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Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

I hope you had the opportunity to attend one or more of the Bicentennial events that have been held throughout the year. Many thanks to the sponsors and volunteers responsible for bringing these events to us. Our final event of the year will be the Bicentennial Gala on December 7th. Please see the information contained within the newsletter for more details. I hope to see you there.

While we had hoped to begin the Hunts Road improvement project this year, we were faced with a slight setback. NJ DEP is now requiring an archaeological survey of the area to be repaired due to it being designated a historic district. We are adjusting, but the earliest the Hunts Road project will begin will not be until spring/summer of 2025 and is dependent on the survey results. Stay tuned!

The Henry Road resurfacing project was completed as expected earlier this year. And due to the delay of the Hunts Road project, the resurfacing of Sutton Road, a portion of Phillips Road and a portion Mackerley Road were bumped up and just completed.

Our DPW department was busy this summer with several projects throughout the town, including the installation of 5 new drainage basins and the repair of approximately 25 existing basins. They also converted one of the basketball court areas into a pickleball court.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity within the community, please consider becoming a member of the Allamuchy Green First Aid Squad, or Green Township Volunteer Fire Department. These first-responder organizations are always looking for dedicated individuals to serve our community.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Wishing everyone well,
Mayor Peg Phillips

FREE Rabies Clinic

A FREE Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats will be held on November 2, 2024 from 9:00am - 10:00am at the Watson Perigo Municipal DPW Complex, 173 Kennedy Road. All dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier.

Note: All dogs must have current rabies vaccination that does not expire prior to November 1, 2025 per NJ State Law in order to be issued a 2025 dog license.



Thank you!



**A HUGE THANK YOU TO TRANQUILLITY
FARMS FOR HOSTING THE
BICENTENNIAL BASH PIG ROAST
on August 31st!**

Thank you to Planet Networks for the donation of the Mugs!

Thank you to Pub 517 for providing the Cash Bar!

**Thank you to the Green Township Bicentennial Committee for
planning this fantastic, well attended event!**



2024 BICENTENNIAL EVENT

Bicentennial Gala

Saturday, December 7, 2024

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Crossed Keys Estate

\$125.00 per ticket

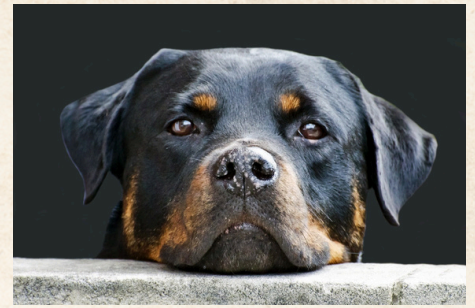
Last day to RSVP with payment is November 22nd.

This event is Adults Only
Formal/Cocktail Attire



Dog License 2025

All dogs 7 months of age and older must be licensed and all licenses are to be renewed by January 31, 2025. 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, 2025. 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. All new dogs must be registered in person at Town Hall. For any licensing questions please call 908-852-9333 x10.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE about DOGS on Township Property



On June 22, 2022, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2022-08 permitting leashed dogs in EverGreen Park, EverGreen Trail, County Connector Trail and Papa Park. Pet waste receptacles with waste bags were installed for the convenience of removing waste. Recently it has been discovered that many owners are not cleaning up after their dog. In addition, dogs have been observed running around off leash. Please be aware that if the Ordinance is not followed, the privilege of allowing leashed dogs on Township properties will be removed. The Township is pleased to allow leashed dogs and ask that dog owners be conscientious and considerate by picking up after your dog and keeping them leashed for the protection of all. We appreciate your cooperation.

Lost a dog or cat?
Found a dog or cat?

Animal Control Officer
This position is now a shared service with
Newton Animal Control
Phone: 973-383-2525
Newton Police Dispatch Center is
operational 24/7 and will contact the ACO
on duty.

