

# GREEN GRAPEVINE

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## Bicentennial Bash

**Pig Roast**  
**August 31, 2024**  
**4pm - 9pm**  
**at Tranquillity Farms**

Roasted Pig, Burgers,  
Dogs, Vegetarian Options,  
Cash Bar, DJ, Lawn Games!

**To register: mail in or drop off  
ticket registration form to  
Town Hall, PO Box 65,  
Tranquility, NJ 07879**

**Tickets:  
Must be purchased by a Green  
Township Resident**

July 18th - August 21st  
\$25 for 10 & up  
\$15 for children 10 & under  
Children 3 and under are FREE



## Green Township FD Chicken BBQ

September 21st - 5pm to 7pm  
For more information please  
email [gtd95@gmail.com](mailto:gtd95@gmail.com)





# GREEN TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL BASH PIG ROAST



## Ticket Order Form

August 31, 2024 • 4pm - 9pm • Tranquillity Farms

Please print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age 11 & up: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 or after July 18th \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Age 4-10: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 or after July 18th \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Age 3 & under: \_\_\_\_\_ no charge Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Green Township

Mail form to:

PO Box 65, Tranquility, NJ 07879



You may also drop this form with payment into the *Construction Box* by the front door at Town Hall or inside at the *Construction window*.

You will receive an email confirming your purchase. This event is rain or shine, tent seating will be available. The jump pillow, cow train, ice cream and store items are all sold separately through Tranquillity Farms. There will be complementary hay rides.



# 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.



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## EverGreen Park Native Plant Pollinator Garden

A Green Township Environmental Advisory Committee Project, Funded by the PSEG Foundation through a Sustainable Jersey Grant

The Green Township Environmental Advisory Committee created a native plant pollinator garden to demonstrate to the community the importance of pollinators and the native plants that sustain them. Invasive plants were removed and replaced with native pollinator plants. The garden is located near the entrance to the County Connector Walking Trail in EverGreen Park.

### Why Native Plants?

Native plants are essential for the health of our ecosystem and the health of our food crops. They help local pollinators such as bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, bats and more. Pollinators are responsible for one out of three bites of food we take each day. Pollinator populations are declining worldwide largely due to habitat loss and pesticide poisoning. By creating a pollinator-friendly garden full of native plants, we can help pollinators in our area. Pollinators need native plants and native plants need pollinators. The pollinator-plant relationship evolved over time. Flowers evolved to be more enticing to certain pollinators and pollinators evolved to better feed on the flowers they visit. Some of these pollinator-plant relationships are so exclusive that they often need specific species to feed on or to be pollinated by. Native plants are best adapted to our local area's climate, growing seasons and soils. Best of all, they are deer resistant.

submitted by Cindy Moyano, Environmental Committee Chair





2024 BICENTENNIAL EVENT

# Bicentennial Gala

Saturday, December 7, 2024

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Crossed Keys Estate

This event is Adults Only

More details to follow as the date gets closer





# MOVIE IN THE PARK CARS

**FREE**



**EVERGREEN PARK  
JULY 27TH  
MOVIE STARTS AT 8:30PM.**

**Free Admission**

**No Registration Needed**

**Bring your own chairs or  
blankets.**

**Snacks available for  
purchase.**





# DOUBLE FEATURE MOVIE IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
EVERGREEN PARK



6:30PM



8:30PM

Candy and drinks available for purchase.  
Free Popcorn!

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED - FREE ADMISSION



# GET YOUR BICENTENNIAL APPAREL

Green Township Bicentennial

## ***ONLINE STORE***

For all your Green Twp Bicentennial apparel needs!



Shop Now!



