



# Township of Maple Shade

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## ***Township of Maple Shade News*** **APRIL 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](#)

- [Kids Fitness Class](#) – April 12, 2023
- [April Painting Party with Main Street Art](#) – April 29, 2023
- [Lil Sous Chef Cooking Classes](#) – May Classes
- [Playgroup](#) – on Wednesday Mornings (No Registration Required)
- [Tech Help Thursdays](#) – 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

[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](#) – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
[Community Shredding Event](#) - Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-11AM

### **4. FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2023 Fall Soccer League with the Maple Shade Soccer Club is NOW OPEN!

Online only starting April 1<sup>st</sup>

Ages 3 through 18 are accepted.

Info for new Travel tryouts will be announced in April!

Register using the online link for more info.

For more details, please visit our website at [www.mapleshadesoccer.net](http://www.mapleshadesoccer.net)

Additional questions: contact [htalarico115@yahoo.com](mailto:htalarico115@yahoo.com)



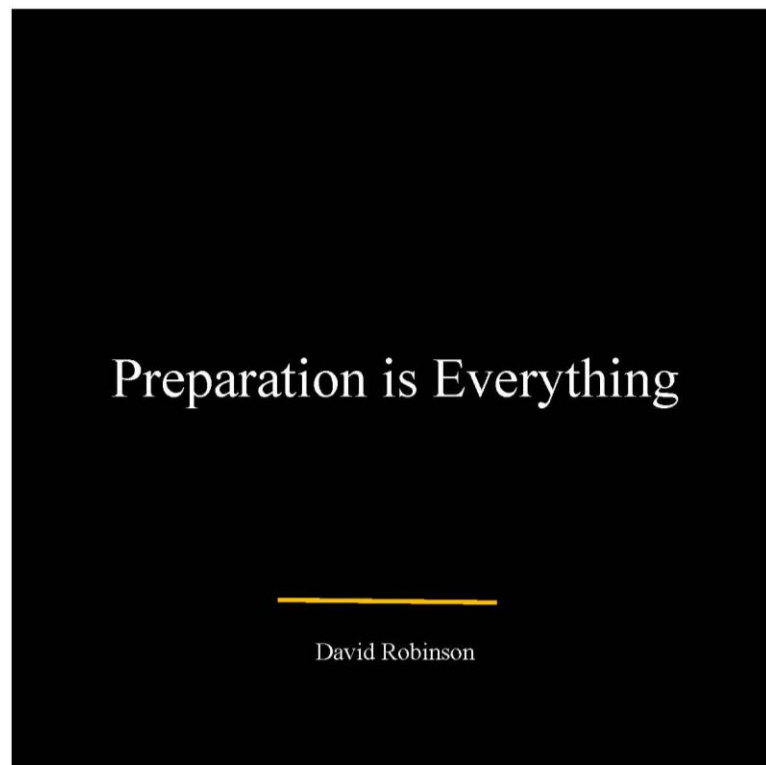
**\*\*\* NOTE: Registrations after June 15<sup>th</sup> will only be accepted if there is available space on the rosters. There will be a 15.00 late fee if registered after June 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

## 5. MAPLE SHADE POLICE

The Maple Shade Police Department was happy to participate in, “Read Across America”, at Maude Wilkins School. This is always such a great opportunity for our students to engage with our officers. Thank you to our school district for always supporting us and welcoming us into your classrooms!



The Maple Shade Police Department has now included all township employees in scenario based training exercises. Over the last few months the police department has been working with the township employees and increasing training for emergency situations. Recently, scenario-based training was introduced as part of preparedness. Thank you to Chief Fletcher and Township Manager, Susan Danson, for putting this together, as it was educational for all involved and helps us to continue to grow relationships within the township.



Lt. Brian Weiss was more than happy to participate in the first ever Community Engagement Night at Maude Wilkins School on March 22. What a huge success! Kudos to the Maple Shade School District for organizing such a great night!



