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UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REORGANIZES

John Daddario who was re-elected and Joseph Spoltore who was elected to replace the seat previously held by Bruce Peterson to the Township Committee in the November election, were sworn-in to serve a three-year term on the Township Committee at the reorganization meeting on January 5th. James P. Crilley was selected to serve as Mayor and John Daddario was selected to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2023. Scott Smith and Thomas Speranza are the other members of the Township Committee for 2023.

During Mayor Crilley's comments at re-organization, he listed the various grants the Township received in 2023. He mentioned how shared service agreements are providing significant financial savings for all the municipalities involved, including the CS Regional Court that now consists of ten participating municipalities and the Township Construction Office which provides services to seven municipalities.

The Mayor stated that new commercial development will be occurring with the construction of a Chipotle's and Mod Car Wash along Highway

77 as well as the opening of a alcoholic beverage package goods store in the Carlls Corner Shopping Center.

In addition, all of the Township Committeemen recognized the important role that volunteers play in the success of the Township, noting that the Township has some of the finest volunteers, boards and committees.



John Daddario (left) and Joseph Spoltore (right) being sworn in for their 3-year Township Committee positions by Solicitor Rocco Tedesco.



Bruce T. Peterson Honored For 36 Years Of Service

Bruce T. Peterson, who did not seek re-election to the Township Committee last year, was honored at a meeting of the Upper Deerfield Township Committee on January 5th for his 36 plus years of exemplary community service. Bruce served the community as Mayor for 5 years, Deputy Mayor for 3 years, Township Committeeman for 17 years and the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for 11 years. Bruce also served on various committees and boards during his service to the community.

Bruce's dedication and commitment to our community is evident from the variety of services he has provided to the Township. The Township Committee presented a plaque to Bruce for his role in making Upper Deerfield Township "A Great Place to Live".

In addition to extending their appreciation for Bruce's years of service, the Township Committee dedicated the road leading into the Convenience Center that will be known as Bruce T. Peterson Way.



Community Day – Family Fun Sat., April 29th

Upper Deerfield will be celebrating its fifteenth annual Community Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 10-4 pm, with a rain date on Sunday, April 30th from 12 – 4 pm.

Come join us for a day of family fun with arts and crafts, business and community displays, food court, a looking zoo, costumed characters, face painting, sand art, and much more. There will be performances by the Hoh Daiko Drummers, the Seabrook Minyo Dancers, Freestyle Connection BMX Show, Mainstage Center for the Arts, Give & Take Jugglers Little Circus, and the Cohanzick Zoo to name a few of days attractions. There will also be free bus tours to Centerton Nursery and the Seabrook Education and Cultural Center Museum will be open.

Enjoy the inflatable amusements, pony rides, trackless train and hayrides from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the purchase of the supersaver wristband for \$20. Individual tickets are also available.



Businesses and organizations may participate in the activities by becoming a craft or business vendor, setting up an information booth or selling food. Application forms for vendor space are available at the Municipal Building or on the Township website – www.upperdeerfield.com.

Various family activities are planned, check the Township website for updates. **Hope to see you there!**

2022 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Township Committee was able to prepare a budget for 2022 with no increase in the local tax. The following highlights took place in 2022.

GRANTS

Transportation Trust Grants –

- 1) Love Lane from Railroad to Highway 77 and Midway and Maple Avenues was repaved in the Summer of 2022.
 - 2) A grant was received from NJDOT to pave Hoover Road and Veteran's Drive in 2023
 - 3) The Township received a NJDOT grant to pave Colonial Terrace.
- **Small Cities Home Rehab Grant** – Township received \$163,000 for the 2022 home rehab program. Over 60 homes have received funding in the last 10 years. The Township also applied for an additional \$200,000 for 2023.
 - **Small Cities Facilities Grant** – Phase 3 grant - Walk paths connecting the soccer paths with the football paths completed. The new playground facility for the recreation complex was ordered in 2022 and should be installed in the summer of 2023. Phase 4 grant - new playground equipment for Sunset Lake was ordered and should be installed in summer of 2023. Two new ADA bathrooms will be installed at the recreation complex on Hoover Road - one at soccer and one at the playground area. A Phase 5 ADA compliant grant has been applied for which will add ADA accessible bleachers to each of the sport facilities and upgrade existing bleachers. The installation of a generator for the senior center was included in the grant request.
 - The Township was just awarded \$40,000 to install a commercial washer and dryer to clean the firefighter gear as well as installing an air purification system at Fire Company #3.

SHARED SERVICES

- **CS Regional Court** consists of 10 Municipalities, hosted by Upper Deerfield – Commercial, Deerfield, Downe, Greenwich, Hopewell, Lawrence, Pittsgrove, Shiloh, Stow Creek and Upper Deerfield. Began in 2012.
- **Upper Deerfield Construction Office** provides construction office services to Deerfield (2007), Fairfield (2014), Greenwich (2017), Hopewell (2017), Shiloh (2016), Stow Creek (2014) and Upper Deerfield. Also provides Housing office services to Shiloh (2015) and Lawrence (2021) and Zoning Office services to Lawrence (2021).
- **Upper Deerfield** provides Certified Finance Office services to Pittsgrove (2018)
- **Upper Deerfield** has a shared service agreement with the City of Millville to utilize their Tax Assessor one day a week in the Township. Began in 2012
- **Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund** – Township joined in 1988. One of 41 municipalities participating in this fund
- **Other shared service agreements** with numerous entities for various services including Bridgeton, Cumberland County, Cumberland County Improvement Authority, Hopewell, Shiloh and Upper Deerfield Schools

GENERAL

- **Recreation** – Township remains committed to providing recreation for the citizens. Township maintains the 100 plus acre recreation facility Hosting two leagues – North Cumberland Little League & South Jersey Futbol Club.
- **Public Works** – Continued repair and reconstruction of drainage inlets on Township roads. Leaf Collection occurs in November and December. The new Dump Truck was ordered in February 2021 was delivered the beginning of December 2022.
- **Water & Sewer** – Love Lane water facility has met the safe drinking standards for the past 42 months. The Township has constructed a nitrate removal system at Love Lane which will ensure further safe drinking standards. The new treatment facility cost \$1,063,000 – American Rescue Plan funds will pay for \$763,000 and the Township Utility budget will fund the balance.
- **Township Clean-ups** – Clean community funding continues to be used to clean up roadsides in Upper Deerfield and this past year the new sign in front of the ambulance building.
- **Residential Tax Abatements** – Homeowner can take advantage of this program for improvements to homes that are 20 years or older.
- **Planning Board** approved site plans for a Chipotle restaurant and a Mod Car Wash.
- **The Township Master Plans** that were adopted in 1979 & 1988 provided for a blueprint of a well thought out plan for development of the Township. Sixty percent of the Township remains zoned agricultural, (over 20% of Township is farmland preserved) residential development was planned in the southern portion where sewer and water are available and the Highway 77 corridor from Seabrook to Carlls Corner was zoned for general industry and business due to access to rail, water, sewer and a state highway. As time goes by the Master Plan continues to be re-examined and fine-tuned, but the base concepts remain unchanged; balancing the need to plan for growth in areas where infrastructure is located while proposing conservation and preservation measures for other areas of the Township.
- **New Businesses** – The package good Liquor License was awarded in September 2022 . The store is anticipated to open in the Carlls Corner Shopping Center in the Spring 2023.
- **The Environmental Commission and ANJEC** representatives continue to maintain the Rain Garden on the west side of the senior center.
- **The 67 single family home** Seabrook East housing development was completed. The mixed use residential/commercial Bristol Ponds Redevelopment off Cornwell Drive received Planning Board approval in 2021 and project construction should begin early 2023.
- **Taxes** - This is how your tax dollars are distributed for every \$100 dollars paid: County Government receives \$38.20, Upper Deerfield Schools receive \$37.18, Cumberland Regional receives \$19.33 and the Township receives \$5.29 to operate the local government.

Construction Code Corner

The Construction Code Office in Upper Deerfield provides construction office services to Upper Deerfield, Deerfield, Fairfield, Greenwich, Hopewell and Stow Creek Townships and Shiloh Borough. Our staff and professionals are striving to provide the best service to all the residents of these communities.

Our staff consists of the following individuals:

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| • Construction Code | Teresa Warburton |
| • Official Office Manager | Teresa Warburton |
| • Building Sub code/Inspector | Richard Saunders |
| • Electrical Sub code/Inspector | Stacy Davis |
| • Plumbing Sub code/Inspector | John Lamanteer |
| • Fire Sub code/Inspector | Teresa Warburton |
| • Technical Assistant | Karen Stratoti |
| • Office Assistant | Judith Hinnant |

Please don't hesitate to call the office (856-455-9591) with any questions or concerns about construction or projects you may be planning. The staff is here to help and guide you through the process. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 4:30, inspections are conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SWIMMING POOLS - POOL SEASON

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 will need to be corrected by the homeowner.

Please contact the office if you are planning any building projects. It is always better to call and find out if a permit is required. The staff is here to serve you and walk you through the entire process.

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program

The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases on their principal residence. To qualify, you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year (the current application year is 2022).

2022 Senior Freeze Applications

Applications are typically mailed to the last address you filed with. Allow several weeks for mailing. If you do not receive your booklet by June 1, contact the States Customer Service Center for assistance. For more information about the State program, please call 1-800-882-6597.

The Township has received a supply of PTR-1 Booklets for new applicants, that are available to be picked up at the Municipal Building Tax Office. The deadline for 2022 Applications is October 31, 2023. The US Postal Service does not forward application booklets.

REMINDERS from the HOUSING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT - PHONE: 856-455-9591

SMOKE and CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS: Install new batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

HOUSE NUMBERS: For 911 purposes, place your house number on your house or on a 4 x 4 post in front of your house. This is very important for Emergency Services to find your house in case of an emergency.

YARD CLEAN-UP: With spring time around the corner, its time to begin yard clean-up. This includes cutting the lawn and removing trash, leaves, brush, tires and untagged motor vehicles.

