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## No Local Property Tax Increase In Township Budget This Year

Even though the State Budget cut Municipal Aid to Upper Deerfield Township by over \$91,000, the Township Committee adopted a budget that will not require an increase in local property taxes this year. The Committee offset

the loss in State Aid with money from surplus for this year. The State mandate, requiring rural municipalities to pay for State Police services in 2009, will prove to be a heavy burden on the budgets of all the affected municipalities next year.

The Township has joined rural municipalities throughout the state in fighting this ill advised policy. Township officials are monitoring the situation as details of the mandated assessment have not been finalized by the State.

The Township Committee intends to review and analyze every option available in order to minimize the impact of the state imposed local tax burden that faces the Township in 2009.

### State Budget Shifts Tax Burdens to Municipalities

The recently adopted State Budget has reduced State Aid to municipalities and mandated that rural municipalities pay a fee for State Police services as a method to solve part of the State's Budget problems. With aid reduced, municipalities will be forced to reduce services or raise local property taxes. The State "mandated" payment for State Police services will negatively affect rural municipal budgets in 2009, requiring most municipalities to increase local taxes. Upper Deerfield Township has joined various rural municipalities throughout the State in chal-

lenging the state police portion of the state budget as an unfunded State mandate which is being appealed to the NJ Council on Local Mandates.

With the arbitrary reduction in State Aid to rural municipalities because they have a population of less than 10,000, coupled with the state mandated payment for State Police services, will make it difficult to maintain a zero local purpose tax in the coming year. The Township Committee will work diligently to keep your local tax among the lowest in the County.

### Another Successful Community Day

Upper Deerfield Township held its fourth annual Community Day, with it's largest attendance on a beautiful spring day, this past April. Arts & Crafts, business and community displays lined the municipal grounds with over 50 vendors. Hoh Daiko Drummers, Seabrook Minyo Dancers, Woodruff School Band and Chorus, Satin Steel, Hopscotch Injury, Jack Neff Band and Free Cycle Action Sports provided entertainment for all ages throughout the day. Professional Mascots "Swoop", "Socceroo", "Splash", "Rocky Bluewinkle", "Chum" and costumed characters were



a favorite of the children. Visitors were able to go on business tours of Centerton Nursery and Seabrook Brothers and Sons, as well as view the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Museum. The aroma of delicious foods surrounded the municipal grounds as food vendors provided something for everyone's appetite. A special thank you goes out to all the members of the Business Community who helped sponsor Community Day. The celebration continues to provide fun activities for everyone who attends, from the young to the young at heart.

The Upper Deerfield Historical Commission is beginning to plan for next year's event to be held on the last Saturday in April. If you would like to serve on the committee or volunteer to help at the event, please contact us by email at [info@upperdeerfield.com](mailto:info@upperdeerfield.com) or send your information to Upper Deerfield Township Community Day, PO Box 5098, Seabrook, NJ 08302.

**Members of the Edgar Joyce Senior Center in Upper Deerfield participated in the Bridgeton Memorial Day Parade.**



## UPDATES & NOTICES

### REMINDER from Construction Office:

Pool Season is here. Before purchasing any pool, please contact the Construction Office at 856-455-9591, about state regulations regarding heights, barriers and ladders. Any pool over 24" requires permits. Pool Safety is a main concern of this office and any violations will need to be corrected by the Homeowner.

### A Message from Your Dog Registrar

*Please register your doggie if you have not done so already.*

A dog census will be conducted in the FALL of 2008.

All dogs 7 months or older, or having a permanent set of teeth must be licensed.

The state requires that a rabies shot be valid for 10 months out of the current year.

#### LICENSE FEES:

Spayed / Neutered • \$8.20

Non-Spayed / Non-Neutered • \$11.20

If you haven't registered your doggie for 2008, there is an additional late fee of \$10.00 in effect after April 30th.

### Getting Married?



### Congratulations!!

In order to get married in New Jersey, you must go to the municipality in which the bride or groom lives.

Each of you must bring in a copy of your birth certificate, driver's license, passport or state I.D, and social security card for identification purposes. If you are divorced or have had a marriage annulled, please bring the divorce decree or civil annulment documents. If your former spouse is deceased, please bring the death certificate.

There is a \$28.00 application fee and a seventy-two hour waiting period.

Your marriage license will be retained at the township in which you get married.