IT'S TIME  
TO LOCK UP  
#9PMRoutine

- ✓ Remove valuables from vehicles
- ✓ Lock vehicle doors
- ✓ Close the garage door
- ✓ Close & lock all exterior doors
- ✓ Turn on exterior light

## Passing of Retired Chief Edmund “Ed” Vernier



It is with a heavy heart that the Maple Shade Police Department reports the passing of retired Police Chief Edmund “Ed” Vernier on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> following an illness. Ed was a former member of the United States Navy who served valiantly during the Vietnam War. Following this tour, Ed joined the Maple Shade Police Department in October 1969 serving in the capacity as a Police Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant and eventually becoming the Chief of Police in July 1997. Ed retired from the agency in April 2010 serving as the Chief for 13 years. During his time at the police department, Ed was instrumental in transitioning the agency into the computer age managing our first in-house computer server. Ed also played a key role in standing up the agency’s first command post generously donated by resident Joe Walters. Because of Ed’s length of service at the Maple Shade Police Department, Ed witnessed significant changes in law enforcement to include major technological advancements such as computers and radar in the police cars, improvements in radio technology and encryption, improvements in weaponry and the development of less lethal technology as well as the use of laser technology to reconstruct serious and fatal crashes. Chief Vernier was known to embrace technology and was always willing to leverage that piece in our service to the community.

While working at the police department, Ed was an active member and past president of the Maple Shade Rotary Club helping with fundraising and charity related work to benefit the youth in our community as well as those in need. Ed’s legacy will live on here at the Maple Shade Police Department and we extend our sincerest condolences to his family including his adult children, Ed and Debbie, as well as his many grandchildren. Ed’s obituary can be found below.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/edmund-vernier-obituary?id=50797195>

The Maple Shade Police Department would like to remind you to keep an eye on what your children are doing online. Check social media accounts and be mindful of violence and emulation of drug use on video games. Have a safe and enjoyable spring!

## 6. 2023 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

### **If You Love Them...License Them!**

The Township of Maple Shade requires all dogs, at least 7 months of age, to be licensed every year and have a current rabies vaccine.

### **TOP REASONS TO LICENSE YOUR PET:**

- It greatly improves the likelihood of getting your pet returned should it go missing.
- It lets law enforcement & others know your pet is current on its rabies vaccine.
- Animal License Fees fund animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect investigations.



- State Law and Township Ordinance requires dogs to be licensed.

#### **LICENSE FEES:**

- \$10.00 Spayed / Neutered
- \$13.00 Non-Spayed / Neutered

Click [HERE](#) for Dog License Application

Click [HERE](#) for a Printable Flyer



#### **7. CHECK US OUT ON YouTube!**

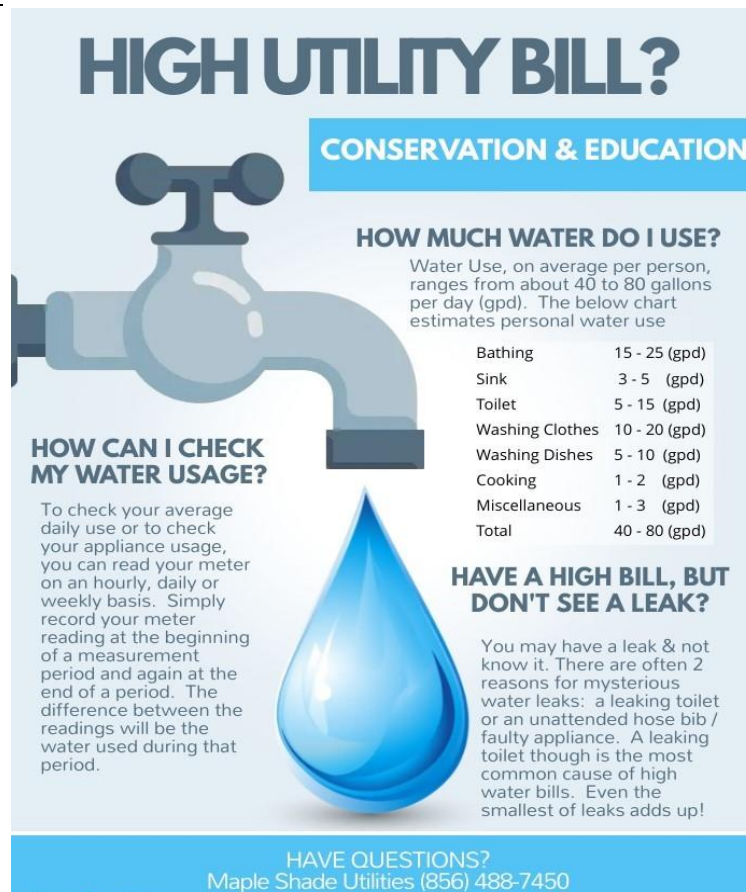
The Township of Maple Shade is excited to announce that we now have a YouTube Channel.

