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UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REORGANIZES

James Crilley was re-elected to the Township Committee in the November election and was sworn-in to serve a three-year term on the Township Committee at the reorganization meeting on January 4th. James P. Crilley was selected to serve as Mayor and John Daddario was selected to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2024. Scott Smith, Thomas Speranza and Joseph Spoltore are the other members of the Township Committee for 2024.

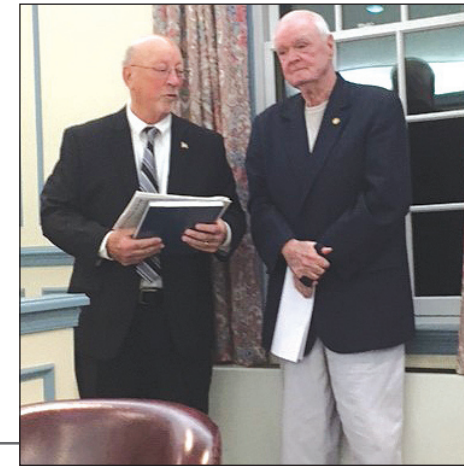
During Mayor Crilley's comments at re-organization, he listed the various grants the Township received in 2023. He mentioned how shared service agreements are providing significant financial savings for all the municipalities involved, including the CS Regional Court that now consists of ten participating 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 on Highway 77 and Liquor Express opened in November 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.



James Crilley sworn in by Solicitor Rocco Tedesco and Former NJ Assembly Speaker Jack Collins with his wife Donna Crilley holding the Bible.



Mayor James Crilley presents former NJ Assembly Speaker Jack Collins with a copy of "This Place Called Home."

2024 Township Budget Introduced

The Township Committee introduced the 2024 budget at their meeting on March 21st. A Public Hearing on the budget was held at 7 pm on Thursday April 18th in Township Municipal Building, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook.

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

After three years with no increase in the local government tax rate, a 1.3 cent tax increase was necessary in this year's budget, due to the inflationary cost increases. The budget includes \$586,000 for capital improvement expenditures towards the purchase of a fire truck, an ambulance, public works and construction vehicles, improvements to the municipal building and reconstruction of local roads. The Township pays for all capital 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.

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Another Successful Community Day

Upper Deerfield celebrated its seventeenth annual Community Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

It was a day of family fun with arts and crafts, business and community displays, food court, inflatable rides, and entertainment for the entire family. There were performances by the Hoh Daiko Drummers, the Seabrook Minyo Dancers, Nanitoke Lenni-Lenape Dancers, Mainstage Center for the Arts, Give & Take Jugglers Little Circus, Freestyle Connection Bike Show, and the Cohanzick Zoo Educational Program to name a few of the day's attractions. Strolling entertainment included Costume Characters, Balloon Animals, Stilt Walker and a Juggler.

There was also a free bus tour to Centerton Nursery and the Seabrook Education and Cultural Center Museum was open for the day. Approximately 30 Barbie Dolls from the SECC Museum Collection were on display from 1 to 3 pm in the court room.

Children enjoyed the inflatable amusements, pony rides petting zoo and trackless train.

A variety of foods were available at the food court area which consisted of a variety of foods including Italian, Mexican, Pizza, Ribs, Pulled Pork, Subs, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Smoothies, and much more.

Hope to see you next year!

2023 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Township Committee was able to prepare a budget for 2023 with no increase in the local tax. The following highlights took place in 2023.

GRANTS

Transportation Trust Grants –

1) A grant was received from NJDOT to pave Hoover Road and Veteran's Drive. Bids were received in late summer of 2023 and will be paved in the spring of 2024.

2) The Township received a \$158,100 in 2022 and \$198,611 in 2023 from a NJDOT grant to pave West Dawson Drive, Acorn Drive, Oak Hill Drive and Colonial Terrace. The project will go out for bids in the summer of 2024.

• **Small Cities Home Rehab Grant** – Township received \$195,551 for the 2023 home rehab program. Over 60 homes have received funding in the last 10 years. The Township also applied for an additional \$200,000 for 2024.

• **Small Cities Facilities Grant** – Through the small cities ADA compliant grants there are now over 2.2 miles of walk paths through the 100-acre municipal recreation complex connecting the Senior Center, Municipal Building, Little League, Soccer and Football complexes. Phase 3 of the ADA grant was completed with walk paths connecting the soccer paths with the football paths and the installation of a new playground facility for the recreation complex. Phase 4 of the ADA grant was completed with new playground equipment installed at Sunset Lake Park and two new ADA bathrooms were installed at the recreation complex on Hoover Road, one at soccer and one at the playground. The Phase 5 grant was approved for \$400,000, which will add eight new ADA accessible bleachers to the little league fields and basketball court. The grant also includes the installation of a generator for the senior center and replacement of the air conditioners and heating systems for the original senior center building.

