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## **2015 Home Rehabilitation Grant Available To Income-Qualified Homeowners**

The 2015 Small Cities Home Rehabilitation Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$150,000 to help income-qualified Upper Deerfield Township homeowners repair their homes in Upper Deerfield Township is almost fully expended. The home rehabilitation program provided up to \$25,000 in assistance to 8 homeowners to help with home repairs including windows, roofs, floors, heating systems, insulation, woodwork, plumbing and similar work to remedy serious home deficiencies.

The Small Cities grant award is the sixth grant received by the Township since 2006 to provide home rehabilitation grants to income qualified homeowners. If you are interested in learning more about the program and being included on the waiting list, please contact Amy Colaneri at 451-3811, ext 133.

## **Township Awarded Green Acres Grant To Aid In The Purchase Of Open Land**

The Township was recently awarded a matching \$550,000 planning incentive grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program to aid in the purchase of land for open space purposes.

Utilizing the recommendation of the Township Open Space Plan, the Township Committee is collaborating with the National Land Trusts, Inc., County of Cumberland and other non-profit organizations to utilize the grant funds, plus funds from the partners, to acquire the area known as the Sunset Lake project at the corner of Old Deerfield Pike and Cornwell Drive.

## **2014 Audit Shows Exceptional Financial Management**

The Township Committee received the findings of the 2014 audit that was recently concluded by Township Auditors, Petroni and Associates which showed no recommendations for the seventh consecutive year. The Township Committee thanked the staff for their continued exemplary fiscal management of Township and taxpayer funds.

## **Community Day Attendance Continues To Grow Each Year**

Upper Deerfield Township held its eleventh annual Community Day this past April. Attendance continues to increase each year. The 2015 event had over 50 Arts & Crafts vendors participating, business and organization displays, a food court, kid's activities, inflatable amusements and plenty of family fun. The annual celebration organized by the Upper Deerfield Township Historical Commission continues to provide fun activities for everyone who attends, from the young to the young at heart. See photos from this year's Community Day in the newsletter.



Plans for next year's event are now being discussed. If you would like to help organize the next Community Day or volunteer to help at the event, please contact us by email at [info@upperdeerfield.com](mailto:info@upperdeerfield.com) or call the Municipal Building at 451-3811.

## **\$400,000 Seabrook Sewer Project Almost Finished**

Upper Deerfield Township received a \$400,000 Small Cities Facilities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to replace two antiquated distribution sanitary sewer lines in Seabrook that start from East Village and from Parsonage Road and connect to the Cumberland County Utilities Authority Lift Station behind the Township's Convenience Center. The replacement of these sewer mains were recently completed. The contract for the project was awarded to Fred M Schiavone Construction. These two sections of the sanitary sewer lines in the Seabrook area, were originally constructed in the 1940's and 50's.

## **\$170,000 Grant To Pave Button Mill Road**

The Township will be repaving Button Mill Road utilizing a \$170,000 New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund Grant and funds the Township set aside for roadway capital improvements. The construction plans are currently being reviewed by NJDOT. After the plans are finalized, the project will go out to bid sometime in the fall. Depending on the timing, the road will be repaved late this fall or early spring.

## Getting Married?:



In order to get married in New Jersey, the couple has to go to the municipality in which either party resides.

You must bring in a copy of your birth certificate, driver's license, passport or state I.D, social security card or social security number 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.

## Know The Proper Placement Of Your Portable Basketball Hoop

Portable Basketball Hoops cannot be placed on any paved roadway surface. The paved area of the streets must be clear of any obstacles for street safety concerns. The Township thanks you for your cooperation in removing the portable basketball poles from the paved area of the street.



## Display Your 'Assigned' 911 Number Correctly

In order to allow state police, fire and ambulance personnel to locate your residence in the case of an emergency, the Township has required all buildings in the Township to post the 911 number assigned to them. The owner of the property should put the numbers on a six foot, four by four inch post that extends at least forty inches above the ground on the house side edge of the driveway. The numbers are to be placed two inches from the top of the post and on two sides of the post so that emergency vehicles can see the numbers traveling in either direction along the roadway. Reflective numbers are available free of charge at the municipal building in the construction office.

If a resident needs help installing the post, please contact one of the local fire companies and they will assist you. Before you dig, call 1-800-272-1000 to locate any potential underground utilities. Please allow three working days for the company to mark out the locations of any utilities.

## Licensing Your Dog

**IF YOUR DOG HAS PASSED AWAY, PLEASE NOTIFY THE REGISTRAR SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS.**



License time frame is from January 1st to December 31st.

### License Fees:

- Spayed / Neutered .....\$10
- Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered.....\$13

Late Fee after April 30th is an extra \$10.00

The owner of any newly-acquired dog of licensing age, 7 months or older, or having a permanent set of

teeth must be licensed within ten days after acquiring the animal. The state requires that a rabies shot be valid for 10 months out of the current year. When you come in to register your dog you will need a valid rabies shot certificate and verification of who performed the spayed/neutered procedure and when.

*Please do not allow your dog to run at large, not only for their own safety, but for the safety of your neighbors. Do not allow your animal to cause unreasonable annoyance to another person on the public highway or on adjoining or neighboring properties.*

## Township Re-Evaluates Street Lights

In 2014, the Township paid over \$133,000 for street lighting in the Township. The intent of street lights is to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The Township ordinance states that street lights should be located at intersections, dangerous curves, dead end roads, cul-de-sacs and locations with a high motor vehicle accident history. In an effort to control the costs of street lighting, the Township is currently re-evaluating the location of the street lights in the Township. After reviewing the preliminary findings, there appears to be a number of street lights that do not comply with the ordinance guidelines that will need to be removed and in some cases relocated.

