

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO DECEMBER 2025



59th ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

- The Township hosted the 59th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5th!
- Special thanks to Marisa Landolfi-Jefferson, Recreation Director and her team, the Cedar Grove Police Department, Cedar Grove Department of Public Works, and all the volunteers who made this night so special!



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DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Longtime employee, Frank DeRobertis, was acknowledged for his many dedicated years of service to the Township and its residents! He served as Certified Pool Operator (“CPO”) for the Community Pool for a number of years and most recently retired at the young age of 91 from our Recycling Center as the morning recycling coordinator! The Township wishes Frank well and many years of continued health!
- The Township also swore in Michael Antonuccio as a new police officer! This marks the 4th police officer the Township hired in three months—showing the Council and Administration’s commitment to a well-staffed agency that serves our community each and every day!



- Massive congratulations are in order for our Township Clerk, Dale Forde, who was reappointed as the Municipal Clerk! Dale is a constant positive force for the Township, working tirelessly on behalf of the residents and Governing Body—coming in early, staying late, and even keeping me company on some weekends.



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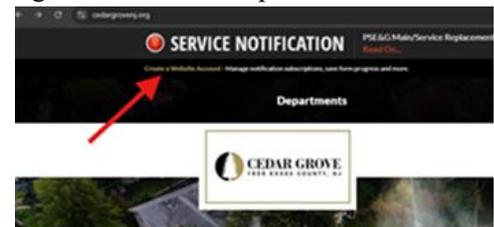
2026 POOL RATES

- At the December Council meeting, the Township established the pool rates for the 2026 season as follows:

GROUP	2026 RATE BEFORE 01/31/26	2026 RATE BETWEEN 01/31/26 AND 03/31/26	2026 RATE AFTER 03/31/26
Resident Families	\$630	\$645	\$670
Resident Individual	\$450	\$465	\$485
Resident Couple or Parent/Child	\$535	\$550	\$572
Babysitter (Mon-Fri)	\$165	\$170	\$180
Resident Senior Citizen	\$215	\$220	\$230
Non-Resident Family	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,750
Non-Resident Individual	\$800	\$875	\$910
Non-Resident Senior Citizen	\$575	\$600	\$625

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.



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2025 QUICK FACTS

- CGPD responded to 23,424 calls for service in 2025 (as of the writing of this memo!)
- The Township purchased approximately 145,000,000 gallons of treated water from North Jersey District Water Supply and Passaic Valley Water Commission, our bulk suppliers.
- The Township paved 40,450 linear feet of roadway this year! That equates to 7.66 miles. Of the 40,450, the Township paid to pave 15,550 linear feet (38.44%) and PSE&G paved paid to pave 24,900 linear feet (61.55%) **at no cost to the Township!**
- The Township used over 1,000 tons of salt to treat our roads during 2025.
- The Township replaced approximately 225 catch basins, heads, and grates for 2025's repaving!

2025 SANTA RUN

- CGFD took Santa around Cedar Grove on Sunday, December 21!



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CG HISTORY OF THE MONTH THE CEDAR GROVE GENERAL STORE

With retail madness upon us this holiday season, let's look back to the only place to shop in Cedar Grove in 1904—when the first General Store opened its doors!

- Built circa 1904, shop owner, Mr. Gustav Meier, moved his family from the big city to Cedar Grove.
- They got his general store up and running that same year!
- The Cedar Grove General Store was not large but served the community as a place to get your basic needs, groceries, baking supplies, hardware tools, medicine, and even fabric to make clothing! It was a one-stop shop kind of place.
- The Meier store was a gathering place for many residents. Good chance you could run into a neighbor and stay to discuss Town affairs. Given the small population of Cedar Grove in the early 1900s, it was easy for so many residents to be involved in local government—which helped shape Cedar Grove into what we know and love it to be today!

The General Store



- During this holiday season let us remember to shop locally as Cedar Grove has many wonderful places to pick up your gifts!



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