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## **Petition to allow the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages - Your Chance to Decide**

Many residents have approached Township Committee members expressing a desire to see new restaurants locating within the Township and wondering why we have been unable to attract that type of new business. The primary reason is that currently Upper Deerfield Township is a dry community and cannot authorize the issuance of licenses for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. In order for the Township to be able to issue such licenses in the future, a referendum needs to be placed on the general election ballot and approved by the voters that would allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Township. To start that process, at least 323 registered Township voters would need to sign a petition requesting such a referendum. By State Law, if the referendum is approved by the voters, the Township would be entitled to issue two consumption licenses.

Our Township's ability to attract a possible hotel, new restaurants and other retail uses to the Township in areas zoned for such businesses, and in particular to the proposed town center development located in the redevelopment area, would be enhanced by the availability of consumption liquor licenses.

*Please see Petition, page 3*

## **Basketball Court to be Constructed**

At a recent meeting of the Township Committee, residents expressed their concern that there was no place for anyone to play basketball in the Township since the school removed their poles and backboards from their grounds.

The Township Committee, recognizing the need, approved a change order in the contract to expand the municipal parking lot, to include the construction of a regulation basketball court that will be located in the vicinity of Hoover Road and Veterans Drive. The new court will provide four backboards that will be set up in a half court layout. This will enable either two different full court games to occur simultaneously or allow four separate half court games to occur at one time.

The Basketball court should be operational by the end of August.

## **Another Successful Community Day**



## **2013 Audit Findings**

The Township Committee received the findings of the 2013 audit that was recently concluded by Township Auditors, Petroni and Associates which showed no recommendations for the sixth consecutive year. The Township Committee thanked the staff for their continued exemplary fiscal management of Township and taxpayer funds.

## **Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant**

The Township is submitting a planning incentive grant requesting funds to aid in the purchase of land for open space purposes from the new round of funding announced by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program.

Utilizing the recommendation of the Township Open Space Plan, the Township has identified two parcels that are located in the uplands of the waterways that flow into the Cohansey River for potential acquisition as future open space. One of the sites is located at the corner of Old Deerfield Pike and Cornwell Drive and the other is located behind Silver Lake Road and DuBois Road.

Should the Township be successful in obtaining funding from the Green Acres program, appraisals would need to be done on the properties, an analysis of available funds would be developed and then the property owners would need to be willing to sell at the appraised value of the property.

**JUST A  
FRIENDLY  
REMINDER**



## A Message From Your Dog Registrar

Please register your dog if you have not done so already for the current year.

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 the first 10 months out of the current year.

If your dog's renewal rabies shot occurs after April 30th, please bring a note from the Veterinarian stating that the pet's shot was not due until this date and the late fee will be waived for medical reasons.

**License Fees:**

- Spayed/Neutered .....\$10.00
- Non-Spayed/  
Non-neutered.....\$13.00

**LATE FEE AFTER APRIL 30TH  
IS AN EXTRA \$10.00**

**In order to waive late fee,  
documentation from your  
Veterinarian must be presented.**

**Remember:**

Do not allow your dog to run loose for the safety of the pet. All dogs must be on a leash or within a fenced-in area on your property. If the pet lives outdoors make sure they have shelter and plenty of water during the hot summer days.



# ATTENTION TAXPAYERS

**3rd Quarter Tax Payments  
Grace Period Extended to**

**Friday - August 22, 2014**

Payments received after August 22, 2014 will have interest charges revert back to the August 1, 2014 due date.

Postmarks are not accepted as a received by date.

*The extension only applies to the August 2014 tax quarter.*

## SWIMMING POOLS

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

## Getting Married? Congratulations!!

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



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.

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

# CONSTRUCTION CODE CORNER

*When do I need to hire  
a contractor?*

It seems as if a lot of people, licensed contractors included, have trouble remembering when it is ok to do work on houses without the benefit of a State Licensed Contractor. Hopefully the confusion will be lifted after reading this article.

The State of New Jersey says you can do your own work on your house providing the house is your primary residence. That means you must live there for the majority of the year. No license is required to do any building, electric or plumbing work. However, you are still required to obtain all necessary permits. If you do not own the house where you live or if you are a Landlord, licensed contractors must sign and seal the permit applications for plumbing and electrical permits. It is also necessary to have a licensed contractor do any building work on your property (roofing, siding, etc.) If you do not do the work yourself. This is true for all residential dwellings.

