

MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO AUGUST 2025



RETURFING OF PANTHER PARK

- The returfing of Panther Park is complete!
- The Township was initially quoted \$590,947.00 for the removal and reinstallation of a brand-new synthetic turf field at Panther Park—one of our most frequently used facilities. Through some negotiations and enrollment in a class action settlement, we were able to get this price reduced by \$40,000, for a total cost of \$550,947.00.
- This was paid for out of the 2025 Capital Budget
- The field is striped for football, full-sided soccer, small-sided soccer, and boys and girls lacrosse!



CGFD JULY CALL VOLUME

- The Cedar Grove Fire Department responded to 52 calls for service in July including:
 - 27 False Alarms
 - 6 Gas Leaks
 - 6 Carbon Monoxide Alarms
 - 7 Elevator Rescues
 - 2 Electrical Fires
 - 1 Motor Vehicle Crash
 - 1 Deck Fire
 - 1 Mutual Aid
 - 1 Oven Fire
- CGFD is 100% volunteer—if you are interested in joining, scan the QR code here:



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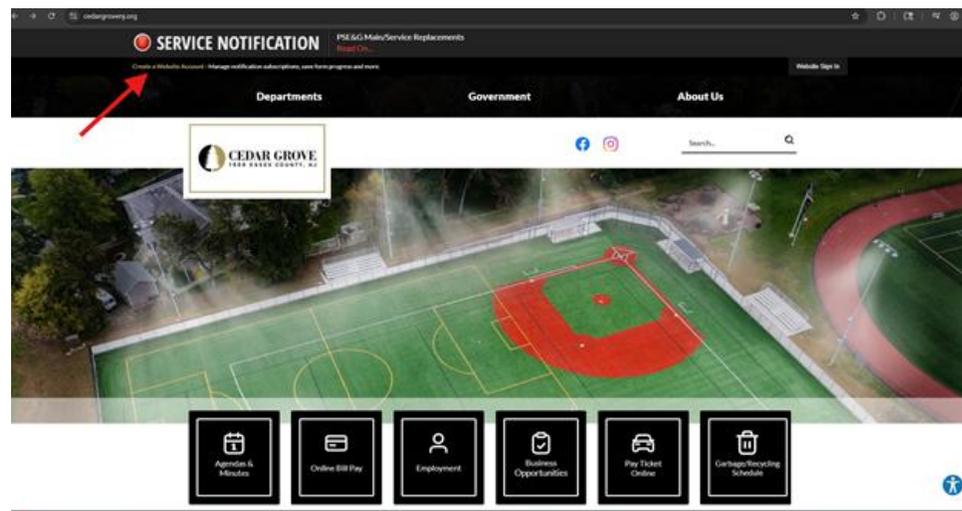
CGPD OPERATION CHILL AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

- CGPD is participating in Operation Chill! Officers are rewarding children that are observed doing good deeds or exhibiting positive behavior such as practicing bike safety with a coupon for a free Slurpee from 7-Eleven!
- On August 5th, the Cedar Grove Police Department teamed up with the Verona Police Department to host National Night Out—a great night for our officers to interact with the community, show off some cool equipment, and introduce our residents to the men and women who serve and protect them!



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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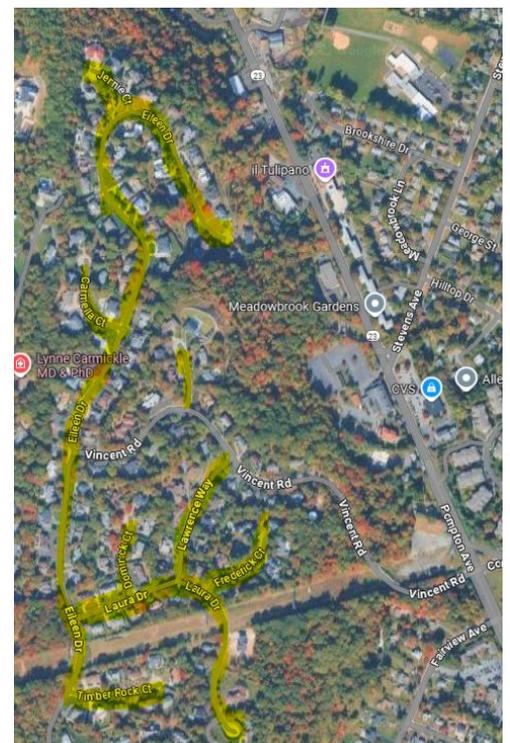
TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

- Cedar Grove's Town Wide Garage Sale is being held on Saturday September 6, with a rain date of Saturday September 13. Registration is required.
- A map is being created and will be shared by the Recreation Department.
- If you are interested in registering, go here: <https://cedargrovenj.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=271>



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 ninety (90) catch basins and has raised and repaired over fourteen (14) 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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CG HISTORY OF THE MONTH

- In 1954, the charter (form of government) in Cedar Grove was changed from the Commissioner Form to the Council-Manager Form, which Cedar Grove still has today.
- In May 1955, the first non-partisan Council was elected.
- In 1958, a progress report was published on this new form of government and authored by Raymond M. Urquhart, Cedar Grove's first Township Manager. Mr. Urquhart wrote about many topics, including aging infrastructure, population growth, and service to the residents—all items we still care about.
- In 1958, we only had 3 police cars and 12 police officers
- 66% of the average tax bill went to the Board of Education, 15% went to the County, 15% went to the Township, and 4% went to reserve
- A MOVING PERMIT?! In 1958, residents were required to obtain a moving permit before vacating their home!

SEWER UTILITY

The sewage disposal plant located off Little Falls Road near the Industrial Village in 1956 reached its designed capacity in less than seven years of operation and a \$460,000 expansion program is underway. Average flows through the plant have exceeded 500,000 gallons daily. The Township Council authorized in 1956 a scientific analysis of sewage treatment methods in cooperation with the State Department of Health. Sanitary sewer extensions in the Ridgewood Acres subdivision and a 2,800 foot trunk line are expected to cost \$150,000. Both sewer projects will be completed early in 1957.



SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT NEAR
LITTLE FALLS ROAD.

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TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE Essex County, New Jersey

February 1, 1957

Hon. Russell H. Meyer, Members of the Township
Council and Citizens of Cedar Grove:

This report is more than a pictorial and statistical documentary about Cedar Grove's progress during the first complete year with Council-Manager government. It is a record of the accomplishments of your new government throughout the past 18 months and it is the first such report ever published.

Cedar Grove has had a rich political history. The community was for many years a semi-rural hamlet situated in a valley between the first and second Orange Mountains. Almost without warning the rush to metropolitan suburbs hit with an impact still all too visible. In the last six years more than 1,400 building permits have been issued for residential development. New subdivisions grew out of wilderness and farmland.

Along with the physical growth came the third change in the community's politics. In November, 1954, a charter commission successfully spearheaded a change from an outmoded Commission government to Council-Manager administration, and in the following May the first non-partisan Township Council was elected, taking over the reins of government on July 1, 1955.

The governing body and members of the administrative staff have set a rigorous pace in meeting head on the many problems inherited from the past and still others accompanying the continuing rapid growth expected in the future.

My sincere thanks to all those persons who have helped write the first successful chapter in Cedar Grove's progress with Council-Manager government.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond M. Urquhart
Township Manager

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