**Best of luck to you both!!**

## Proposed Work Program for Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board

The following is a list of some of the projects that the Planning Board will be reviewing the balance of this year. All of these projects are very important to our township and the Planning Board is extending an invitation to each resident of our township to join us. Your comments and questions are greatly appreciated.

#### MEETING DATE: TASKS:

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>August 11</b>    | Regular Planning Board meeting  |
| <b>September 15</b> | Receive 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft of Reexamination Report and analysis of Ordinance Revisions per Environmental Commission memo |
| <b>October 20</b>   | Board provides input on Elements of Reexamination Report; Review Projects; Redevelopment North and South Zoning issues      |
| <b>November 17</b>  | Receive Draft of Ordinance Revisions Set Schedule for Completion of Reexamination Report and Ordinance Revisions            |

So, on behalf of the entire Planning Board, please join us.

Bruno A. Basile  
Planning Board, Chairman



## Water System Update . . .

Engineering plans and designs are being reviewed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the state mandated improvements to treat radionuclides at the Love Lane Water Treatment facility. Once the review is completed, the Township will be going out to bid to construct the treatment facility. It is estimated that costs for this project are about \$2.2 million. The radionuclide problem is surfacing at most water treatment facilities throughout South Jersey. It is anticipated that the treatment system will be operational by June of 2009. The Township has applied for grant funding to offset some of the costs for the required upgrades to the system from USDA. Township officials are also investigating long term low interest financing options for the balance of the project costs.

The Township has maintained the current water rates since their inception in 1992. However with costs of the state mandated improvements of \$2.2 million, water rates will need to be increased in 2009. A public hearing for all water users will be held on the proposed water rates in the near future.

Visitors stop by business displays at the 4th Annual Upper Deerfield Community Day which was held on Saturday, April 26 at the Municipal Building, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook.

The annual event offers something for everyone and is a great day of good "old fashioned" fun. Don't miss next years event. Check the web at [www.UpperDeerfield.com](http://www.UpperDeerfield.com) for more Upper Deerfield news and events.



### Who has the cutest doggie in town?

Send a picture to me along with your dog's information and favorite activity. The winner will be featured in the townships next newsletter.

#### Send pictures to:

Upper Deerfield Township, Attn: Dog Registrar, PO Box 5098, Seabrook, NJ 08302 or [acolaneri@upperdeerfield.com](mailto:acolaneri@upperdeerfield.com)



# Outside Water Usage Restrictions

## For Township & Seabrook Water Customers

**Effective June 30, 2008:** All Township Water and Seabrook Water District customers will be allowed to use water outside their residence for nonessential purposes every other day. Homes designated by even-numbered addresses will be allowed to water lawns or gardens and wash cars on even days for three hours on such days -either between 6 am and 9 am or between 4 pm and 7 pm. Homes designated by odd-numbered addresses will be allowed to water lawns or gardens and wash cars on odd days for three hours on such days - either between 6 am and 9 am or between 4 pm and 7 pm. On the 31st day of any month, outside water use will be restricted. The water restrictions apply only to those residences who are connected to the municipal water supply system and not to residents or business owners having private wells.

Due to the nonessential summer water usage, the Township water treatment facility is running close to capacity 24 hours per day and nearing the State permitted water allocation per month. These restrictions are needed to enable the water system to return to normal operations and to allow time to provide proper maintenance on all equipment. Thank you for your assistance.

## ASK HEDY

**Q** Can you tell me if the Township of Upper Deerfield is applying for another Small Cities Grant for home rehabilitation?

**A** Yes. Upper Deerfield Township intends to apply for a Home Rehabilitation Grant through the Department of Community Affairs in September. If the Township is successful in being awarded the grant, anyone in the Township who meets the guidelines can apply for this grant.

**Q** Should I come in and apply for the grant now, or should I wait until we are notified that the Township has been awarded the Grant?

**A** You should apply now. Please come and fill out

an application in the Community Development Office which is located on the upper level of the Municipal Building and get on the waiting list for home rehabilitation. If we are awarded the Home Rehabilitation Grant, applications will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis so it is important for you to get on the list. When you stop by, we can go over the parameters of the program and determine if you qualify for the Grant. You will need to bring a copy of your 2007 income tax return, proof of a home insurance policy and proof of ownership of your property. All property taxes, water and sewer charges must also be paid current.