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



# THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE  
GREEN TOWNSHIP DAY A SUCCESS!

Cliff's Ice Cream  
Assemblyman Michael Inganamort  
Western Hills Christian Church  
Tranquility United Methodist Church  
All of our Volunteers  
Lost Art Lacers  
Green Township Environmental Committee  
Chef's Catering  
Green Hills School 6th Grade Class  
Sussex County Division of Senior Services  
Dam Event and Equipment Rental  
Artsink  
Newton High School Robotics  
All of our Vendors  
All of the former Miss Green Townships

Scout Pack 181  
Miss Alyssa Dionne, Miss Green 2023  
At the Sign of the Adze, Axe and Chisel  
Francis Irwin Handweavers  
North Country Spinners  
NJ Snake Man  
Green Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Green Township Office of Emergency Mgmt.  
Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad  
Mr. David Miller  
Green Township Historical Society  
Green Township Bicentennial Committee  
Green Township Seniors  
Green Hills National Junior Honor Society  
Green Township Committee Members

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO THE GREEN TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE AND THE  
GREEN TOWNSHIP DPW FOR ALL THE HARD WORK, LONG HOURS AND HEAVY LIFTING!



## Congratulations

# Miss Green 2024

# Miss Olivia May





# Senior Olympics

**WANTED:** Green Township athletes to compete in the 2024 New Jersey Senior Olympic Games!

The Township of Woodbridge will be hosting the NJ Senior Olympics games on September 6th, 7th and 8th. We invite Green Township residents 50 and older to participate in the Olympic Games which include, Golf, Pickle Ball, Racquetball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Track and Field and Tennis to name a few. Green Township will reimburse the general registration fee of \$40.00 for the first ten (10) participants to sign up before August 23th. Registration for Pickle Ball is \$45.00. Reimbursement not to exceed \$45.00. Visit [www.njseniorolympics.com](http://www.njseniorolympics.com) to register to for the 2024 NJSO games. Please contact Patty at [depclerkreg@greentwp.com](mailto:depclerkreg@greentwp.com) or 908-852-9333 x11 for information regarding reimbursement.

## SUSSEX COUNTY

### OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING IS OFFERING

**FREE**

**Blood Pressure Screenings  
and Health Education at the  
New Jersey State Fair**



**VISIT THE SUSSEX COUNTY  
DIVISION OF HEALTH BOOTH  
LOCATED IN THE COUNTY BUILDING**

**August 5th-9th 12pm-3pm**

**The Sussex County Fairgrounds  
37 Plains Rd, Augusta, NJ 07822**



# OUTSTANDING OLDER AMERICAN Congratulations

Fausto Moyano



## 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.

# Save the Date

# YARD SALE

Saturday, October 5th - 9am-4pm

Only \$5 to get on the map! Application can be found at [www.greentwp.com](http://www.greentwp.com) under the Recreation tab beginning in August. Rain or Shine





# GREEN TOWNSHIP SENIORS



Fausto and Cynthia Moyano have lived in Green Township for 35 years. They purchased land on Pequest Road in 1984 and spent many weekends clearing the land and building their home. In 1989 they moved in. Their three children attended Green Hills School, Newton High School and graduated from Rutgers University. They will celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary in August.

Cindy was appointed a member of the Green Township Environmental/Heritage Commission in 1992 and is now Chair of the Green Township Environmental Committee. In 2005 she became a National Multiple Sclerosis Society Warren County self-help group co-leader.

Fausto and Cindy joined the Green Township Senior Citizens Club and after a while Fausto was elected President. He implemented the member's ideas and was able to coordinate guest speakers on a variety of subjects including health, safety, legal matters, education, etc. He inspired new traditions, Christmas in July and a Halloween costume meeting. Coordinated events with the township and county. Continued the traditions of the Club: Saint Patrick's Luncheon at Sheridan's Lodge, Lake Tranquility Senior Luncheon, Thanksgiving Luncheon at Sheridan's Lodge, Christmas Party with Sparta Seniors and Christmas Cookie Swap. He is now a member of the Sussex County Senior Advisory Committee.



The Seniors participated in a successful Green Twp Day 2024! The event generated 2 new members!

The Green Twp Seniors donated a beautiful bench dedicated to the entire Green Twp Senior Citizen Group, which was headed by Fausto Moyano.

Fausto Moyano won Green Twp Older American Award of 2024! Congratulations! In July, the Sussex County Board of Health Public Nursing came and did a very informative presentation regarding tick prevention and the diseases they carry. They handed out tick kits to each member to keep handy.

Our meetings are held the 2nd and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. Lower level of the Town Hall building.