• The Township applied for a Small Cities Grant to install water and sewer lines in the Hildreth Tract development. This project could take up to four funding cycles to complete. New storm water pipes and the roads will be repaved as part of the project with funding anticipated from the DOT Transportation Trust grants.

• The Township was 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. It also provides Housing office services to Shiloh (2015) 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 39 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. The township maintains the 100-plus acre recreation facility hosting two leagues – North Cumberland & South Jersey Futbol Club.

• **Public Works** – Continued repair and reconstruction of drainage inlets on Township roads. Leaf Collection occurs in November and December. A new Backhoe and Skid Steer were received.

• **Water & Sewer** – Love Lane water facility has met the safe drinking standards since July 2019.

• **Ambulance Service** – over 2,100 calls in 2023 – Fleet consists of 4 ambulances. A new ambulance was just ordered at a cost of \$440,000. The last ambulance purchased 4 years ago cost \$235,000.

• **Fire Companies** -The Committee ordered a new fire truck at a cost of over \$1,250,000 million. The Committee consolidated volunteer fire companies to one in the south end and one in the north end.

• **Township Clean-ups** – Clean community funding continues to be used to clean up roadsides in Upper Deerfield.

• **Residential Tax Abatements** – Homeowner can take advantage of program for improvements to homes 20 yrs. or older.

• **Planning Board** approved site plans for Sika Corporation, Sussex Irrigation and Precious Jewels Day Care. Prime Construction subdivision was approved for 5 new homes.

• **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** – Liquor Xpress opened at the Carlls Corner Shopping Center. Chipotle restaurant should be opening in the spring. Shears Hair Studio on Park Drive, Sussex Irrigation on Highway 77 and Precious Jewels Day Care in the Old Deerfield Pike Professional Offices also opened in 2023. There are new owners of Max Fitt and DiLisi's Ita-Mex Restaurant.

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A MESSAGE FROM UPPER DEERFIELD SCHOOLS

Upper Deerfield Township Schools Expansion Plan

In 1998, the NJ Supreme Court mandated high-quality preschool in 31 poorer urban districts. This mandate has led to New Jersey providing universal free, full-day preschool for three and four-year old children in many communities, including our district of Upper Deerfield.

The state mandated full day preschool requires preschool classrooms to have two bathrooms and limits the number of students permitted in a classroom. With these state regulations for the preschool in place, our Seabrook School is in need of adding 12 new preschool classrooms in order to be able to educate our three and four-year old students while also maximizing our space for our students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade.

At this time, the state of New Jersey has provided funding to school districts in New Jersey, including Upper Deerfield for preschool expansion. Upper Deerfield Schools District was approved by the NJ Department of Education School Development Authority for the state to provide 55.7% of the cost of the \$9 million dollar expansion. Due to the large grant amount provided by the state, the Board of Education began taking steps to proceed with the planning and authorization of an expansion project of the Seabrook School. Under traditional school expansion grant funding the state would only provide 16.1% as their share of the cost of the expansion but because this is strictly for preschool classrooms the state is providing 55.7% of the funding.

The school district has paid all of its debt from prior projects in our district and has not raised taxes for the past three years. In order to minimize the impact on our taxpayers to provide the mandated full day preschool program and continue to meet the needs of all of our students' education with the required classroom space, the school district has been able to obtain maximum funding from the state for this project and minimize the district costs for the project. The information on the project includes:

- **BUILDING ADDITION:**

18,841 sq. ft. of space to accommodate 12 Pre-K Classrooms with NJ DOE/SDA PRE-K GRANT FUNDING that was approved: November 14, 2023. The total cost of this expansion is \$9,056,748 with the state share being \$5,044,473 (55.7%) and our district share being \$4,012,275 (44.3%).

If the school district does not take advantage of this available funding that has

already been approved for our district by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, the school district will lose out on this funding and have to absorb 83.9% of the \$9,056,748 project cost plus incur additional costs of bond counsel as well as costs associated with a referendum which would put the total project cost closer to \$10,000,000 million.

