

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO

JULY 2025

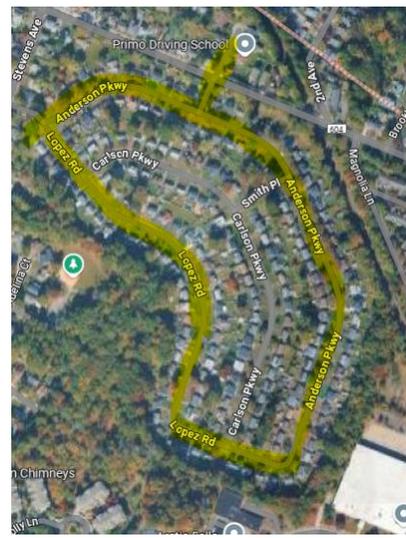
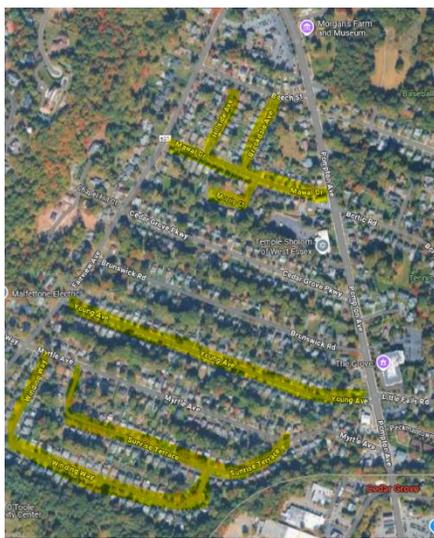


Swearing in of Mayor Michele Mega

- Mayor Mega was sworn in as the Mayor of Cedar Grove on July 1, 2025
- She previously served as Councilwoman and Deputy Mayor and previously volunteered for the Cedar Grove Board of Education, Cedar Grove Black and Gold Club, the Cedar Grove Junior Baseball and Softball League, and the FSA
- Mayor Mega is an alumna of Cedar Grove High School and is the Council liaison to the Recreation Advisory Board and Cedar Grove Historical Society
- She will be hosting Meet the Mayor sessions at Town Hall on July 25 from 8:30 to 9:30; August 22 from 3:30 to 4:30; and September 26 from 8:30 to 4:30.
- To watch the Council's Reorganization Meeting, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHcvScSXngc>

Phase One PSE&G Paving

- At the end of June and into the first week of July, PSE&G performed the first of two paving operations this year which included: Winding Way, Sunrise Terrace, Young Avenue, Mawal Drive, Morris Court, Hillside Avenue, Brookdale Avenue, Anderson Parkway/Chase Place, Lopez Road, and First Avenue
- This was done at **no cost** to the Township of Cedar Grove given the credit based agreement the Township reached with PSE&G. You can read more about that here: <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/verona-slash-cedar-grove/sections/government/articles/administrator-new-cedar-grove-deal-with-pse-g-will-result-in-more-roads-being-paved-for-less-cost>



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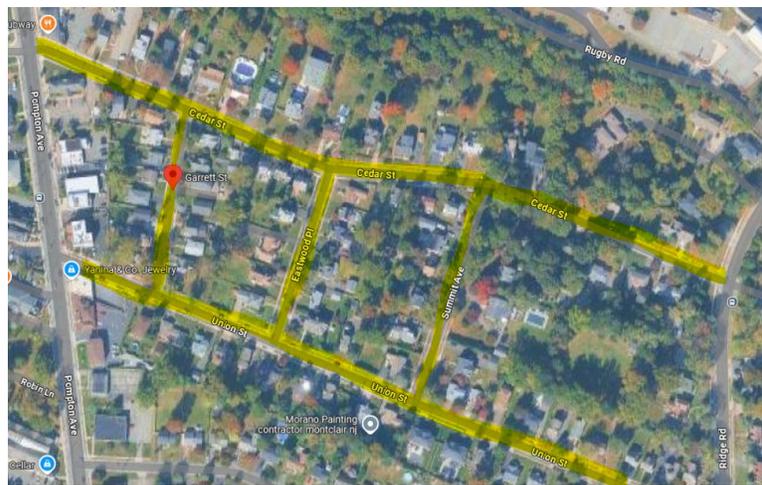
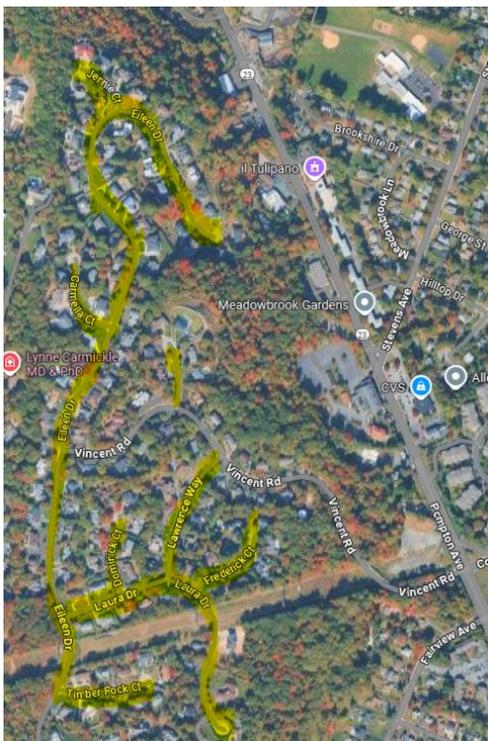
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Paving Preparation PSE&G Phase Two and Township Overlay

