



Township of Maple Shade

200 Stiles Avenue
Maple Shade, NJ 08052
(856) 779-9610
www.mapleshade.com

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

Township of Maple Shade News MARCH 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 [HERE](#)

- [Relax at Last \(6-week session\)](#) – March/April Classes
- [March Painting Party with Main Street Art](#) – March 25, 2023
- [Chomp, Chomp Carnivorous Plants Kids Class](#) - March 30, 2023
- [Lil Sous Chef](#) – April Classes
- [Cooking with the Easter Bunny](#) – April 3, 2023
- [Seed Super Powers with Mindy](#) – April/May Classes
- [Kids Fitness Class](#) – April 12, 2023
- [April Painting Party with Main Street Art](#) – April 29, 2023
- [Playgroup](#) – on Wednesday Mornings (No Registration Required)
- [Tech Help Thursdays](#) – 1st Thursday of Each Month (Registration via Library)

2. KIDS RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMS



Click [HERE](#) to access the 2023 Kids Summer Programs

3. SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING TOWNSHIP EVENTS

- [Township Easter Egg Hunt](#) – Sunday, April 2, 2023 – 1pm at Aces Field
[Rotary Pancake Breakfast](#) – Sunday, April 2, 2023 – 8am – 12pm at Steinhauer School
Community Wide Yard Sale – Saturday, April 29, 2023
Sustainable Maple Shade 2nd Chance Yard Sale at Collins Lane Park – Sunday, April 30, 2023
Township Household Clean-Up – May 3rd – May 6th

4. MAPLE SHADE POLICE

The newest vehicle to join the fleet at the Maple Shade Police Department runs on electric. While we all try to move to sustainable resources, the police department is striving to do so as well. The GEM, low speed, electric vehicle, caught the eye of the Maple Shade Police Department administrators at a recent law enforcement expo. They thought the vehicle would be a great fit for our community and a conversations starter. *Eastern Lift Truck* subsidized some of the funding for added options. *Always a Good Sign* added the eye-catching graphics and now the vehicle is ready to hit the road! The new low speed vehicle will be used for community outreach and at local events, leaving a smaller footprint than a fuel powered full size vehicle and hopefully starting some conversations between law enforcement and the community. Feel free to ask the officers driving the vehicle any questions you may have. This vehicle will not be used for emergency response.



BE A K9 SITKA SUPPORTER!!!

PBA Local 267 is looking for people who want to help support the MSPD's re-created K9 Program! The [Squadlocker Store](#) is NOW OPEN for anyone wishing to purchase items to show their support. Proceeds go directly to the K9 program to help offset the costs of health insurance, food, equipment, and other items necessary to keep the program running. Click on the link below and take a look around. All items are available in several colors with 2 different designs. Sitka thanks you for your support!

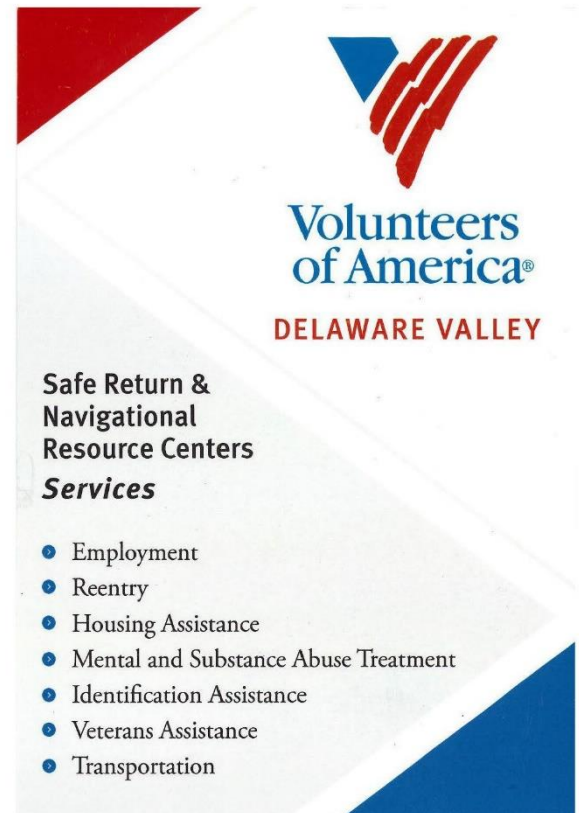
Should you have any questions regarding our department and/or the K9 Unit feel free to contact Officer Anthony Marshall at (856) 779-9610, ext. 219 or Community Affairs Officer Cpl. Misty Weiss at (856) 779-9610, ext. 213.