Commercial properties must ALWAYS have licensed contractors do any work.

*Should you have any  
questions please call the  
Construction Code Office at  
856-455-9591.*

## A NOTE FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR

**Notice to all Property Owners:**

**Effective August 1, 2014, the  
Assessor's Office hours**  
will be as follows:

**Thursdays: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**  
Upper Deerfield Township  
Assessment Office

1325 Hwy. 77, Seabrook, N.J. 08302  
**(856) 451-3148**

## Website Information

On the Township's website, [www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com), under 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.

## \$399,640 Small Cities Facilities Grant Received

Upper Deerfield Township received a \$399,640 Small Cities Facilities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to begin American's With Disability Act (ADA) compliant upgrades to the recreational facilities.

### ADA Compliant Restrooms for NCLL and CMFL

A portion of these grant funds will enable the Township to install new ADA compliant bathrooms for North Cumberland Little League and Cumberland Midget Football League that will be delivered and tied into the existing utilities at their fields in late August. The bathrooms at Cohansey Soccer will also be retrofitted to be made ADA compliant. Each of these ADA improvements are made possible through the Small Cities Facilities Grant.

### ADA Compliant Recreational Walk Paths

A portion of these grant funds will enable the Township to construct ADA compliant recreational walk paths through the Township Recreation areas. Walk paths will be created in three separate areas: **1)** connect the Municipal Building parking lot to all of the North Cumberland Little League baseball fields **2)** create a path to the soccer fields building, and **3)** the Football League concession stand and restrooms area will be connected to the visitor and home bleacher areas. The project should be completed by the end of August.

## Municipal Parking Lot Expansion for Recreation

Upper Deerfield Township received a \$399,640 Small Cities Facilities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to begin ADA compliant upgrades to the recreational facilities. Part of this ADA compliant grant is to expand the municipal building parking lot for recreation purposes. When the housing development was built on the north side of the Little League baseball fields, a large number of parking spaces were eliminated. A portion of this grant will enable the Township to expand the parking lot which will add ten handicapped parking spaces and a considerable number of additional parking spaces. This project should be completed by the end of August.



## North Cumberland Little League Replaces Roof

The North Cumberland Little League was in desperate need of a new roof on the clubhouse building when "Hook and Ladder Home Improvements"

was gracious enough to volunteer their time. The Township assisted the league by purchasing the materials. North Cumberland Little League would like to thank everyone who has donated their time during this endeavor!



## Petition to allow the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages - Your Chance to Decide

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These businesses will provide a desired service to our citizens and will help attract other desirable businesses within the Township. While there is currently no specific business seeking a license, the Township Committee, in cooperation with the Township Economic Development Committee, believes that taking steps to create the licenses will enhance the Township's ability to attract those new businesses because the licenses, if approved by the voters, would be ready and available for sale by the Township in the future. It should be noted that in addition to the economic development benefits to the Township, the initial sale of the proposed licenses will produce thousands of dollars in revenue for the Township that will enhance the financial strength of the Township.

Creating the licenses now allows the Township to be prepared and to be in a position to offer the licenses, 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 its development goals. As such, the Township Committee and the Township Economic Development Committee are supporting the actions necessary to move this process forward.

The Township Committee for Upper Deerfield Township is committed to improving the quality of life of all of its residents, delivering quality services, providing a stable financial base, while maintaining the lowest possible local purpose tax. The Committee is proud of its ability to have one of the lowest local taxes in the State of New Jersey. Among the many things that the Township Committee does to achieve these goals is to encourage new businesses to locate within the Township, bringing with them jobs, tax ratables, and goods and services for Upper Deerfield Township citizens and residents of surrounding areas.

It has been 40 years since Upper Deerfield Township has looked into having a referendum on the ballot that would allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Since circumstances and views have changed in the interim, the Township Economic Development Committee and Township Committee will be preparing and circulating a petition asking for the creation of alcoholic beverage licenses so that a referendum can be placed on the ballot for this November's general election. Residents can also sign a petition at the Municipal Building or at the Convenience Center during the month of August.

The Township Committee and the Economic Development Committee are unanimous in their support of this action and encourages any concurring residents to sign the petition so that the referendum may be placed on the ballot in November.