- The Department of Public Works has been working **very hard** rebuilding catch basins, raising manholes, and cleaning stormwater inlets in preparation of the next round of paving, to take place this fall. To date, the DPW has rebuilt over seventy-five (75) catch basins and has raised and repaired over ten (10) manholes—and counting.
- This work is being performed prior to paving so we can ensure that the infrastructure underneath and surrounding our newly paved roadways are in the best shape so that they last for many years to come.
- This work is being done in-house, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars by not having to hire a contractor.
- Here are some streets to be paved in the Fall: Eastwood Place, Garret Street, Summit Avenue, Union Street, Dalewood Road, Greendale Road, The Fairway, Brookside Terrace, The Glen, Cedar Street, Skytop Road, and Upland Way. These streets are paid for by PSE&G **at no cost to the Township!**
- For the Township's paving operations, the following streets are planned to be paved: Laura Drive, Frederick Court, Lawrence Way, Domenick Court, Eileen Drive, Timber Rock Court, Suzanne Court, Jennie Court, Clover Court, and Woodstone Drive. The parking lot at the Municipal Lot will also be repaved!



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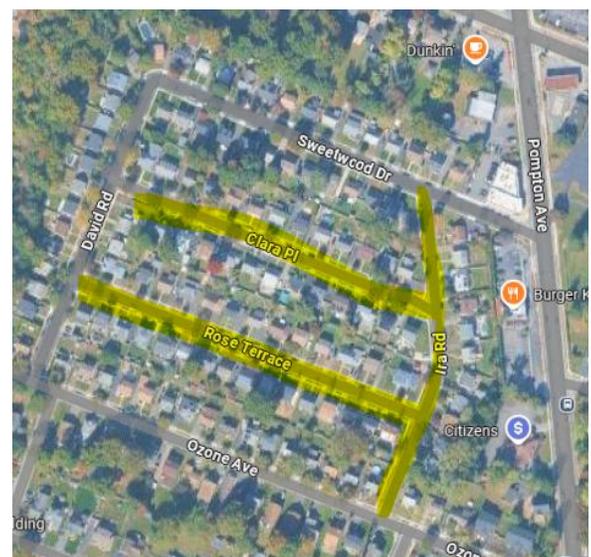
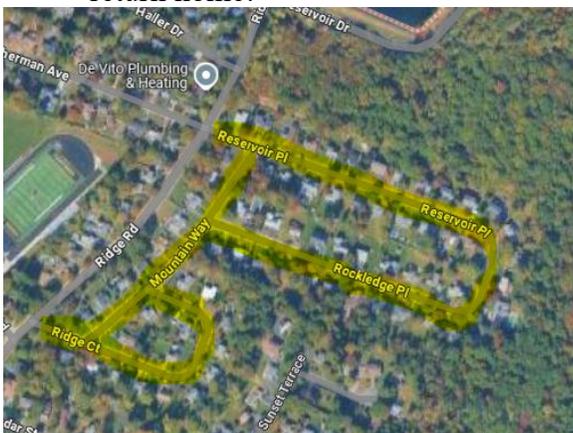
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Upcoming Projects and Existing Project Updates

- Work has begun to return Panther Park's multipurpose field!
- At the end of the month, the Township will be opening bids to replace the water main and water services on Briarhill Road.
- The Township has begun performing water service and valve improvements on Yorkshire Road and Devonshire Road in anticipation of paving these roads in the fall. Cedar Grove received a \$350,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") for this paving operation!
- The Township will be starting the design work for the reconstruction of Ridge Court and Mountain Way in 2026. Cedar Grove received a \$525,000 NJDOT grant to fund this project!
- The Township is planning to complete design work for the reconstruction of Reservoir Place and Rockledge Place and go out to bid for this work to take place in late fall 2025 or early spring 2026. The Township received a \$374,238 NJDOT grant to fund this project!
- The Township's Engineer updated us this month and advised that environmental reporting at Community Park should be completed by mid-August which would then allow the Township to go out for bid regarding the demolition and reconstruction of a brand-new ADA compliant playground. The Township received a \$750,000 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Jake's Law grant for this project!
- The Engineer is preparing a list of roads for the 2026 Township Overlay—including Clara Place, Rose Terrace, and Ira Road
- The North End Fire House is nearing completion—the contractor has been provided with a punch list of items to tend to and, hopefully, upon their completion the North End Company will move into a new, two-bay, two-story firehouse. The contract was awarded for this in August of 2023, and it is time for the members to return home!