Time is of the essence on two fronts – the school district needs the space for our preschool students, and it will also free space up for our other student classrooms. By acting now, the district will receive more money from the state to minimize the financial burden on our district. The school district currently has the following three options to provide mandated preschool classrooms:

1. Accept the expansion project and move forward with the approved state funding of 55.7% of the project and forego bond counsel and referendum for additional savings on the total cost of the project. The school district is already approved for \$5,044,473 (55.7%) from the state with our district share being \$4,012,275 (44.3%).

2. Rent temporary classrooms at a cost of approximately \$75,000 per classroom (12 x \$75,000) totaling \$900,000 per year, plus the additional cost of delivery, set up, ground preparation, and hooking up to all utilities. Renting is a short-term solution and will require an expansion of the school to accommodate the children in the near future.

3. The district will soon be forced to add on to the building with the state only providing \$1,458,727 (16.1%) and the district share would rise to \$7,598,021 (83.9%) at this year's cost of construction. Additional costs would have to be added to the project for referendum costs, bond counsel costs, and temporary classroom rental costs.

Please also note this addition would not close the Moore School as the district would continue to educate our fourth and fifth grades in Moore as has been done in the past while moving grade three back to Seabrook School.

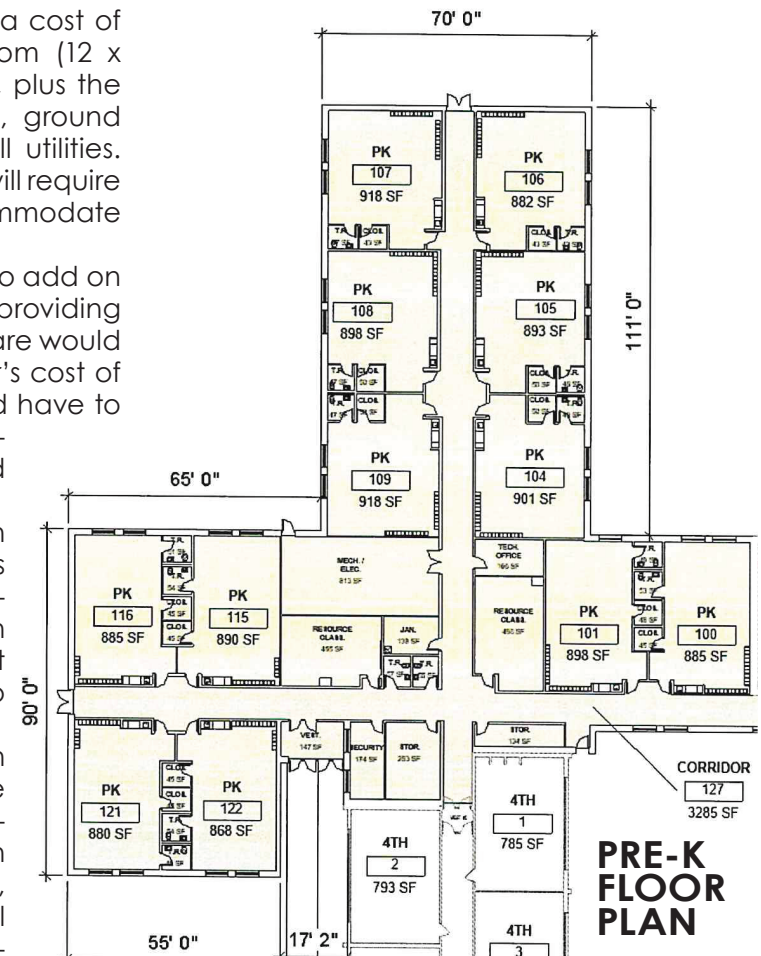
In moving forward with Option 1, the school district receives more state funding and can provide permanent classroom space. Option 1 does not require a referendum, bonding or classroom trailer rental and it accommodates future expansion



Architectural rendering of the proposed expansion of the Seabrook School.

for our district. The school district can take advantage of the extra \$3,585,746 being provided by the state for adding 12 preschool classrooms which is not available under Options 2 or 3.

Option 1 provides the most cost effective and viable solution for the space needed to accommodate the growth and expansion in our district while also allowing us to educate our preschool children in our district schools. If the school district has to send the preschoolers to private school providers, the school district will be responsible to pay for those expenses from the funding from the state which would financially impact the school district.



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, and any violations will need to be corrected by the homeowner.

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.

2023 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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- **The Environmental Commission and ANJEC** representatives continue to maintain the Rain Garden on the west side of the senior center. The Commission received a \$1,250 grant to create pollinators for butterflies, bees, and birds to utilize on the south side of the 100-acre recreational facility.
- The mixed use residential/commercial Bristol Ponds Redevelopment off of Cornwell Drive should begin infrastructure work in early 2024.
- **Taxes** - This is how your tax dollars are distributed for every \$100 dollars paid: County Government receives \$38.55, Upper Deerfield Schools receive \$36.94, Cumberland Regional receives \$19.25, and the Township receives \$5.26 to operate the local government.