**Should you have any questions, please contact me by calling 451-3811, ext 133 and ask for Hedy.**

### LOBBY HOURS

Mon.-Wed. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Thurs. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
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Sat. 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

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**Edgar Joyce  
Senior Center News**

**A Meeting Place ... An Activity Place ... A Fun Place ... For Seniors!**

Spring is a great time of year and the Edgar Joyce Senior Center started with a grand "Open House" on May 5th. Showcased were crafts made this past winter by our members. Beautiful Swedish weaved afghans, crocheted shawls and quilted bags and pillows lined the walls.

arrangements and wreaths full of color and life. Samples of things to come were shown as new classes include scrap booking and leather craft.

If classes are not your "cup of tea", we have lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, so socializing is always available as well as a variety of speakers.

Recent activities included our veterans riding on a float in the Bridgeton

Memorial Day Parade and on June 4th, residents from the Cohanzick Zoo visited the Center and as a group we will decide on adopting one of the "lil critters".

On Friday June 6th, the children from Remster-ville Learning Center entertained us with the story "The Three Little Pigs", as we provided refreshments

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Big news is our travel plans. You have asked for more trips and here they are:

**DAY TRIPS**

**August 19, 2008** American Music Theatre 3:00 p.m. show "Crooners" lunch at Deanner's Buffet and Transportation ..... **\$80.00**

**November 2, 2008** American Music Theatre 3:00 p.m. Christmas Show, lunch Buffet and Transportation (Limited seats available) ..... **\$80.00**

**OVERNIGHT TRIPS**

**October 12 -18, 2008** Branson, Missouri

**November 7,8,& 9 2008** Wheeling, West Virginia, Festival of Lights

**Call 451-5649 for more details.**



**Edgar Joyce Senior Center in Upper Deerfield was visited by the Remsterville Learning Center. The children entertained with "The Three Little Pigs" followed by refreshments from the seniors.**

**Marlene Urban**  
*Rosenhayn Branch Manager*



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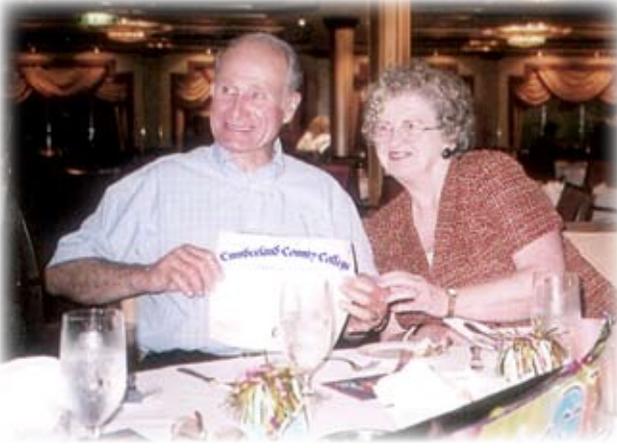
**Edgar Joyce Senior Center**

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for the children and their parents.  
Our spring pinochle tournament was held on June 16th.

**A NOTE FROM KIM.....**We hope to offer all our seniors something that each can enjoy. We strive to be a happy place and I think we succeed.

**JUST A THOUGHT.....** You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.

Township resident Dominick Rodriquez and his wife Midge celebrate his college graduation aboard the Spirit on the Edgar Joyce Senior Center cruise to the Bahamas



Dorothy Greco, Dorothy Ferriola and Jeanne Clark enjoy the deck on their cruise to the Bahamas with the Upper Deerfield Senior Center



Senior Center members visited the Remsterville Learning Center to read stories and have fun with the children

**NOTICE SENIORS...** If you're looking for a fun place with activities, write down this number (856) 451-5649. That is the number for the Edgar Joyce Senior Center in Upper Deerfield Township.

**Spotlight on Business**

Upper Deerfield's UpDate would like to support and recognize your business. If you would like to have your business featured in a future edition of the Township newsletter, please submit your business card or the name of your business with a contact person to:

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Township Newsletter  
PO Box 5098  
Seabrook, NJ 08302  
or email at  
[info@upperdeerfield.com](mailto:info@upperdeerfield.com)

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# Convenience Center Improvements Coming

Changes are coming to the Convenience Center over the next twelve months. The Township Committee has made upgrading and cleaning up the Center a priority. Future plans include making disposal of the recyclables more user friendly, relocating the brush disposal area, eliminating drainage problems and improving traffic flow. The majority of the construction and installation of these improvements will take place on days when the facility is closed. The Township is also inspecting all vehicles entering the facility to make sure that only Township residents are using the Convenience Center.