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/mspd-family>



The Volunteers of America have joined the Maple Shade Police Department! Since the summer of 2021, the Volunteers of America (VOA) have been available in the police department here in Maple Shade. The VOA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit social service agency that has been providing essential services to vulnerable individuals and communities since 1896. Headquartered in the city of Camden, VOA is characterized by its diversity of programming and assistance services and supported by a team of more than 400 qualified, mission-driven professionals that work tirelessly on behalf of their clients. Kristine and Jamie are available in the Maple Shade Police Department, Monday- Friday, 8am-4pm or you can call them at **856-298-7741**. If you require assistance getting social services, obtaining identification, or are struggling with food insecurities please give them a call.

The Maple Shade Police Department reminds you to be aware of scam phone calls. Recently there has been an increase in calls to cell phones advising, “Your parents have been involved in a car accident and we need you to come to the scene”. The caller then provides a location they would like you to respond to. We are unsure what the motive is to draw victims to a location. Officers generally will not request your presence at a crash scene. Please look into the call before going anywhere. Call whoever they are saying was involved in a crash or check their location. Be aware. Be safe.



5. **SENIOR FREEZE TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

The State of New Jersey began mailing 2022 Senior Freeze blue booklets in mid-February, continuing throughout the month. Please allow until mid-March for delivery before contacting the State of New Jersey. The State of New Jersey mailed PTR-1 booklets to homeowners who may qualify and preprinted PTR-2 booklets to eligible homeowners who applied last year. In addition, PTR-1 forms are available online at <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/ptr/printform.shtml>

Click [HERE](#) for more information. **The deadline for 2022 applications is October 31, 2023.**

6. **2023 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION**

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.

Applications are due April 3, 2023. Late applications are subject to an additional \$5.00 late fee. 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

7. **BURLINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Click [HERE](#) to access the Burlington County Recycling Spring Newsletter with a list of Shredding Events and recycling reminders

8. UTILITIES

WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

- **Merion Lane Water Main Replacement**

The water main on Merion Lane is currently being replaced by MSP Construction. The project began on February 21st and completion is expected on March 10th. Please avoid the area if possible and be mindful of the construction zone.

- **Frederick Ave Sewer Main Replacement**

The sewer main on Frederick Ave, between S Lippincott & Center, is scheduled to be replaced in March by Booth Mechanical. It is expected to take three weeks to complete. Residents will be notified prior to the project starting and detours in the area will be put in place. Please avoid the area if possible during construction and take caution around the area.

Reminder: Save the Pipes - Don't Flush Grease & Wipes!

Did you know products that are labeled "flushable" can lead to clogs and costly repairs to our sewer infrastructure?

Just because a product is marked 'flushable', **does not mean** that it can be flushed because they do not degrade like toilet paper and can end up clogging pipes. Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed - all other products should be properly disposed of.

When flushed, products like disinfecting wipes, 'flushable' wipes, and paper towels can cause damage to pumps, and clog sewer pipes. This can all lead to costly repairs and can negatively impact the sewer systems around your home and neighborhood. Pipes in your building and on your property can be affected, resulting in surprise repairs and costs to homeowners and business owners.

The same goes for grease. Most people assume that grease remains a liquid. However, after being flushed, the opposite happens. The grease actually forms solid clumps that can become as hard as concrete. Often, solid grease can cause significant damage to our system.

Please protect our sewer system. DON'T flush grease & wipes!

9. EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MEET
LAUREN
DOMZALSKI
Director of Recreation

Name: Lauren Domzalski
Position: Director of Recreation
Length of Employment: 1 year 10 months

Favorite Part of the Job: "Having the opportunity to come up with new programs & resources for the community and getting to experience the enjoyment these special events bring to the kids and adults alike."

Hobbies: Sports, Fitness and Do-It-Yourself Projects

HOW TO REACH ME: (856) 779-9610, EX. 175 | recreation@mapleshade.com | www.mapleshade.com

If you've noted an uptick of pleasurable things to do in Maple Shade of late. You are on the ball. There's a new skipper in the Recreation Office, and this youthful mother of two is batting a thousand.

The amiable entrepreneur is Lauren Domzalski. Maple Shade won her from the Virtua patient rehabilitation system after Covid forced the Moorestown Virtua branch to close. She was hired as a part-timer in May 2021. Part-time has become full-time and then some.

There are no written instructions for recreation directors in our state, no recorded practices, or procedures. So, Lauren is building on the accomplishments of the

men who preceded her. And she's doing it with gusto.

With a twinkle, she'll tell you how she sprinted between Fellowship and Lippincott managing the 2021 Halloween parade. "That was my first parade", she says. Now she's an old hand, and she's working on the Fourth of July lineup as well as the October shindig. She credits the folks from the Masonic Hall with volunteer parade help and she expects the Shriners as well as string bands to be in the line of march this year.

Lauren has settled into her job nicely, and of late, folks are coming forth with ideas and offers to help. She enjoys it all.

A few of the former programs have remained such as the Wednesday morning play group, the weekly pinochle game as well as senior gatherings. Add to this the mini chefs who will be cooking with the Easter Bunny soon, the concerts in the park, summer movies at Woodlawn Field, and the second annual "Touch-A-Truck" where youngsters can climb in and out of some 25 service vehicles and heavy equipment. Bells are rung, horns honked, and kids become imaginary rulers of the roads, and under gentle adult supervision. That's due in early October.

A Lauren fav is the "Letters to Santa" mailbox located at Town Hall between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Here the youngsters can post their letters to Saint Nick and every letter will get an answer from the old gentleman himself.

Folks who are inclined to join particular activities such as the innovative Saturday Painting Class, can do so online. The only exception may be sign-ups for the new Tech Help program. This will coach newbies on computers, cell phones and related technical wonders. Applications are available from the Recreation Office and in the Maple Shade Library.

Skipper Lauren has a full line up of entertaining and instructional events for everybody this year.

Watch this space....

*Interviewed & Written by: Ms. Marlene "Jackie" McVeigh
March 2023*

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

Youth Services Events

- Wednesday, March 1st @ 3:30 p.m.: Kids Crafternoon: Perler Bead Keychains. Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 2nd @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby & Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, March 7th @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween and Teen Lego Club. Registration Required.
- Monday, March 13th @ 3:30 p.m.: Teen Book Chat. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, March 14th @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Painters. Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 16th @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, March 21st @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, March 22nd @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween Arts & Crafts Club: Yarn Canvas. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, March 29th @ 3:30 p.m.: Drawing & Painting for Teens. Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 30th @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby & Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.

Adult Services Events

- Thursday, March 2nd @ 1:00 p.m.: Home Sweet Home: What Every Homeowner Needs to Know **(Virtual)**. Registration Required.
- Saturday, March 4th @ 10:30 a.m.: Conversation for English Language Learners. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, March 7th @ 6:30 p.m.: Understanding Social Security **(Virtual)**. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, March 8th @ 2:00 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screenings: Sunlight Care. *No Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 9th @ 2:00 p.m.: Pinot's Palette Art Class: Blue Irises. Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 9th @ 6:00 p.m.: Wills and Healthcare Proxies. Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 16th @ 6:00 p.m.: Gentler Yoga. Registration Required.
- Saturday, March 18th @ 10:30 a.m.: Conversation for English Language Learners. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, March 22nd @ 2:00 p.m.: Bookbuzzers Book Club. Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 23rd @ 2:00 p.m.: Medicare. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, March 29th @ 6:30 p.m.: Understanding Reverse Mortgages **(Virtual)**. Registration Required.
- Thursday, March 30th @ 6:00 p.m.: Gentler Yoga. Registration Required.

*Registration not required

11. MARCH MEETINGS

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