

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO OCTOBER 2025



CEDAR GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING AND PROMOTIONS

- At the September 22, 2025 Council Meeting, the following officers were promoted:
 - Captain Jose Rodriguez
 - Captain Joseph Russomanno
 - Lieutenant Jason Rivers
 - Lieutenant Joseph Ligas
 - Acting Lieutenant Raymond Cassella
 - Sergeant Carolyn Lynch
 - Sergeant Christopher Heck
 - Acting Sergeant Joseph Johnson
- At the October 6, 2025, Council Meeting, the following officers will be sworn in:
 - Officer Mitchell Ehrle
 - Mitchell is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the Essex County Police Academy. He is joining us from the Essex County Sheriff's Office and will be assigned to patrol.
 - Officer Khanai Powell
 - Khanai is joining us as a patrol officer from the Sussex County Sheriff's Office. Khanai holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Montclair State University and previously served in the United States Army National Guard, Troop 102 Calvary, where he was deployed on Active Duty in 2019.
 - Officer Edward Daly
 - Edward is transferring from the Irvington Police Department to CGPD as a patrol officer. Edward was born and raised in Cedar Grove, graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School, and is a United States Marine Corps veteran where he served as an intelligence officer



DISCLAIMER

The purpose of the Manager's Monthly Memo is to provide a highlight or recap of some of the major projects and happenings taking place in Cedar Grove. By no means is it an exhaustive list and all of the information contained herein is subject to change depending on a multitude of unpredictable factors including but not limited to funding and weather. If you seek further information about any of these items or anything else taking place in Cedar Grove, please email me at zichelli@cedargrovenj.org or call (973) 239 – 1410 x 202 during normal business hours.

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO OCTOBER 2025



REAL PANTHERS WEAR PINK 11th ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

- The 11th Annual *Real Panthers Wear Pink* Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will take place on **Thursday, October 23rd, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Panther Park**
- The Township partners with Minette's Angels to host this spectacular event
- The Township we will be offering food for the walkers, entertainment such as balloon/glitter tattoo artists, a live band, a salon for pink hair extensions, giveaways and more!



HIRING LEAF HELP!

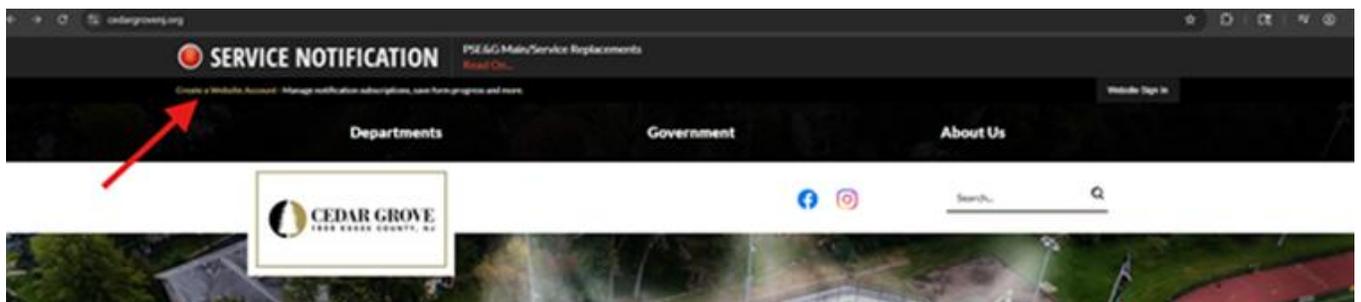


- The Township of Cedar Grove is accepting resumes or letters of interest for part-time, seasonal leaf help for eight (8) to ten (10) weeks beginning approximately October 20, 2025, and ending approximately December 21, 2025. \$15.13 per hour.
- Must be able to work Saturday. Work boots are required. Dust masks, rain gear, glasses and ear protection will be provided. Please email resume/references and qualifications to Joseph M. Zichelli, Esq., Township Manager at zichelli@cedargrovenj.org. The Township of Cedar Grove is an equal opportunity employer



NEW WEBSITE AND RECREATION REGISTRATION SYSTEM!

- We are excited to announce that the Township will be transitioning to a new and improved online registration site in the coming months that has expanded registration capabilities and will allow for credit card processing for pool memberships starting in 2026!
- As part of this upgrade, we will be transitioning the email blasts previously sent out through Community Pass to a notification system hosted by the Township through our brand-new website! Through this new and improved website, you will be able to create an account and select the areas you would like to receive updates and notifications for. Please go to www.cedargrovenj.org and select "Create a Website Account" to proceed.



DISCLAIMER

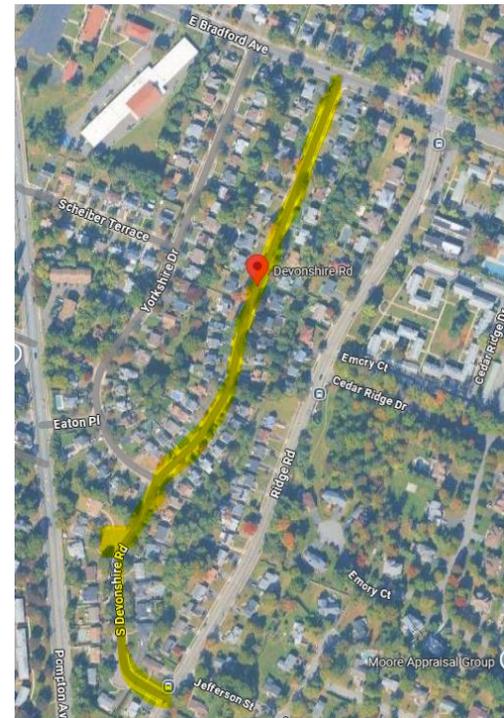
The purpose of the Manager's Monthly Memo is to provide a highlight or recap of some of the major projects and happenings taking place in Cedar Grove. By no means is it an exhaustive list and all of the information contained herein is subject to change depending on a multitude of unpredictable factors including but not limited to funding and weather. If you seek further information about any of these items or anything else taking place in Cedar Grove, please email me at zichelli@cedargrovenj.org or call (973) 239 – 1410 x 202 during normal business hours.