All non residential vehicles and commercial vehicles are being turned away.

Township ordinance requires that if trash, brush or garbage is to be transported on any public streets in the Township, the trash or brush must be contained in a covered, leakproof vehicle. The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent trash from being windblown and littering Township roadways and private properties. If you use a pick up or utility trailer to haul your trash you must cover it with a tarp. Help prevent littering from occurring in the Township.

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### New Jersey Universal Wastes Include:

- **Batteries** – Devices consisting of one or more electrically connected electromechanical cells, which is designed to receive, store, and deliver electronic energy (Does not include alkaline batteries – they can be disposed of in regular trash).
- **Consumer Electronics** – Any appliance used in the home or business that includes circuitry. Includes components and subassemblies of the electronic products. Examples include computers, printers, copiers, VCR's, televisions.
- **Pesticides**
- **Thermostats**
- **Hazardous Waste Lamps** – The bulb or tube portion of an electric lighting device. Examples of common universal waste lamps include fluorescent, high intensity discharge, neon, mercury vapor, high pressure sodium, and metal halide lamps.
- **Mercury-containing Devices** – Any product component which uses elemental mercury, sealed in an ampule or other container, as a functional component. Examples include mercury switches and thermometers.
- **Oil-based finishes** – Any paint or other finish which may exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic or contains a listed hazardous waste. Must be in original packaging, examples include oil-based paints, lacquers, stains and aerosol paint cans.

Upper Deerfield Township residents can bring their Consumer Electronics to the Convenience Center for disposal. All other materials listed above should be taken to the Cumberland County Improvement Authority Hazardous Universal Waste Collection Days. The last collection day for 2008 is scheduled for **Saturday, September 13, 2008** City of Vineland Road Department, East Walnut Road.

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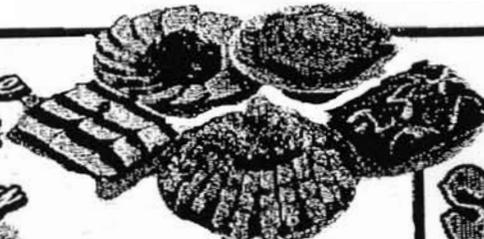
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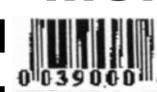


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# 2008 - 2010 Convenience Center Vehicle Stickers Now Available

2008-2010 Convenience Center Vehicle Stickers are now available at the Municipal Building located at 1325 State Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ, 08302 for Upper Deerfield Township residents. Due to the complaints about unauthorized individuals using the Township's Convenience Center, all Township residents must have the new sticker by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## There are two ways to receive your new 2008-2010 Convenience Center Vehicle Sticker:

1. Please bring your vehicle registration to either the Community Development Office on the upper level of the Municipal Building, or the Construction Office on the lower level of the Municipal Building. Hours of operation are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

OR

2. Request an application form or fill out the form online – [www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com) and mail the completed form with a copy of your vehicle registration to the above address. If

you are not listed on the Township's tax records, a proof of residency will also be necessary. If you are a renter, please submit a copy of your lease agreement. When we have all the necessary information, we will then issue your new sticker through the mail.

If you require an additional sticker or replacement sticker, it must be obtained at the Municipal Building at a cost of \$10.00 each. Stickers will not be issued to non-residents or businesses. The 2006-2008 Sticker will expire on July 30, 2008. The Convenience Center hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm..

For additional information or if you have any questions, please call the Municipal Building at (856) 451-3811. Ask for Hedy or Teresa.

**2008 – 2010 Convenience Center Stickers required for your vehicle by July 31<sup>st</sup> in order to use the facility.**

# Computer Recycling Program



Reconnect, a no-charge computer recycling program for consumers throughout the state of New Jersey and the City of Philadelphia, was introduced on June 21, 2007 by Dell, Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey and Goodwill Industries of Southern New Jersey/Quaker City Goodwill. The program is intended to raise awareness of the importance of responsible computer disposal and give residents a free and convenient way to do the right thing with their unwanted computer equipment. The goal of the program is to keep more than four million pounds of used computers and computer equipment from landfills in one year and to educate residents on the importance of proper computer recycling.