## Portion of Love Lane and Cornwell Drive Paved

Ricky Slade Construction reconstructed drainage, milled the roadway and repaved Love Lane between Silver Lake Road and Button Mill Road utilizing a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and funds the Township had set aside for roadway capital improvements. While Ricky Slade Construction was doing this construction work, the Township Committee was able to utilize additional road improvements funds to mill and pave the worst sections of Cornwell Drive between Old Deerfield Pike and Button Mill Road that been severely damaged by this past winter's storms.

## Addition to Ambulance Building

The addition to the Township Ambulance Building has been completed and the squad had an open house during Community Day and an open house and ambulance housing at the end of June for the public to see the finished product. The addition provides for separate male and female showers, separate sleeping quarters, kitchen, conference room, office space and a code compliant stairway to the existing second floor. The part-time paid and volunteer ambulance squad answers between 1,300 to 1,500 calls each year and has approximately 42 volunteer squad members.

# SUGGESTIONS FOR CRIME PREVENTION

## SIMPLE PREVENTION TIPS

- Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars. Thieves are also quick to spot weak locks that may be easily forced open. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one-inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three-inch screws. All windows should have window locks.
- Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts. These will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
- Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
- Update locks if necessary.
- Burglar alarms - Not necessarily a deterrent for the "professional", but more for peace of mind. Can reduce the amount of time thieves are in your home, and help to notify the police of a problem. A loud audible alarm will immediately deter that subject at that location.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. While large, ornate hedges may be beautiful, they also provide a hiding place for burglars who need only a minute to break in through a window or door.
- Secure your valuables in a home safe or lock box.
- Photograph your valuables and log their serial numbers.
- Apply a personal identification number such as your driver's license number on your valuables by engraving or with a permanent marker.
- Lights with motion sensors are a great way to keep the perimeter of your home well lit.
- Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and TV's. Making your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.

### **Vehicle Checklist:**

- Always Lock it, Lock it, Lock it!!!
- Roll up windows.
- Leave in a well-lit area.
- Do not leave valuables in the car! Especially cell phones, GPS units, satellite radios, money, purses, and laptops.

### **Vacation Checklist:**

- Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away so delivered items do not accumulate, or stop their delivery. You can also ask a neighbor to park in your driveway or parking place to make it appear that you are present.
- Use timers on lights, radios and TV's to create the illusion that you are home. Making your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.
- Keep some shades and blinds up and curtains open

to maintain a normal, everyday appearance in your residence.

- Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine telling people that you are away from home. A message that you will return at a certain time leaves your home vulnerable in the interim.
- Don't talk about vacations on social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter.

**Remember:** Crime prevention is not difficult. It is a common sense approach to securing your home, car, and neighborhood. Organize a community watch program to protect your neighborhood; an alert community is a safe community! When you see something that looks suspicious call the police immediately. New Jersey State Police are here to serve the needs of our community.

### **Call:**

- 911 for Emergencies
- 856-451-0100 for suspicious activity or routine police calls
- 856-451-6034 Tip line



## Burglaries

### **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.

## **Bridgeton State Police Tip Line**

The Bridgeton State Police Station has established a 24 hour tip line which will serve as an open link for the community to provide NON-EMERGENT, anonymous information regarding crime, suspicious activity, etc. to the Bridgeton Station. **The tip line number is 856-451-6034** and it is encouraged that all community members utilize this line to provide any information whatsoever which could aid in criminal investigations. Please notify the residents of this tip line and encourage them to use it for any piece of information no matter how insignificant they may feel it is. Once again the information may be submitted anonymously and no bit of information is too small. The Bridgeton State Police Station thanks you for your time and assistance.

# Construction Office Enters Shared Service with Fairfield Township

Upper Deerfield and Fairfield Township entered into a shared service agreement beginning in April for Construction Office services. Upper Deerfield Township is now providing all of the services for the Construction Code offices for Fairfield Township. These services include Office Management, Review and Inspection for the Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Codes. As municipal budget management is continually scrutinized, elected officials continue to try and reduce costs while maintaining local services as evidenced by this shared service agreement.

Upper Deerfield continues to be a leader in shared services, as the Township is the host and member of the 8 municipality regional court, maintains other budgetary shared service agreements with Deerfield Township, Shiloh and Millville and utilizes equipment sharing agreements with Cumberland County, Bridgeton and Hopewell.