Watch Council, Planning and Zoning Board Meetings in real time via our link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRUx9scV023u6dqgeEvDHPg> or you can go back and watch it later!



## 8. HIGH UTILITY BILL?



### HIGH UTILITY BILL?

#### CONSERVATION & EDUCATION

#### HOW MUCH WATER DO I USE?

Water Use, on average per person, ranges from about 40 to 80 gallons per day (gpd). The below chart estimates personal water use

Bathing	15 - 25 (gpd)
Sink	3 - 5 (gpd)
Toilet	5 - 15 (gpd)
Washing Clothes	10 - 20 (gpd)
Washing Dishes	5 - 10 (gpd)
Cooking	1 - 2 (gpd)
Miscellaneous	1 - 3 (gpd)
Total	40 - 80 (gpd)

#### HOW CAN I CHECK MY WATER USAGE?

To check your average daily use or to check your appliance usage, you can read your meter on an hourly, daily or weekly basis. Simply record your meter reading at the beginning of a measurement period and again at the end of a period. The difference between the readings will be the water used during that period.

#### HAVE A HIGH BILL, BUT DON'T SEE A LEAK?

You may have a leak & not know it. There are often 2 reasons for mysterious water leaks: a leaking toilet or an unattended hose bib / faulty appliance. A leaking toilet though is the most common cause of high water bills. Even the smallest of leaks adds up!

HAVE QUESTIONS?  
Maple Shade Utilities (856) 488-7450

## 9. UTILITIES

### Water Update

We are happy to report that at no time was Maple Shade's public water supply or water quality negatively impacted by the recent chemical spill in the Delaware River. Maple Shade purchases a small amount of water from New Jersey American Water which is pulled from the Delaware River. When notified about the incident, Maple Shade took precautions and stopped buying water prior to any water quality issue. Maple Shade's public water supply is currently being supplied by the township's own groundwater wells ONLY. Our wells are not impacted by the contamination event in the Delaware River reported on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The township's water supply continues to be SAFE for consumption and NO water restrictions are in place. As of 3/29/23, none of the contaminants from the spill were discovered at any time in any water supply that services our local area. New Jersey American Water and Philadelphia Water has resumed normal operations and states the threat of the spill contamination has left the area and vicinity of their plants. We will continue to monitor this and any other issues that may arise, while keeping the public informed. If Maple Shade's water quality is ever impacted, the public will be informed as soon as possible.

On 3/23/23, Maple Shade's water was entered into a statewide taste test through the state local chapter of American Water Works Association and won 1<sup>st</sup> place! This is the second time in the last 3 entries that Maple Shade placed first. In 2018, Maple Shade won the taste test for the very first time. The following year Maple Shade placed second. The annual taste test contest was placed on hold from 2020-2022 due to COVID.



Starting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Maple Shade Utilities will be performing spring hydrant flushing. The crews will be out from 10PM – 6AM, Sunday through Thursday, to complete the flushing to minimize the impact to resident's water. The spring flushing will take three weeks, with an expected completion date on the night of April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please use caution around the crew's work area.

### Sewer Update

The sewer main on Frederick Ave, between S. Lippincott & Center Avenues, is scheduled to be replaced starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Booth Mechanical will be completing the work on behalf of the Township. It is expected to take three weeks to complete. Residents directly impacted by this infrastructure improvement have been notified. Signs and detours will be put in place during the hours of construction. Please avoid the area, if possible, during construction and take caution around the area.



10. CINDERELLA PROJECT



## SAKS GETS THE AXE...

Prada is passe & Rodeo Drive was roundly rebuffed. Instead, discerning young women of Maple Shade opted for the unique Cinderella Boutique on Stiles Ave. for their essential prom wardrobe.