## Clean Communities Grant Enables Township To Donate To Volunteer Groups & Organizations

The Township received a 2015 Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$16,965.16. A portion of the grant funds will enable the Township to donate funds for approved volunteer groups such as Cub Scouts, Boy and/or Girl Scouts, church, school or civic groups and other similar organized groups for picking up litter along the roads. "Clean Up" Days throughout the year allow the approved volunteer group to pick litter up on selected streets within Upper Deerfield. Vests, gloves and trash bags are provided to the groups and cleanups are limited to one time per group per year and the club must be in the Township. To inquire about receiving a donation for your volunteer group, contact Chad Ott at 856-451-9405.

## Utilize Township Website

On the Township's website, [www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com), under the Public Records icon on the home page, one can view the Township Committee's agendas, minutes, resolutions and ordinances for 2010 through 2014. Planning Board minutes, resolutions and agendas are also online for 2010 through 2014. Adopted Township budgets and financial audits are online from 2004 to 2014.

## ONLINE CONVENIENCE

[www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com)

## Township Offers Online Tax and Utility Payments

The Township of Upper Deerfield offers the convenience of making Tax and Utility payments online by going to:

[www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com).

Click on the "Pay Taxes & Utility Bills" link on the home page of the Township's website that will allow payments to be processed.

There is a user fee of \$1.05 for each electronic check and a fee of \$3.95 for each Visa Debit Transaction with this service. All other Debit/Credit Card transactions have a user fee of 2.95 % (percent) of the transaction.

Tax Collector's hours:  
**8:30-3:30**  
**Monday thru Friday**

The seniors at Edgar Joyce Senior Center (EJSC) have had a busy few months. Many speakers have come to the Center to speak on topics that are of interest to them.

In May, we held our semi-annual pinochle tournament at the Center with 22 players participating. Our winner was Erwin Booksha. Later in that week the County held its annual pinochle tournament and Herman Evans from EJSC was the winner of that tournament and brought a trophy back to the Center, which is displayed in our trophy case.

In June and July, the seniors enjoyed various different treat days. On Monday, August 14th the Center had a summer BBQ party. Seventy-two seniors were in attendance and a great time was had by all. Activities included team participation in a "Minute to Win it" game challenge and the festivities ended with a performance from the Gloucester City String Band which everyone enjoyed.

On Friday, October 23rd EJSC will be hosting a free flu shot clinic from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

In December, the Center will be having the annual Christmas party with a "Magical Day" from magician Kevin Bethes. Kevin's spellbinding performance at last year's Holiday party amazed the audience and he is returning by popular request of the congregate.

The Center's second pinochle tournament of the year will also take place in December for the Center's members.

**For information about participating in any of the Center's activities, please contact Donna Lloyd, Director at 451-5649 and she will be happy to speak with you.**



## Home Rehabilitation Grants Slated For 2016

Upper Deerfield Township is accepting new applications from homeowners who would like to take advantage of the home rehabilitation program. The Township hopes to have grant funds available around the spring of 2016.

The home rehabilitation program provides assistance up to \$25,000 to help with home repairs including windows, roofs, floors, heating systems, insulation, woodwork, plumbing and similar work to remedy serious home deficiencies. Half of the assistance provided converts to a grant in six years. The other half is only paid back (without interest) when the homeowner sells the home.

Anyone interested in being included on the waiting list should contact Amy Colaneri at the Upper Deerfield Township Municipal Building at 451-3811 ext 133.

## Skyriders – Community Day Trampoline Show



**Hoh Daiko Drummers – Regular participant of the Community Day festivities**

Littering has a negative impact on everyone and everything.

### Keep Cumberland County and Our Precious Resources Clean

If you witness someone littering, help us stop them by calling:  
**(856) 455-8855**

Thank you in advance for reporting the following:  
Date • Time • Location  
Vehicle Description • License Plate Number

*Stop Litterers. Help Keep Cumberland County Beautiful.*

## Stormwater Basin Beautification

Basins collect storm water runoff and pollution before emptying into streams, lakes and rivers. The Upper Deerfield Environmental Commission is embarking on a pilot project to beautify the storm water basin located on the corner of Quail Run and Love Lane. The Commission's goal is to turn the basin into a wildlife garden that will act as a filter for reducing pollutants in storm water discharges. Sediments and nutrients are thus removed by the vegetation before the storm water reaches a stream. If you are interested in volunteering your help or for more information on this pilot project, please call Teresa Warburton at 856 455 9591, and leave your name and phone number. A member of the Environmental Commission will contact you.



**Stormwater Basin transformed into Wildlife Garden.**



**Stormwater Basin at Quail Ridge and Love Lane.**

## Residential Tax Abatements for Improvements on Homes 20 Years or Older

Upper Deerfield Township adopted Ordinance No. 715, amending and supplementing Chapter 360 of the Upper Deerfield Township Code, in August, 2014. The ordinance allows for Tax Exemptions and Abatements for Improvements to Dwellings More than Twenty (20) Years Old.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to provide for the exemption from taxation of the first \$25,000, in the full and true value of newly assessed improvements to the dwelling and grant abatements for a period of five years subject to Exemption for Improvements to Dwellings, to the extent allowed herein and as authorized by the Five-Year Exemption and Abatement Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et. Seq.)