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, 2024. 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, 2024.

Permit Required To Install A Fence

The Township will be adopting an ordinance in the near future, that will require a permit to install a fence. Please contact the zoning officer to go over your plans to install a fence, as they must be located on your property and they cannot be located in any road right of way.

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.

No Parking in 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 \$100.00 per violation.

Please do not park in the Fire Lanes or Fire Zones as tickets are being issued. Parking in the fire zones at the shopping areas also creates a safety issue as pedestrians walking out behind an illegally parked vehicle may not be seen by vehicles traveling in front of the centers.

\$195,551 Home Rehabilitation Grant Awarded

The Township received a \$195,551.00 Small Cities Home Rehabilitation grant for 2023, to help income-qualified Upper Deerfield Township homeowners repair their homes. This recent award is the thirteenth 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 2022 Small Cities Home Rehabilitation Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$163,000 is almost fully expended. The home rehabilitation program is anticipated to provide up to \$30,000 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.

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

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.



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

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

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

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



2024 Township Budget *Continued from Page 1*

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 \$670,000.00 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 \$38.55, Upper Deerfield Schools received \$36.94, Cumberland Regional received 19.25 and the Township received \$5.26 to operate the local government.

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 Planning Board minutes, resolutions and agendas are also online. Township budgets and financial audits are online from 2004 to 2024.

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 through 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 REORDS

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.

Dogs Are Not Permitted to Run At Large

No dog shall run, or be permitted by its owner to run, on 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.

Where To Report Animal Complaints

Contact the New Jersey State Police for all animal complaints and/or concerns. Call 856-451-0100. A dispatcher will take all the information from you and dispatch a Trooper to investigate your concerns. If no animal cruelty violations or evidence of neglect are identified, but additional services are required, the State Police will contact Shore Animal Control.

Be prepared to provide the dispatcher with detailed information to include:

- Your Name
- Contact Phone Number
- Address or location where the animal concern is located.
- Description of the problem.

Troopers will respond and coordinate with their Humane Law Enforcement Officers to appropriately address animal cruelty violations or concerns that may be identified.

Learn The Rules For Off-Road Vehicles

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.

Street Lights Help Keep Township Safe

The Township budget pays over \$150,000 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.



Polling Places for Primary and General Election

Please be advised that the polling places for the 2024 Primary and General Elections in Upper Deerfield Township are as follows:

- District 1 – Upper Deerfield Fire Company #1 – 1538 Highway 77
- District 2 – Upper Deerfield Senior Center – 1323 Highway 77
- District 3 – Upper Deerfield Fire Company # 3 – 69 Cornwell Drive
- District 4 – Upper Deerfield Fire Company #3 – 69 Cornwell Drive

REGISTRATION OF RENTAL UNITS

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, 2024.

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, 2024. Should you have any questions regarding the above subject matter, please contact the Office of Housing at 856-455-9591.

New Jersey Public Law 2021, Chapter 182.5 came into effect in July of 2022 and regulates rental units constructed prior to 1978 to receive a certification that the rental unit passes the lead safe parameters established by the state from a certified inspector licensed by the state. No Certificate of occupancy can be issued by the township until the Township is provided with a safe lead certificate for the rental unit that the property owner receives from the safe lead inspector.

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 39 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.

Peddlers should have a Township License

Upper Deerfield Township requires an individual or business who intends to distribute materials, peddle or solicit business to be registered as a peddler or solicitor. If an individual or business is registered with the Township, they will have a Township Authorized Certificate showing that this individual is licensed to provide this service.

Registration of persons engaged in such activities is necessary so that the identity of persons going from door to door or distributing materials within the municipality may be established; so that general regulations may be more effectively enforced for the protection and maintenance, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Township; and to prevent dishonest business practices and dishonest solicitation of funds.

Exemptions from receiving a Township License include any school, political, religious or civic organization, benevolent society, service club or organization which is conducted not for profit.

Renting Rooms is not Permitted

Renting rooms in Upper Deerfield Township is not permitted or legal unless the property has a use variance that permits this activity. The Certificate of Occupancy for any dwelling unit will identify the family or residents of the property. If the property owner is caught renting a room without authorization, the property owner may be prosecuted and fined.

If anyone knows of a property in the Township that is renting a room, please contact the Housing Office at 856-451-3811.