## 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. Prior to the creation of the Regional Court the eight 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 has enabled the eight municipalities to reduce the collective loss to operate the court to just under \$100,000 for each of the first two years of operation, 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 find a more economical way to provide for the administration of justice for their residents. Martin Whitcraft serves as the Judge, Nancy Kennedy Brent is the Prosecutor, Stephen Kernan is the Public Defender and Patricia Adams is the Court Administrator for the regional court.

## Applications Being Accepted For 2015 Home Rehab Grants

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 2015.

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.

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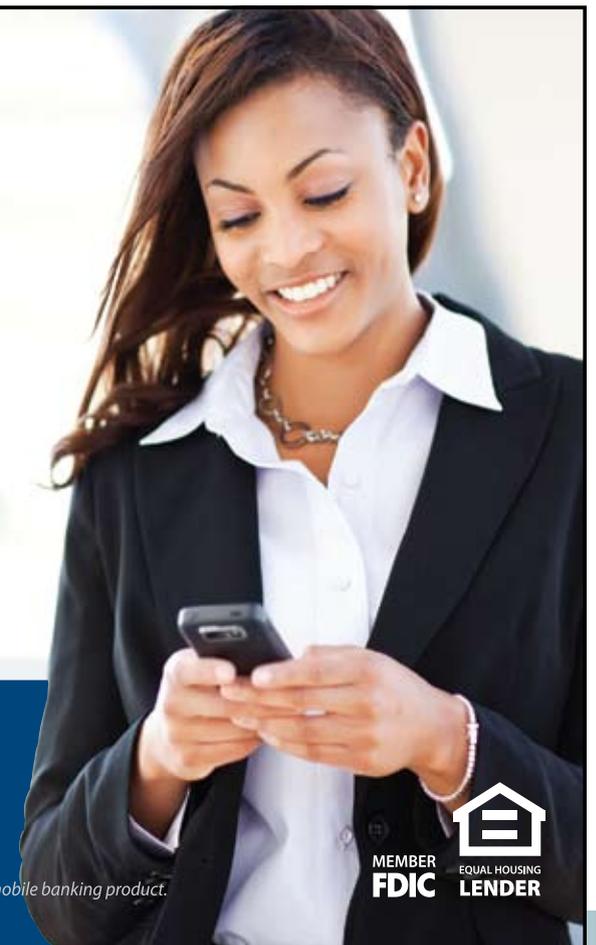
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## Convenience Center Improvements Slated

Major changes continue to take place at the Convenience Center. The old metal building was recently taken down. The Township recently awarded a contract to construct a new 50' x 80' pole building that will be built toward the end of August. The new pole building will house the recycling of white goods (appliances) and electronic goods. The small shed that was next to the old metal building will be demolished before the end of the year.

The Township is preparing to go out to bid to construct a duplicate ramp for household waste and recycling. The new ramp will be constructed parallel to the existing ramp. A new exit road will be created to alleviate some of the traffic congestion and improve the current traffic patterns at the Center. The entrance for the bulky waste containers and brush disposal area will be relocated to an area closer to the entrance gate of the facility.

The majority of these improvements at the Convenience Center will be paid for through the use of grant funds awarded from previous State recycling tonnage grants.



## Convenience Center Vehicle Stickers 2015-17

The 2015-2017 Convenience Center Vehicle Stickers are available at the Municipal Building located at 1325 State Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ, 08302. Due to previous complaints about unauthorized individuals using the Township's Convenience Center, we are asking all residents who use the facility to complete the application form so we may update our records and issue you the new sticker. The application form is available on the Township's website [www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com) under the public forms icon on the home page. Residents who are renting a home or apartment will need to submit a copy of their lease agreement and they will receive an annual vehicle sticker for that current year.

### **There are three ways to receive your new 2015-2017 Convenience Center Vehicle Sticker:**

1. Bring the completed form along with your vehicle registration to the Municipal Building. Hours of operation are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday; OR
2. Mail the completed form with your registration information to:  
1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ 08302. We will then issue your new sticker through the mail; OR
3. If you are using the same registered vehicle, you can fill out the application form online and electronically submit the completed form and we will mail you your new sticker.

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 yellow 2012-2014 Sticker will expire Dec. 31, 2014.**

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

## TARPS REQUIRED FOR PICKUP TRUCKS AND UTILITY VEHICLES WHEN TRANSPORTING TRASH, BRUSH OR GARBAGE

Township Ordinance requires that if trash, brush or garbage is to be transported by a pickup 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.