Said amendment contains language providing for exemptions and abatements for all property in the Township. This notice is made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:21-20. For more information please contact Brian P. Rosenberger, CTA, Township Tax Assessor - at [brosenberger@upperdeerfield.com](mailto:brosenberger@upperdeerfield.com). Phone: (856) 451-3148. Office Hours: Thursday (8:30 am – 4:30 pm).

# Upper Deerfield Township **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

This issue's "Meet the Township Employees", features a representative from finance, public works and emergency medical services.



• **Andrea Penny, Tax Collector**, began her employment with the Township, in April of 2003, as the Township Tax Collector. She began her career in the public sector in September of 1995 and received her State issued Tax Collector certificate in 2001. Besides serving as the Township Tax Collector, Andrea also serves as a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. Both positions require a State certification that is renewed every two years providing the individual obtains sufficient continuing education credits to remain certified. Andrea lives in Moorestown and loves to travel.

• **Kiernan "Kap" McCarthy, EMT**, has been part of the Township's Emergency Medical Services since May of 2005 when the Township began the 6 AM to 6 PM paid service to cover the medical emergencies in the Township during the daytime hours. Kap has been an Emergency Medical Technician since 1997. He lives in Washington Township and loves to fish.



• **Nathan Mixner, Public Works**, was hired in October 2010 to work in the public works department. Nate is part of the Township's general maintenance crew which maintains the roadways, recreation areas and equipment. Nate also handles some of the mechanic and welding work. Nate lives in Hopewell Township and is an avid hunter.

## Cumberland County RSVP Volunteer Of The Year

Virginia Lamanteer was recently selected as the Cumberland County Office on Aging RSVP Volunteer of the Year. Mayor James Crilley presents a plaque from the County and a proclamation from the Township to Virginia for her selection as RSVP Volunteer of the year as Donna Lloyd, Director of the Township Senior Center looks on. During the presentation, Mayor Crilley stated that "public service is a blessing for the individuals and for the community which benefits from Virginia's knowledge, dedication and experiences".



**Virginia Lamanteer is presented a plaque by Mayor James Crilley for being selected as Cumberland County RSVP Volunteer of the Year.**

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# Upper Deerfield Leader in Shared Services

Upper Deerfield Township continues to be a leader in shared services. The Township is the host and member of the 9-member municipal CS Regional Court, is one of 41 municipalities participating in a joint municipal insurance fund, hosts construction office services with 4 other municipalities and provides housing office assistance with Shiloh. The Township also utilizes professional services from Millville for the tax assessor and Shiloh for recycling reporting. Equipment sharing agreements with Cumberland County, Bridgeton and Hopewell are also utilized.

As municipal budget management is scrutinized, the Township Committee continues to try and reduce costs while maintaining local services as evidenced by these shared services agreements.



## Municipal Building Improvements

The Municipal Building began operation in 1969. Recently, the Township Committee began doing some major preventative maintenance and energy improvements to the building. In 2014, the original 45 year old roof was replaced. This year the original windows will be replaced with architectural appropriate energy efficient thermal paned windows at the end of October or beginning of November. The landscaping in front of the building was recently removed by the public works department and replaced using locally grown shrubbery.



## Bridgeton Journal Has Customer Hotline To Call

Residents have been calling the Municipal Building about the delivery of the Bridgeton Journal. The Bridgeton Journal has a customer hotline to either cancel or ensure delivery of the newspaper. Residents should call 877-521-0001 to discuss any delivery issue or go to [www.thedailyjournal.com/bridgetonjournal](http://www.thedailyjournal.com/bridgetonjournal).

## Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court

The Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court began operation in February 2012 with the goal of reducing the costs of operating the courts for the eight municipalities (Deerfield, Greenwich, Hopewell, Lawrence, Pittsgrove, Shiloh, Stow Creek and Upper Deerfield) who were previously operating their own municipal courts. Beginning in July of 2015, Downe Township became the ninth municipality to participate in the Regional Court.

Prior to the creation of the Regional Court the eight original municipalities collectively had a deficit of over a quarter of million dollars in operating their local municipal courts.

This shared service agreement to create the regional court enabled the eight municipalities to reduce the collective loss to operate the court to just under \$100,000, reducing the previous overall loss by over 60%.

The municipal governing bodies and their representatives to the joint court committee continue to work together to provide for a cost effective administration of justice for their residents.

Martin Whitcraft serves as the Judge, Thomas Corrigan is the Prosecutor, Stephen Kernan is the Public Defender and Patricia Turkali is the Court Administrator for the regional court.



## Upper Deerfield Enters Shared Service with Millville

Upper Deerfield and the City of Millville entered into a shared service agreement beginning in May to provide Administrative Construction Office services.

Upper Deerfield Township also provides Construction Code office services including Office Management and Review & Inspection for the Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Codes for Deerfield, Fairfield and Stow Creek Townships.

## Ordinance Outlining Guidelines for Alcoholic Beverages License

In November 2014, the voters approved the referendum on the ballot that would allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Township. The Township Committee will be introducing an ordinance establishing the guidelines that an operator of a liquor license will have to follow if issued an Alcoholic Beverage License in September or October. As is the case with any ordinance, a public hearing date will be advertised to receive input from the public in reviewing these guidelines.

While there is currently no specific business seeking a license, Township officials want to be prepared and be in a position to offer a license at a time it chooses, to those who may be interested in use of the licenses in a manner that the Township finds to be conducive to the development goals of the Township.