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO OCTOBER 2025



PAVING OF DEVONSHIRE ROAD & DEVONSHIRE ROAD SOUTH

- The Township awarded a contract to Stanziale Construction LLC for the reconstruction of Devonshire Road and Devonshire Road South at the September 8, 2025, Council Meeting for an amount not to exceed \$261,702.70.
- The Township received a \$350,000 New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”) grant to completely offset the construction costs and engineering design costs associated with this project.
- Work will begin shortly starting with concrete work, curbing work, and apron repairs. Once this work is complete, both roads will be completely milled and repaved (curb to curb)
- The Township anticipates this work being complete by late October/early November.



HALLOWEEN HOUSE CONTEST

- Mayor Mega will go around on October 26th to judge houses that are the:
 - Spookiest: house that gives the biggest scare—think ghosts and ghouls!
 - Most Creative: for a unique or imaginative design, think haunted carnival!
 - Best Overall Curb Appeal: for a visually stunning display that is festive, polished, and full of neighborhood fun!



DISCLAIMER

The purpose of the Manager's Monthly Memo is to provide a highlight or recap of some of the major projects and happenings taking place in Cedar Grove. By no means is it an exhaustive list and all of the information contained herein is subject to change depending on a multitude of unpredictable factors including but not limited to funding and weather. If you seek further information about any of these items or anything else taking place in Cedar Grove, please email me at zichelli@cedargrovenj.org or call (973) 239 – 1410 x 202 during normal business hours.

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO OCTOBER 2025



CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP

- The Township will begin **curbside leaf removal** on October 20, 2025, and will continue until mid-December.
- Our leaf tags and loader with a claw operate on a **rotating schedule** that tries to hit every street on an intermittent basis.
- For residents who live on County roadways, their leaf pickup schedule can be found here: <https://essexcountynj.org/event/2025-essex-county-leaf-collection-schedule/>

SECOND LETTER FROM PPA

- Back in May, the Township, through a contract awarded to Professional Property Appraisers (“PPA”) began revaluating the Township of Cedar Grove after being ordered to do so by the County of Essex. PPA has been ambitiously going throughout our neighborhoods to complete this task.
- Some residents may be receiving an additional letter from PPA advising them of their second attempt to complete an interior inspection of their property, which should only take around 10 to 15 minutes. Please follow the instructions to schedule an appointment so that PPA may accurately assess your property’s fair market value.
- More information from PPA can be found at: <https://www.ppareval.com/>



2026 PROJECT: PREVIEW!

- The Township is **going out for bid** for the replacement of the playground at Community Park with a brand-new ADA assessable playground paid for by a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) Jake’s Law Grant in the amount of \$750,000.
- The Township hopes to have this completed by the middle to end of Spring 2026!
- To view initial renderings that were submitted for initial review by the NJDEP, click here: <https://cedargrovenj.org/DocumentCenter/View/171/Community-Playground-Concept-PDF?bidId=>

DISCLAIMER

The purpose of the Manager’s Monthly Memo is to provide a highlight or recap of some of the major projects and happenings taking place in Cedar Grove. By no means is it an exhaustive list and all of the information contained herein is subject to change depending on a multitude of unpredictable factors including but not limited to funding and weather. If you seek further information about any of these items or anything else taking place in Cedar Grove, please email me at zichelli@cedargrovenj.org or call (973) 239 – 1410 x 202 during normal business hours.

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO OCTOBER 2025



CG HISTORY OF THE MONTH MORGAN'S FARM

- Built circa 1845 by John and Susan Canfield, what is now known as Morgan's Farm is the home of the Cedar Grove Historical Society.
- In 1903, John Canfield died, and ownership was transferred to Benjamin and Grace Canfield, who lived there until December 1910, when the home was then purchased by J.W. Morgan.
- In 1985, Courtenay Morgan, son of J.W. Morgan, deeded the farmhouse and the farm (14 acres) to the Township of Cedar Grove, when it was placed on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Inventory—preserving it in its natural state forever!



- The property was continuously farmed into the mid-1900s. Mr. Morgan would regularly employ local youths to assist with farming operations and even constructed a makeshift ski lift to facilitate sledding in the rear of the property.
- Each fall, Mr. Morgan would host a “Pumpkin and Apple Sale” where he would sell local produce off of the farmhouse's porch. This tradition continues today!
- Hosted by the Cedar Grove Historical Society on **October 4th and 5th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**, those attending can purchase pumpkins, apples, cider, honey, donuts, mums, farm stand produce, and more!



DISCLAIMER

The purpose of the Manager's Monthly Memo is to provide a highlight or recap of some of the major projects and happenings taking place in Cedar Grove. By no means is it an exhaustive list and all of the information contained herein is subject to change depending on a multitude of unpredictable factors including but not limited to funding and weather. If you seek further information about any of these items or anything else taking place in Cedar Grove, please email me at zichelli@cedargrovenj.org or call (973) 239 – 1410 x 202 during normal business hours.