## How to Recycle an Unwanted Computer

- Goodwill will accept and sort the donated computer equipment. The equipment will be responsibly recycled through Dell's Asset Recovery Services value recovery program.
- Cumberland County residents can drop off unwanted computers at the **Millville Goodwill located at 1418 High Street (856-293-1717)** or visit [www.reconnectpartnership.com](http://www.reconnectpartnership.com) to locate the most convenient drop-off location at any of the 23 participating Goodwill donation centers and retail stores.
- There is no charge for dropping off a computer at Goodwill. Any brand of used computer is accepted.
- Customers are responsible for removing data from their hard drives. Neither Goodwill nor Dell is liable for data removal or protection.
- Customers may be able to deduct the value of the computer for tax purposes. Goodwill will provide donors with a donation receipt at the time of donation. Customers are encouraged to check with their tax advisors for more information.

## Significance of Program to the Region

- All proceeds of value recovered from the recycled computer equipment go to Goodwill to support job training and employment services programs.
- Consumers can drop-off computer equipment at any of 23 locations throughout New Jersey and Philadelphia.
- New Jersey is only the second state in the country to have a state-wide consumer computer recycling program. Reconnect is available in a limited number of U.S. communities including Austin, Texas, San Francisco, San Diego, San Antonio, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, and the state of Michigan.
- While computers are safe to use, they do contain some environmentally sensitive materials. These materials can be safely removed or recycled, but only if the computers are kept out of landfills in the first place. Reconnect provides an environmentally responsible solution for computer recycling.

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On behalf of the Township Committee and the Economic Development Committee, Township officials and the Township's Economic Development Consultant, Tony Stanzione of Cumberland Development Corp. (CDC), are visiting local businesses each month in order to become aware of any business issues, answer any questions about the Township and offer guidance or assistance to any business related concerns. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact Roy Spoltore, Township Administrator at 451-3811.

## TOWNSHIP REMINDERS ...

*\*Tax and Utility payments must be made before the end of the year in order to claim them on your income tax returns.*

*\*Anyone owing \$10,000 or more in taxes at the end of the year will receive an additional 6% year end penalty*



## friends & neighbors

(left to right) Anthony Buono, Business Dev. Officer; Barbara Lane; Shelly Shafer; Anne Felmey; Sasha Earl; Lynn Sayre; Kelly Diatterick, Branch Manager of Hopewell Office and Annamarie DeFrancisco

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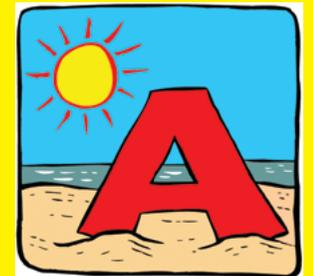
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# Helping To Reduce *Your* Impact On The Environment

# Scenes From Community Day

We are sure that everyone wants a lush, beautiful lawn, but the time spent mowing and watering it can be exhausting. The chemicals needed to keep it looking good are often a cause of concern regarding the environment. Fertilizers contain a tremendous amount of salt, which kills beneficial microbes and dehydrates and eliminates air spaces in the soil. This makes it difficult for roots to grow. Lawns fed with these chemically enhanced products often require herbicide and pesticide applications to maintain them.

However, the benefits of using organic fertilizers are many. These fertilizers actually improve the soil and encourage healthy, strong turf and there is no worry of environmental pollution. The best thing about switching to organic fertilizers is that there is no wrong time to start using it! Organics are becoming easier to spread, use and work with.

Synthetic fertilizers don't improve soil health; they only provide nutrition for plants. Organic fertilizers feed the plant and improve the soil at the same time. Healthy soil, rich in organic matter, holds nutrients and water to be easily used by the turf's roots. Adding nutrients, organic fertilizers improve soil porosity, which increases water and nutrient penetration. As your lawn increases its water retention, the time spent watering decreases! Generally in two to three years, your turf won't need watering because your soil will have built the best root system possible.

Organic fertilizers promote the growth of short, strong cell walls

leading to strong, thick blades of grass. Thicker blades have more surface area, which increases photosynthesis, and with more energy feeding the root system, the organically fertilized turf will have a stronger, deeper root mass. Thanks to these thick blades and improved root system, organically fed grass will hold up better to traffic. Synthetic fertilizers, however tend to push plant growth by elongating cell walls, forcing your turf to grow taller and faster, with thin, weak blades. This causes you to mow more often.