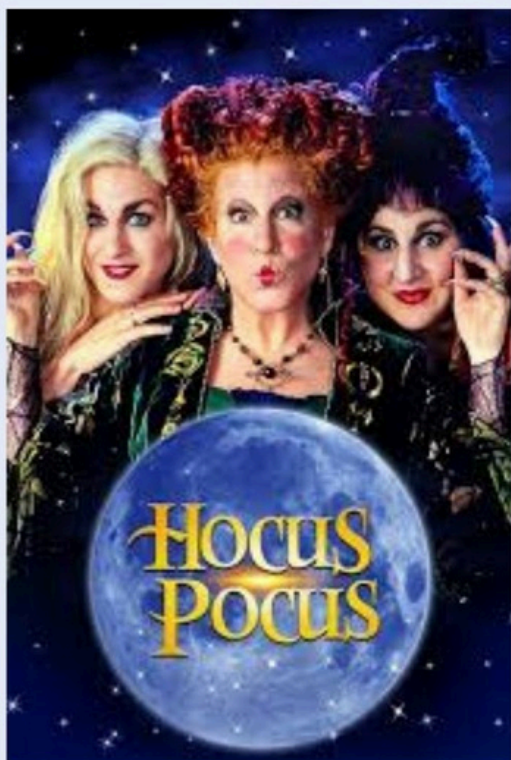


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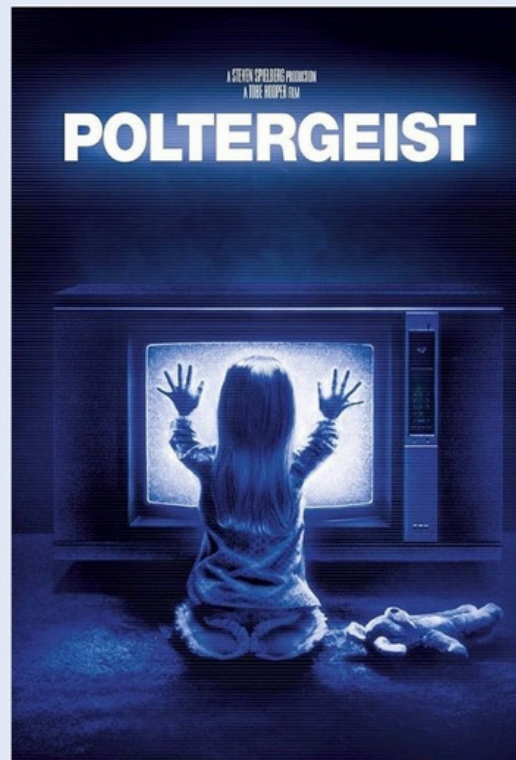
MOVIE IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

EVERGREEN PARK



6:30PM



8:30PM

Candy and drinks available for purchase.
Free Popcorn! Bring your own chairs/blankets.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED - FREE ADMISSION

Veterans Day Celebration

November 12, 2024 - 9:00am



Honoring all who served
or are currently serving
in the Armed Forces

Green Hills School Gymnasium
69 Mackerly Road

Annual Tree Lighting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
4:30PM
EVERGREEN PARK

Come join us for Dinner with Santa, a
Holiday Craft, a Bounce House, Pictures
with Santa, Carolers and of course,
the Tree Lighting!

Sales from the Pizza and Drinks will directly
benefit the 7th & 8th grade classes at Green
Hills School and all activities are free!

HO-HO-HO!

Letters to Santa

Begins November 20th

1. Write your letter to Santa...tell him what you did this year and your

achievements, not just your Christmas list. Remember to write your name

and address nice and clear or ask a parent to help you.

2. Put your letter in an envelope and bring it to Town

Hall to drop in the Red Box inside or the North Pole Post box outside.

We will mail it to the North Pole, you don't even have to put a stamp on it!

3. Santa will write back to you, send it to us and we will mail it to your

house as long as you get it to Town Hall by Friday, December 15th.

After that he will be too busy and may not be able to write back so get it in

early!

Parents:
Please make
sure Name and
Address are
written CLEARLY

Questions??? Please call Kim at 908-852-9333



Gingerbread in a Bag

Bag pick up begins at the Annual Tree Lighting on December 1st at EverGreen Park or you can pick up your bag at Town Hall Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 3:30pm beginning December 2nd.

Bags are free and will only be available while supplies last.
Bags cannot be reserved and are limited to one per family.

This is a great family project to do in your own home on a nice, cold and snowy weekend.

Each bag will contain a gingerbread house kit, ornament crafts and a few family games!