Parking of Commercial or Recreational Vehicles Along Public Streets is Restricted

No commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer 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.



Township Completes Phase III Recreation Complex ADA Compliance

Upper Deerfield Township was awarded \$400,000 from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Grant Program in 2021, to continue making the Township's 100-acre Recreational Complex ADA compliant. This grant completed the ADA walk paths from the soccer area to the football area and replaced the existing playground equipment at the municipal recreation complex with a new ADA compliant playground.

The new playground consists of a play area for 2–5-year olds and another section for 5–12-year olds. Swings and other playground apparatuses are included in the facility. Two 20' x 30' pavilions were constructed to further the compliance for ADA at the recreation complex.



Playground at the Municipal Recreational Complex utilizing funds from a Small Cities Facilities Grant.

Phase IV Recreation Complex ADA Compliance Grant Completed

Upper Deerfield Township was awarded a \$400,000 Phase IV Small Cities Facilities Grant in 2022 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to continue making the 100-acre Township Recreational Complex and Sunset Lake Park ADA compliant. The recreational upgrades comply with the federally mandated requirements within the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The fourth phase provided the installation of two ADA compliant bathrooms at the Recreation complex. One bathroom is located at the soccer area and the other at the playground area. The Sunset Lake playground was replaced with a new ADA compliant structure, swings and upgrades at the facility.



Bathroom at the Playground area and two pavilions were constructed utilizing funds from a Small Cities Facilities Grant.

Phase V Recreation Complex ADA Compliance Grant Awarded

Upper Deerfield Township received a \$400,000 Phase V Small Cities Facilities Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in 2023 to construct the final ADA compliant aspect for the 100-acre Township Recreational.

The fifth and final phase will provide for the purchase of eight ADA compliant bleachers for little league fields and the basketball court. Walk paths to the bleachers will also be constructed and tied in the existing walk paths throughout the recreation complex. The Senior Center will have an emergency generator installed as well as the replacement of three air conditioners and heating units constructed with the original building.



Sunset Lake Playground on N. Park Drive utilizing funds from a Small Cities Facilities Grant.

Sunset Lake Park Grant

The Township applied for additional grant funds from NJ DCA to complete the initial improvements at Sunset Lake Park that were eliminated due to the cost of the entirety of the project. The State has provided an additional \$50,291 to construct an ADA parking area, a 12'x20' pavilion, walk paths from the parking area to the pavilion, repair of the fence and purchase of picnic tables and benches.

This project will be going out to bid in the spring and should be completed by summer.

Home Rehabilitation Grants Available

Upper Deerfield Township received \$195,551 in grant funding for 2023, to help income-qualified homeowners repair their homes. The Township has also submitted a grant request to continue the program in 2024.

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 \$30,000 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 your most current tax return, home insurance policy and a deed to the property. Applicants will be qualified on a "first come, first served" basis.

West Dawson, Acorn, Oak Hill and Colonial Roads will be paved

The Township received a 2023 Transportation Trust Grant from NJDOT in the amount of \$158,810 and a 2024 grant in the amount of \$190,000 for the reconstruction of West Dawson Drive, Acorn Drive, Oak Hill Drive and Colonial Terrace with an estimated cost of over \$600,000. Engineering and design work for the project has begun.

The Township will utilize funds from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund to cover funds necessary to complete the project.

Recreation Grant Allows Repairs

NJ DCA established a new recreation grant program. The Township submitted an application to replace and upgrade the dugouts at the Little League fields along with doing roof repairs to some of their buildings. Replacement of some of the fencing in the soccer area was also included in the submission.

Merging Fire Companies Has Worked as Planned

Consolidating the Township Fire Companies into North and South Locations has worked as planned. The two companies have added an average of around ten calls per month. The number of volunteers responding to each incident has increased by an average of two firefighters per department as members of the closed department have joined the other departments. Budget savings have occurred due to the reduction of vehicles to be insured, maintained and certified each year. With one less department the costs of purchasing a new fire truck are reduced as costs for a new pumper are approaching \$1 million dollars. Calls are being responded to in a timely manner

Small Cities Grant for the Hildreth Tract

The Hildreth Tract is an older subdivision located in the Township comprised of approximately 67 parcels located on ten developed streets with the original lots small by current standards. The dwellings are serviced by cesspools and private wells. Typical of the subdivisions of that era, stormwater runoff was an afterthought, installed simply to convey stormwater from a low spot in the roadway into low areas on private property.