Any questions, contact Ed Maines.  
973-858-9932



submitted by Karen Opanowich,  
Vice President of the Green Township Senior Club

SENIORS SPOTLIGHT



## CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL - 1824 - 2024 THE HUNTSVILLE BURIAL GROUNDS

In the early 80's there was a well-worn path through the wooded area at the corner of Sutton and Pequest Roads in Green Township. The path was used by trout fisherman to get downstream on the Pequest River.

This was across the road from my house, and I was headed downstream on the path, one day, to hunt wild mushrooms when I spotted a gravestone in the undergrowth.

I forgot about the mushrooms and spent the afternoon discovering more gravestones. I was hooked.

I asked around the neighborhood about the gravestones and learned a lot from Bill Morris, who was born in 1913, and grew up in the Historic Wolverton House in Huntsville, and Walter Smith, who was born in 1899, and was raised in the house between the burial ground and the river.

They provided a wealth of historic information on Huntsville and the gravestones.

I learned that graveyards and cemeteries are affiliated with a church; Huntsville has never had a church of its own, therefore, this is the Huntsville Burial Ground.

From the County Library I found that: "The oldest grave to be found there now bears the date 1780 and stands in remembrance of a member of the Buchner family. The burial ground was doubtless laid out years before the commencement of the Revolutionary war, for there were settlers in that vicinity about 1750."

I checked around about the ownership and status of the burial ground and determined that there is not an owner of record for the land and it is tax exempt.

I researched the tax records and County deeds (with the help of Dick Stevens) and discovered that the land was originally overseen by a group of 5 trustees and their predecessors who managed and maintained the burying grounds until the last trustee, Harvey Smith, a blacksmith and the father of Walter Smith, passed away at a very old age in 1957. Until his death Harvey maintained the grounds with a sickle and scythe.

The cemetery is located on a raised area which in earlier times must have provided a beautiful view of the river and surrounding area. I can almost picture the views before the cutoff was built. There are many photos at the Sussex County library showing vistas of this area. There were not many wooded areas left. The trees were used for lumber for homes, barns and other buildings, for heating the homes, for building fences, for heating the lime kilns, for making tools, wagons and other farm equipment, and probably even for making wood coffins used for burials in the cemetery.

Most of the tillable land had been cleared to grow crops. Most of the rest of the land was cleared for pasture with a few trees left standing for shade for the pastured animals; and I guess the farmers, too, needed a little shade once in a while after walking behind a horse and plow for what was probably a sun up to sun down day.

Without the cut-off, and without the wooded areas, I can picture a view from the burying ground that would probably allow you to see the Allamuchy Mountains including the Panther Valley area, the cleared rolling hills in every direction and a clear view down the river at least to Tranquility. It must have been a beautiful spot to stand on a sunny warm day.

The more I learned the more I became interested; I became obsessed and decided that this was a project I was going to pursue.

I live across the road, and I started to go over once in a while to cut and pile brush or restack stone on the wall. I had a tenant in my house who would occasionally help.

We were making very slow progress when I learned that a friend of mine was serving 180 hours of community service in the County for a minor infraction for a major deviation from acceptable behavior (It had something to do with alcohol and a truck).

This was in 1992. I called the Sheriff's Office. They checked out the legality, listed us as the Huntsville Historical Burial Ground Renovation Group; and my new assistant started to log his hours and I learned that I had to be there with him supervising, which I didn't realize when I signed him up.

We really started to get things done. We removed a lot of fairly large, dead elm trees, many cedar trees and piles of invasive multiflora rose, along with many garbage bags full of trash. What made the work time consuming was working around the grave stones.

Local residents started noticing the changes and stopped by to check our progress. One late afternoon, Mr. Allen Kirby, Jr., a large land owner in Green, and a great guy, pulled over and said he appreciated what we were doing and asked what we had planned for the future. We had a good conversation.



About a week later, Mr. Kirby stopped by again. This time to give me a check for \$20,000.00 to have the main entrance piers and adjoining walls rebuilt.

I put out bids, executed a contract and had the work done.

It was soon after that Mr. Kirby returned with another check for \$20,000.00 to restack the stone walls for the perimeter of the site.