## SENIOR CENTER SPOTLIGHT

It has been a busy summer at Upper Deerfield Edgar Joyce Senior Center. Our nutrition program continues to be well attended along with our year-round exercise classes, weekly bingo and card games. Our summer craft classes are well underway, many beautiful hand-made items are being made.

The month of August brings with it, the celebration of our annual summer party. This year's theme will be "A Day At The Beach". Our seniors are very excited about the party. We have a capacity crowd signed up for that day. Our beach day will feature delicious food, great music (including a sing-along) and other special treats. What a great way to wind down the summer season.

The month of September starts out with the beginning of our fall session of classes which will start on Monday, September 8, 2014 and continue for twelve weeks. Our fall brochure detailing our class offerings as well as information concerning our nutrition program will be available soon and be mailed out to all of our past participants. Many beautiful hand-crafted items are made for you to take home for your enjoyment all year long.

As the year continues to progress to our fall activities, the Center is planning a busy holiday season of events at the center for our senior's enjoyment.

There is always something for everyone to do at the Upper Deerfield Edgar Joyce Senior Center.

**SO PLEASE COME JOIN US**

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- Plastic
- Steel (Tin)
- Aluminum
- Glass Containers
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Beverage/Food Containers
- Cardboard and other Paper
- Junk Mail

**All placed in the SAME Recycling Container!**

## NO ... Trash or ...

- Plastic Bags
- Materials in Plastic Bags
- Shredded Paper
- Hazardous Waste
- Nonrecyclable Plastic (Styrofoam)
- Liquids in Bottles or Containers
- Nonrecyclable Glass or Ceramics

# 'Let's Talk Trash' Workshop Set For September 23

The Upper Deerfield Township Environmental Commission will sponsor a workshop on September 23rd at 7 PM in the Upper Deerfield Township Senior Center, entitled "Let's Talk Trash". Tony Riviera from the Cumberland County Improvement Authority and Jeff Unger from the Cumberland County Department of Health will talk about single stream recycling. Their presentation will also include how, where and when to dispose of your tires and hazardous waste products.

**WHERE:** UPPER DEERFIELD SENIOR CENTER – 1323 Highway 77 behind the Upper Deerfield Township Municipal Building

**WHEN:** SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

# Clean-Up Days



## Household Hazardous Waste Days

**Acceptable Items:** Used Motor Oil, Hydraulic Oil, Transmission Fluid, Kerosene, Diesel Fuel, and Heating Oil. Do not mix with Gasoline or Chlorinated Solvents.

**Also acceptable are:** Oil-Based Paints, Paint Cleaners, Stains, Finishes, Batteries, Cleaning Compounds, Pesticides, Herbicides, Adhesives, Garden Chemicals, Corrosives, Poisons, Car Batteries, Anti-Freeze, Propane Tanks, and More!

## Household Shred Event Days

Bring all your paper documents for shredding, watch your documents be shredded.

**Residential Only! No Commercial Shredding.**

*Limited To 150 lbs or 20 Gallons Maximum Per Trip.*

**Get rid of all your household hazardous waste and paper documents in one day!**

**• Saturday, September 13, 2014**

Location for all three days is the Cumberland County Landfill  
169 Jesse Bridge Road off of Sherman Avenue in Deerfield Twp.

Sponsored By: Cumberland County Improvement Authority

## "Taking Steps To A Better Environment"



**Cumberland Regional High School (CRHS) enjoyed a successful 2013-14 school year that has prepared the district for continued growth and innovation that supports and empowers youth in our community.**

### **STEM: Project Lead the Way**

The inaugural year implementing the Project Lead the Way Engineering program at CRHS has invigorated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education at the school and paved the way for the program's advancement. Digital Electronics will be offered in the fall as the next course in the CRHS STEM sequence, following STEM Art and Introduction to Engineering Design.



### **Celebrating the Arts**

The arts continue to flourish at CRHS with the support of talented and dedicated students and staff. The CRHS Drama Guild has made outstanding use of the school's new Black Box Theatre, a large classroom converted into a performing arts venue complete with lighting and audio capabilities to support the full performing process. CRHS productions during the 2013-14 school year included historic Salem witch-hunt classic "The Crucible;" a breathtaking, multimedia Holocaust production called "And Then They Came For Me;" and "Anything Goes," a high-spirited musical about a fascinating cast of characters aboard the "S.S. Cumberland." In addition, CRHS hosted two impressive student art shows and a world-class Poetry Festival\* that welcomed acclaimed guest poets including Kurtis Lamkin to enjoy a day of poetry interwoven with musical delight.