## Do You Know The Difference Between A Burglary And A Robbery?

- **What is a burglary?** A burglary occurs when a person enters or remains unlawfully in a home/building with the intent to commit a crime. It is a property crime. A burglary is not "robbery", which is a crime against a person. Burglary is a crime of "opportunity". The first goal in prevention is to reduce the opportunity.
- **When do burglaries occur?** Most burglaries occur during the daylight hours because most people are working or running errands. Entry is most often made through a front or back door. Glass is seldom broken, but will be if necessary.

  
**The Bridgeton State Police**  
**Station 24-hour NON EMERGENCY tip line number is 856-451-6034**


# Explanation Of New Water Rates

The monitoring and handling of the radionuclide material at the water plants and the capital costs associated with the state-mandated improvements have added over \$400,000 per year to annual operating cost of the public water system. Due to the increased cost of operating the water system, the water rates were increased effective with the July bill.

The Township maintained the original water rates which were established in the early 90's, before making the first adjustment to the rates in the summer of 2011.

We have been monitoring the utility budget since the rates were adjusted in 2011, and the water budget has been operating at a loss the past couple of years, which has necessitated the need to slightly increase the water rates.

The new water rate is \$25 per month with an allowance of 4,000 gallons per month, with excess water usage billed at \$3.50 per thousand gallons. Citizens 65 and older, who register with the Tax Collector, will receive a 10% discount on their monthly base bill, with excess usage charges at \$3.50 per thousand gallons.

Even with these increased costs, water users are paying less than six tenths of a penny per gallon to have water quality of the highest standards.

# New Dump Truck Acquired



Upper Deerfield purchased a new dump truck for road projects, leaf collection and snow removal.

# Annual Leaf Pickup Schedule

The Township will start the annual Leaf Pick-up the last week in October or first week in November (follow the Township website for details – [www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com) ).

All leaves must be placed at the **edge of the road** in front of your property. We ask again that the residents make sure that your **leaf piles do not have any limbs, trash or debris placed in them. If your leaf piles contain these items, your pile will not be picked up as these items damage the equipment and cause safety concerns for our personnel.** Any resident that does not adhere to this policy will have their piles remain in the street until the resident removes the debris.

Please continue to take all grass clippings, branches, limbs and shrubbery to the recycle center for disposal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please contact Public Works at (856) 451-9405 or (856) 455-2779 ext. 3441.

*Thank you for your cooperation again this year.*

# How Your Tax Money Is Distributed

New Jersey law requires municipalities to collect the taxes for the county government, local schools and the municipal government. The Municipality then distributes the funds to each of the entities either monthly or quarterly. The municipality is also required to pay the county and the schools 100% of their budget appropriation based on the Township collecting 100% of the taxes. Last year's collection rate in Upper Deerfield Township was 96%. This means that the municipality had to cover the remaining 4% of uncollected taxes in the local budget to pay the county and schools in full. This year's municipal budget includes \$698,360 to cover the anticipated amount of uncollected taxes.

This is how your 2015 tax dollars are distributed for every \$100 dollars in taxes paid:

- County Government receives \$39.40,
- Upper Deerfield Schools receive \$39.60,
- Cumberland Regional receives \$17.90 and
- The Township receives \$3.10.

## Volunteers Encouraged to Join UPPER Deerfield EMS

## JOIN TODAY!



Do **YOU** like to help people? Do **YOU** want to serve your community? Do **YOU** want to change someone's life? **Upper Deerfield EMS** wants **YOU** to come out and Volunteer! Come join our **FAMILY!** Inquire, at the building, on how to apply! 10 Hoover rd, seabrook, nj (next to the township municipal building). Or call 856-455-2779



# Several Upper Deerfield Businesses To Get Awards

On Thursday, October 29, the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 29th Annual Salute to Business and Industry Awards Dinner sponsored by Inspira Health Network at Centerton Country Club. "We invite the community to join the Chamber as we recognize our recipients who have achieved success through endurance, enthusiasm and excellence," commented the Chamber Chairperson Susan Jones. Mayor Jim Crilley congratulates all the winners in particular those from Upper Deerfield including: Century Savings Bank, K & R Vending and Upper Deerfield Preschool.

The other winners are Paul Ritter, III, who will receive Francis Sharp Lifetime Achievement Award, Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Committee that will receive the Gary Simmerman Community Leadership Award, Van Meter Christmas Tree Farm, Zirkle Nursery, Al Scarani Gulf Service, Terrigno's Bakery and Ricky Slade Construction.

The cost per person for the awards dinner is \$60. Reception time and cash bar begins at 5:15 PM. The dinner program starts at 6:15 PM.

**For information on the Awards Dinner, you may call the Chamber office at 856-455-1312.**



# Upper Deerfield Welcomes Two New Businesses



**Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen** with over 1,600 franchised restaurants opened a store in the former Friendly's Restaurant building on Pearl Street. Popeye's distinguishes itself with

a unique "New Orleans" style menu that features spicy chicken, chicken tenders, fried shrimp, and other seafood, as well as jambalaya, red beans and rice and other regional items.

**Hibbett Sports** with stores in 31 states opened their first store in New Jersey in the Upper Deerfield Plaza Shopping Center. The Upper Deerfield store was the 1001 store in the franchise which has their corporate headquarters in Alabama. Hibbett Sports provides a wide variety of sporting goods categories including footwear, apparel and equipment offering the highest quality name brands and very competitive prices.