With bigger root mass and thicker blades, your organically fertilized lawn will be more disease resistant because healthy turf is less susceptible to ailments. Healthy, thick turf also is better at shading out competing weeds and other undesirable plants, eliminating the need for chemical herbicides. Insect infestations will also be less likely because healthy turf is able to fight off insects naturally without the use of chemical pesticides. And the increased soil porosity of organically fertilized lawns makes runoff of potential contaminants or excess nitrogen and phosphorus less likely.

An organic lawn fertilizer will have the word "organic" on the label. The phrase "all natural" is not the same thing. Also, the nutrient content will be lower because organic fertilizers work by feeding the soil. They do not need to deliver the huge doses of nutrients synthetics do. The switch to organic fertilizers means more time enjoying your lawn and less time tending to it!

— Submitted by Upper Deerfield Environmental Commission



(Above) Hoh Daiko Drummers entertain the crowd at the 4th Annual event.

(Below) Seabrook Minyo Dancers participate dressed in beautiful attire.



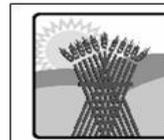
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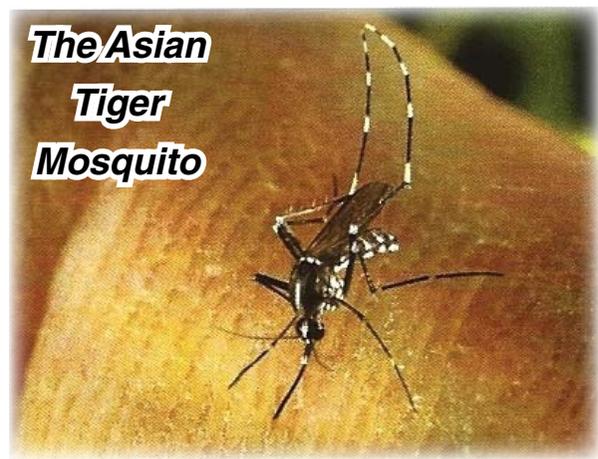
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# Are You Ready for Mosquito Season?

For more than 30 million years, people have been swatting mosquitoes, while frogs, birds and spiders have been eating them for lunch. They are a necessary nuisance. Here's some information to help you co-exist with New Jersey's 63 species.



**The Asian Tiger Mosquito**

Photo Courtesy of CDC/James Gathany

### Mosquito-borne viruses in NJ

Outbreaks of mosquito-borne disease are relatively rare here, due to the state's considerable mosquito surveillance and control efforts. Horses should be vaccinated against the Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus. The widely publicized West Nile Encephalitis (WNV) is actually carried by less than 1% of the mosquito population and most people who are infected have no symptoms. Human cases of WNV in NJ have been steadily declining since a peak of 34 in 2003.

### Protect Yourself

The male mosquito feeds on plant nectar and dies a few days after mating. But the female

mosquito's favorite food is human blood, which she needs when breeding. She's attracted to heat, light, perspiration, perfume, body odor, lactic acid and the carbon dioxide in our breath. Our native species tend to feed primarily at dusk, but the Asian Tiger Mosquito will bite any time of day. To protect your sensitive skin:

- Use citronella candles on your patio or deck.
- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts at dawn and dusk.
- Or use a mosquito repellent containing DEET.
- Keep screens on windows and doors in good condition.
- Treat mosquito bites by washing with soap and water and applying an anti-itch medicine. Don't scratch! It makes the itching worse.