### **School Choice of Agriculture**

The agriculture offerings at CRHS, including FFA, continue to thrive and progress in accordance with local, state, national, and global industry demands. The district will implement Food Science and Safety in the fall as the next course in the CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education) program. The implementation of the CASE program has allowed CRHS to partner with institutions including Delaware Valley College, Cumberland County College, and Rutgers University to offer CRHS students the opportunity to earn college credits while enrolled in select courses in high school.

### **Unit Lunch Coming to CRHS**

CRHS will empower students with more freedom by providing an approximately hour-long "unit lunch" period in the school-day schedule beginning this fall. Unit lunch will replace the mid-day SERA (Student Enrichment Remedial Activity) period and the traditional lunch periods in the former Cumberland Regional school-day schedule. During unit lunch, students will be permitted to participate in a range of academic, extracurricular, or athletic activities and eat as it is convenient to them in designated areas throughout the school building, enjoying expanded dining options and increased freedom to prioritize their daily schedules. Unit lunch is anticipated to yield benefits including increased instruction time, the development of students' time management skills, and a reduction in discipline issues while empowering students to prepare for college, careers, and adult life by managing the freedom and opportunities presented by unit lunch.

**NEW for  
2014-15!**



### **Welcome, Principal Aiello!**

CRHS will start the 2014-15 school year with a new principal, Ralph Aiello. Aiello's appointment as principal follows the retirement resignation of outgoing principal John Mitchell, who served the district with distinction since 2004. Having served as assistant principal at CRHS for eight years, Aiello plans to add and support initiatives that provide CRHS students with educational opportunities that prepare them to compete successfully with peers throughout the world. Other areas of focus from Principal Aiello's office will include preparation for PARCC testing, the continued expansion of technology in the district, and the Herff Jones Believe In You Motivation Program, designed to support on-time graduation, leadership development, and student empowerment. Aiello's successes as an administrator at CRHS previously were recognized on a national scale in spring 2013, when he was selected as the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association Secondary Level Assistant Principal Visionary Leader of the Year.

### **Cumberland Regional Colt Communications**

*For ongoing updates from Cumberland Regional High School, please follow CRHS online at [facebook.com/crbsd](https://www.facebook.com/crbsd) or [twitter.com/crbsd](https://twitter.com/crbsd) and sign up at [crhsd.org](http://crhsd.org) to receive the weekly CRHS eNewsletter. For more information, please contact Lauren Taniguchi at [taniguchi@crhsd.org](mailto:taniguchi@crhsd.org)*

\*The 2014 CRHS Poetry Festival was facilitated through the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival and with funding made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

# MONTHLY PLANNER

UPPER DEERFIELD  
TOWNSHIP

August  
2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Court 9:00am	5	6 Environmental Commission Meeting 7:00pm	7 Township Committee Meeting 7:00pm	8	9
10	11 Court 9:00am Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Court 9:00am	19	20	21 Township Committee Meeting 7:00pm	22 August Taxes Due	23
24	25 Court 9:00am	26	27	28	29	30
31	<b>Notes:</b>					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day HOLIDAY Municipal Building Closed	2	3 Environmental Commission Meeting 7:00pm	4 Township Committee Meeting 7:00pm	5	6
7	8 Court 9:00am Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm Community Pride Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Historical Commission 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Court 9:00am Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Township Committee Meeting 7:00pm	19	20
21	22 Court 9:00am First Day of Autumn	23 Economic Dev & Industrial Commission Meeting 7:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29 Court 9:00am	30	<b>Notes:</b>			

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September  
2014

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October  
2014

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

# GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cook-out. But fire anywhere else can make your summer barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

## Safety tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

## Charcoal grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of

reach of children, and away from heat sources.

- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

## Propane grills

- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only equipment with the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

# Water Line Loop Completed

The Township has completed a water line extension that tied the existing water line in Seabrook to the existing water line on Centerton Road. This new water line created a complete loop in the Township of the water distribution lines. This loop allows the distribution of water to be supplied to the current water service area in the event of a line break or a shutdown of either the Seabrook or Love Lane water facilities.

Another water distribution loop was created for the Sunset Lake water service area. Previously, there was only one water main servicing this area. The new loop allows the flow of water from two directions in the event of a water line break.

The Township, in cooperation with the City of Bridgeton, has created a water inter-connect between the two public water systems. This will enable either municipality to provide water to the other municipality in the event of a system-wide failure. The inter-connect would only be operated in the event of an emergency.

These projects were made possible through the United States Department of Agriculture Program which funded 26% of the project cost by a grant, with the balance being funded through a low interest 40 year fixed loan.

## Explanation Of Water Bill

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 the annual operating cost of the public water system. Due to the increased cost of operating the water system, the water rates will be increased effective with the September 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 will be \$23 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.

## For Your Safety, Display Your Assigned 911 Number for Emergency Vehicles

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 tax collector's 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.

# Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties



**There have been many recent reminders of the power and destructive potential of hazards like coastal storms, high winds, and severe winter weather.**

**We can't change the weather, but we can reduce the risk we all face from these natural hazards.**

In April 2014, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties initiated a project to update their Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans that were approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2010 and 2011. The hazard mitigation plan update effort is being led by the Counties' Offices of Emergency Management with the assistance of Stuart Wallace, LLC, mitigation planning consultants.

Direct participation in the project is open to all County departments, as well as all incorporated municipalities and recognized government entities within these four counties. In addition, there are opportunities for participation by the public and interested parties.

### **Important terms related to this project include:**

- Hazards cause loss of life or injuries, property damage, and economic hardship. The hazard mitigation plan update will address a range of natural hazards including flooding, high winds, and severe winter weather, and dam failures.
- Hazard mitigation reduces or eliminates risk of death, injury, or damage to private or public property potentially caused by hazards.
- Hazard mitigation plans evaluate potential risk factors and identify hazard mitigation measures to directly address identified risks.
- Hazard mitigation measures include activities, programs, or projects such as improving public awareness about hazard risk and mitigation; improving regulations and codes that lead to safer structures; and construction projects to directly reduce potential impacts of hazards.

Hazard mitigation plans are required by FEMA to establish and maintain eligibility for federal hazard mitigation project grants that in turn can help communities implement measures to reduce risk. Hazard mitigation plans must be updated on a five-year cycle to maintain eligibility. For more information, please go to the following FEMA website: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning-overview>.

In 2010, FEMA approved the Gloucester County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The corresponding hazard mitigation plans for Camden, Cumberland, and Salem Counties were reviewed and approved by FEMA in 2011. These documents were the result of several years work and were adopted by each County and the majority of the incorporated municipalities. The four counties seek to update the hazard mitigation plans by April 2015 consistent with FEMA requirements.

### **Key milestones in the project include:**

- Kick-off Meetings in May 2014 with Municipal OEM Coordinators for all four counties to review the planning process and initiate working with participating municipalities.
- Work sessions with participating municipalities to review:
  - \* June, July, or August 2014 – Hazards, risks and concerns, and identify potential risk reduction mitigation measures.
  - \* Late Summer / early Fall 2014 - Preliminary draft of the updated hazard mitigation plans.
- Fall 2014 - Draft Plan in by the participating municipalities, the general public, and any interested parties.
- FEMA's approval of the updated hazard mitigation plans by Spring 2014.

The county, municipalities, and interested parties are contributing their time and expertise in making sure the updated hazard mitigation plans address issues that are most important to the region's residents, businesses, and property owners. Anyone who has experienced damage or business interruptions from hazard events in the past is especially important to include in the process.

**If you have questions or would like to be involved during the planning process, please visit the project website that is located at <http://nj4hmp.com> and click on "Contact Us".**

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## Mosquito Control



The Cumberland County Mosquito Control Division may apply pesticides for the control of adult mosquito populations on an area-wide basis throughout Cumberland County during the period of May 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.

The pesticides used will be those recommended by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES), Rutgers University, for the control of adult mosquitoes. Products will be applied from the ground by truck or handheld equipment and/or by aircraft, all using Low Volume or Ultra Low Volume techniques. The applications will be according to product labeling.

The Upper Deerfield Environmental Commission reminds residents that this spraying will kill most insects, including butterflies. To request that your property not be sprayed, contact the Mosquito Control Superintendent, Heather A. Lomberk, at (856) 453-2170.

# DiLisi's Ristorante Italiano Celebrated 35 Years in Business

The DiLisi Family has owned and operated DiLisi Ristorante in Upper Deerfield since July 1979 soon after coming to the U.S. from Italy. Sal, his wife Nancy, their two children, Giacomo and Valeria, and his parents before them, Giacomo and Concetta, have brought a touch of Italian heritage to the area and they have enjoyed serving delicious northern Italian foods here in our area.

In July, Sal DiLisi, his family and employees, joined by their customers, area officials and fellow business people, celebrated 35 years in business at the Upper Deerfield Plaza location. "It has been a remarkable journey, marked by a lot of hard work, love and dedication, beginning with my parents Giacomo and Concetta DiLisi," commented Sal DiLisi. "I can't believe I have worked in this restaurant with the help and support of my wife and family for all of these years," he added.

This casual family style eatery now includes the opportunity to dine outdoors in front of the restaurant complete with plants, flowers, special lighting and Italian music. The menu offers lunch and dinner specials with an emphasis on saute' items in the northern Italian and Mediterranean traditions.

Diners will enjoy the wide variety of delicious gourmet prepared foods including gourmet pizzas and breads that are baked to perfection daily with fresh homemade dough. Each meal is made to order with the finest ingredients.

For information call 856-455-4011 or visit them online at [www.dilisi.com](http://www.dilisi.com).



## BACC 2014 Awards Dinner Scheduled

The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce will present its annual business and industry awards on Oct. 29, 2014 at a dinner at Centerton Country Club. Those interested in attending to join in the honoring of these businesses, groups and individuals, may contact the Chamber office at 856-455-1312. For more information visit [www.baccnj.com](http://www.baccnj.com). Upper Deerfield congratulates all of the winners including those from our Township:

- **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:** First National Bank of Elmer, Upper Deerfield and Elmer.
- **INDUSTRIAL:** Papco Transportation / Crestwood, Upper Deerfield.
- **RETAIL BUSINESS:** Green Olive Restaurant, Hopewell.
- **COMMERCIAL BUSINESS:** Let's Do Linens, Bridgeton.
- **SERVICE BUSINESS:** Bridgeton Christian School, Bridgeton.
- **AGRICULTURE:** Rutgers Food Innovation Center, Bridgeton.
- **Francis Binks Sharp Achievement Award:** Carol Musso, Century Savings Bank, Upper Deerfield.
- **Gary Simmerman Community Leadership Award:** Code Blue Leaders, Bridgeton and C-Town Market, Bridgeton.

## Senior Care of Bridgeton Adult Medical Daycare in Upper Deerfield

Senior Care of Bridgeton Adult Medical Daycare in Upper Deerfield opened a beautiful state of the art facility located in Upper Deerfield Township. The Adult Medical Daycare transports clients from surrounding areas in Cumberland and Salem Counties to the facility.

Clients who utilize the facility come for the day and enjoy 2 nutritious meals, nursing on staff daily for assistance with their medical needs, creative and exciting activities, shopping and entertainment. The Senior Care Center will help facilitate transportation to your medical appointments, labs and any medical testing. Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy are completed on premises by Fox Rehabilitation as ordered by your physician. Certified Social Workers are available for your assistance. Payment is made by your insurance company, if medically eligible. The Senior Care Center also has an Alzheimer Grant, respite funding and private pay available.

Stop by and visit the center and speak with Director, Yvonne Malinowski RN or email questions to [bridgeton@seniorcarectr.com](mailto:bridgeton@seniorcarectr.com). They are located at 1137 Highway 77, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302. Phone (856) 451-7227, Fax: (856) 451-4102. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



## 10th Annual Community Day Successful

Upper Deerfield Township held its tenth annual Community Day this past April. Attendance continues to increase each year. The 2014 event had over 50 Arts & Crafts vendors participating, business and organization displays, a food court, kids activities, tours of area businesses 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.

Plans for next year's event to be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> are now being discussed. The next meeting of the Historical Commission is September 9<sup>th</sup> at the municipal building at 7 pm. If you would like to help organize the next Community Day or volunteer to help at the event, please email us at [info@upperdeerfield.com](mailto:info@upperdeerfield.com) or call the Municipal Building at 451-3811.