# Township Applies For Grant To Continue ADA Compliant Upgrades At Recreation Complex

Upper Deerfield Township has applied for a \$400,000 Small Cities Facilities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to continue the ADA compliant upgrades to the recreational facilities. If the grant is awarded, a portion of these grant funds will enable the Township to complete the ADA compliant recreational walk paths through the Township Recreation areas that will connect the Little League fields with the playground area and the soccer fields.

The project would also add ADA compliant playground equipment and replace the existing ground surface with a rubberized ADA compliant base. ADA compliant health stations would also be added along the Phase I and II walk paths. Typically the grants are awarded sometime in the winter.

# Upper Deerfield Township Officials Visit Businesses



Mayor Jim Crilley, Deputy Mayor Terry O'Neill, Township Clerk/Administrator Roy Spoltore and Economic Development Consultant Tony Stanzone of CDC visited several Upper Deerfield businesses in the past few months to exchange information, to see how things are going for the businesses and to thank them for doing business in the Township. Pictured are visits to Locker Room Self Storage on Love Lane and Perdue Grains on Silver Lake Road.



# 8 Drop Box For Disposal Of Unused Prescription Drugs

The Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) in conjunction with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) represents the consortium of the townships of Hopewell, Stow Creek, Greenwich, Deerfield, Upper Deerfield, Fairfield and the borough of Shiloh. **Upper Deerfield Township** has proudly and generously served as our lead municipality for a period exceeding 25 years. The focus is and remains "the prevention of drug abuse and the education of same" to our residents.

ASAP and Upper Deerfield Township proudly announce the "resurrection" of a previously utilized prevention method entitled "**The Vial of Life Project.**" This was re-introduced to our membership by volunteer **Roy Kanishiki**. In short: medical information is stored in a sealed baggie, attached to refrigerator door and marked by a decal on the resident's front door. In this manner, First Responders can quickly and accurately obtain emergent medical information. We thank Roy for his knowledge and leadership!

Additionally, we are very proud to partner with the **Cumberland County Sheriff's Office & Sgt. Scott Umland** who coordinates the **Project Medicine Drop** initiative. The Sheriff's Office houses a Permanent Drop Box for disposal of unused prescription drugs. For our purposes, they have generously agreed to oversee, deliver drop boxes and dispose of RX Drugs through a temporary disposal site within designated areas in our districts. Temporary sites have been planned for the **Upper Deerfield Senior Center, Deerfield Senior Center** and **Hopewell Senior Center**. (Dates to be provided) Please join our residents in the fight against RX Drug Abuse by utilizing these sites.

## Upper Deerfield Twp. Monthly Planner

### OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Township Committee 7:00pm	2	3
4	5 Recreation Commission 7:00pm Pride Committee 7:00pm Court 9:00am	6	7 Environmental Commission 7:00pm	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Municipal Building Closed	13 Historical Commission 7:00pm	14 Planning Board 7:00pm	15 Township Committee 7:00pm	16	17
18	19 Court - 9:00am Planning Board 7:00pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Court - 9:00am	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Trick or Treat 4:00pm - 7:00pm

### NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Recreation Commission 7:00pm Pride Committee 7:00pm Court - 9:00am	3	4 Environmental Commission 7:00pm	5 Township Committee 7:00pm	6	7
8	9 Court 9:00am Planning Board 7:00pm	10 Historical Commission 7:00pm	11 Veterans Day Municipal Building Closed	12	13	14
15	16 Court 9:00am Planning Board 7:00pm	17	18	19 Township Committee 7:00pm	20	21
22	23 Court 9:00am	24 Economic Development 7:00pm	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Municipal Building Closed	27	28
29	30 Court - 9:00am					

# Adopt-A-Road Program Revamped

The CCIA has revamped the county's Adopt-a-Road program. It's now online to register a road, request supplies and pickups. All county roads are open for adoption. Any who has adopted a road must register online to maintain the road.

Latex paint is no longer accepted at the convenience centers or landfill. It can be hardened with cat litter or hardening agents available at any hardware/big box store and disposed of with your everyday household trash.

Keep Cumberland County An Attractive Place to Live and Work



Adopt A Road That Matters to YOU!

Or Re-register to Guarantee Previous Road Adoptions

Sign-Up Online Today!

[www.ccia-net.com](http://www.ccia-net.com)

Residential Participation is FREE • Business/Organization Sponsorships Available

A great way to honor or memorialize individuals, organizations or companies and participate in a local beautification project.

The last Household Hazardous Waste Day for 2015 is September 12. The next day for this event will be April 9, 2016. Residential document shredding is also available.

Littering in Cumberland County is of major concern to many of our residents. Illegal dumpings in our wooded areas and litter on our roadways are not only unsightly but hazardous to the environment. CCIA encourages all residents, and those visiting our county, to STOP IT! and report any illegal dumping activity or littering to 856.455.8855.

NEW FOR 2015

CCIA will NOT accept latex paint



**LATEX PAINT**  
(also called water-based paint)

is NOT a hazardous waste and should be disposed of with the rest of your household waste.

#### HERE IS HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF LATEX PAINT:

- 1) Make sure the paint can is 1/2 full or less. If the can is more than 1/2 full, pour excess into another container, like a milk jug or coffee can.
- 2) Add clay-based kitty litter or speedy dry so that the can is 3/4 full.
- 3) Stir paint/kitty litter or speedy dry mixture.
- 4) If liquid paint remains, add more kitty litter or speedy dry.
- 5) Allow paint/kitty litter or speedy dry mixture to dry until it is no longer pourable.
- 6) Dispose of the paint can in the household garbage.

#### THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Buy only the amount you need.
- Donate to non-profit organizations, religious or youth groups.