PERMITS: Any new construction or improvements to your property such as a house, garage, swimming pool, room addition, deck, porch, shed, etc. will require permits from the Zoning and Construction Offices.

RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION: Annual Rental Property registration is due by April 30, 2023. The rental registration fee is \$ 75.00 per rental unit (residential, commercial, or industrial). A late registration fee of \$25.00 will be assessed on or after May 1, 2023.

Township Offers Online Tax & Utility Payments

The Township of Upper Deerfield offers the convenience of making Tax and Utility payments online at 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 \$1.95 for each electronic check with this service. All Debit/Credit Card transactions have a user fee of 2.95 % (percent) for the transaction.

New Jersey ANCHOR Program

New Jersey's ANCHOR program (Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters) provides property tax relief to New Jersey residents who owned or rented their principal residence (main home) on October 1, 2019, and met the 2019 gross income limits. (Homeowners \$250,000 and Renters/Tenants \$150,000).

Filing deadline was February 28, 2023.

The State of New Jersey is currently issuing 2019 ANCHOR benefits and will continue to distribute payments through the month of May. ANCHOR benefits will be paid in the form of a direct deposit or check, not as credits to property tax bills. This program replaces the Homestead Benefit Program.

DROP BOX INSTALLED AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A Drop Box is located by the rear entrance of the Municipal Building for payments and documents. Please do not deposit CASH in the Drop Box. The Township is not responsible for Cash payments put in the Drop Box.

Payments for taxes, water and sewer bills can also be paid online at the Township website – www.upperdeerfield.com

All payments can be mailed to Upper Deerfield Township, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ 08302

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DOG REGISTRAR

The New Jersey Department of Health has established the requirements for pet licensing that all municipalities must follow. Pursuant to State Statute N.J.A.C. 8:23A-4.2, in order to issue a dog license, the pet owner must first supply to the dog licensing clerk a rabies vaccination certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian indicating that the animal's duration of immunity extends throughout at least the first ten months of the twelve month licensing period. Animals that have a duration of immunity which expires prior to the ten-month cut-off must receive a booster rabies vaccination prior to licensure. Boostering an animal before expiration of the previous vaccine has not been associated with an increased occurrence of adverse reactions and is not medically contraindicated.



The Animal may be Exempt for a period of up to one year if the owner provides to the licensing clerk a Certificate of Exemption from Rabies Vaccination if your Veterinarian determines that it would be medically contraindicated to vaccinate this animal due to an infirmity, other physical condition or regimen of therapy

- The animal must be re-examined by the expiration date listed on the certificate
- At that time the animal must either be vaccinated against rabies or, if exemption status still applies, a new certificate must be issued.
- Once the duration of immunity from the last rabies vaccination has lapsed, this animal is not protected against rabies and, as a result, is at increased risk of becoming infected if exposed to a rabid animal.
- Exemption from rabies vaccination does not exempt the animal from other laws related to rabies. If this animal is potentially exposed to rabies (e.g., due to a bite or exposure from a rabid or suspected rabid animal), the local health agency will require it to be euthanized or quarantined for six months.
- If this animal potentially exposes a person to rabies (by bite or other means), it must be confined for 10 days as approved by the local health agency

PLEASE NOTE: A reluctance to administer a rabies vaccine prior to the expiration of the previous vaccination is not accepted as a valid reason for an exemption according to state statutes. 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.....\$20.00

• Non-Spayed / Non-Neutered.....\$23.00

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.

Dog Census in 2023

Upper Deerfield Township will be conducting a dog census this year. Representatives from Shore Animal Control will be visiting every home in the Township to conduct the dog census. Shore Animal Control encourages residents to register their dog prior to April 30th in order to not have to pay a late fee to register their dog.

The purpose of the census is to have a head count of dogs and their licenses, to ensure rabies shots are up-to-date and to help return lost dogs to their homes if they are missing. The census process also helps promote awareness about how to get dog licenses in town and is an educational effort as much as it is anything else.

The census will help to make sure that dogs are licensed and vaccinated as dogs that are unlicensed and perhaps unvaccinated, could lead to a potential health risk.

All Dogs over 7 months of age are required to be licensed annually in New Jersey. To license your dog, provide current proof of Rabies inoculations (attach copy) at time of registration with an expiration date valid through November 1st of the current year pursuant to N.J.S.C. 8:23A-4.2. Initial proof of spaying or neutering must be provided to qualify for the reduced license fee.

Dogs Are Not Permitted to Run At Large

No dog, shall run or be permitted by its owner to run upon any public street, sidewalk, thoroughfare, park, playground, school yard or in any of the public places of the municipality or upon any private property without the prior consent of the owner. Any person or persons found guilty of violating the provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the Cumberland County Jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or both

Shore Animal Control Contracted With Upper Deerfield

Upper Deerfield Township has contracted with Shore Animal Control for animal control services. If your animal is missing or you have questions, please contact 800-351-1822. Leave a message, and one of their agents will call you back shortly.

2023 Rabies Clinic

The Cumberland County Health Department has announced the 2023 Rabies Clinic Schedule and the following date is still available.

Cumberland County Health Department Rabies Clinic

Saturday September 30

9:00am - 1:00pm

Cumberland County Fairgrounds

Carmel Rd, Millville

****THIS IS A FREE SERVICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS****

Only healthy cats and dogs that can be safely restrained shall be vaccinated at municipal clinics.

Residents may go to any clinic on the list. If animals have been vaccinated for rabies any time in the past, pet owners must bring proof of prior rabies vaccine to receive a 3-year certificate. Pets must be on a leash and/or in a carrier with ventilation; a leash is also recommended as an extra precaution for pets in carriers. Properly fitted muzzles, when necessary, are also suggested for the safety of people and pets at the clinics. Neither the Municipality nor the Cumberland County Health Department are responsible for animals that get away. The complete schedule is published annually in January: <https://www.ccdoh.org/>

Homeowners Rehabilitation Program

Upper Deerfield Township received \$163,000 in grant funding for 2022, to help income-qualified homeowners repair their homes.

Upper Deerfield Township is accepting new applications from homeowners who would like to take advantage of the rehabilitation program.

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 paid back (without interest) when the homeowner sells the home.

Assistance is limited to homeowners who qualify for the HUD household income limits for Cumberland County residents.

To discuss your home rehab needs or get an application, contact Small Cities Home Rehabilitation Grant Coordinator Amy Colaneri, at 451-3811 ext. 133.

You will need to provide you're most current tax return, home insurance policy and a deed to the property. Applicants will be qualified on a "first come, first served" basis.

Assessor's Office News

The Following Forms are Available in the Assessor's Office:

- Petition of Appeal
- Form P.T.D. - Property Tax Deduction Claim (Senior Citizen, Disabled Person, or Surviving Spouse)
- Form V.S.S. - Property Tax Deduction Claim (Veteran or Surviving Spouse/Domestic Partner of Veteran or Service Person)
- Form D.V.S.S.E. - Claim for Property Tax Exemption of Disabled Veteran
- Form F.S. - Further Statement of Organization Claiming Property Tax Exemption
- Form I.S. - Initial Statement of Organization Claiming Property Tax Exemption
- Form FA-1 - Farmland Assessment Application

Important Dates!

- Jan. 10th – Tax List Filed with the County Board of Taxation
- Feb. 1st – Notice of Assessment Postcards Mailed to All Property Owners
- April 1st – Petition of Appeal Due to the County Board of Taxation
- July 1st – Farmland Applications to be Mailed to Existing Farmland Properties
- Aug. 1st – Farmland Assessment Application Due to the Assessor
- Oct. 1st – Added Assessments List Filed with the County Board of Taxation
- Nov. 1st – Initial and Further Exemption Applications Due to the Assessor
- Dec. 31st – Property Tax Deduction Claim Due to the Assessor

Please contact Brian P. Rosenberger, CTA with any questions you may have.

Office Hours: Thursday (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) **Phone:** (856) 451-3148
brosenberger@upperdeerfield.com **Fax:** (856) 451-1379

EDGAR JOYCE SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Senior Center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Cumberland County Nutrition Program is available on both days.

The center is a great place to make new friends and have lively conversation in a relaxed atmosphere. You do not need to participate in the lunch program in order to come to the center. Additional activities will be added as the year progresses.

If you've never been to our center, please consider stopping by. We are located right behind the municipal building. The only 2 requirements are that you're 60 years or older and like to have fun!!! Hope to see you soon!

~ Sherrie Dixon- Director



How To Obtain Your Marriage License

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

Please 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 in the municipality in which you get married. *Best of luck to you both!!*



DISPLAY 911 NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

In order to allow state police, fire and ambulance personnel to locate your residence in 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. 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.



Rental Properties Must Be Registered

Ordinance No. 297, adopted in 1988, requires the annual registration of all rental properties in the Township. The owner of any building within the Township of Upper Deerfield containing rental properties, regardless of use (residential, commercial or industrial) shall annually be required to register the premises with the Office of Housing at the Township Municipal Building, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, N.J. 08302. Taxes must be current and all registration must be completed on or before April 30, 2023.

REGISTRATION FEE \$75.00 per rental unit.

Failure to do so shall result in a fine or late fee of \$25.00 per rental property if received after April 30, 2023. Should you have any questions regarding the above subject matter, please contact the Office of Housing at 856-455-9591

Township Street Lights Help Ensure Safety

The Township budget pays over \$140,000 for street lighting in the Township. The intent of streetlights is to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The Township ordinance states that streetlights should be located at intersections, dangerous curves, dead end roads, cul-de-sacs and locations with a high motor vehicle accident history.

Atlantic City Electric's Streetlight Reporting System

Atlantic City Electric has launched a new streetlight reporting system, a self-service, online map tool that enables customers to report a streetlight outage or problem to Atlantic City Electric through its website.

"The new streetlight reporting system offers a convenient way for customers to report when a streetlight is out on their street or in their neighborhood," Atlantic Electric asks customers to report streetlight outages.



To report a streetlight outage, customers can visit www.atlanticcityelectric.com. Click "my home" then "report an outage or safety hazard" then "report streetlight outage." Customers will need to provide their name and contact information, as well as either an address or the utility pole number for the affected light. Customers can also provide a message if additional detail is needed to relay important information to the company. Atlantic City Electric will then provide an update on the status of the reported streetlight.

Customers can also report a streetlight issue by calling the Atlantic City Electric Customer Care Center at 1-800-642-3780.

For additional information about Atlantic City Electric, visit www.atlanticcityelectric.com.

Upper Deerfield Maintains Shared Service Agreements

Upper Deerfield Township is now providing Construction Code office services including Office Management and Review & Inspection for the Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Codes through shared service agreements with Deerfield, Fairfield, Greenwich, Hopewell, Shiloh and Stow Creek.

Upper Deerfield continues to be a leader in shared services, as the Township is the host and member of the 10 member municipal CS Regional Court, is one of 41 municipalities participating in a joint municipal insurance fund, maintains other budgetary shared service agreements with Lawrence and Shiloh and utilizes equipment sharing agreements with Cumberland County, Cumberland County Improvement Authority, Bridgeton and Hopewell.

The Township has utilized the services of the City of Millville's Tax Assessor through a shared service agreement that began in 2012.

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

Parking of Commercial or Recreational Vehicles Along Public Streets is Restricted

No commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer as defined herein shall be parked on or along any public street located in Upper Deerfield Township.

There are exceptions including one that allows contractors who are doing work on residential properties to park on public streets during regular business hours. Homeowners or tenants who bring commercial vehicles home or own a registered recreational vehicles should park them on their own driveways or property.

Any person violating any provision of this section or of this Ordinance shall, for a first offense, be fined the sum of \$25. For a second offense occurring within one year of the date of the first offense, the penalty shall be \$75, and for the third or subsequent offense, occurring within one year of the first offense, the sum of \$150.

No Obstruction of Fire Lanes and/or Fire Zones.

Chapter 218-6 of the Township Codes states that Fire Lanes and Fire Zones shall at all times remain unobstructed. No vehicles may park, stop or stand at any time in a Fire Lane or Fire Zone and no person shall deposit any matter in a Fire Lane or Fire Zone.

The Fire Marshall or their designee and any law enforcement officer having jurisdiction in Upper Deerfield Township may issue a summons through the Upper Deerfield Municipal Court (or any regional court of which Upper Deerfield Township is a party). The fine for a violation of this section 218-6 is \$50.00 per violation.

Please do not park in the Fire Lanes or Fire Zones as tickets are being issued.

2023 TOWNSHIP BUDGET INTRODUCED

The Township Committee introduced the 2023 budget at their meeting on March 16th. A Public Hearing on the budget was held on Thursday April 20th in Township Municipal Building, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook.

The Township budget is located on the Township website, www.upperdeerfield.com.

There will not be an increase in this year's local government tax rate. The budget includes \$565,000 for capital improvement expenditures that puts funds away for the purchase of a fire truck, ambulance, recreation improvements, improvements to the municipal building and reconstruction of local roads. The Township pays for all general budget expenditures in the year of purchase and does not currently have any outside general budget bonding debt. The only tax the Township Committee has any authority to control is the local government tax.

The Township Tax Collector collects all of the taxes due for the County, Upper Deerfield School, Upper Deerfield's portion of the Cumberland Regional School and the Township government. If someone does not pay their taxes, the Township budget must have the ability to pay 100% of the county and the school's portion of their taxes. This year's budget allocates \$689,871.13 to make payments to the county and schools for taxes that are anticipated will not be paid based on previous collection rates. Each June, the Township conducts a tax sale of properties that have delinquent taxes from the previous year. The tax sale payments cover most of the delinquent taxes the Township had to pay the previous year to the county and the schools.

When the tax payments are collected, they are then distributed to each of the governmental entities. This is how your tax dollars were distributed last year for every \$100 dollars paid: County Government received \$38.20, Upper Deerfield Schools received \$37.18, Cumberland Regional received \$19.33 and the Township received \$5.29 to operate the local government.

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.



Township Awarded American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant

The Township was awarded a \$40,000 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant. The grant will be used to purchase a washer/dryer/extractor to properly clean and decontaminate turnout gear and to purchase an exhaust extractor system to be installed at a fire hall to purify the air.

Private Curbside Collection Containers

The Township adopted an ordinance pertaining to the storage of curbside trash containers for residents who utilize a trash collection service for the removal of their household waste.

Private curbside collection trash containers may not be placed curbside earlier than 4 PM the day before trash collection. The empty containers must be removed by no later than 8 AM the day after collection. Trash containers cannot be stored in the front yards when they are not placed at curbside for collection purposes. Violations are subject to fines in this chapter. Thank you for your assistance.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES UPDATE

The Township awarded one Plenary Retail Distribution License (Packaged Goods) in September. The applicant is waiting for the state to issue the license. The store will be located in the Carlls Corner Shopping Center, and they hope to have the store operational by late spring.

The Township also has two Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses (Restaurant) available to be awarded. The Township will be putting one of the consumption licenses out to bid in late spring or early summer.

Public Records located on Township Website

On the Township's website, www.upperdeerfield.com, under Public Records icon on the home page, one can view the Township Committees agendas, minutes, resolutions and ordinances for 2010 through 2023. Planning Board minutes, resolutions and agendas are also online for 2010 through 2023. Township budgets and financial audits are online from 2004 to 2023.

Public Works Contact Info

If any resident or business has a question or concern for the public works department, please contact Chad Ott at 856-455-2779, ext. 3441.

Used Oil and Antifreeze Disposal

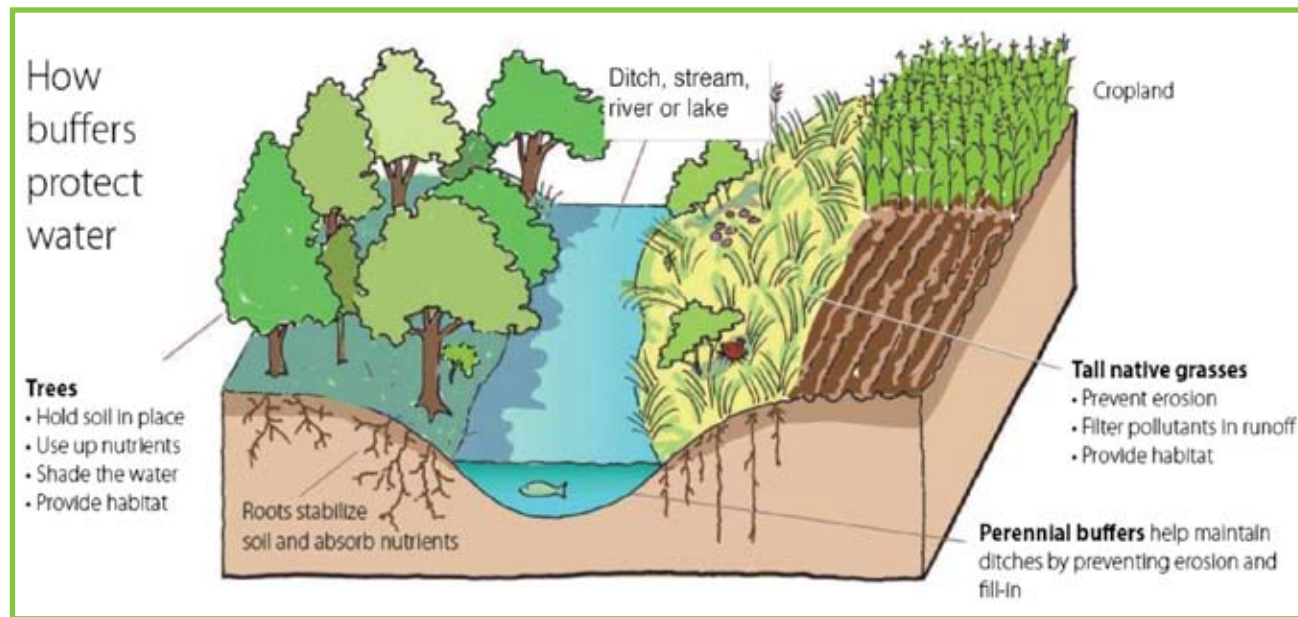
There are containers for disposal of used oil and antifreeze at the Convenience Center.

WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

Upper Deerfield Township with its network of streams, lakes and the Upper Cohansey River is part of the Cohansey Watershed. These waterways capture stormwater runoff and carry it down the Cohansey to the Delaware Bay.

Coming from fields and forests, as well as roofs, streets and parking lots, stormwater runoff carries with it all sorts of pollutants. Motor oil, pet and wildlife droppings, garden and agricultural chemicals are just a few of the pollutants that can become concentrated in what looks like harmless rainwater or melted ice and snow.

An effective way to filter out pollutants is to plant a riparian buffer along each side of a waterway.



How A Riparian Buffer Helps

An effective riparian buffer is a mixture of grasses, shrubs and trees. It provides several benefits:

- **Filters out pollutants**

A buffer filters stormwater runoff, removing some of the pollutants.

- **Slows the flow**

A buffer slows the flow, allowing some of the water to soak into the soil and replenish the groundwater supply, the source of our drinking water.

- **Helps prevent flooding**

A buffer helps stormwater soak into the soil and reduces the volume of water that can cause floods.

- **Prevents erosion**

A buffer helps stabilize stream banks, preventing soil from washing into the waterways and adding to the current sedimentation problem.

- **Creates wildlife habitat**

The Township ordered a new Dump Truck for Public Works in February 2021 which was delivered the beginning of December 2022.



Off-Road Vehicles Ordinance

No person shall operate an off-road vehicle on any private property or public property within the Township, unless such person has in the operator's possession written permission, signed by the property owner, authorizing the operation of such off-road vehicle on the property. Such written permission shall be exhibited to any law enforcement officer upon request.

The penalty for a violation of this ordinance shall be a fine of not less than \$250, nor more than \$1,000, and/or imprisonment in the County Jail for a term not to exceed 90 days. The Municipal Court shall also have the power to order that restitution be paid to the landowner for any damage proven to be caused by any violator of this chapter. Any off-road vehicle found by any law enforcement officer to be in use in violation of this chapter shall be impounded until the disposition of any charges under this chapter and the payment of all fines and costs resulting therefrom.

Clean Communities Program

The Township anticipates receiving state funding for their 2023 Clean Communities Program in late spring. A portion of the grant funds will enable the Township to donate funds for approved volunteer groups such as Scouts, church, school or civic groups and other similar organized groups. If the funding is granted, the Township will have "Clean Up" Days throughout the year which will allow the approved volunteer group to pick litter up on selected streets within Upper Deerfield. Vests, gloves and trash bags will be 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 Amy Colaneri at 856-451-3811 or acolaneri@upperdeerfield.com.

Remove Grass Clippings from Streets

We appreciate residents mowing their lawns, but we do request that when you clean up after mowing that you also clean the clippings out of the streets. When grass clippings are left in the streets and the next rain comes, the clippings will be washed down to a street drainage inlet and can cause the storm drains to get clogged.

Not only does this activity have a degrading effect on our water quality, but also the buildup of grass clippings, sediment, leaves and other debris can cause problems to the storm sewer systems resulting in tax dollars being spent on repairs and cleaning.

The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. Grass clippings contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turns lakes green with algae! Storm drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants, so whatever enters the catch basins goes untreated and may eventually enter creeks, streams, rivers and lakes!

Proper disposal of your yard debris is a simple yet significant way to help reduce storm water pollution. Please sweep or blow the grass clippings back on the lawn after mowing.

Below is an Aerial View of the Township's Walk Path through the 100-acre Township Park. There are over 2 miles of walk paths.



Township Awarded Phase III Recreation Complex ADA Compliance

Upper Deerfield was awarded \$400,000 from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Grant Program to continue making the Township's 100-acre Recreational Complex ADA compliant. This grant will continue the ADA walk paths from the soccer area to the football area and replace the existing playground equipment with a new ADA compliant playground. Two 20' x 30' pavilions will also be constructed to further the compliance for ADA and provide compliant picnic tables.

The walk paths have been completed and the installation of the recreation playground is anticipated to begin in June.

The new play structure will consist of an area for 2–5-year old's and another for 5–12-year olds's. The new facility will also include swings and other playground apparatuses. The conceptual playground plan is shown below.



Phase IV Recreation Complex ADA Compliance Grant Awarded

Upper Deerfield Township was awarded a \$400,000 Phase IV Small Cities Facilities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to bring the 100-acre Township Recreational Complex and Sunset Lake Park into ADA compliance. The recreational upgrades comply with the federally mandated requirements within the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The fourth phase will provide for the installation of two ADA compliant bathrooms at the 100-acre Recreation Complex. One bathroom would be located at the soccer area and the other at the playground area. The Sunset Lake playground will be replaced with a new ADA compliant structure, swings and upgrading of the facility. The bathrooms and Sunset Lake playground installation should begin in June or July. A photo of the new playground at right.

Phase V Recreation Complex ADA Compliance Grant Requested

Upper Deerfield Township applied for a \$400,000 Phase V Small Cities Facilities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to construct the final ADA compliant aspect for the 100-acre Township Recreational. The recreational upgrades comply with the federally mandated requirements within the Americans with Disabilities Act.

If awarded, the fifth and final phase would provide for the purchase of one new ADA compliant bleacher for each of the existing areas that have bleachers. Walk paths to the bleachers will also be constructed and tied in the existing walk paths throughout the recreation complex. In addition, some of the newer existing bleachers will be brought up to code and made ADA compliant.



PORTABLE BASKETBALL POLES NOTICE

Portable Basketball Poles and Racks 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.



Pull Out And Save



TAX OFFICE

Phone: 856-451-3148

Tax Collector:
Janeen Rossi

Tax Assessor:
Brian Rosenberger

2023 Tax Payments Due:

- February 1
- May 1
- August 1
- November 1

Window Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4 pm

SENIOR CENTER

Phone: 856-451-5649
Fax: 856-451-5684

Director
Sherrie Dixon
Nurse
Nancy Gottwald

Senior Advisory Committee

- Mary Ann Kenelia
- Virginia Lamanteer
- Anthony Lamanteer
- Veronica Gutowski
- Yasuye Kato

CONVENIENCE CENTER
Phone: 856-451-3811

OPEN: Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
March through November • 8 am to 5 pm
November through March • 8 am to 4 pm

STREETS & RECREATION
Phone: 856-455-2779 x3441
Chad Ott

WATER & SEWER UTILITY
Phone: 856-451-3811
John Hoogendorn

IN CASE OF FIRE OR AMBULANCE CALL 911

FIRE COMPANY 1

Deerfield Street
1538 Highway 77
Deerfield Street, NJ 08313
856-451-8425
Lynn Mooneyham, Chief

FIRE COMPANY 2

Seabrook
90 Foster Road
Seabrook, NJ 08302
856-451-2937
Dan Sutton, Chief

FIRE COMPANY 3

Carlls Corner
69 Cornwell Drive
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
856-455-6566
John Schaffer Chief



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

10 Hoover Road
Seabrook, NJ 08302
856-455-2779
Chad Ott, Chief

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M.
in the Municipal Building,
1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ
Phone: 856-451-3811
Fax: 856-451-1379

2023 MEETING DATES

- January 5 & 19
- February 2 & 16
- March 2 & 16
- April 6 & 20
- May 4 & 18
- June 1 & 15
- July 20
- August 3 & 17
- September 7 & 21
- October 5 & 19
- November 2 & 16
- December 7, 21 & 29

The year end meeting on
December 29, 2023 - 3:00 P.M.

Reorganization Meeting
January 4, 2024

Mayor

James P. Crilley

Deputy Mayor

John L. Daddario

Committeeman

Scott R. Smith
Thomas Speranza
Joseph Spoltore

Solicitor

Rocco Tedesco, Esq.

Engineer

Brian Murphy, PE

Clerk/Administrator

Roy J. Spoltore

Treasurer

Amy Colaneri

CFO

Amy Colaneri

REDEVELOPMENT ENTITY MEETINGS

All Meetings begin at 7:30 PM
in the Municipal Court Room

2023 MEETING DATES

- January 19
- February 16
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21

Reorganization Meeting
January 18 2024

RECREATION COMMISSION - TRIBUTE BENCH

Honoring a loved one through a donation of a park bench is a thoughtful way to recognize and pay tribute to family and friends. The Upper Deerfield Township Recreation Commission provides the opportunity for members of the community to donate these within the Township's Recreational area which includes: Cohansey Soccer, Cumberland Upper Deerfield Midget Football League, North Cumberland Basketball, North Cumberland Little League, and the Walking Trail.

The cost for a bench is \$300 and is tax-deductible. Your bench will include a secured plaque with the wording that you submitted on the application. The Township of Upper Deerfield will not be responsible for maintaining your park bench if it is damaged or vandalized.

Once you submit your order, please allow for eight weeks for delivery and installation. Contact Amy Colaneri for more information at 856-451-3811 or acolaneri@upperdeerfield.com.





PLANNING BOARD

Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M.
at the Municipal Building,
1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ

2023 MEETING DATES

January	9 & 18
February	13 & 22
March	13 & 20
April	10 & 17
May	8 & 15
June	12 & 19
July	10
August	14
September	11 & 18
October	11 & 16
November	13 & 20
December	11
Reorganization Meeting, Jan. 8, 2024	

Board Members

Chairperson - Russell Vanella
Vice-Chairperson - Jack Waselik
Members

Anthony Buono, James P. Crilley,
Laura Hayes, Ken Jackson,
Anthony Lamanteer, Wayne Sabota,
Joseph Spoltore

Alternates

William Whelan, William Taylor,
Edward Geletka, Ken Mecouch

Engineer

J. Michael Fralinger 856-451-2990

Planner - Randy Scheule

Solicitor

Theodore H. Ritter, Matthew Ritter

Acting Secretary - Roy Spoltore-
rspoltore@upperdeerfield.com

Sherrie Dixon sdixon@upperdeerfield.com

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 6:00 P.M.
at the Municipal Building,
1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ

2023 MEETING DATES

January.....	12
March	9
May	11
July	27
September	14
November.....	9
Reorganization Meeting, Jan. 11, 2024	

Commission Members

Chairperson

David M. Trout

Vice-Chairperson

Dr. John McGlynn

Treasurer

Chris Jespersen

Commission Members

Edward Overdevest
Bruce Riley, Joe Stanger
and Mark Webster

Secretary

Terry Stiles

Economic Development Consultant

Cumberland Development Corp
Tony Stanzone, Exec. Director
856-451-4200
tony@cdcnj.com

Twp. Committee Representative

James P. Crilley

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M.
at the Municipal Building,
1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ

2023 MEETING DATES

January	11
February	1
March	1
April	5
May	3
June	7
July	5
August	2
September	6
October	4
November	1
December	6
Reorganization Meeting, Jan. 10, 2024	

Commission Members

Chairman

Joe Lacotte

Vice-Chairperson

Lynn Maun

Members

Layne Ball, Sandy Morrissey,
Caroline Owens, Jack Waselik,
and William Ziefle

Alternates

Steve Smith and William Waterman

Secretary

Karen Stratoti
kstratoti@upperdeerfield.com

Twp. Committee Representatives

Thomas Speranza and Joseph Spoltore

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

November 11, 2023 at 10 A.M.

HELP STOP LITTERING IN UPPER DEERFIELD

If you see someone littering
on our roads, contact the
Cumberland County Health Department
at **856-327-7602** to report the
following information:

- * Date and Time
- * License Plate Number
- * Vehicle Make and Color
- * Location



COMMUNITY DAY - YEARS OF FAMILY FUN

24-Hour Bridgeton State Police Tip Line For Non-Emergencies

Residents are reminded to dial 911 for all emergencies. However, 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 all community members are encouraged to utilize this line to provide any information whatsoever which could aid in criminal investigations. The information is being submitted anonymously and no bit of information is too small. The Bridgeton State Police Station thanks you for your time and assistance.

The State Police reminds local residents to remain vigilant in reporting suspicious activity (persons or vehicles that are out of place). They urge residents to keep their home and vehicle doors locked in order to deter thefts/burglaries and suggest if it is financially feasible to consider installing an alarm system and/or a camera security system in their residence.



RECREATION COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. at the Little League Complex, 56 Hoover Road, Seabrook, NJ

2023 MEETING DATES

January	9
February	6
March	6
April	3
May	1
June	5
September	11
October	2
November	6

Reorganization Meeting
January 8, 2024

Commission Members

Chairperson
William Ziefle

Vice Chair - Dante Rieti
Theresa Branch
Amy Colaneri
Nick D'Agostino
Carmen Pino
Earl Rennie

Alternates
Clarence Jones & Robbie Ford

Secretary - Amy Colaneri

Honorary Member
John Rogers

Twp. Committee Representative
John Daddario and Joseph Spoltore

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ

2023 MEETING DATES

January	10
February	14
March	14
April	11 & 25
May	9
October	10
November	14

Reorganization Meeting
January 9, 2024

Commission Members

Chairperson
Deborah Glessner

Herman Evans, Jr.
Linda Carman
Laura Hayes
Ronald Moore
Bill Ziefle

Alternates
Marion Moore
George Moore

Secretary
Cindy Kakoda

PRIDE COMMITTEE
Frank Tyler, Belford Miller
and Kathy King

2023 MUNICIPAL COURT SESSIONS

January 3	4	10	17	24	31	
Feb.	1	7	14	21	28	
March	1	7	14	21	28	
April	4	5	11	18	25	
May	2	3	9	16	23	30
June	6	7	13	20	27	
July	5	11	18	25		
Aug.	1	2	8	15	22	29
Sept.	5	6	12	19	26	
Oct.	3	4	10	17	24	31
Nov.	1	7	14	21	28	
Dec.	5	6	12			

All sessions are held on Mondays in the Court Room. All Sessions begin at 9:00 AM

Municipal Court Judge
Lauren VanEmbden

Court Administrator
Patricia Turkali

Deputy Court Administrator
Marion Higbee

Municipal Prosecutor
Niki Arbittier

Public Defender
Mark Kargman

Window Hours for Court
Mon - Fri 9 AM to 4 PM
Phone: 856-455-8722
Fax: 856-451-6489

Note: Traffic tickets that do not require a court appearance can be paid online. Check website.

CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE

Construction Code Official
Teresa Warburton

Building Sub-Code Official
Richard Saunders

Electrical Sub-Code Official
Stacy Davis

Plumbing Sub-Code Official
John Lamanteer

Fire Sub-Code Official
Teresa Warburton

Elevator Sub-Code Official
State of New Jersey

Construction Office Manager

Teresa Warburton
twarburton@upperdeerfield.com

Office Hours
Mon. – Fri 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Phone: 856-455-9591
Fax: 856-451-5006

ZONING & HOUSING
856-451-3811

Zoning Officer
Tony Lamanteer
tlamanteer@upperdeerfield.com

Housing Officer
Tony Lamanteer
tlamanteer@upperdeerfield.com
Phone: 856-451-3811

NATURAL DISASTER / MAJOR STORM INFORMATION

In the event of a Disaster or Storm:

The local Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will open at 69 Cornwell Dr (Fire Department #3) and information will be provided on the various resources available for that particular disaster (i.e. water stations, cooling & heating stations, shelters, and road closings). If it's a timed event such as a hurricane, plans will be implemented prior to the event occurring. This information will be disseminated via the Township's website www.UpperDeerfield.com, Township's phone system, or by contacting the OEM office.

During an event the fire departments will be working throughout the Township making utility checks on areas that may have sustained damage or standing-by for an emergency. The Emergency Medical Services

(EMS) will be making wellness checks on known citizens with medical problems that may need assistance (i.e. changing home O2 over to their bottle system in the event of power loss). If you would like to be added to the home check list please fill out the registration form on the Township Website on the Office of Emergency Management page and return the form to Office of Emergency Management, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ 08302.

If you need the fire department or EMS to check your property or to make a wellness check free-of-charge or to report any road blockages from damaged trees, wires, or poles, or to report any damaged dams or bridges please contact the OEM office at **856-455-2779 x3441** during an event. To report any emergencies please continue to dial 911.



UPPER DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT K-8

Superintendent
Peter Koza Ed.D

**Assistant Superintendent
for Business**
Dr. Frank Badessa

Phone: 856-455-2267
Fax: 856-455-0419

Upper Deerfield School District
1369 Highway 77
Seabrook, NJ 08302

Board of Education Members

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Joseph Lee

Members
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Sheetal Patel
Carmen Pino
Angelica Wildin

The Board of Education meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

**Township Committee
Representative**
John L. Daddario

**Remembering Past
Community Day Fun**



CUMBERLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent
Carl Dolente

Business Administrator
Bruce D. Harbinson
Phone: 856-451-9400
Fax: 856-455-8514

Cumberland Regional
School District
PO Box 5115
90 Silver Lake Road
Seabrook, NJ 08302

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Barbara Wilcensky, Upper Deerfield
Ken Jackson, Upper Deerfield

The Board of Education meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the administration building on Love Lane. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

**Township Committee
Representative**
James P. Crilley



NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR

Phil Murphy, Governor
The State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
609-292-6000

U.S SENATORS FROM NEW JERSEY

Cory Booker
One Port Center
Suite 505, Fifth Floor
Two Riverside Drive
Camden, New Jersey 08101
856-338-8922

Robert Menendez
Barrington Commons
208 White Horse Pike, Suite 18
Barrington, New Jersey 08007
856-757-5353

U.S. CONGRESSMAN
(2nd Congressional District)
Dr. Jeff Van Drew
5914 Main Street, Suite 103
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330
609-625-5008

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Douglas Albrecht

Deputy Director
Antonio Romero

Commissioners
John Capizola, Jr.
Victoria Groetsch-Lods
Carol Musso
Donna Pearson
Joseph Sileo

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County Clerk
Celeste M. Riley
856-453-4860

Sheriff
Robert A. Austino
856-451-4449

Surrogate
Douglas M. Rainear
856-453-4800

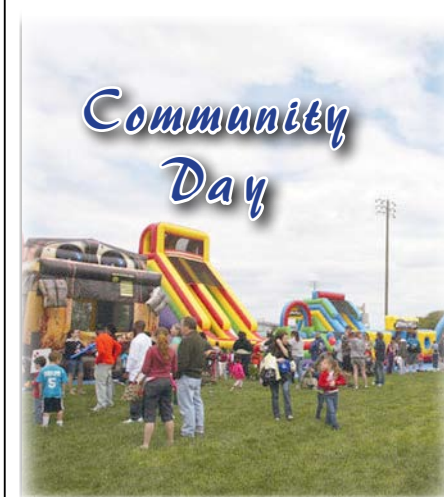
THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

State Senator
Edward Durr

General Assembly
Bethanne McCarthy Patrick
Beth Sawyer

Offices:

Kingsway Commons
935 Kings Highway
West Deptford, NJ 08086
856-443-7391
Fax: 856-579-7853



Spotted Laternfly Control



Destroy the Eggs - Thirteen NJ counties, including Salem, Camden and Gloucester, are now under spotted lanternfly quarantine and it has been found in growing numbers throughout Upper Deerfield Township. To try to avoid a full-scale invasion next summer, it is critical to find and destroy the eggs, which will remain viable until next July. SLF will continue to lay eggs through the first few frosts and each little 1" high egg mass contains 30-50 eggs. Look for the egg masses on many surfaces including rocks and tree trunks, tires, shingles, sidewalks and patios and the underside of branches. Use a metal tool, such as a paint scraper, spatula, spoon, or table knife to scrape the eggs into a double plastic bag or a bottle of hand sanitizer or alcohol. The Department of Agriculture urges you to destroy any that you see, then go to badbug.nj.gov and report the location of the sighting.

Remove Tree-of-Heaven -To reduce the population of this destructive insect, get rid of their host tree: the tree-of-heaven. This fast-growing, foul-smelling invasive species—resembling the native staghorn sumac—can grow to 70' tall and 6' in diameter and produce chemicals that limit the growth of other trees. Females are prolific seed-makers, producing as many as 300,00 seeds annually. With an extensive root system and the ability to resprout after cutting, the tree is difficult to control. Treating them with a systemic herbicide using the "hack-and-squirt" method will target the roots if it is applied before the onset of fall color. The herbicide will not reach the roots through a cut stump or after the leaves turn color, so after November 1, it's better to wait until they leaf out next spring. More information is available from the NJ Department of Agriculture at NJ.gov.



\$163,000 HOME REHABILITATION GRANT AWARDED

The Township received a \$163,000 Small Cities Home Rehabilitation grant for 2022, to help income-qualified Upper Deerfield Township homeowners repair their homes. This recent award is the twelfth grant received by the Township since 2006, to provide home rehabilitation grants. 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.

The 2021 Small Cities Home Rehabilitation Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$107,000 is almost fully expended. The home rehabilitation program is anticipated to provide up to \$25,000 in assistance to 4-5 homeowners to help with home repairs including windows, roofs, floors, heating systems, insulation, woodwork, plumbing and similar work to remedy serious home deficiencies.



ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Watch the Township Website for the date TBA.

Volunteers Are Needed To Assist With Cleaning Up Litter In Our Town.

COME TO:
Municipal Building
 1325 Highway 77
 Seabrook, NJ 08302

Sign In at 7:45am and get your assigned street. Begin CleanUp at 8:00am and work till noon. Trash Bags and gloves provided.

Let's Keep Upper Deerfield a Clean Community!

Volunteers may register by calling 856-451-3811 and ask for Amy Colaneri. If you can't join us, then clean your street, a nearby park or in front of your business!

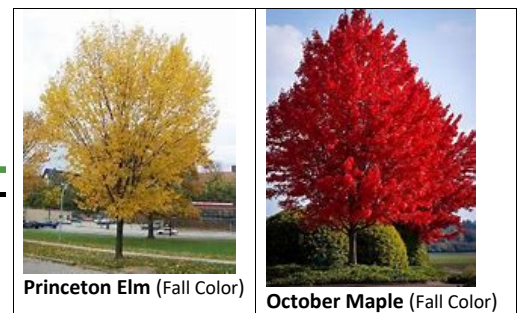
Tree Sponsorship for Veterans Drive

Twenty-two trees have been planted along Veterans Drive in the Township's 100-acre Recreation Complex. Businesses or families can donate a Tree along Veterans Drive or you can honor a loved one through a donation.

This is a thoughtful way to recognize your business or pay tribute to your family by donating a tree along Veterans Drive.

The cost for a tree is \$250 and is tax-deductible.

A plaque on Veterans Drive will include the names of all the businesses, families or loved ones who sponsored a tree.



✂ Cut to submit application ✂

Application for Tree Sponsorship

Name of Person Making Request: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip

Telephone (including area code): _____

Name of Family, Business or Person Being Honored: _____

Return Application To: Upper Deerfield Township, Attn: Amy Colaneri, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ 08032

Seabrook Film Progress and Filming History from Filmmaker Helga Merits

I had not heard about Seabrook Farms until a cold day in November 2018, when I visited Boston for a Baltic film festival. A

The "Spinach Think Tank"

Three months ago a small group of volunteers gathered to help Helga Merits with the business aspect of the Seabrook film, such as sponsorship, funding, publicity and distribution. They have monthly zoom meetings, and believe very strongly that the Seabrook story needs to be told. They bring unique insights and skills to expedite the development and production of the film. The group would like to seek grants from private foundations and government agencies, in addition to contributions from private individuals.

The group includes Helga Merits; Masaru Nakawatase, the new president of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC); Penny Watson, architect and historian of Cumberland County; Ilmar Vanderer, an Estonian communications specialist in Montclair NJ; Robert Dragotta, a theatrical and film producer living in Bridgeton NJ; Helle-Mai Pärt Gawrylewski, an Estonian management consultant in New Hope PA; Indrek Ojamaa, curator at the Estonian Archives in Lakewood NJ; Donald Fye, a technology consultant in Boston MA whose wife grew up in Seabrook; and Marilem Soodla Ferentinos, also a former Seabrooker living in Boston.

Tax deductible donations for the film can now be made through the Foundation for Estonian Arts and Letters. Please include the word "Seabrook" on the check.

Foundation for Estonian Arts and Letters
235 East 62nd Street #2F
New York, NY 10065

film I had made about Estonian refugees was being screened and afterwards I had a talk in the cinema with a group of people all of whom turned out to have grown up in Seabrook Farms. Their stories were intriguing to me. We extended our talk in a nearby café and I made up my mind: I will make a documentary film about Seabrook Farms.

I corresponded with a few people, but especially with Valdis Basens and we organised my first trip in September 2019. It was an orientating trip, to meet people of various communities who had lived in Seabrook, to see the environment, to record the first interviews. I would come back in May 2020 to continue research and record more interviews.

As we all know the pandemic came and made travel impossible. In mid-May 2020 all of a sudden I received an email from Marilem Ferentinos which had as the subject "Valdis" and I could see the first words: "It is with deep sorrow..." and I knew Valdis had passed away. It was a shock, because it was so unexpected and such a big loss, as a person and as someone who seemed to be the walking encyclopaedia of Seabrook Farms. Friends of Valdis have made donations for the film, for which I am very grateful. The film will be made in memory of Valdis.

The borders of the US remained closed in 2020 and even through the summer of 2021. I tried to get a special visa, and even wrote to the White House to see if it would be possible to make an exception, but all without results, which was not surprising, since so many asked for various reasons to be

allowed to enter the US. The borders opened in November 2021, but at that time Holland had a strict lockdown which continued until early February 2022. It was only then that I started to make plans.

I returned in May 2022. First I went to Boston to record a few interviews, staying with Marilem Ferentinos. Then I went to Seabrook together with Mattee Becker, my cameraperson, and we received a heart warming welcome. Sharon Yoshida organized the rooms where we could record interviews and provided us with lovely food. Robert Dragotta took care of sleeping accommodations. Ivin Seabrook showed us around in the Seabrook Brothers & Sons plant. Spinach was being harvested, the weather was warm, and the outdoor images added to the stories.

We filmed irrigation systems, fields, and spinach. A puzzled farmer, having no idea what to make of someone who was coming all the way from Holland to film his spinach, was watching us. But most important were the interviews with the people, the Estonian-Americans, the Japanese-Americans, the African-Americans, and the local communities. Though all stories were different, everyone agreed on one thing: they had had a happy childhood at Seabrook Farms. Unfortunately we were not able to do all interviews as planned: Covid was still around

and some interviews were cancelled.

It will be important for me to return once more to Seabrook, for a final round of interviews. I had hoped to return this autumn, but because support did not come through, I had to postpone it until next spring. Maybe it is not a bad thing: here the numbers of people with Covid are rising again fast. I will have time now to study all the footage there is to know exactly what we will need in the spring. The moment I have all the footage that I need, I will start with scriptwriting and putting all the material together, but this will be for next year.



September 2019 meeting at the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center. Counterclockwise: John Seabrook, Helga Merits, Valdis Basens, Masaru Nakawatase, Marilem Ferentinos



Helga Merits and Madeline Becker interviewing former Seabrooker in Bridgeton in May 2022.

SEABROOK FARMS DOCUMENTARY



Helga Merits (above) is a Dutch-Estonian journalist and documentary filmmaker who is working on a film about Seabrook Farms, especially the period from 1940 to 1960. The history of Seabrook Farms is a unique part of American history and not known by many people. Seabrook Farms, perhaps still known for its creamed spinach, was once the largest frozen food factory in the United States. The food was harvested, selected, frozen, and packed by people of more than 30 nationalities. Seabrook Farms was a global village in the midst of rural southern New Jersey.

Helga Merits is still looking for photos, pictures, information and film footage. In case you have anything you are willing to share about life in Seabrook Farms, please let her know.

You can reach her at seabrookfilm@gmail.com.

An early trailer for the film, go to MeritsProductions.com.



SECC Selects Executive Director

The Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC) in Upper Deerfield Township is pleased to announce the selection of Larry Ericksen as Executive Director of the SECC, as of March 15, 2023. Larry Ericksen brings a vast range of business, administrative, and cultural experience. He graduated as valedictorian from Millville High School, received a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, and obtained an MBA degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Larry worked for the management consulting firm, Booz Allen Hamilton. He currently serves as a member of the SECC Board of Trustees and is chairman of the Advisory Board for the WheatonArts Folklife Center. Larry has been an officer of the Maurice River Historical Society and was previously a trustee of the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts in Millville, NJ.



The SECC museum is located in the Upper Deerfield Township Municipal Building. For further information about the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center, call the museum office at (856) 451-8393 or visit the SECC website at seabrookeducation.org.

Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center Museum

The public is invited to tour the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center Museum on Community Day between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit the museum Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to Noon. For more information contact Larry Eriksen, Executive Director, SECC (856) 451-8393 or by email at seabrookeducation@yahoo.com

The Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC) Museum is looking for volunteers to give tours of the museum and perform other duties as necessary to the daily operation of the museum under the guidance of the Executive Director.

Interested individuals should have the ability to speak in front of an audience, work independently, have strong organizational and planning skills and the ability to work independently.

If interested, please submit a résumé via email to seabrookhistory@gmail.com. The subject line of the email must read "SECC VOLUNTEER" on application." Please "No phone calls or drop-ins".

Veteran's Day Ceremony Was Successful

The Upper Deerfield Township Community Pride Committee organized the Veteran's Day Ceremony that was held on Saturday, November 12th. Mayor James Crilley served as the Master of Ceremonies. Ceremony speakers consisted of Congressman Jeff Van Drew, a US Coast Guard Commanding Officer. Belford Miller Infantry Sgt. 82nd Airborne Vietnam, Purple Heart Recipient and a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Upper Deerfield Township School's ACE Music program provided patriotic musical numbers during the program under the direction of Spencer Lau and Tanya Nakai. The Upper Deerfield Township Community Pride Committee consists of Herman Evans, Jr., Kathy King and Belford Miller.

Replacing the Seabrook Water Tower

The Township has submitted an application to the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program (NJEIT) to replace the Seabrook Water Tower that was constructed in the 1940's. Inspection studies show that there are short- and long-term financial upgrades facing the 80 plus year old water tower that necessitated the Township to look into grant and loan programs to replace the aging water tower.

The estimated replacement cost is around four million dollars. This will be paid with a half of a million dollar grant from the state and the balance will be a low interest long-term bond from the state. The new water tower will continue to provide storage for existing commercial and residential customers in the Seabrook area. The Township is hoping to have this project out for bid in May.

NITRATE TEST RESULTS

Love Lane			Seabrook		
Date Sampled	RESULT		Date Sampled	RESULT	
1/3/23	3.66		1/3/23	4.43	
10/4/22	9.1				
7/5/22	<1				
4/5/22	4.3				
1/4/22	6.71		1/4/22	5.27	
10/6/21	5.84		10/6/21	5.42	
7/7/2021	7.66		7/7/2021	5.8	
4/13/2021	8.15		4/6/2021	5.79	
1/11/2021	6.19		1/5/2021	6.25	
10/5/2020	4.85		10/7/2020	6.78	
7/6/2020	9.61		7/13/2020	5.74	
4/7/20	7.36		4/14/20	1.33	
1/6/2020	9.65		1/13/2020	6.68	
10/7/2019	9.32		10/28/2019	6.7	
7/10/2019 confirm	11.8	11.8 Avg.	7/15/2019	10	
7/8/2019	11.8				
4/8/2019	10		4/3//2019 confirm	7.85	10.9 Avg.
1/9/2019 confirm	13.1	12.1 Avg.	4/1/2019	13.9	
1/8/2019	11.2		1/8/2019	9.5	



The Nitrate Removal Treatment system at the Love Lane Water Facility began operation in December 2022.



The Nitrate Test results are shown from the two water plants. In the event a test result exceeded 10.0 for nitrates, a second test needs to be taken within 24 hours of receiving the results from the first test. The two test results are then averaged for the number to be used for that testing period. All tests are conducted in State approved water testing companies.

The Love Lane facility nitrate testing has been below the threshold since the October 2019 test and the Seabrook facility has been below the threshold since July 2019. The Township has installed a nitrate removal system at the Love Lane water facility which came online in December 2022. Due to the recent test numbers, Seabrook is only required to test annually.

Safe Cooking Oil Disposal Options

It's important to dispose of cooking oil properly. Whatever you do, don't pour the cooking oil down the sink, where it will pass through the pipes and "solidify and cause blockage." If you're discarding cooking oil at home, one of the following options will do the trick:

- Let the oil cool completely, then pour it into a non-recyclable container with a lid, and throw it in the garbage. Common non-recyclable containers that work well include cardboard milk cartons and similar wax- or plastic-lined paper containers as well as takeout containers.

- Freeze or refrigerate the oil first to harden it. Pour the oil in an old can and put it in the freezer. Throw away the oil when it's solid enough to come out of the can in one piece. When it solidifies, scoop it out and into the trash with a spoon, then wipe out the container with a paper towel or used napkin before washing it.

- Pour completely cooled oil into a partially filled trash bag. Paper towels, food scraps, and other absorbent material help contain the oil so you don't have a pool of it waiting to break out of the bottom of the bag.
- Mix the oil with an absorbent material, such as cat litter, sand or sawdust, before throwing it away. Save old oil for the next time you empty the litter box, and dump the oil into the litter.

Cooking Oil Disposal Don't's

- Don't pour oil down the drain or in the toilet. It can clog not only your pipes but also the sewer mains or the distribution lines of the septic system or drainage fields.
- Don't dispose of oil in compost bins or piles.
- Don't pour hot oil into the trash.

Drinking Water Update - New Nitrate Removal Treatment System Active

The recent testing of the UDT water supply has shown that the nitrate levels previously reported have reduced significantly (see test results on page 18). While the current test results indicate no reason for concern, the Upper Deerfield Township Committee moved forward with the construction of a nitrate removal system to prevent future nitrate concerns at the Love Lane Facility.

The Township received bids for the manufacturing of components for a Low Waste Nitrate Treatment and Brine Supply System for the Love Lane Water Facility and awarded the contract to WRT Water Remediation Technology, LLC. in the amount of \$385,150.00 in May 2021.

The Township prepared and submitted an application package for the required NJDEP permits to the State. The permit application was deemed complete for review and the permit was approved by DEP in December 2021.

The Township awarded a contract to Quad Construction Company to construct a building addition and install the WRT nitrate removal components for the Love Lane Water Treatment Facility in the amount of \$640,000 in January 2022

The Township submitted an application to the Cumberland County Utilities Authority for a permit to discharge backwash waste from the nitrate removal treatment. The industrial waste discharge permit was received from the CCUA in February 2022.

The total cost of the project was \$1,063,000. The Federal American Recovery Plan grant paid for \$763,000 and the Township utility budget will be supplying the remainder of the funds needed.

The Nitrate Removal Treatment system at the Love Lane Water Facility began operation in December 2022. The test results for nitrate at Love Lane were 9.1 in October and in January with the new removal system in place the test results were 3.66. More Pictures of the new treatment components are shown on page 18.

Drinking Water Quality Reports Available

The 2022 Drinking Water Quality Reports are now available on the Upper Deerfield Township website under the Water/Sewer link. The direct URL is: <http://upperdeerfield.com/sewer&water.htm>

If you would like a paper copy mailed to you please call 856-451-3811



Sewage Systems May Clog When Wipes And Other Items Are Flushed

THINGS YOU CAN FLUSH.

- ✗ Cleaning Wipes
- ✗ Cotton Balls or Swabs
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Facial Tissue
- ✗ Flushable Wipes
- ✗ Paper
- ✗ Paper Towels
- ✗ Sanitary Pads
- ✗ Wet Wipes

✓ Toilet Paper

Don't flush wipes down the toilet. With the outbreak of COVID-19, people are using disinfectant wipes, paper towels and other items to sanitize areas and then disposing of them in the toilet.

Please do not flush: napkins, paper towels, cleaning wipes, baby wipes, sanitary napkins, adult diapers and flushable wipes. Flushing these items may cause sewage systems to clog the pipes, damage the sewage pumps or back up in the household or business. You may need to call a plumber to repair the problem.

The items above do not break down or tear and do not readily degrade which becomes a long-term environmental problem. The only item that should be thrown down the toilet is toilet paper.

Please dispose of the wipes and other items listed above in the trash.

TWO NEW LOCAL BUSINESSES TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION SOON

Chipotle and Mod Car Wash are anticipated to begin construction in a few months. Chipotle will be located where H & R Hardware conducted business and Mod Car Wash will be located just north of Chipotle. Both businesses will have access to Highway 77 and Centerton Road.



UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

Convenience & Recycling Center

Open: **Tuesday, Friday & Saturday**
 8:00am to 5:00pm (Daylight Saving Time)
 8:00am to 4:00pm (Standard Time Nov-March)

Convenience Center is for
Upper Deerfield TWP residents ONLY.

**Only Residential Household Trash/Recyclables
 will be accepted**

- Stickers are required and must be able to be seen from the front of your vehicle. Stickers can be picked up at the Municipal building Monday thru Friday 9am to 4pm. Proof of residency and vehicle registration shall be present at the time of issue.
- No Commercial vehicles are permitted in the facility. (DEP Rule)
- All loads must go over the ramp for inspection.(Except Brush/Leaves)
- No Chemicals, Oil based paint or solvents. They are to be disposed of at the CCIA household waste days. Check their website for dates.
- No Construction or Demolition debris, No Shingles, No Tires, No Batteries or Propane tanks are permitted.
- No Commercial, Industrial or Agriculture waste from any activity.
- If material may fall from your vehicle during transport it must be covered and secured. You can be cited and fined for material falling off during transport.

ACCEPTABLE WASTE

- General Household waste or materials normally generated at your residence.
- Appliances – Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners or similar metal equipment
- Electronics – VCRs, TVs, Radios, Microwaves and Computers.
- Furniture – Couches, Tables, Cabinets and Beds
- Latex paint can be accepted only if the lids are off and paint is dry

RECYCLING

- Recyclable Materials – Cans, Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Motor Oil and Antifreeze. Cardboard that is clean of contaminates.
- The only plastic items to be recycled are number 1 and 2. Remove all caps and lids, rinse all containers with residue in them.

NO PLASTIC BAGS in RECYCLING

- Shredded paper is no longer recycled it goes in the trash.

BRUSH PILE

- Brush and Limbs only. (Six inches in diameter or less) No logs or stumps.
- All leaves and grass go in the leaf bin. (TWP collects leaves Nov and Dec each year curbside)

Township Receives \$12,332.59 Recycling Grant

The grant money issued through the Recycling Enhancement Act is based on the volume of material collected for recycling and is calculated based on materials recycled in 2021. Congratulations to our residents and businesses on a job well done. Remember that recycling is one of the best things we can all do to protect our environment. Please remove all lids and rinse containers.

Recycling saves energy and preserves natural resources while helping to extend the life of the County landfill

Use of Bulky Waste Containers

Please only dispose of bulky waste materials in the bulky waste containers on the concrete pad by the convenience center building. All household waste must be disposed of in the compactors on the ramp. It cost about \$10.00 more per ton to dispose of bulky waste materials than household waste. Help us save your tax dollars.

In the event you cannot lift the bulky waste material into the container please contact one of our on-site employees for assistance.

Electronic Waste Disposal Guidelines

The following electronics can be disposed at the Convenience Center: computer monitors, computer towers, laptops, desktop printers, fax machines, TVS including projection, wooden console, tube, flat screen, cell phones, copiers, printers, VCRs, DVD players, radios, computer keyboards, mouse, speakers, networking peripherals, boxes, cables, battery backup systems, stereos (not wooden consoles).

Take Leaves to the Convenience Center

Leaf Collection ended in January. Leaves and brush can be disposed at the Convenience Center. Leaf collection will begin again in November. Please do not place leaves in the street.

How To Properly Dispose of Latex Paint

Latex Paint (also known as water-based paint) is non-hazardous. Here's how to properly dispose of it.

1. Make sure the paint can is ½ full or less. If the can is more than that, pour excess into another container such as a milk jog or coffee can.
2. Add clay-based kitty litter or Speedy Dry so the can is ¾ full.
3. Stir the paint/kitty litter or Speedy Dry mixture.
4. If liquid pain remains, add more kitty litter or Speedy Dry and stir.
5. Allow the paint/kitty litter or Speedy Dry mixture to dry until it is no longer pourable.
6. Replace paint can lid and dispose of the paint can with your household trash.

Oil-based paint can only be disposed of at one of the Household Hazardous Waste and Document Shredding Days sponsored by the Improvement Authority.

2023 Household Hazardous Waste and Document Shredding

APRIL 15, JUNE 10 & SEPTEMBER 16 • 8 am to 2 pm

Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex
169 Jesse Bridge Road, Millville (Rosenhayn), New Jersey 08332

ITEMS ACCEPTED

LIMIT PER TRIP

Paper Shredding	6 boxes/ bags
Computers, Laptops & Accessories	5 items
Televisions & Monitors	2 items
Used Motor Oil	20 gallons
Antifreeze	0 gallons
Car Batteries	6 items
Old Gas, Fuel Oil & Cooking Oil	20 gallons
Oil-Based Paints	10 gallons
Cleaning & Garden Chemicals	10 gallons/ 25 lbs.
Corrosives	10 gallons/ 25 lbs.
Propane Tanks	100 lbs.
Fluorescent Bulbs	12 items

Cumberland County Residents Only

Non-profits, commercial and home-based businesses ARE NOT eligible to participate. Containers will not be returned at this event. This includes gas cans, oil containers, boxes/bins for shredding, etc. If you want the container back, please do not bring it. Participants will not be able to stay and watch their documents being shredded at this event.

NO Freon NO Explosives NO Air Conditioners NO Refrigerators
NO Wood NO Tires NO Dehumidifiers NO Latex Paint

Renters Renew Your Convenience Center Permit

Renters can renew their Annual Convenience Center Permit now by completing an application on www.upperdeerfield.com or in person at the Municipal Building.

Last year's Brown Renter permit expired December 31, 2022. To receive the new Purple 2023 Renter permit, please submit the following information:

- Must present Vehicle Registration reflecting Upper Deerfield Township address

- Current Lease/Renters Agreement/Utility bill

New Homeowners may request a permit that expires December 31, 2023

- Must present Vehicle Registration reflecting Upper Deerfield Township Address. Permits available Monday – Friday at the Municipal Building - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. First Sticker is Free, Each Additional Sticker is \$10.00. Cash or Check.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Accepted Items

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Rinse before placing in recycling container.

Remove plastic bottle caps and lids and throw away.

DO RECYCLE



Aluminum and Steel Cans



Food and Beverage Cartons



Bottles and Jars



Mixed Paper, Newspapers, and Magazines



Flattened Cardboard



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath Bottles and Containers

DO NOT RECYCLE



No Plastic Bags (return to retail)



Do Not Bag Recyclables (return to retail)



No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens (use donation programs)



No Tangles (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)



No Hazardous Waste

Remember: Only two types of plastic:



Paper

All paper
Envelopes (with or without windows)

Cereal boxes

Junk mail

Magazines/Newspapers

Telephone books

Cardboard (corrugated must be flattened)

Wrapping paper/tissue paper

Paperback

Plastics

#1 & #2 plastics

#1 & #2 plastic food containers (food removed)

#1 & #2 plastic tubs, trays, and pails

Glass

All glass

bottles/containers/jars

Metals

Aluminum/Steel/Tin cans

Empty non-hazardous aerosol cans (remove lid)

Plastic bags**

Aluminum foil

Materials in plastic bags

Paper or plastic plates, towels & utensils

Shredded paper

Rigid plastics, toys, chairs

Hazardous waste*

Styrofoam

Plastic containers without a number

Liquids in bottles or containers

Broken glass or mirrors

China, dishware, glassware, or vases

Light bulbs

Batteries

Wire clothes hangers

Food waste or garbage

Pots and pans

Syringes, needles, or sharps

Tire rims or car parts

Plastics #3, #4, #5, #6, or #7

* Recycle at the County Solid Waste Complex on Hazardous Waste Days

** Recycle at your local retailer

2022 Recycling Tonnage Report

Reminder for Upper Deerfield Township businesses to please complete and return your 2022 RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT by April 24th. Please contact your Waste Hauler to provide the information to be contained in the annual report. Is it single stream recycling or do you have separate containers for cardboard and other recyclables?

Recycling has proven to be an economically sound business practice by which disposal costs are avoided and revenue may be generated by the sale of recyclable materials. Each municipality receives a grant from the NJDEP based on the number of tons of material recycled, so your assistance does make a difference. Please help Upper Deerfield Township achieve its 50% mandated recycling goal.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Chad Ott at (856) 455-2779, ext.3441

Energy Assistance Programs Available

Financial assistance is available to moderate income customers, senior citizens, and people on disability, as well as low-income customers to help pay energy bills.

LIHEAP, administered by the state Department of Community Affairs, is a federally funded program that assists low-income households — both homeowners and renters — with their energy bills. Under the New Jersey plan, assistance is provided for emergency crises, heating and medically necessary cooling costs. Customers can apply through April 30, 2016, through a network of local agencies. For more information or to apply for LIHEAP assistance, call 800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov.

Additional available energy assistance programs include:

- The Universal Service Fund helps ensure energy bills are more affordable for eligible customers. Call 800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov.
 - The Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric program provides relief on natural gas and electric bills for low- to moderate-income New Jersey households that are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. Call 732-982-8710 or visit njpoweron.org.
 - New Jersey SHARES is a nonprofit corporation that provides assistance to income-eligible New Jersey households with energy, telephone internet, rent, mortgage and water bills. Visit njshares.org or call 866-657-4273.
 - Lifeline is a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to people who meet certain income guidelines. This benefit includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. Call 800-792-9745
- For more information about energy assistance programs, visit www.nj211.org or call 211, New Jersey's

Convenience Center Stickers

Due to previous complaints about unauthorized individuals using the Township's Convenience Center, we are asking all residents who use the facility to make sure you have picked up your 2021-2023 Convenience Center Vehicle Stickers at the Municipal Building located at 1325 State Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ, 08302. The application form is also available on the Township's website www.upperdeerfield.com under the public forms bullet point.

Residents who are renting a home or apartment will need to submit a copy of their lease agreement and they will receive a vehicle sticker for the current year. 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.

Residents who use the convenience center are reminded that they are using the facility at their own risk and urge them to take precautions when lifting and driving through the facility.

Atlantic Electric Energy Savings Suggestions

Spring is here! It's the perfect time for all Atlantic City Electric customers to take steps to make their homes and businesses more energy efficient. Atlantic City Electric provides customers with important energy savings tips and information to help prepare their homes and businesses to save money and energy this summer.

In most cases, energy efficiency adjustments can be implemented at low or no cost to customers.

- Insulate your home. Insulating your home or business can significantly reduce cooling costs, while increasing the comfort of your home during hot weather.
 - Keep the hot air out. Use caulking or weather-stripping around leaky windows, doors and other areas to help prevent warm air from entering your residence.
 - Make spring greener. Proper selection and placement of trees, shrubs and vines adds attractiveness and helps lower the cooling needs of a home by creating shade space.
 - Remove heat producing light bulbs. Replace incandescent bulbs, halogen lights and traditional flood lights with LEDs or CFLs. They use less energy. They don't produce heat and last longer.
 - Check your thermostat. Consider investing in a smart thermostat that can connect to your mobile devices, helping you manage your temperature and energy use anytime, anywhere. Set your thermostat a few degrees higher in the summer, if health permits. You can save about two percent on your bill for every degree you raise your thermostat.
 - Filter savings into your pocket. A clean air filter on your HVAC system improves system efficiency and provide cost savings by regularly changing them. Also, have your air conditioning unit periodically inspected by a professional service representative.
 - Allow air to flow freely. Ensure that furniture or other obstacles are not blocking ducts or fans. This enables cooled air to circulate freely, making your home or business more comfortable.
 - Properly position appliances. Keep lamps, televisions or other heat sources away from the air conditioner's thermostat. Heat from these devices may cause the air conditioner unit to run longer than it should.
 - Don't tank your energy savings. Lowering the temperature on your water heater/hot water tank can help save money and energy.
 - Adjust your blinds. Close window shades, blinds or drapes to keep out the sun and retain cooler air inside.
 - Consider an upgrade. Earn rebates by purchasing ENERGY STAR® home appliances, electronics, and other qualifying high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment. ENERGY STAR® products meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Atlantic City Electric's Quick Home Energy Check-up Program offers homeowners and renters a virtual or in-person assessment of their home's energy use. An energy analyst will install simple energy-saving measures at no cost to help customers save energy and money and identify energy-saving opportunities for further consideration. Customers can learn more about energy efficiency programs and information to help them reduce their energy usage by visiting atlanticcityelectric.com/WaysToSave.
- Customers can also manage their bill through My Account, Atlantic City Electric's online energy management tool.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution



Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water



www.cleanwaternj.org



A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.



Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
 - An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet-waste dropped on public or other people's property.
 - Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law.
- And remember to:
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
 - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
 - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Don't Litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.



Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021



April 2004

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Upper Deerfield Included A Time Capsule In Their 100th Anniversary Celebration In 2022



TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMEN BURY 100-YEAR TIME CAPSULE.

(l-r) Deputy Mayor John Daddario, Mayor James Crilley, Bruce Peterson, Tom Speranza and Scott Smith.



As part of the Township's 100th Anniversary Celebration last year, various items were placed in a time capsule to let people 50 or 100 years in the future know what was happening in 2022. Examples of the items included were a flash drive of Township Committee documents, school programs, menus, business cards, cell phone, coins, community day celebration and photos of businesses, schools and Township buildings.

Convenience Center Improvements

The Convenience Center building holding the recycling items was destroyed by a fire in January.

Through a shared services agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, a replacement pre-engineered wood building (pole barn) will be constructed that matches the size and footprint of the previous building at 50' x 84' x 15' high. The building is used to store recyclable white goods, electronics, and other materials that need to be kept free of weather.

The plans also include constructing and replicating the break room, toilet room, and utility room inside the building in the same location as the original building. Materials are scheduled to be delivered to the site in April. Framing of the building will commence shortly after the materials are delivered. The building is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Hoover Road Reconstruction

The Township received a 2022 Transportation Trust Grant from NJDOT in the amount of \$240,000 for the reconstruction of Hoover Road and Veteran's Drive. The estimated cost of the project is \$488,000. The Township will be providing approximately \$248,000 for the project from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund for road improvements.

The project should be going out to bid this summer and should be paved in the fall of 2023.

Colonial Terrace Reconstruction

The Township received a 2023 Transportation Trust Grant from NJDOT in the amount of \$158,810 for the reconstruction of Colonial Terrace. The Township originally requested funding for Colonial Terrace, West Dawson Drive, Acorn Drive and Oak Hill Drive with an estimated cost of over \$600,000. Engineering and design work for the project will begin this spring.

The Township will be requesting funding from DOT's 2024 grant program for the reconstruction of West Dawson Drive, Acorn Drive and Oak Hill Drive which is anticipated to cost around \$450,000. The Township will utilize funds from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund for road improvements. The project was completed in the fall of 2022.

Love Lane Reconstructed

The Township utilized a 2021 Transportation Trust Grant in the amount of \$279,100 from NJDOT to reconstruct Love Lane from the Railroad Tracks to Highway 77, Midway Avenue and Maple Avenue. The total cost of the project was \$451,423, the Township provided \$172,323 in additional funding for the project from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund for road improvements. The project was completed in the fall of 2022.

Convenience Center fire destroys recycling building.

