

# MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEMO SEPTEMBER 2025



## 2025 OVERLAY



- The Township began milling and paving for the 2025 Overlay, starting in Park Ridge Estates
- As part of the overlay, the Township was required to install two (2) new ADA compliant sidewalk ramps along Vincent Road at Suzanne Court
- To prepare for this, all summer, DPW was out rebuilding catch basins, manholes, and water valves



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## PAVING SCHEDULE FOR 2025 OVERLAY

- This is the schedule for the Township's overlay. The additional streets, to be paved by PSE&G, will be published separately

### Orange District - Cedar Grove

Street	Between Street 1	Between Street 2	Final Paving Decision	SY	TONS	Milling Date	Pave Date
Eileen Dr	End	Timber Rock	Full	16550	1903	9/8 - 9/12	9/17 - 9/19
Jennie Ct	End	Eileen	Full	1583	182	9/8/2025	9/17
Carmella Ct	End	Eileen	Full	2,284	263	9/9/2025	9/17
Suzanne Ct	End	Vincent	Full	1711	192	9/9/2025	9/16
45 Vincent	End	Vincent	Full	183	21	9/10/2025	9/16
Larwrence Way	Vincent	Laura	Full	2767	311	9/10/2025	9/15
Frederick Ct	End	Laura	Full	2072	233	9/10/2025	9/15
Laura Dr	End	Eileen	Full	6163	693	9/11/2025	9/16
Dominick Ct	End	Laura	Full	2208	248	9/11/2025	9/15
Timber Rock Ct	End	Eileen	Full	2,344	270	9/12/2025	9/15
63 Eileen Dr	End	End	Full	152	17	9/12/2025	9/19
Clover Ct	End	Ridge Rd	Full	2778	313	9/12/2025	9/19
Woodstone Dr	East Bradford	Forest Hills	Full	3583	403	9/12/2025	9/19
Municipal Lot			Full	6458	727	9/13/2025	9/20



## EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

- Frank, Larry, and Pete of our DPW have been working hard at installing a new collection box for our leaf tag. This is used to remove leaf debris placed curbside throughout Cedar Grove. Next year, the Township will make repairs to the additional two (2) units.



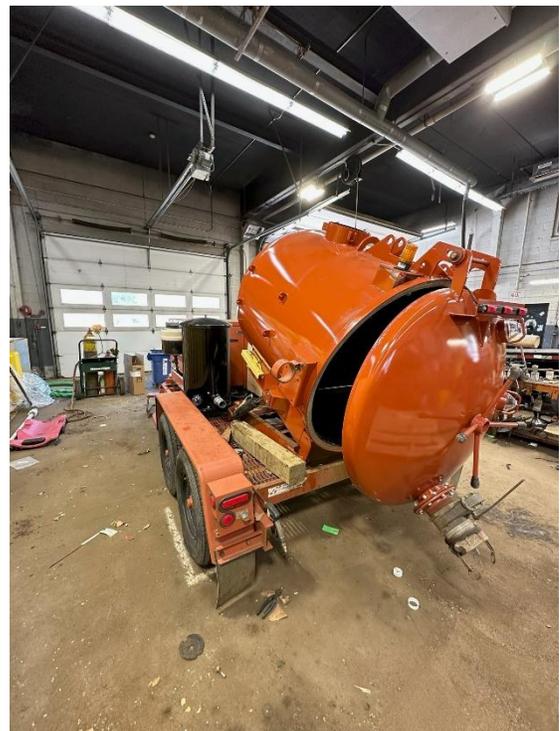
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- Also under repair is our DitchWitch, a valuable tool used to assist the Water and Sewer Department performing work on valves and mains underground.



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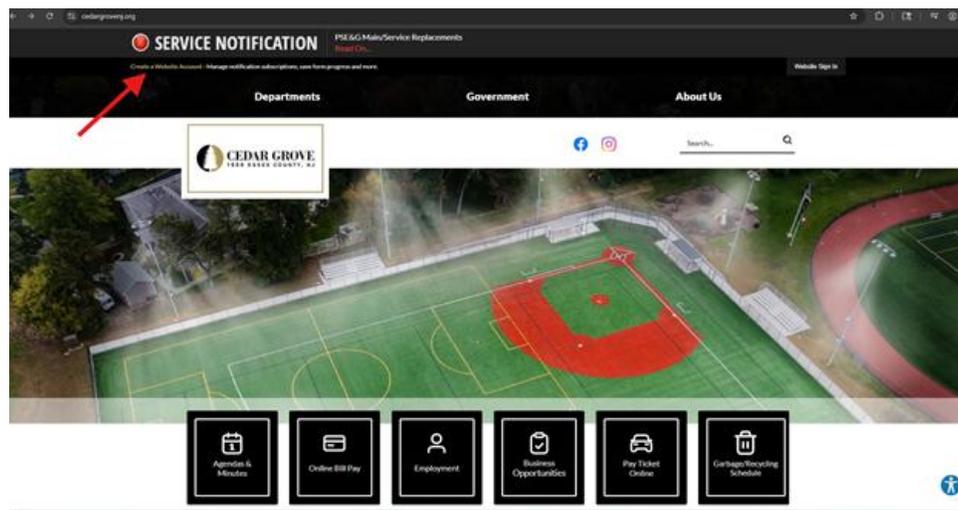
## HIRING LEAF HELP!

- 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](mailto: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](http://www.cedargrovenj.org) and select “Create a Website Account” to proceed.



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## CG HISTORY OF THE MONTH

- This letter, dated September 7, 1958, was signed by Cedar Grove's first female Mayor and addressed to the Township Council fifty years later in 2008, which was Cedar Grove's centennial!

### Township of Cedar Grove ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY

#### TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

HEDWIG H. TURKENKOPF, MAYOR  
ROBERT E. BYRNES, DEPUTY MAYOR  
MELVIN F. HAAS  
RUSSELL H. MEYER  
EDWARD L. SILLCOX

September 7, 1958

To the Governing Body of the Township of Cedar Grove  
In the year 2008.

Across the years, we, the members of the Township Council in the year 1958, extend to you our greetings and our cordial good wishes upon the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Township.

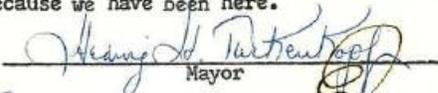
It is our sincere hope that the work of those who have gone before you will prove to have been of value, and that the problems of growth which plague us now will have been solved in such a way as to have achieved a stable and thoughtfully developed community.

Whatever else may be said of the first fifty years of our history, it cannot be termed lethargic; nor can we be said to have been inattentive to progressive ideas. In this area, we have had the courage even to take leadership in our county.

In the past fifty years, by our own will, the form of government has been changed three times to meet the new challenges of war, of depression, and of expansion. Our successful effort to change from Commission form to Council-Manager form of government three years ago, brought us the distinction of being the first municipality in Essex County to adopt the most modern form of municipal government. We have exhibited our courage, also, by being the first community in this county to elect a woman to the position of Mayor. In so doing, we have taken recognition of the fact that the "gentle sex" has a place in modern political life.

Although many describe our municipal affairs as turbulent, we consider this a tribute to the unusually high degree of interest of our citizenry in the affairs of their government, and an indication of the constant striving for betterment, in the traditional way in a democracy.

The members of the Council at the close of the first half-century, with full faith in the future of our Township, wish you well. We hope that those things which we have wrought will withstand the test of time, and that the affairs of government entrusted to you, our successors, will be a little better because we have been here.

  
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The following words were spoken by the Mayor of Cedar Grove, Mrs. Hedwig H. Turkenkopf, Sunday, September 7, 1958, on the occasion of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Township of Cedar Grove and upon the consignment of certain articles to the Time Capsule:

In the name of the Township Council and the people of Cedar Grove, I accept these documents which will now be placed in the capsule.

It is my honor now, as the Mayor of Cedar Grove, to consign these records of our deeds and our thoughts and our time, to lie here awaiting the day fifty years hence when, with indulgent curiosity, they will be unearthed by those who come after us.

With these symbols of the work we have done, and are doing, in wonder and in awe of what is unknown to us, we reach our hands out in friendliest greetings with this gift from their past.



Meeting of Township Council: Left to right, Edward C. Silcox, Russell H. Meyer, Mayor Hedwig H. Turkenkopf, Melvin F. Haas, and Deputy Mayor Robert E. Byrnes.

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## *SEPTEMBER 9 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS*

- Devonshire Road/Devonshire Road South Road Reconstruction Bid Award
  - The Township Council awarded a bid to Stanziale Construction for \$261,702.70 for the reconstruction of Devonshire Road and Devonshire Road South
  - The Township received a \$350,000 NJDOT grant to fund this project, at no cost to taxpayers!
- Briarhill Road Water Main and Service Replacement Bid Award
  - The Township Council awarded a bid to John Garcia Construction for the replacement of the water main and upgrades to the water services on Briarhill Road for \$536,500.00
  - The Township is paying for this from 2024 Water Capital Bonding and previously encumbered CARES funds
- Authorization to purchase a new 2025 F350 Pickup for the DPW for \$65,000
- Award of Design for Ridge Court and Mountain Way
  - The Township Council awarded a professional service contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$49,900.00 for the design work to reconstruct Ridge Court and Mountain Way
  - The Township received a \$525,000 NJDOT grant to fund this project, at no cost to taxpayers!
- Award of Design for Watershed Report MS4 Stormwater Permitting
  - The Township Council awarded a professional service contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$43,300 for the watershed mapping, stormwater outfall inspections, and mapping enhancements for the NJDEP's MS4 Stormwater Permit.
- Certification of Police Promotional List
  - Consistent with Chapter 55, Section 4 of the Code of the Township of Cedar Grove, the Township Council certified Sgt. Jason Rivers, Sgt. Joseph Ligas, and Sgt. Raymond Casella to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Carolyn Lynch, Officer Christopher Heck, and Detective Joseph Johnson to the rank of Sergeant.
  - Promotions will occur Monday, September 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers
- **MUNICIPAL LOT CLOSED SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, FOR MILLING AND PAVING**

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