The Township has submitted an application for a NJ Small Cities Grant. The project would install water and sewer lines, upgrade the storm water system and pave the streets in the Hildreth Tract Development over a three-to-four-year period. The grant program will fund 85% of the improvements with the Township supplying the other 15% of the costs.

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. A small section of McArthur Drive will be repaved as part of this project.

The project went out to bid last summer and South State just completed the paving of the roads.



Bathroom at the soccer fields utilizing funds from a Small Cities Facilities Grant

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.



Upper Deerfield School District Happenings

Our School District of Upper Deerfield continues to educate our students and plan for our future. During the month of March, we had a pennies for patients drive to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and jump rope for heart to support the America Heart Association. These activities along with our monthly Jeans for a Cause and other activities continue to help our students and staff remain involved in supporting worthy causes for research and community support.

In the photos below are activities from the Read Across America Week. Students were engaged in many reading activities to embrace reading while engaging in fun activities. Throughout the week teachers, administrators, middle school students, parents and members from the county and community read to students and the week included an evening of reading in which parents visited Seabrook School for activities including reading in the classroom.



The county Eighth Grade Dialogue and Reception was held on Monday, March 18 at the Cumberland County Technical Educational Center. This event is a celebration of eighth-grade students who have demonstrated exceptional character, determination, leadership, and community service, inspiring us all. Annalise Guidry was our grade 8 student who represented Upper Deerfield Township's Woodruff School very well at this event which earned her well-deserved recognition.

Everyone in our district continue to work

well with our students. It cannot be stressed enough how grateful we are for the support from our parents and community engaging with our board of education, teachers, ancillary staff, and administration to provide all we can for our students. This collaborative effort keeps educating our students at the forefront to meet their needs. We strive to provide the best for our students because in Upper Deerfield Schools we believe all things are possible and we do our best to be the best because we are the best.



Read Across Colt Nation With Upper Deerfield

Students and faculty from Upper Deerfield's Seabrook School and Cumberland Regional High School joined forces to celebrate Read Across America Week by participating in Read Across Colt Nation. This is the second year of this Annual Event hosted by Cumberland Regional for the constituent districts and various activities for the younger students are available as they interact with the high school students and teachers who read to them and engage them in fun activities. This is a great experience for all students and staff to engage in a fun educational experience.

Veteran's Day Ceremony

The Upper Deerfield Township Community Pride Committee organized the Veteran's Day Ceremony that was held on Saturday, November 4th. Mayor James Crilley served as the Master of Ceremonies. Ceremony speakers consisted of Congressman Jeff Van Drew, Third District Senator Ed Durr and Assemblywoman Bethanne McCarthy Patrick, a representative from the US Coast Guard, and the Daughters of the American Revolution and Belford Miller Infantry Sgt. 82nd Airborne Vietnam, Purple Heart Recipient. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTACT INFORMATION

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.

New Equipment for Public Works



Caterpillar Backhoe



Kubota Skidsteer purchased for Public Works and Convenience Center.

\$250 Senior/Disabled Deduction

Residents Ages 65 & older and any Disabled Person. If you qualify, this program allows the Tax Collector to deduct \$250 from your total taxes. To be eligible your household income, not including social security, must be less than \$10,000 combined. Information is available at the Tax Assessor Office.

\$250 Veteran Deduction Applications

If you are an honorably discharged veteran with active-duty military service, you may qualify for an annual \$250 Property Tax Deduction. Reservists and National Guard personnel must be called to active-duty service to qualify. Active duty for training is ineligible. You also may qualify if you are a surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner of an honorably discharged veteran with active-duty military service.

Eligibility Requirements:

- All requirements must be met as of October 1 of the pretax year (i.e. the year prior to the calendar tax year for which the deduction is claimed).
- To qualify, as of October 1 of the pretax year, you must:
- Be a legal resident of New Jersey;
- Own the property;
- Have active-duty service in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge.

Information is available at the Tax Assessor Office.

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 2023).

Eligible applicants must have paid all of their 2022 property taxes by June 1, 2023, and all 2023 property taxes by June 1, 2024; and have annual income that was \$150,000 or less in 2022 and \$163,050 or less in 2023. With some exceptions, all income must be taken into account, including Social Security, pension, etc.

2023 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 2023 Applications is October 31, 2024.

The US Postal Service does not forward application booklets.



Community Food Bank Every 2nd Wednesday



For more than 45 years, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) has worked to provide food, help, and hope by distributing food and providing access to other critical resources. As the state's largest anti-hunger, anti-poverty organization, they combat food insecurity with a multifaceted approach.