- Do not pour hazardous products down the storm drains because what enters the drains flows right to the water body; it does not go to a water treatment plant.

#### OIL-BASED PAINT DISPOSAL

Oil-based paint is a flammable material. It must be disposed of at a Cumberland County Improvement Authority sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Day. For more information, please call (856) 825-3700 or visit our website at [www.ccia-net.com](http://www.ccia-net.com). Contact the county or municipality for the locations of the hazardous waste disposal sites.



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## Firefighters Assistance Grant enables Township to Purchase 36 Air Packs

The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) that was awarded to Upper Deerfield Township enabled the Township to purchase thirty-six self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) to replace the outmoded equipment used by the three fire companies in the Township. The three fire companies now have a total of 40 SCBAs, which meet today's National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) criteria for use.

The purchase was made possible through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The total grant's value was \$243,948; the federal share was \$231,751 and the Township's share was \$12,197.



# C.F. Seabrook School's "Top Chef Recipe Challenge"

"Mmmmm, delicious!" That was the common theme on Thursday at the first ever "Top Chef Recipe Challenge" hosted by the students of the C.F. Seabrook School in the Upper Deerfield Township's ESY program. The three classes spent the day preparing yummy treats for the judges and their classmates to taste. The students were very excited when the principals, nurse, child study team secretary, and even the superintendent agreed to help out by tasting and deciding a winner of their culinary creations.

Mrs. Dennis's pre-school class made cookie pops dipped in chocolate. Ms. Myer's 2nd and 3rd grade classes made strawberry shortcake. And Mrs. Ford's kindergarten and first graders made Monkey Face Bread. Sound good? Austin Rogers, a preschool student, said, "This is my most favorite day ever!" The judges would have to agree. It's not every day that the students get to break bread or "Monkey Face Bread" in this case with these important people in their school.



There was a hush over the crowd as the voting ballots were collected and a winning dish was going to be announced. Or so we thought. In a strange twist of events, the ballots were snuck away and superintendent, Dr. Peter Koza, adorning a chef's hat, announced a three way tie for first place. "You are all top chefs!" he announced.

The students celebrated their victories with award certificates and a trophy. Perfect Attendance awards were also handed out. There were miles of smiles and full bellies as everyone headed back to their classrooms to pack up and head home for the weekend. After all, there are lots of things to be done for next weeks "Cutest Pet" competition and Disco Dance Party. Submitted By Leslie Dennis, Preschool Teacher, Upper Deerfield Township Schools



## Woodruff School Ace Music Summer Happenings

1. Members of ACE Music joined the UD Summer Theatre Camp on Saturday, July 18th to perform at the Seabrook Temple Obon Festival. They sang songs from past shows and a few pop hits. Guests at the Obon included members of the Japanese Consult, and the Broadway Musical Allegiance.

2. Woodruff School 2015 graduate and former ACE Music member Ashley Birdsall was chosen to sing a duet with Broadway star Idina Menzel On Friday, July 10th. They sang the song "Take Me Out Tonight" from the musical Rent.

3. From August 13th-16th Woodruff School student Emily Lancetta and 2015 graduate Ashley Birdsall, performed in an Off Broadway workshop show called "Dream Street". They were chosen from hundreds of hopefuls earlier this summer. The cast they worked with included many Broadway and TV child actors.

## Upper Deerfield Township Schools Information

Our first day back for students was Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015. Although the school year is in full swing, you may find the numbers below useful if you have a question. For information on our full-day pre-school program, please contact the Seabrook School Office at (856) 455-2267 extension 4201 to schedule an appointment. If you are registering or transferring your child, please contact the respective grade level schools – grades pre- k to 3, Seabrook School (856) 455-2267 extension 4201; grades 4 and 5, Moore School (856) 455-2267 extension 5201; grades 6-8, Woodruff School (856) 455-2267 extension 3201 to schedule an appointment to transfer or register.

Across the district, our combined efforts as a community and school will provide our students with the opportunity to achieve educational excellence. Thank you for your patience on the first few days of school as buses tend to run late during the first week as they get acclimated to the stop. There are many unavoidable circumstances that go into this. In anticipation of unforeseen events, all of our schools are well versed in their arrival and dismissal plans.

Please use our website [www.udts.org](http://www.udts.org) to remain updated on the events in our schools, important announcements and information. We welcome the community at all of our student performances, athletic events, PTO meetings and Board of Education meetings. We are enthusiastic and motivated to make this another great year for our students in Upper Deerfield Township School District. In addition, some other reminders are listed below. *Continued next page*



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The Upper Deerfield Township Schools' Summer Program, sponsored by Connected Families, was a huge success. The 35 students, comprised from grades 5-8, who were selected for the program learned the game of tennis, recreational activities, and life skills training. The program ran from July 6 through July 30.

In the tennis component of the program, the students are learning to play the game of tennis with Mr. Michael Taylor. Through the support of Dr. Peter Koza, Superintendent of Schools, the Woodruff tennis courts have been renovated. The courts have been cleaned up and repaired, and new tennis nets have been installed. Thanks to a gracious donation from the USTA and the Upper Deerfield WalMart, the students are playing with brand new Prince racquets and balls. During the first week, the students learned the key elements that are involved in hitting a forehand.

With the guidance of Ms. Faye Lawson, the students engaged in recreational activities. The students are playing basketball and engaging in other aerobic activities. These activities promote healthy exercise and good sports-

## Information... *Continued from 10*

At [www.udts.org](http://www.udts.org) you can also put money in your child's lunch account, review board meeting notes, visit a teacher webpage for information, and access your child's grades in the parent portal of the GENESIS program.

**Staying Focused:** Remember to have your children read and keep focused on their academics to keep their skills sharp. Research has shown that students who read even just one book over the summer and completed an activity in their other subject areas have gotten off to a better school year than peers who did nothing at all.

*Submitted by Dr. Peter Koza, Superintendent/Principal*

manship.

In addition, thanks to donations from BJ Mehaffey of Barry's Nursery, Connected Families, Home Depot, and Shelton Plumbing, the students used applied reading and math to construct cornhole boards. Mr. Michael Weist guided the students through the process of reading directions, measur-

ing, painting, and assembling the cornhole boards and bags. Once the boards were complete, the students and staff, along with the parents of the students, celebrated the students' hard work and efforts by partaking in a cornhole tournament.

Each day, the students enjoyed breakfast and lunch sponsored by

the Community Foodbank of New Jersey. The students also participated in field trips. Excursions were to Campani's Legacy Lanes Bowling Alley and RiverWinds Community Center. Finally, to close out the program, students' families were invited to join the students and staff for a picnic.

*Submitted by Mr. Michael Taylor*

## CUMBERLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



**Cumberland Regional High School wishes graduates in the Class of 2015 much success and fulfillment in their future endeavors as CRHS alumni! We are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2019 to CRHS in the fall, along with some exciting new developments. Stay tuned!**

### ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ Academy Model Coming to CRHS ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

CRHS will be taking its curriculum offerings to the next level of excellence with new opportunities through progressively challenging, career-focused pathways of study. The shift to an "academy" model, beginning in the 2015-16 school year, will allow students to prepare more effectively for college and career success in targeted academic areas, readying CRHS youth to thrive in diverse local, regional, national, and/or global job markets. Additional information on the forthcoming CRHS academies will be provided to the school community in the fall.

### Cumberland Regional High School celebrated its 38th commencement ceremony on June 18, 2015, honoring 326 graduates in the Class of 2015.

#### Top Five Graduates, Ranked by GPA

Valedictorian **Michaela Hitchner**, daughter of Margo and Dennis Hitchner, of Stow Creek Township, plans to study international health with a concentration in pre-med at Georgetown University.

Salutatorian **Colleen Fralinger**, daughter of Shelley and Charles Fralinger, of Hopewell Township, plans to study psychology at Clemson University.

**Ashley Fackler**, daughter of Eileen and Duane Fackler, of Hopewell Township, plans to study graphic design at Cumberland County College.

**Jessica Fackler**, daughter of Eileen and Duane Fackler, of Hopewell Township, plans to study elementary/secondary education at Cumberland County College.

**Carly Jorgenson**, daughter of Lori and Todd Jorgenson, of Upper Deerfield Township, plans to study mechanical engineering at Rowan University.

#### Graduation Ceremony Broadcasts

Video of the full 2015 CRHS graduation program is available online at [bit.ly/1C4Ssm9](http://bit.ly/1C4Ssm9), and video of the outstanding rendition of the National Anthem performed by graduates Danae Hayes, Carly Jorgenson, and Mikaela Simon is available online at [bit.ly/1JurPt8](http://bit.ly/1JurPt8).

#### Retired and Newly Hired

Congratulations and best wishes to CRHS retirees Andrea Kuhar, Sheryl DiBiase, and Linda Cristaudo! Welcome to new staff at CRHS beginning the 2015-16 school year, including instructors of mathematics Katelyn Bayzick, Andrew Chung, and Matthew Evans!