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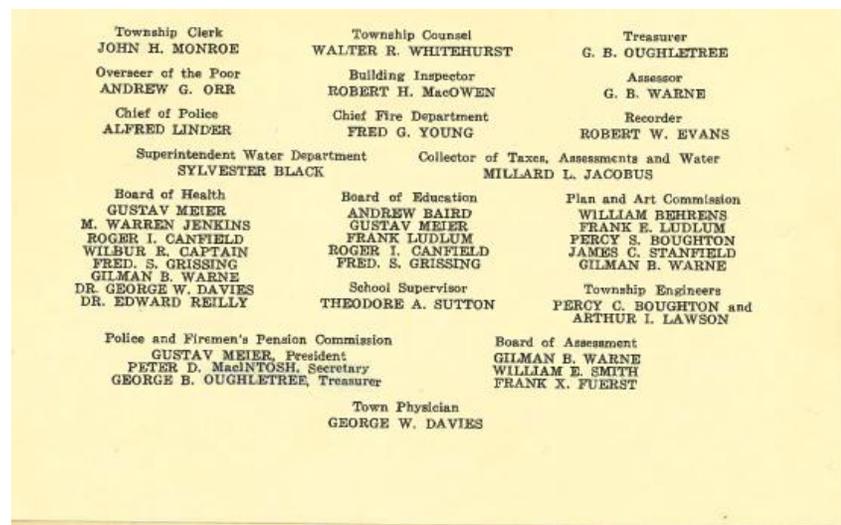


*Exterior of North End
Fire House*



CG History of the Month

Ms. Edith Jenkins—a relative of Jenkins Brush Company—donated to the Township the below photo and program for the dedication of the Municipal Building in 1928.



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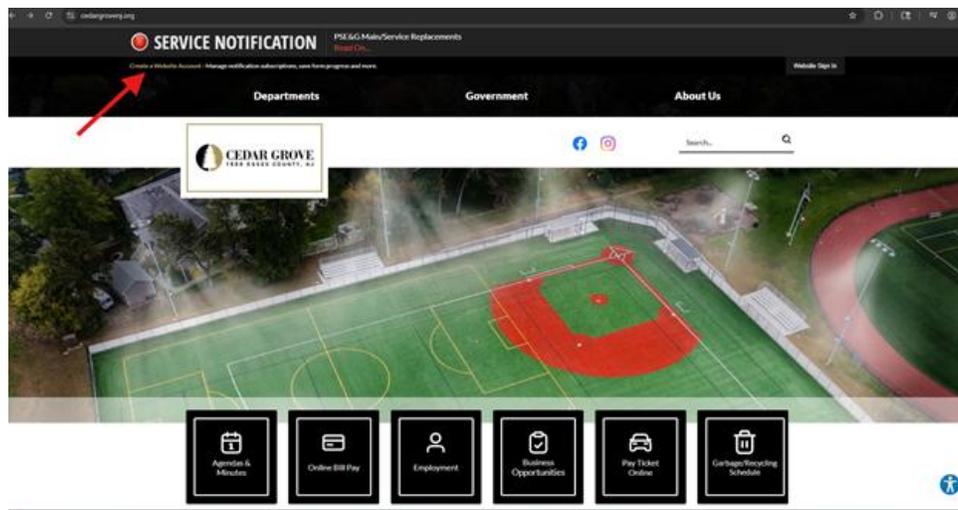
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NEW WEBSITE AND RECREATION REGISTRATION SYSTEM!

- 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.



July 14 Council Meeting Highlight

- NJDOT Grant Application: Bortie Road and Personnette Street
- NJDOT Grant Application: Donato Drive, Loretta Dive, Bergen Drive
- Resolution to Consider Establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee
- Insertion of \$56,406.57 NJDOT Brunswick Road Grant into 2025 Budget
- Insertion of \$2,270.32 Opiod Grant inserted into 2025 Budget
- The Council Meeting on the first Monday of every month can be viewed live here: <https://www.youtube.com/@CedarGroveNJUSA>

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