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Judging will be held on
Tuesday, December 12th
beginning at 7pm

The top three houses will each receive
a \$25 Amazon Gift Card

To register your home please
email Kim at landuse@greentwp.com
with your name and address.



General Election Tuesday, November 5th

Polls are open from 6:00am to 8:00pm

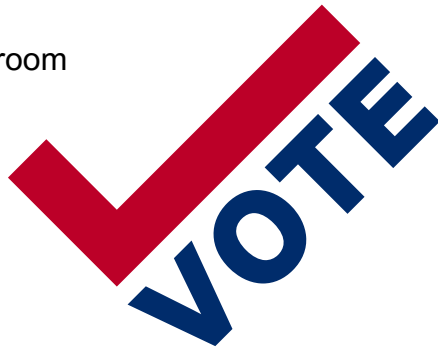
Polling locations:

Districts 1 & 2

Town Hall - downstairs meeting room
150 Kennedy Road

Districts 3 & 4

Green Township Fire House
243 Kennedy Road



Halloween Curfew

Green Township has declared a 9:00pm curfew for all minors on October 30th and 31st.

The State Police have been notified of this curfew. The Township requests assistance of all residents in keeping Halloween safe for everyone.



Natural Gas In Green Township

Elizabethtown Gas is currently working through Kennedy Road 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.

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 Daniels 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.

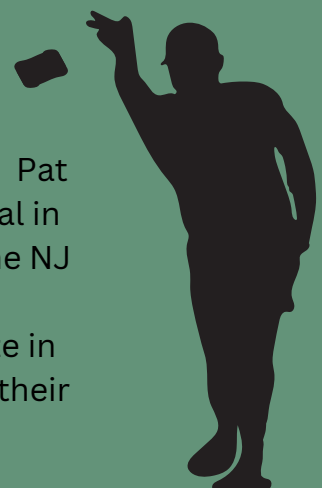
If you are paying cash for your taxes please come in on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday so Karen can help you.



Senior Olympics

Congratulations to Jim Kucharski and Pat DeClesis for winning the Bronze Medal in the team Corn Hole Competition at the NJ Senior Olympics!

Jim won Gold and Pat won the Bronze in the single Corn Hole Competition for their age groups also!



GREEN TOWNSHIP SENIORS

The Green Township Senior Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm at the Municipal Building, 150 Kennedy Road. This is a large group that provides fantastic information for the Senior Community through speakers and special guests. There are holiday parties, luncheons, and other fun activities.

For more information please contact Ed Maines at 973.858.9932

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



JOSEPHINE FRACASSO

My family moved here in 1978 when Greendell looked a lot different. You could get your mail, gas your car and buy a bottle of wine all at the Greendell General Store.

During my years of living here I was member of the Allumachy Green First Aid Squad Auxiliary which I would like to see it brought back and help the squad with behind the scene tasks.

Currently I am in charge of Friday Night Games and you could join us at 7 for a fun filled evening . Also I am on the Recreation committee and enjoy planning events for our residents. I attend most Township Meetings so I can stay informed and comment on things discussed.

I enjoy walking daily, doing line dancing classes and yoga with my friends weekly.

Spending time with my family enjoying playing Bocce in our backyard or attending games and school functions with my two sons and two granddaughters are what life is all about.

I enjoy meeting our Seniors every second and fourth Tuesday of the month for interesting speakers, planned luncheons and having time to get to know one another.



SENIOR
CITIZENS
CLUB

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL - 1824 - 2024

THE LAWRENCE LINE

This is a photograph of the 101-mile tree with Phil Insinga, on the land where he was raised.

Years ago, reading "The History of Green Township", by Thomas J. Beirne, I was intrigued by his mention of the Lawrence Line and the Ninety-nine-mile tree. I decided to do some research.

I learned that in March 1664, the King of England, granted to his brother James, the lands between the Connecticut and Delaware rivers. Brother James then granted the territory which lay between the Hudson and the Delaware rivers to his friends Sir George Carteret and Lord John Berkeley.

The land was called New Jersey after the Isle of Jersey, one of the Channel Islands and the ancestral home of Carteret.

The state was then divided into East and West Jersey. A division line was established, but it was not until 1743 that John Lawrence was commissioned to survey the line.

