



Township of Maple Shade

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Township of Maple Shade News MAY 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 ADOPTS 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

On April 27th, Township Council adopted the 2023 Municipal Budget. This year's municipal budget allows for all services to remain at a level that is equal to or better than what was provided for in the 2022 budget. The 2023 Municipal Budget is a total of \$19,887,462.00 and reflects a 0.019 cent change over the prior year; this equates to an increase of \$7.66 per quarter (\$30.62 per year) to the average assessed home of \$161,161.00. After two consecutive years of 0 tax increase and in a time where all households, businesses and organizations are seeing an unprecedented surge in the costs of goods and services, being able to deliver a municipal budget that is fiscally responsible and continues to provide for the services our residents have become accustomed to, without the demands of an overly burdensome increase is a testament to the continued commitment Council and our Department Heads have to serving our community.

2023 vs. 2022

	2023	% of Budget	2022	% of Budget	Difference Between 2023 & 2022
Public Safety (Police / Fire / EMS)	\$ 5,460,896.63	27.46%	\$ 5,130,768.29	26.64%	\$ 330,128.34
Capital & Debt Service	\$ 2,938,805.00	14.78%	\$ 3,099,478.00	16.09%	\$ (160,673.00)
Public Works (Roads / Trash / Maint.)	\$1,970,265.00	9.91%	\$ 1,959,550.00	10.17%	\$ 10,715.00
Insurance	\$ 1,862,675.00	9.37%	\$ 1,713,850.00	8.90%	\$ 148,825.00
Statutory Debt (Pension / Soc. Sec. / Etc.)	\$ 1,821,317.00	9.16%	\$ 1,708,255.00	8.87%	\$ 113,062.00
Landfill / Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 1,428,653.39	7.18%	\$ 1,426,731.14	7.41%	\$ 1,922.25
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 1,290,000.93	6.49%	\$ 1,265,723.37	6.57%	\$ 24,277.56
General Gov't (Admin / Clerk / Tax / Finance / Legal)	\$ 1,291,780.50	6.50%	\$ 1,224,430.50	6.36%	\$ 67,350.00
Utilities	\$ 620,250.00	3.12%	\$ 597,750.00	3.10%	\$ 22,500.00
Shared Services	\$ 510,318.50	2.57%	\$ 504,755.96	2.62%	\$ 5,562.54
Uniform Construction Code	\$ 133,000.00	0.67%	\$ 93,500.00	0.49%	\$ 39,500.00
Court / Public Defender	\$ 216,100.00	1.09%	\$ 204,150.00	1.06%	\$ 11,950.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 154,700.00	0.78%	\$ 130,700.00	0.68%	\$ 24,000.00
Land Use (Planning Zoning)	\$ 120,850.00	0.61%	\$ 119,500.00	0.62%	\$ 1,350.00
Other Misc.	\$ 67,490.05	0.34%	\$ 79,885.74	0.41%	\$ (12,395.69)
Total Budgeted Appropriations	\$ 19,887,462.00		\$ 19,259,028.00		\$ 628,434.00

2. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Registration for the following classes can be found [HERE](#)

- [Lil Sous Chef Cooking Classes](#) – May Classes
- [May Painting Party with Main Street Art](#) – May 13, 2023
- [Center for Aquatic Science's Animal Champion](#) – June 22, 2023

3. KIDS RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMS



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

4. MAPLE SHADE PBA LOCAL #267 FUND DRIVE

Dear Residents,

Unfortunately, there was a mistake in publishing of our Annual Fund Drive Letter and the 2021 letter was published and distributed accidentally. You may access the link below to print out the proper letter with a 2023 proof of donation for tax purposes, or simply send back the letter you received both will be accepted. As a reminder the annual mailer Fund Drive is the only solicitation PBA Local #267 conducts, and your contributions go toward youth organization sponsorships, scholarships for MSHS students, Project Graduation, National Night Out, Project Santa, and many other Maple Shade organizations. Sorry for any confusion and thank you for all of your support.

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2023 PBA Local #267 Fund Drive Letter

Sincerely,
Brian Martino
PBA Local #267 President

5. CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The History of Rock-n-Roll –	May 23 rd from 6:30PM – 8:30PM at Gazebo Park
The Bass Boards –	June 15 th from 6:30PM – 8:30PM at Gazebo Park
Blast from the Past –	August 15 th from 6:30PM – 8:30PM at Gazebo Park

6. TOWNSHIP HOUSEHOLD CLEAN-UP EVENT

[Township Household Clean-Up](#) – Wednesday, May 3rd – Saturday, May 6th

7. COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

[Community Shredding Event](#) - Saturday, May 13th from 9AM-11AM

8. INDEPENENCE DAY EVENTS

Parade - Saturday, July 1st at 12PM on Main Street
Fireworks - Saturday, July 1st at Dusk at Maple Shade High School

Click [HERE](#) for a printable flyer

9. MAPLE SHADE POLICE

Technology is constantly advancing. The administration at the Maple Shade Police Department is working hard to keep up. We are currently in the process of upgrading our Body Worn Camera (BWC) system, as well as upgrading the systems used in the patrol vehicles and inside police headquarters. Officer Cullen McClintock is sporting the new BWC.



Special Law Enforcement Officer Pete Perez, aka “OPP”, joined in the fun of a 3 v 3 basketball tournament at R.J. Steinhauer School. The tournament was a little friendly competition between the 5th and 6th grade students. What a great way to promote healthy physical activity!



The Maple Shade Police Department would like to help you **keep your pets safe** and be able to return them home to you should they become lost. We now have our own microchip reader, however, your pet must be microchipped and registered in order for this handy tool to do its job.

Pet Microchip Registration is the easiest way to help your furry friends come home!



The thought of our beloved pets being lost in the world is without a doubt an unsettling one. However, microchipping and—most importantly—registering that microchip is among the most simple and effective ways to help your lost friend return safely to you! And microchipping isn't just for dogs and cats. Almost any pet can be equipped with microchip information to assist in their safe return. This includes chickens/roosters, ferrets, turtles, and all kinds of livestock animals. And the best news? Registering your pet's microchip is easy, hassle free, and in most cases free of charge. Here is a simple, step-by-step guide to get you started.

STEP 1: Verify your pets microchip

In many cases pets come to their owners already chipped, whether it was done through the pet's breeder, shelter, or veterinarian. So, if you're unsure of your pet's chip number, start by contacting your pet's veterinarian, breeder, or shelter to get the chip number.

Another option is to have your pet's chip scanned by a chip reader. This can be done by almost any veterinary office or shelter and usually at no cost to you. Most dog's and cat's microchips can be found on the back where the shoulder blades meet, however, they can move over time so be sure to scan all over! For other pets the location can vary.

If your pet is not microchipped, that's OK too. The cost for microchipping can be as low as \$25 and can be done at clinics and pet stores, not just veterinary offices!

STEP 2: Register your pet's microchip

Once you've obtained your pet's microchip number you can find the company and latest registry information by entering the chip number on petmicrochiplookup.org. This lookup is free and does not provide the owner's personal information, rather it provides the company responsible for the microchip contact information which we then use to contact you!

After obtaining the company's information, contact the company and register the microchip. **It is always free to register your pet's microchip to you**, however, most companies offer additional services at a cost. Be sure to ask about the additional services to see if they are a right fit for you before purchasing.

And that's it! Your pet's microchip ID is now registered to you and the information you provided. It's always important to remember to update your information should you move or change your contact information. This is also important to help provide proof of ownership of your pet and can assist in returning your pets back to you, as no chip company will change the registration information on your chip without first contacting you!

For any questions you should contact your pet's veterinary office, or you can contact the Burlington County Animal shelter at 609-265-5037.

The Special Olympics Torch Run is coming to Maple Shade June 9, 2023, time to be determined at a later date. During this event, Law Enforcement Officers run nearly 750 miles carrying the torch. The mission of Special Olympics New Jersey is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for thousands of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. Come on out and cheer our officers on as they carry the torch down Main Street Maple Shade! We will keep you up to date with the time and route closer to the event.



The Maple Shade Police Department reminds you to make sure your house numbers are clearly visible both day and night so that in an emergency first responders can find you quickly.



10. GRASS CLIPPINGS

KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OFF THE STREETS!



Clippings act as a natural mulch which helps CONSERVE SOIL MOISTURE preventing your lawn from drought stress!



Keeping grass clippings on your lawn recycles nutrients your lawn needs to stay HEALTHY!

If you sweep your clippings into the street grass clippings can cause...



11. 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



12. 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!



13. MAPLE SHADE WATER & SEWER UTILITIES

WATER UPDATE

Spring hydrant flushing is complete. Thank you for your patience throughout. Next hydrant flushing is tentatively scheduled for October 2023.

SEWER UPDATE

The sewer main replacement on Frederick Ave is complete. The roadway will be paved after a two-month setting period.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Receive a text message and/or an email regarding emergencies such as main breaks, upcoming utility work, important announcements, water shut offs, etc. through NIXLE. Please visit <https://www.nixle.com/> to sign up.

Receive email updates from our website by subscribing at <http://www.mapleshadeutilities.com> where we post upcoming work, hydrant flushing updates, and much more.

14. LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

Struggling to pay your water or sewer bills?

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program provides financial assistance to low-income households to reduce balances on residential water and wastewater bills. Benefits are paid directly to water and wastewater companies, on behalf of residential customers.

Visit waterassistance.nj.gov or Call 2-1-2

Click [HERE](#) for a printable flyer

15. 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

NOTE: All library donations should be brought inside and handed directly to a library staff member.

For a list of Library Youth & Adult Services, please click [HERE](#).

16. MAY MEETINGS

- Thursday, May 11, 2023 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Thursday, May 25, 2023 - Town Council Meeting @ 6:30PM