#### Paper Mill Playhouse Partnership

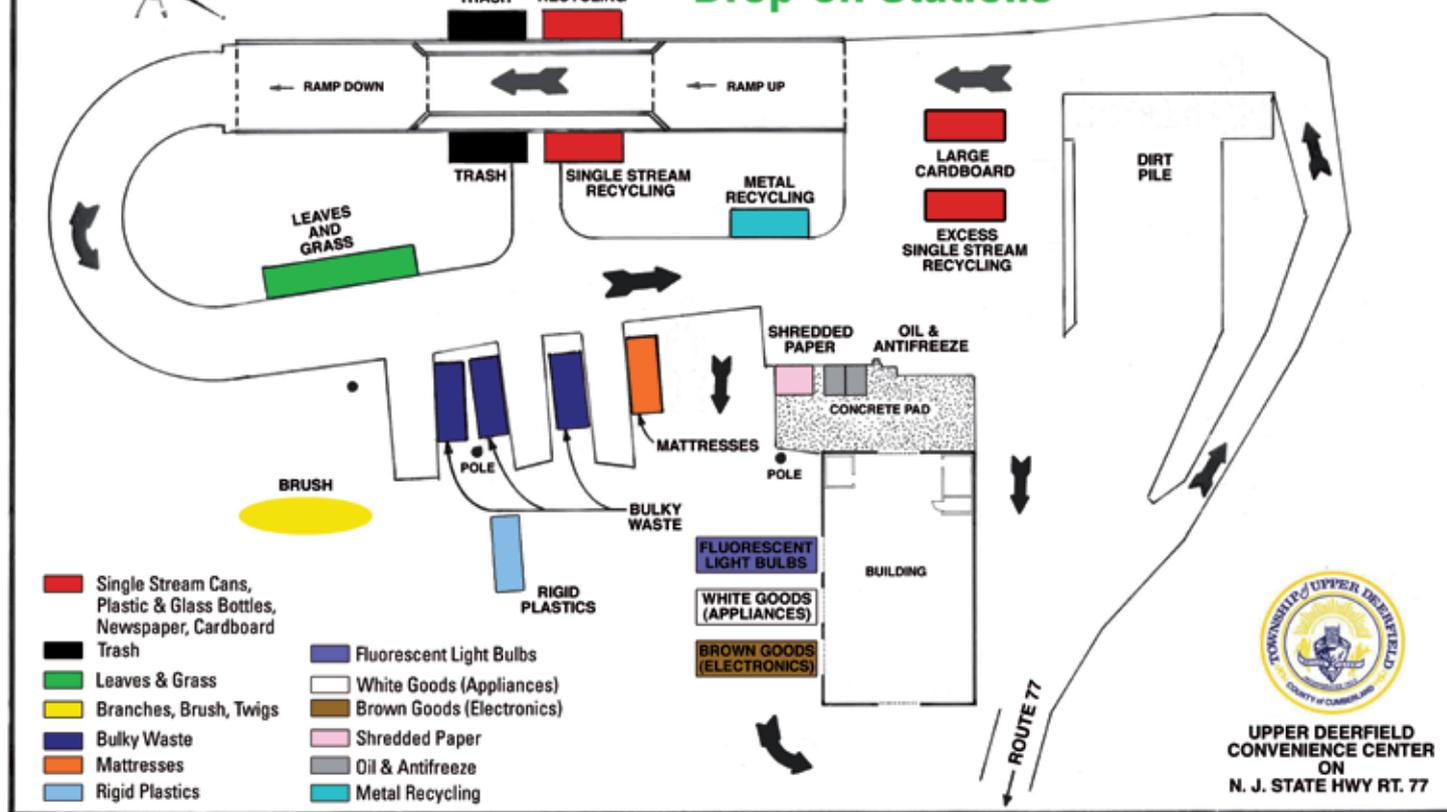
CRHS has been selected as a participant in the Paper Mill Playhouse award-winning Adopt-A-School Project. The partnership will allow CRHS performing arts students to view Broadway-quality productions, work with industry professionals to learn about all aspects of the production process, and participate in master classes that will help them develop performance skills and techniques. Currently entering its 26th year, the Adopt-A-School Project has been cited by The Kennedy Center and Stage Directions magazine as one of the nation's top 10 arts education programs. CRHS students and staff will kick off its partnership this year by attending special pre-show seminars and performances. For more information, please contact John Stephan at [stephan@crhsd.org](mailto:stephan@crhsd.org).

#### Cumberland Regional Colt Communications: *For more information, please contact Lauren Taniguchi at [taniguchi@crhsd.org](mailto:taniguchi@crhsd.org).*

For ongoing updates from Cumberland Regional High School, please regularly check the district website at [www.crhsd.org](http://www.crhsd.org) (which will be upgraded this summer!) and follow CRHS online at [facebook.com/crhsd](https://www.facebook.com/crhsd) or [twitter.com/crhsd](https://twitter.com/crhsd). Members of the community also can sign up at [crhsd.org](http://crhsd.org) to receive the CRHS eNewsletter, which is distributed by email on Sunday evenings to provide a weekly rundown of information on upcoming events, activities, programs, and deadlines. In addition, CRHS is excited to offer a new and improved mobile app resource, to be made available for download later this summer! Updates on the new mobile app will be shared on the district website and social media. CRHS sincerely appreciates our school community's engagement and support. Go Colts!

## Upper Deerfield Township Convenience Center Drop-off Stations

\*Updated Sept. 2015



## Tarps Required for Pick-Ups and Utility Vehicles When Transporting Trash, Brush or Garbage

Township Ordinance requires that if trash, brush or garbage is to be transported by a pick-up or utility trailer on any public street in the Township, the trash or brush must be contained in a covered container or if the trash, brush or garbage, exceeds the height of the pick-up bed it must be covered. The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent trash from being windblown and littering Township roadways and private properties. Help Prevent Littering from occurring in the Township.

**Vehicles will be turned away from the Convenience Center if they do not have a tarp covering the trash or brush.**

## Convenience Center Improvements Continue

Major changes continue to take place at the Convenience Center. The old office/restroom was recently taken down (small blue building). An office, break room and bathroom have been constructed inside the new building. The new building is now housing the recycling of white goods (appliances), electronic goods and fluorescent tubes. The map above shows the revised traffic patterns to access the recycling of white goods (appliances), electronic goods and fluorescent tubes.

Earlier this year, the Township went out to bid to construct a duplicate ramp, parallel to the existing ramp, however the proposed construction costs were in excess of the budgeted amount the Township had allocated for the project. The plans have been revised and the Township is preparing to go out to bid in October for the construction of the duplicate ramp for household waste and recycling. The walls from the original ramp at the entrance of the convenience center have been removed and the remaining gravel will be used to help construct the new duplicate ramp.

The majority of these improvements at the Convenience Center have been paid for through the use of grant funds received from State recycling tonnage grants that have been awarded to the Township over the past few years.



## Pickup Your Red Recycling Buckets

Red Recycling Buckets can now be picked up at the Convenience Center on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays from 8am to 4pm. They are no longer available at the Public Works Building. The initial Red Recycling Bucket is free to new residents, as are exchanges for broken recycling buckets. Additional recycling buckets are available at a cost of \$10 per bucket.



Asphalt being removed from the original ramp. Concrete wall of old ramp being removed in picture above right.



(top left) Blue office and break room have been demolished. The new building now has an office, break room and bathroom.