I located the general location of the Lawrence Line on the map of New Jersey from a Morris County History book.

Reading extracts from the original field-book notes of John Lawrence as he ran the survey for the partition-line through Sussex County indicate that the line ran through Green Township.

As John Lawrence surveyed the line from south to north, he marked his line using trees. He marked line-trees, side-trees, and mile-trees. As instructed, he marked and labeled mile-trees according to their distance from the starting point of the survey.

Searching through the Books of Division at the Sussex County Hall of Records, I located a survey from 1828 showing the location of the 99-mile tree.

I learned from the State Forest Fire Service in Franklin that they have a fire tower in Mount Olive called the 95-mile tree fire tower.

I located the Lawrence Line in Green Township by running a line through the point of the 99-mile tree, the point of the 95-mile forest fire station, and along the boundary line (a portion of the Lawrence Line) that separates Stillwater Township from Hampton Township.

The Lawrence Line in Green Township exists as the boundary line for many properties, and shows up as a distinct line on the township map

From James P. Snell's "History of Sussex and Warren Counties" we learn that Thomas Allen cut down the 100-mile tree that was a boundary marker on his 160 acres, because "he feared it might affect his title to part of his farm." The property now owned by the Kirby family (formally the Insinga Farm and the Hamilton Farm) is still intact as a 160-acre parcel.

Using a scale to measure one mile from the 99-mile point locates the 100-mile point on a corner of the 160-acre parcel on the Lawrence Line.

Using the same scale to measure two miles from the 99-mile point locates the 101-mile point at the intersection where a part of the Kirby Family Farm meets the Whittingham Wildlife Management Area. This point is also on the border line between Green and Fredon Townships just a short distance from the Andover Township line.

A survey from a mortgage document in the possession of Phil Insinga states, "Beginning at the beginning corner of the first tract at a stake and stones in the East and West Jersey line a corner of Samuel Hill's land thence along his line as the needle indicated in the year 1840 South forty degrees West sixteen chains to a large red oak tree, a corner of Samuel Hill's land."

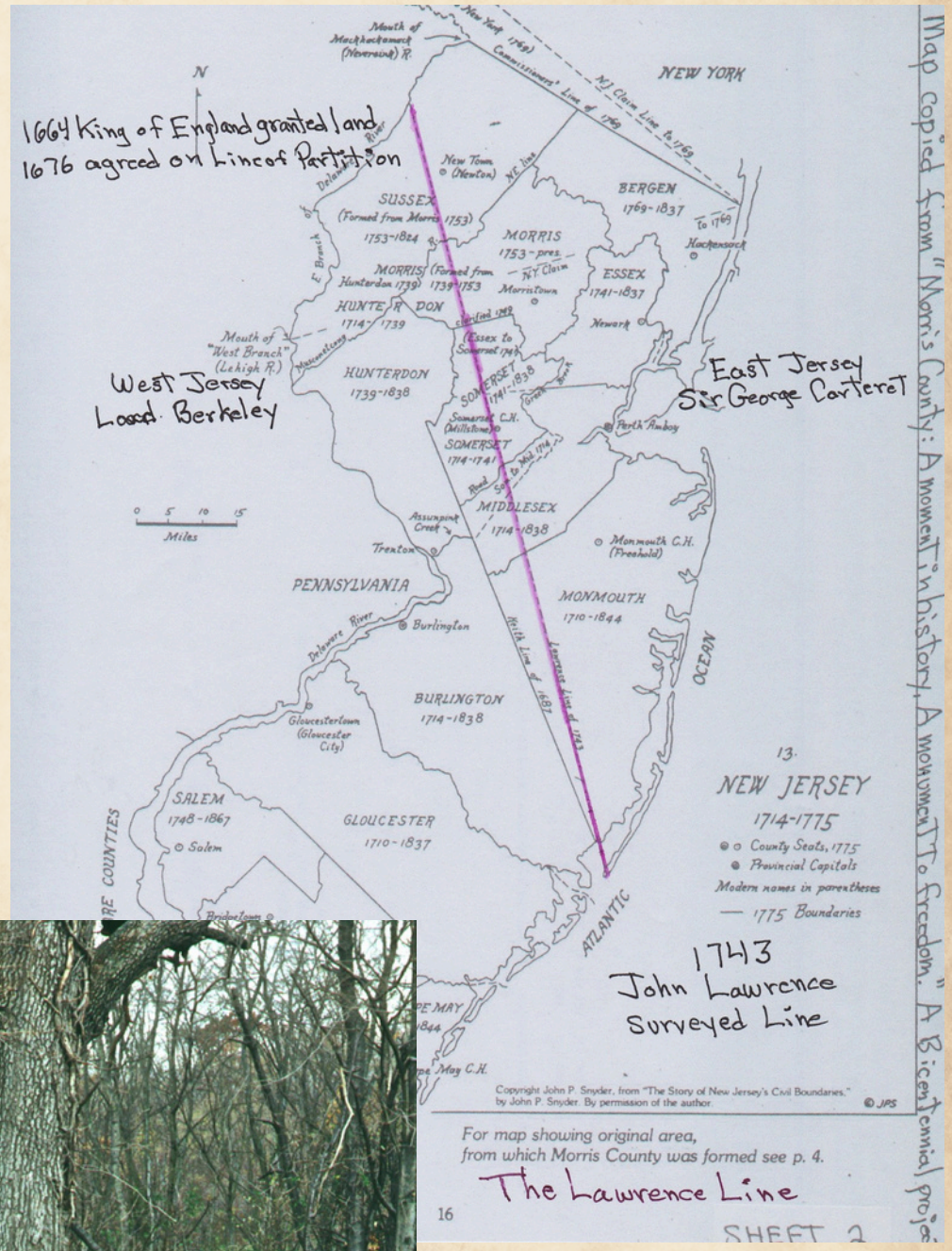
Checking this location, I found an old oak tree. The circumference of the tree is 15'9" measured at four feet from the ground at the high side of the tree.

The notes of John Lawrence indicate that in 1743 on this spot stood "A White Oak ab't 12" diameter on the edge of a hill of limestone" The tree does sit on the edge of a hill of limestone, but I thought it is probably a Red or Scarlet Oak not a White Oak.

On November 12, 1999, I met with Ranger Jack Shuart of the New Jersey Forest Service, to examine the tree and attempt to determine the age with the use of an increment boring tool; and to make a positive identification of the type of oak. Ranger Shuart made several attempts to take a boring sample but was unsuccessful because the tree is hollow. The walls surrounding the cavity are only inches thick. The Ranger took leaf samples for identification purposes. He believes that this oak is a hybrid of two varieties of oak trees.

This tree now marks a corner of the Crown Tree Ranch.

I live in East Jersey. Have you figured out if you are an Easterner or a Westerner?



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Green Township Bicentennial

ONLINE STORE

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Shop Now!



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

Township of Green Garbage/Recycling Calendar

May 2024 - April 2025

MAY 2024						
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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...



MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Monday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29

Day After Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas

Thursday, December 26

Mayor's Holiday

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

New Year's Day

SMART 911

Go to www.greentwp.com to sign up for Smart 911 to add your information to our notification list so we can contact you with important announcements. This will only be used for emergency situations.

EVERGREEN PARK BATHROOMS

The bathrooms at EverGreen Park will be closing in early December for the season. This closure prevents the pipes from freezing and is necessary for the protection of the systems. A temporary, handicap accessible bathroom will be available throughout the winter.

NO PARKING SNOW PLOWING/SHOVELING

There is **NO PARKING** on any road during snow storms, cars will be towed at owner's expense. There will be **NO** plowing, shoveling, or snow blowing of snow **INTO** or **ACROSS** the roads. Please make sure all sidewalks on your property are cleared of snow within 24 hours of storm.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Ordinance 17-2.7.1 Removal of Snow Around Fire Hydrants

The owner, owners or lessees of any real property in the Township abutting any fire hydrant shall maintain the area within a five-foot radius of the perimeter of any such fire hydrant free of snow. The removal of snow shall be completed within 24 hours of daylight after the snow has formed or fallen or accumulated on or around any fire hydrant. On failure to perform the required clearance within the specified time frame, the Township, or any department thereof, may perform the clearance and bill the responsible party no more than \$75.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Pick up of trees will take place from January 2nd - 31st. Please have trees curbside with all lights removed.