They work to feed our neighbors in need on food pantry lines, distributing enough food for more than 90 million meals annually through more than 800 community partners (food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, etc.). They prepare meals to serve at Kids Cafes and Summer Nutrition sites, provide supplemental weekend food through our Family Pack program, and rescue food from grocers that would otherwise go to waste.

CFBNJ brings their mobile food bank to the Upper Deerfield Municipal Building parking lot every 2nd Wednesday each month for individuals to pick up food. Individuals must be a resident of New Jersey.

ANJEC Grant Received

The Upper Deerfield Environmental Commission (UDEC) has received a grant from the NJ Association of Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to help fund the creation of a wildlife-friendly habitat on the Munyon property, a section of preserved open space at the upper end of the playing fields behind the municipal building. More on Page 12.

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, 2020, and met the 2020 gross income limits. (Homeowners \$250,000 and Renters/Tenants \$150,000).

ANCHOR replaced the Homestead Benefit. Homeowners with incomes up to \$150,000 will be eligible to receive \$1,500 in relief; homeowners with incomes over \$150,000 and up to \$250,000 will be eligible to receive \$1,000. If the applicant was age 65 or older by December 31, 2020, they will receive an additional \$250.

Renters with incomes up to \$150,000 will be eligible to receive \$450. If the applicant was age 65 or older by December 31, 2020, they will receive an additional \$250.

The State of New Jersey will be issuing 2020 ANCHOR benefits. ANCHOR benefits will be paid in the form of a direct deposit or check, not as credits to property tax bills.

The filing deadline was December 29, 2023.

Pollinator Gardens Being Created for Walking Trail

The Upper Deerfield Environmental Commission (UDEEC) has received a grant from the NJ Association of Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to help fund the creation of a wildlife-friendly habitat on "the Munyon Property," a section of preserved open space at the upper end of the municipal playing fields. Planting native plants and wildflowers will support pollinators and other wildlife near the ADA walking trail, which begins in the rain garden near the senior center and meanders along the woods and throughout the recreational complex.

The Environmental Commission will plant native plants and wildflowers in three pollinator patches totaling 2200 square feet. Once the habitat is established, informational signs will be added, helping to educate the community about the benefits of nurturing wildlife.

An educational resource for local schools, residents and visitors to the athletic complex, the pollinator gardens will also provide a vital food source for local birds.



Photo by Rich Falk South Jersey Drones

Map shows the location of the Environmental Commissions Pollinator Project

Clean Communities Program

The Township anticipates receiving state funding for their 2024 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.



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.

LICENSING YOUR DOG COULD SAVE THEIR LIFE!

A dog license simply means that the dog is registered within the municipality where the dog lives. It isn't just the law—it can help save a pet's life too. In order to obtain a license, it is required that the animal be up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations.

The license tag helps animal control and shelters quickly identify your dog and get them back to you safely. If your dog is found wandering the streets, the rescue organization or an individual can determine how to identify the dog via its license identifying number. Dogs that are licensed tend to be kept at a shelter longer than unlicensed dogs, which are the first to be euthanized if their owners do not quickly claim them.

Free Trip Home for your Dog

A current license can also help your pet avoid a traumatizing trip to the shelter, saving both time and resources. If a pet is lost and a rescuer sees the license information, they may be able to take it back to the house instead of putting it in a cage and taking it to a shelter.

Licensing Proves Your Dog is Safe

A dog cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. This means that someone who finds your missing dog will be much more likely to want to handle and care for your missing dog if they know that it is healthy and sans rabies.

Dog owners can license their pet at the Municipal Building.





Pull Out And Save



TAX OFFICE

Phone: 856-451-3148

Tax Collector:
Janeen Rossi

Tax Assessor:
Brian Rosenberger

2024 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
- Darlene Mukoda
- 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: 856-451-9405
Chad Ott

WATER & SEWER UTILITY

Phone: 856-451-3811
John Hoogendorn

IN CASE OF FIRE OR AMBULANCE CALL 911

FIRE COMPANY 31

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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

FIRE COMPANY 33

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



TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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

2024 MEETING DATES

January	4 & 18
February.....	1 & 15
March.....	7 & 21
April.....	4 & 18
May.....	2 & 16
June.....	6 & 20
July.....	18
August	1 & 15
September	5 & 19
October	3 & 17
November	7 & 21
December	5, 19 & 30

The year end meeting on
December 30, 2024 - 3:00 P.M.

Reorganization Meeting
January 2, 2025

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

2024 MEETING DATES

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

Reorganization Meeting
January 16, 2025

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.