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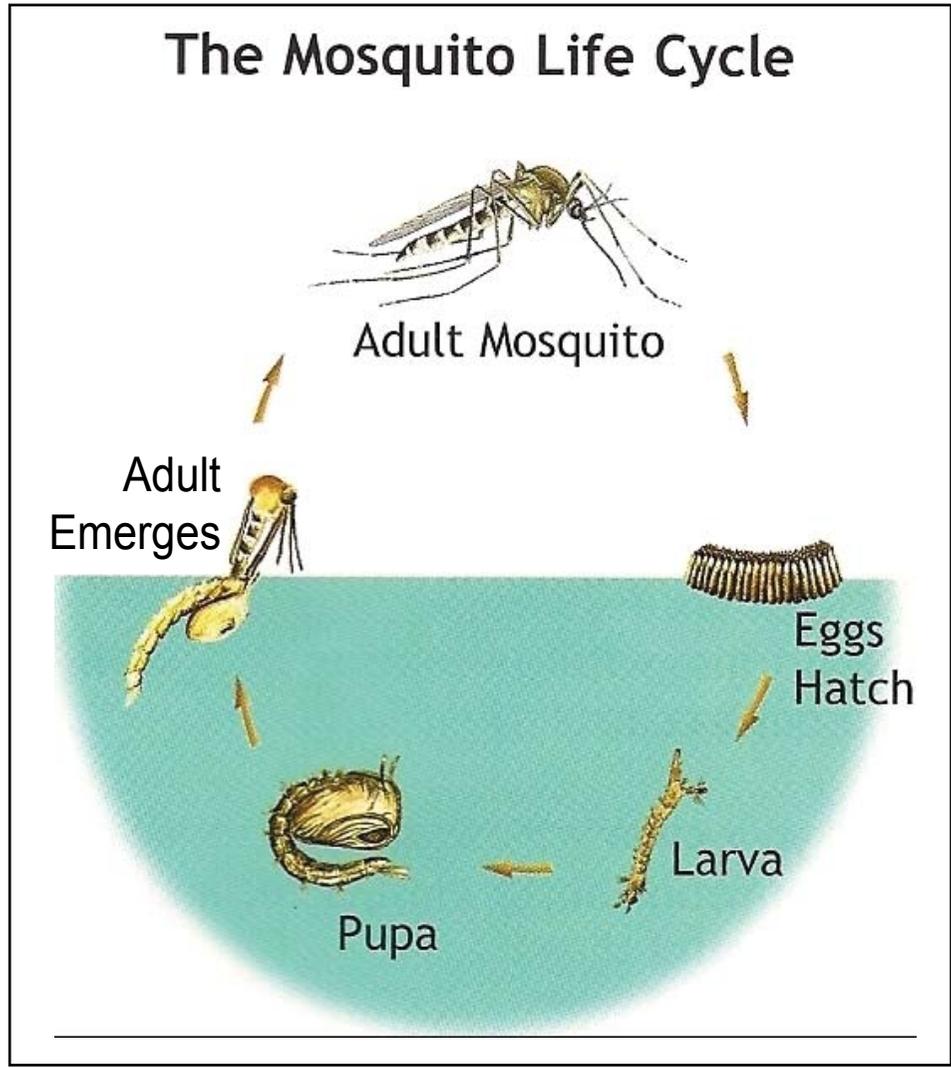
### A New Mosquito

Watch out for The Asian Tiger Mosquito, an aggressive biter that has taken a strong foothold in South Jersey. This mosquito breeds handily in any small container of water--even a bottle cap. It's a tiny dark mosquito, smaller than our local natives, with stripy white patterning on its legs, back and abdomen.

### How mosquitoes grow

A mosquito requires water to complete its life cycle. If you want to cut down on the mosquito population, check your yard for places that hold water:

- Buckets
- Flower pots
- Old tires
- Soda cans
- Bottle caps
- Seashells
- Tire ruts that stay wet for more than a week
- Clogged rain gutters
- Uncovered boats or wading pools
- Play equipment
- Dirty bird baths



## MOSQUITO MYTHS DEBUNKED

**Myth:** Taking large doses of vitamin B -- some say B-1, others say B-6 or B-12 -- causes the skin to exude an odor that wards off mosquitoes.

**Reality:** Uli Bernier, a research chemist in the Mosquito and Fly Research Unit of the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Gainesville, Fla., tested the vitamin B theory. "We dosed ourselves so high you could smell us," he says. Verdict: The mosquitoes still bit.

**Myth:** Tying a sheet of Bounce fabric softener through a belt loop or rubbing one on your body keeps mosquitoes away.

**Reality:** No such luck, Bernier says. "I walked around with sheets flapping from my arms," and the insects still bit.

**Myth:** Eating lots of garlic or taking garlic supplements repels mosquitoes.

**Reality:** Bernier found garlic had no effect, as did a study at the University of Connecticut Health Center. However, the lead author, T. V. Rajan, thinks garlic could work. It's just that the amounts required might not be "socially acceptable," he says.

**Myth:** Mosquitoes can't bite through clothing.

**Reality:** They can! According to Bernier, who has helped develop repellent-treated clothing for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, "It is quite evident that they can even bite through thick uniforms when there is insufficient or no repellent present." Clothing may, he concedes, make biting a little more difficult for them.



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