Again, a bid, a contract and the work was done. Mr. Kirby would visit to express his approval, and to our total surprise showed up with another check.

This time for \$10,000 to replace a missing wrought iron gate and a few other projects.

We were pretty much done with the major clearing when we had a visitor that told us that what we were doing was illegal and that we were desecrating sacred property.

I mentioned this to Bill Morris, I spoke of him earlier. I don't know what Bill did, but a couple days later the SWAP (Sheriff Work Assistance Program) showed up with a crew and completed the clearing. They still come regularly to maintain the grounds. They care for many cemeteries in Sussex County.

As you come through the gate, the first thing you will notice is an iron stand with 13 American flags. The flags were always in good shape, and we can thank, the late, Malcolm Smith, from Lake Tranquility, Green's long-time tax collector, for that. He would change them regularly.

These flags are there in memory of the veterans buried in the cemetery. I was told that years ago a flag was placed on each veteran's grave but that over the years the location of the graves was lost so now we have the 13 flags.

Glenn Wershing found a list of eleven veterans buried here and it includes their names. Eight that served in the Civil War and three in the War of 1812.

After you pass the flags, there is, to the right, a wrought iron fenced in area surrounding the Hill plot, directly behind that are Vails, and behind the Vail graves are the Youngs and the Buchners, some of the oldest graves in the cemetery. This area was renovated by Dr. Warren Warbasse, a descendant of the Hill family.

There are many gravestones still standing, a lot are on the ground, some are partially buried and some may be totally buried. Some are leaning and some are broken. There are many footstones that indicate the height of the deceased.

There are, also, many stones/rocks in with the gravestones. None have been moved or removed because they may be markers.

As you walk through the cemetery you can see the sunken recessed areas of unmarked graves that are aligned with the indentations of the graves with headstones.

It has been written that some railroad workers and possibly slaves are buried in unmarked graves and that they are in the southern corner of the back section of the property.

A few years ago, Ryan Holzhauser, as an Eagle Scout Project, cleared the back section, and one day someone may try to locate these graves.

Before 1865, burials in Huntsville took place on this land when it was private property. In that year, 1865, five residents of Huntsville, the trustees, incorporated the Huntsville Burial Ground, and purchased two parcels of property that would be the Burial Ground. 1/8 acre from Lewis and Jane Willson for \$1.00; and 1.12 acres from James Titman for \$1.00. This information came from Dick Stevens.

If you take a walk through the cemetery, you will notice that it is very difficult to read most of the names and information on the headstones.

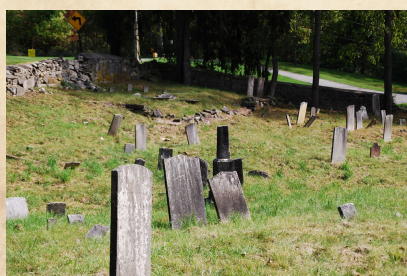
Three lists including the names of 132 people have been found.

The first list from Bill Morris and same list from the County Library – lists 57 names and several unidentified “cut-off” workers. No stones.

Second list from internet website – rootsweb.com – lists 94 names.

Third and most complete list from the New Jersey Historical Society – lists 110 names.

Benjamin Franklin said: “To know the character of a community, I need only to visit its cemeteries.”





# Township of Green Garbage/Recycling Calendar

## May 2024 - April 2025

MAY 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			R	G	3	4
5	6	7	8	G	10	11
12	13	14	R	G	17	18
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26	27	28	R	G	31	

JUNE 2024						
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JULY 2024						
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28	29	30	31			

AUGUST 2024						
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SEPTEMBER 2024						
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29	30					

OCTOBER 2024						
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27	28	29	R	G		

NOVEMBER 2024						
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DECEMBER 2024						
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JANUARY 2025						
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FEBRUARY 2025						
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MARCH 2025						
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APRIL 2025						
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13	14	15	R	G	18	19
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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



September 2nd  
Labor Day

October 14th  
Columbus Day

## 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.



## 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.



Please contact DPW at 908-852-3092 for any weather related emergencies regarding road safety. This number is monitored 24 hours a day 7 days a week.