The innovation, which popped up in Town Hall in time for 2023 Prom Season, is the brainchild of Police Cpl. Misty Weiss, Community Affairs Officer. Cpl. Weiss is the first woman appointed to the MSPD, and took her oath in September 1999. She credits her interaction with students & faculty of the Maple Shade school system with her ability to relate to young folks as well as her neighbors in town.

"Cinderella" clientele received one on one showings of some 200 dresses, some sort and classy and others full length and elegant, but all showstoppers! The gowns were accessorized by heels or flats and elegant jewelry. Chandelier earrings were in this year.

the best part is that these curated ensembles will be part of the wardrobe of smart young women who get it; they understand that recycle and reuse is the way to go today and in the future.

Cpl. Weiss thanks her helpers who helped stage this fashion show: Susan Danson, Township Manager, Chris Fletcher, Chief of Police, Darra Meyers, Ginny Woehr, Heather Capate, Gina Capate, Erica Schmidt, Ann Dougherty, Nancy Amorosi, Lisa Woods, Macy Myers, Rob Tobin, EMS Chief, Olivia Gargino, Karen McShane and Lauren Domzalski, Director of Recreation.

Article Written By: Ms. Marlene "Jackie" McVeigh

*Cinderella Project*

## 11. MAIN STREET BRIDGE CLOSURE BETWEEN MAPLE SHADE AND MOORESTOWN



The Main Street Bridge between Moorestown and Maple Shade is temporarily closed for repairs, but nearby businesses are still open and accessible.

The Burlington County Engineer's Office ordered the span over the north branch of Pennsauken Creek to be closed to all traffic due to structural problems involving the bridge pilings. The damage was below the water line and was discovered when the creek was lowered so a contractor could perform other repairs.

Burlington County Engineer Joseph Brickley said the closure order was a necessary safety precaution but that a mitigation plan is being crafted that should hopefully allow the span to reopen to car traffic quickly.

"Our office is working with consulting engineers and the contractor to reinforce the structure so that motor-vehicle traffic can safely be restored while a long-term fix is undertaken," said Brickley.

The bridge is located on the Maple Shade-Moorestown border and was originally constructed in 1900 and reconstructed and widened in 1930. The structural issue involves the original span.

More than 12,000 vehicles travel over the span daily on County Route 537, which turns into West Camden Avenue on the Moorestown side.

Detours have been posted to route traffic around the span via Route 73, Route 41 and Lenola Road. Main Street remains open and the businesses on both sides of the span continue to be accessible.

We're asking commuters who normally travel Route 537 to avoid the area, if possible, to make it easier for those who live and work locally to travel," Brickley said. "Businesses on both sides of the bridge are also accessible and we're doing everything possible to lessen the closure's impacts and get the bridge re-opened very soon."

## 12. 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 date:**

- **Friday, April 7th, 2023 for Good Friday**

### Youth Services Events

- Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween and Teen Lego Club. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.: Kids Crafternoon: Recycled Soda Bottle Planters. Registration Required.
- Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.: Teen Book Chat. Registration Required.



- Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Painters: Sensory Spring Flower Paintings. Registration Required.
- Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby and Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.: Tween Arts & Crafts Club: Recycled Soda Bottle Planters. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Completion Party. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.: Drawing & Painting for Teens. Registration Required.
- Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: Baby & Toddler Storytime. Registration Required.

### **Adult Services Events**

- Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: Conversation for English Language Learners. Registration Required.
- \*Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families Information Session.
- Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.: Origami: The Dollar Shirt and Tie. Registration Required.
- \*Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screenings.
- Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.: Mindfulness Meditation on Thoughts (**Virtual**). Registration Required.
- Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.: Origami: The Dollar Encyclopedia Origamica. Registration Required.
- Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.: Gentler Yoga. Registration Required.
- Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.: Make Your Own Terrarium. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.: Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.: Bookbuzzers Book Club. Registration Required.
- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.: State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families Information Session. Registration Required.
- Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.: Frontier Feminists. Registration Required.
- Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.: Burlington County Art Guild **Virtual** Program. Registration Required.
- Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.: Gentler Yoga. Registration Required.
- Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.: Introduction to Computers. Registration Required.

\*Registration not required

### **13. APRIL MEETINGS**

- Wednesday, April 12, 2023 - Zoning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, April 13, 2023 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Wednesday, April 26, 2023 - Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, April 27, 2023 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM