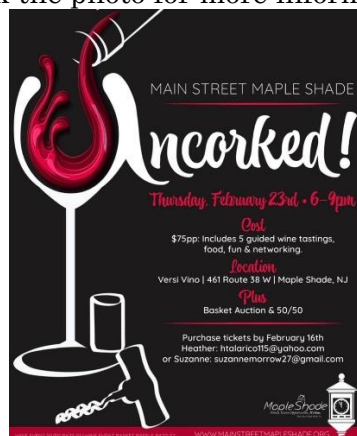
It's never too late to learn. You are never too old to finish. Take advantage of free Adult Basic Education classes, to earn your high school diploma. Offered in-person on the Mount Laurel campus of RCBC.

For more information, email [abe@rcbc.edu](mailto:abe@rcbc.edu) or visit <https://www.rcbc.edu/abe> .



## 8. MAIN STREET MAPLE SHADE EVENT - UNCORKED

(click the photo for more information)



## 9. THE CINDERELLA PROJECT

Drop-off new or gently used formal dresses and dress shoes at the Maple Shade Police Department any time between now and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Prom dresses and shoes will available for students in the Maple Shade community to view/pick-up during the week of March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Building.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

## 10. 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, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln’s Birthday**
- **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – President’s Day**

### Youth Services Events

- Wednesday, February 1st @ 3:30 p.m.: Kids Crafternoon: Heart Sun Catchers. Registration Required.
- Thursday, February 2nd @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, February 7th @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, February 7th @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween and Teen Lego Club. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, February 14th @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Painters: Valentine Love Bugs. Registration Required.
- Thursday, February 16th @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, February 21st @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, February 22nd @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween and Teen Afternoon Art: Perler Bead Keychains. Registration Required.

### Adult Services Events

- Saturday, February 4th @ 10:30 a.m.: Conversation for English Language Learners. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, February 8th @ 2:00 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening: Sunlight Care. NO Registration Required.
- Wednesday, February 15th @ 2:00 p.m.: Bookbuzzers Book Club. Registration Required.
- Saturday, February 18th @ 10:30 a.m.: Conversation for English Language Learners. Registration Required.
- Thursday, February 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.: How to Reduce the High Cost of Prescriptions. Registration Required.

## 11. FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, February 9, 2023 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, February 23, 2023 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM