

# GREEN GRAPEVINE

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Spring and Happy 200th Birthday Green Township!!

The Township, Historical Society and Green Hills School have planned a variety of events throughout the year to celebrate the Green Township Bicentennial. I hope that many of you will come out and join us at these exciting events to celebrate this milestone occasion.

Our road projects this year will be focusing on the resurfacing of Henry Road. This project will be partially funded through a State NJ DCT grant in the amount of \$174,196 covering approximately 54% of the projects costs. Additionally, we also will be making improvements to Hunts Road due to continuing erosion caused by a creek alongside the roadway. Costs for this project are expected to be paid for through the American Rescue Plan monies received by the Township.

Please remember our first responder volunteer organizations: Green Township Fire Department and Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad. Both organizations are always looking for new volunteers to help with protecting and aiding our community. Help shape our community and volunteer today.

Wishing everyone a beautiful and enjoyable spring and summer season.

Be well, be safe,  
Mayor Margaret "Peg" Phillips

## Green Township Day Bicentennial Celebration

June 1, 2024



Read on for more information



Save  
the  
Date

## 2024 BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Green Hills Bicentennial Celebration - May 16th

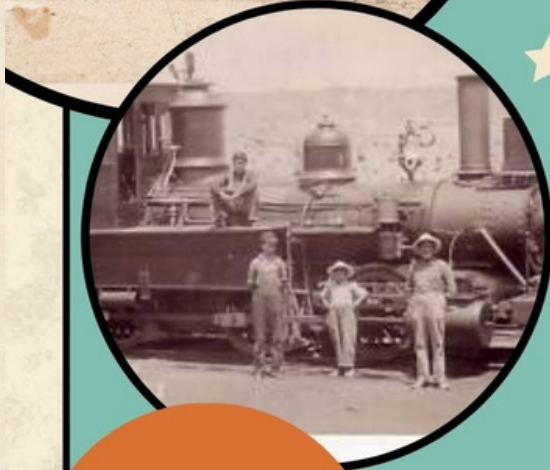
Bicentennial Bash Pig Roast - August 31st

Bicentennial Gala - December 7th

THE GREEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY ALONG WITH  
THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PRESENT



# A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

7:00PM

GREEN TOWNSHIP FIRE HOUSE

243 KENNEDY ROAD

SPECIAL GUESTS

**A HANDFUL OF GREEN TOWNSHIP'S  
LONG TIME RESIDENTS**

Tickets are \$15

This is an  
Adults Only  
Program

**MODERATED BY MR. LOU CARUSO**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, BEER, WINE,  
SODA AND WATER AND STORIES ABOUT THE HISTORY AND  
HAPPENINGS OF GREEN TOWNSHIP'S PAST.

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL [LANDUSE@GREENTWP.COM](mailto:LANDUSE@GREENTWP.COM)  
AND PUT "MEMORY LANE" IN THE SUBJECT LINE

# CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY

APRIL 27TH

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WATSON PERIGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX  
173 KENNEDY ROAD

Paper Shredding will be available from 9:00am - 12:00pm

The following Recycling options will be provided FREE  
to Green Township Residents:

Tires (no tractor tires please), Car Batteries Only,  
Motor Oil and E-Waste (list below)

Please Note: The  
following are NOT  
acceptable: antifreeze,  
gasoline, paint and paint  
thinner



## Acceptable E-waste items (covered electronics):

- Computers/Tablets
- Hard Drives from Desktop Computers
- Portable/Laptop Computers
- Televisions
- Monitors
- Fax Machines
- Desktop Printers

## Acceptable E-waste items (non-covered electronics):

- Cable Attachments
- Cassette Players & Cassettes
- Cell Phones
- CD Players & CD's
- Copiers
- Cameras
- DVD Players and DVD's
- E-Book Readers
- Keyboards
- MP3 Players
- Modems
- Mouse's
- Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's)
- Scanners
- Speakers
- Stereo and Radio Equipment
- Telephones
- VCRs & VCR Tapes
- Electronic wires, cabling, chargers




# Green Township COMMUNITY YARD SALE


SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

9:00AM - 4:00PM

Rain or Shine



 landuse@greentwp.com

 908-852-9333 x13

 www.greentwp.com

Join the Green Township Community Yard Sale and  
for only \$5.00 you will be added to the map with 15-25 other homes.  
This Yard Sale will be advertised in the NJ Herald and on yardsale.com.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Block and Lot \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this application with cash or a check for \$5.00 payable to Green Township by  
Tuesday, April 30th to: Green Township Recreation, PO Box 65, Tranquility, NJ 07879

OR

You can drop off the application and check in the Recreation box outside of  
Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road.

Maps will be available online and at the Municipal Building beginning on  
Thursday, May 2nd. Maps will be outside in the brown box after 3:30pm on Friday, May 3rd.

ANY FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE APRIL 30TH DEADLINE  
MAY NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE MAP

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Payment received \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Initial map # \_\_\_\_\_ Final map # \_\_\_\_\_ Found in grid \_\_\_\_\_

# GREEN TOWNSHIP DAY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



**June 1, 2024**  
**12:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**EverGreen Park**



**Music - Games - Bounce House**

**Ice Cream from Cliff's**

**Free Face Painting - Fire and First Aid Safety  
Information Tent**


**Food and Drinks available for purchase**

**Miss Green Contest - 2pm**  
**Special Bicentennial  
Activities**






# Miss Green Scholarship Contest



**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**  
**2:00PM**  
**EVERGREEN PARK**



The winner will receive scholarship money and go on to represent Green Township at the Queen of the Fair in August at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show. Winner of the Miss Green Scholarship Contest should be prepared to comply with all Queen of the Fair requirements listed on the Queen of the Fair page in this application.



### *Requirements:*

- ~Open to all residents who have passed their 16th birthday but have not yet reached their 22nd birthday by the application deadline.
- ~All applicants must be a bona fide year round resident of Green Township. Proof of residency is required (ex: driver's license or passport).
- ~Contestants must be willing to represent Green Township at the NJ State Fair/ Sussex County Farm and Horse Show as well as other community events.
- ~All contestants must dress in formal wear (long gown preferred, if possible, but not required).


Questions??  
email

landuse@greentwp.com  
or call 908.852.9333 x13



If you would like to participate in the Miss Green Scholarship Contest please submit the following in person at the Green Township Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road. Deadline for submission is Friday, May 24, 2024

1. Snap Shot application
2. A statement or essay between 300 and 500 words telling us why Green Township is special to you and why you would be a good candidate to represent Green Township at Queen of the Fair
3. A photograph that may be used on social media and in print.
4. A signed, **notarized** waiver allowing Green Township to use your name, photo and essay on social media and in print. *You must sign the form in front of a Notary Public.* For your convenience, we have multiple Notaries in the Municipal Building to sign in front of when you drop off your full application.



# GET YOUR BICENTENNIAL APPAREL

## Green Township Bicentennial Online Store



Party like its 1824



SHOP NOW



Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://ftcustomapparel.com/green-township-bicentennial>

Click local delivery and enter PO Box 408, Blairstown, NJ 07825,  
there will be no shipping cost and you can pick up your items at  
Town Hall during normal business hours.

# Brush Removal Begins May 6th

Starting Monday, May 6 the Road Department will conduct a wood chipping program for WINTER DEBRIS ONLY.

- Brush should be stacked with the ends piled neatly facing the road by 6:00am on May 6th. Last day of pick up will be Friday, May 31st.
- Anything put out after May 31st will not be picked up by Green Township.
- Only one pile of brush, 5 feet in length and 3 feet high, per household will be accepted.
- Please leave limbs in lengths, not cut into small pieces.
- No logs accepted over 2 inches in diameter.
- No construction materials of any kind are allowed.
- If the brush pile contains any metal it will be rejected, this includes nails.
- Each road will be canvassed only ONE time.
- Chips may be obtained at Wesley Field and Papa Park when available.

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## DOG LICENSE 2024

All dogs 7 months of age and older must be licensed and all licenses are to be renewed by January 31, 2024. IF LICENSES ARE NOT RENEWED ON TIME A LATE FEE OF \$5.00 PER DOG PER MONTH WILL BE IMPOSED AFTER FEBRUARY 10TH.

Per State Law, a license cannot be issued if the current rabies vaccination expires before November 1, 2024. If you do not renew the license, a court complaint/summons will be issued. To renew and pay online or to obtain a new dog license please visit [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com). All new dogs must be registered in person at Town Hall. For any licensing questions please call 908-852-9333 x10.





## OUTSTANDING OLDER AMERICAN

**Purpose:** To encourage participation in community activities and honor an older adult Green Township resident for their significant contribution that improves community life in Green Township and surrounding communities

- Nominees must be 60 years or older and a current resident of Green Township
- Past Award winners are not eligible
- Nominations may be submitted by an individual or an organization

Mail forms to: Green Township Municipal Building, PO Box 65, Tranquility, NJ 07879  
or drop off to 150 Kennedy Road.

Forms can be found online at [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com)  
Questions?? Please call Patty at 908-852-9333 x11  
Nominations due by May 15th.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

If you are paying online, the only search information you need to type in is the name of your road. The list will populate all house numbers, and you can choose from that list. All last names were removed due to Daniel's Law. It isn't necessary to set up an account to complete your online payment.

**Please refrain from post dating your checks. We are not allowed to hold them in the office, all checks must be deposited within 48 hours. Post-dated checks will be returned.**

If you are paying cash for your taxes please come in on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday so Karen can help you.

## WATER QUALITY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming Green Township's representative on the Sussex County Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to critique and aid the staff of the Water Quality Management Program in determining the best, fairest and most practical means of dealing with water quality problems, issues and to make recommendations concerning the same to the Board of County Commissioners. The meeting dates are monthly on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Center in Newton. Please call the Municipal Building at (908) 852-9333, x11 for more information.



## FREE Tree Seedlings

Saturday, April 13th  
9:00am - 12:00pm

Green Township Municipal Building

# GREENTOWNSHIP SENIORS

Brian & Patricia  
Cartwright



Brian and Patricia Cartwright moved here from England in 2007, when Patricia had retired as a Bursar and Brian from Education, to join their daughter and son who had both moved here some years previously. They had scouted Sussex County the year before and liked Green Township so much they bought their present house on Shore Road - the one with 2500 daffodils outside.

Brian joined the Sussex County Oratorio Society and met Wayne Daniel. Through him they were introduced to the Green Township Seniors and have been members ever since, both serving as vice-president and Brian as president. The highlight of that time was the lunch cruise on Lake Hopatcong. In 2017, they became US citizens and were honored by Green Township with the award of Outstanding Older Americans.

What do they like to do?

Individually, Patricia is a great knitter and has won prizes for her work. Apart from choral singing, Brian loves mountain walking and gardening. Together, they have traveled all over Europe from the north of Norway to the South of Portugal. They even lived in Denmark for a year. And, of course, being involved with their beloved family of 2 children, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and 4 grandchildren.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road. Interested in joining this fantastic group? Please call Fausto at 973-600-6002



Seniors enjoy celebrating  
St. Patrick's Day at Sheridans  
in Andover

SENIORS  
SUPPORT  
THE



## CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL - 1824 - 2024 THE BANGO FORGE ON PEQUEST ROAD AT THE PEQUEST RIVER

Around 1750, Thomas Wolverton, a 33-year-old shopkeeper from Bethlehem, Hunterdon County came to Huntsville where he acquired 91 acres that were deeded from Sam Green "to be taken up and surveyed in any part of West NJ".

Wolverton may not have known it at the time but he cheated a little and settled just one quarter mile east of West Jersey.

Here, where the Pequest River and the main road between New York City and Easton, intersected, Wolverton built a tavern and inn, which in 1756 served as the location for the Sussex County Court. But courts were routinely unable to meet due to ongoing Indian hostilities, part of the French and Indian Wars.

This site was the only location, in the area, offering the high banks needed to build a large dam high enough to create Brighton Lake, allowing the power of the flowing water to be effectively channeled through a millrace to power a gristmill, a sawmill and eventually the Bango Forge.

How Wolverton heard of the iron deposit in Andover is unknown, but after he learned that the red hematite ore, comingled with magnetite was "esteemed of the best quality in America"; he built the forge on the south side of the river. He built a unique bloomery forge, that used a waterwheel to power bellows to blow air into a very hot fire and work super-heated iron ore into a white-hot mass known as a "bloom". A hammer, also powered by the waterwheel, then shaped the ore into a bar while pounding out any impurities.

The iron ore that was processed in the forge came from a mine in what is now Andover, on Limecrest Road opposite the entrance to Aeroflex airport. The mine was located on William Penn's Tract no. 35, owned by two sons of William Penn. The Bango Forge earned its name from the incessant banging of the 500-pound trip hammer that was lifted by waterpower and released to fall on the bloom creating a sound that could be heard for miles around. Snell's History of Sussex County records that the local people said the hammer repeated "'come penny, go pound'", referring to the fact that the forge was not turning a profit. The forge operated for only a couple of years. Maybe it wasn't established to be profitable.

Now for the intrigue, and the rest of the story....

The following facts are from the history books and the legends and stories passed down to me by my neighbors; Walter Smith (1899-1993) and Bill Morris (1913-2004) both born and raised in Huntsville.

Bloomery forges were usually owned and operated by "bloomers" who were experts who handed down the secrets of the trade from father to son. Wolverton was not a "bloomer" and would have been foolish to gamble on such a venture by himself.

William Allen and Joseph Turner, who owned the Union Ironworks in Hunterdon County, sent iron Masters and Bloomers from Hunterdon County to operate the forge for Wolverton.

Allen and Turner were very prosperous businessmen from the same area as Wolverton in Hunterdon County. They had done business together in the past. (Allentown PA is named for William Allen).

Shortly after the Bango Forge closed down, Allen and Turner used another partner to negotiate the purchase of the land with the mine from two sons of William Penn so that they, as owners of an ironworks, would not seem too anxious. They purchased the property at a good price. It is not known if the Penn's knew about the iron deposit.

In 1758 Allen and Turner organized the very successful and profitable Andover Iron Company. The rest is history. I believe the Bango Forge was operated for the sole purpose of determining the value of the iron ore without the Penn family being aware of the value of the mine.

After the forge shut down, the building was used for many purposes. It served as a blacksmith shop, a wheelwright shop, and an icehouse.

In 1846 the forge and the blacksmith business were purchased by I.A. Straley. At this time a store was built and operated next to the forge. Isaac's son also ran the blacksmith shop until the Sussex County Railroad came through Sussex County and then he moved his blacksmith business to Andover. The name, John Straley, Jr. is carved into the limestone wall of the forge with the date 1907.

In 1870 the Post Office was established for Huntsville in this building, with Lewis Wilson as Postmaster followed by Issac Straley, and finally by Harvey Smith until discontinued in 1926.

During this period DeLancy McConnel was operating a blacksmith shop in the Bango Forge. It was told to me by Walter Smith that the two blond DeLancy sons went west to become cowboys. DeLancy's name is also carved in the limestone wall of the forge, as are many other names. I guess these guys had a lot of time on their hands.

The house next to the forge burned down in 1961, not long before the new bridge over the Pequest was built in 1966. There have been many changes in Huntsville since 1750, but the Bango Forge still stands here to remind us of our local history.

Courtesy of Richard Vohden

# VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS

1. Ensure your vehicle is always locked. Never leave a window open.
2. Ensure all valuables are kept out of sight.
3. Never leave your keys in your vehicle.
4. Always use your emergency brake.
5. Use motion sensor lights in your driveway.
6. Never Leave the title or registration in your vehicle when it is unattended.  
A thief will use these documents to assist in selling your vehicle.
6. Disable your vehicle when leaving for extended periods of time, i.e., disconnect the battery.
7. Use locking screws on your license plate.
8. Whenever possible, use all available ant-theft devices to include:

Steering wheel locks

Window etching

Vehicle tracking devices, i.e., LoJack

Audible alarms

Armored collars around steering columns

Devices to disable the gas or brake pedal

Wheel locks

Gear shift locks

Hood locks

Fuel kill switches

Ignition kill switches



Lock It or Lose It -Vehicle Safety Tips

<https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/office-of-the-insurance-fraud-prosecutor-home/lock-it-or-lose-it/>



# NJ Black Bear Safety

Black bears by nature tend to be wary of people. However, if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood or outdoors while hiking or camping, follow these common-sense safety tips provided by [www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov)

- Do not feed bears!
- Never feed or approach a bear!
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. Do not run from it.
- Make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an airhorn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.
- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.
- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.
- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away and do not run.
- If the bear does not leave, move to a secure area.
- Families who live in areas frequented by black bears should have a "Bear Plan" in place for children, with an escape route and planned use of whistles and air horns.



Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337).

Black bear attacks are extremely rare. If a black bear does attack, fight back!

Bear Safety information found at [www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/bearfacts.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/bearfacts.htm)



# Township of Green Garbage/Recycling Calendar

May 2024 - April 2025

MAY 2024						
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JUNE 2024						
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NOVEMBER 2024						
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DECEMBER 2024						
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JANUARY 2025						
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APRIL 2025						
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27	28	29	R			

G= Garbage pick up, please have can curbside by 6:00am

R=Recycling pick up, please have can curbside by 6:00am

You are allowed 2 bulk items per week, you may want to call Blue Diamond to let them know if an item is large.

PLEASE CALL BLUE DIAMOND AT 973-598-9800 WITH ANY ISSUES OR PROBLEMS BEFORE YOU CALL TOWN HALL.

YOU MUST REFERENCE GREEN TOWNSHIP AS YOUR ADDRESS.

# STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW...

## NATURAL GAS SERVICE

Elizabethtown Gas is currently working through Sutton, Pequest, Phillips and Mackerly Roads bringing natural gas to many of the homes in that area. If you are interested in hooking into this system please call 844-886-8488.

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES

### CLOSED

Monday, May 27th  
Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 19th  
Juneteenth

Thursday, July 4th  
Independence Day



## LOST A DOG OR CAT? FOUND A DOG OR CAT?

Call the Animal Control Officer,  
Alan DeCarolis  
908-377-0808

You can also call Town Hall  
and speak to the Dog Licensing  
Official



## VENDORS WANTED FOR GREEN TOWNSHIP DAY

June 1, 2024  
12pm-4pm

Only \$10 for a 12x12 space!  
for more information and the application please go  
to [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) under the Recreation tab

## PAVILION RENTAL

Did you know you can rent the Pavilion at  
EverGreen Park for only \$10??  
Do you have a child's birthday party, celebration or  
organization meeting coming up and need a  
venue?

Contact Kim at 908-852-9333 or  
[landuse@greentwp.com](mailto:landuse@greentwp.com) to see if the  
Pavilion is available.

The Use of Facilities Packet can be found at  
[www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) under FORM CENTER on  
the home page.