Once you submit your order, please allow for eight weeks for delivery and installation.

Contact Amy Colaneri for more information and application 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

2024 MEETING DATES

January	8 & 22
February	12 & 26
March	11 & 18
April	8 & 15
May	13 & 20
June	10 & 17
July	15
August	12
September	9 & 16
October	7 & 21
November	4 & 18
December	11
Reorganization Meeting, Jan. 13, 2025	

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

Matthew Ritter & Theodore H. Ritter

Secretary - Sherrie Dixon &

Roy Spoltore

sdixon@upperdeerfield.com

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

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

2024 MEETING DATES

January.....	11
March	14
May	9
July	25
September	12
November.....	14
Reorganization Meeting, Jan. 9, 2025	

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

2024 MEETING DATES

January	10
February	7
March	6
April	3
May	1
June	5
July	3
August	7
September	4
October	2
November	6
December	4
Reorganization Meeting, Jan. 8, 2025	

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 9, 2024 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 Municipal Building, 1325 Highway 77, Seabrook, NJ

2024 MEETING DATES

January	8
February	5
March	4
April	1
May	6
June	3
September	9
October	7
November	4

Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2025

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

2024 MEETING DATES

January	9
February	20
March	12
April	9 & 23
May	14
October	8
November	12

Reorganization Meeting
January 9, 2024

Commission Members

Chairperson
Deborah Glessner

Herman Evans, Jr.
Linda Carman

Cindy Kakoda, **Secretary**
Laura Hayes
Ronald Moore
Bill Ziefle

Alternates
Marion Moore
George Moore

Community Pride Committee

Herman Evans, Jr.
Belford Miller
Kathy King

2024 MUNICIPAL COURT SESSIONS

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

All sessions are held on Tuesdays 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
Christopher Ross

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

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*Community
Day of Fun*



Safety First ... Call 811 Before Digging

New Jersey One Call, emphasizes the need to call 811 before beginning any digging project, no matter the size. By dialing 811, customers and contractors are connected to New Jersey One Call, which coordinates with local utility companies to mark the approximate locations of underground lines. Professional locators utilize spray paint, flags or other markers to indicate where it's safe to dig.

Striking underground utility lines not only poses serious safety risks, but can also result in serious injury, costly damages, service disruptions and potential fines. There are numerous utilities buried underground, including water and sewer lines, electric, phone, communication cables and more.

Once the area is marked, understanding the color codes used for marking is essential:

To avoid injury and disruptions, residents and businesses should remember these six tips before starting any project:

- Call 811 at least three days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.
- Have a plan. Call on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.
- Confirm that all lines have been marked.
- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.
- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has called 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.
- Visit call811.com for more information.

	Red	→	Electric, Cable Lighting C
	Yellow	→	Natural Gas, C Petrole
	Orange	→	Communicat Cable, Fibe
	Blue	→	Water
	Green	→	Sewer
	Purple	→	Reclaimed

Financial Assistance Programs for Energy Usage

Atlantic City Electric is reminding customers who are struggling with energy bills to take action to secure millions of dollars that remain available to help pay their energy bills. In addition to the payment arrangements and assistance Atlantic City Electric provides, customers can connect with federal, local and other funding that may be available to help meet their energy needs.

Atlantic City Electric will work with customers having difficulty paying their energy bill by helping enroll customers into available payment options, including:

- Flexible payment arrangements that offer tailored payment plans
- Extending payment periods for balances, where possible
- Connecting customers with energy assistance funds available across the state

Atlantic City Electric works hard to keep every customer connected by offering payment arrangements and helping customers secure grants and other support from many available energy assistance programs. In 2022 alone, Atlantic City Electric helped 35,454 customers secure more than \$88 million in energy assistance.

Atlantic City Electric works closely with its community partners to connect customers with grants and programs like LIHEAP, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP provides grants in varying amounts based on a household's income size, type of fuel and type of dwelling, with no pay back required. South Jersey customers can apply for LIHEAP energy assistance through the Department of Community Affairs website, by contacting their local LIHEAP Agency or by calling 800-510-3102. Residents also can access the Department of Community Affairs self-screening tool to help determine what energy assistance benefits they may qualify for.

See more on page 27. Information regarding these programs and others can be found at atlanticcityelectric.com/WaysToSave.

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.



Remove Grass Clippings from Streets To Avoid Clogged Drains

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 the drain and can cause the storm drains to get clogged.



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!

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

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. Grass clippings in the street can cause dangerous road conditions for motorcycles and bicycles. Keep the neighborhoods clean and road safe for users.

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.



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.

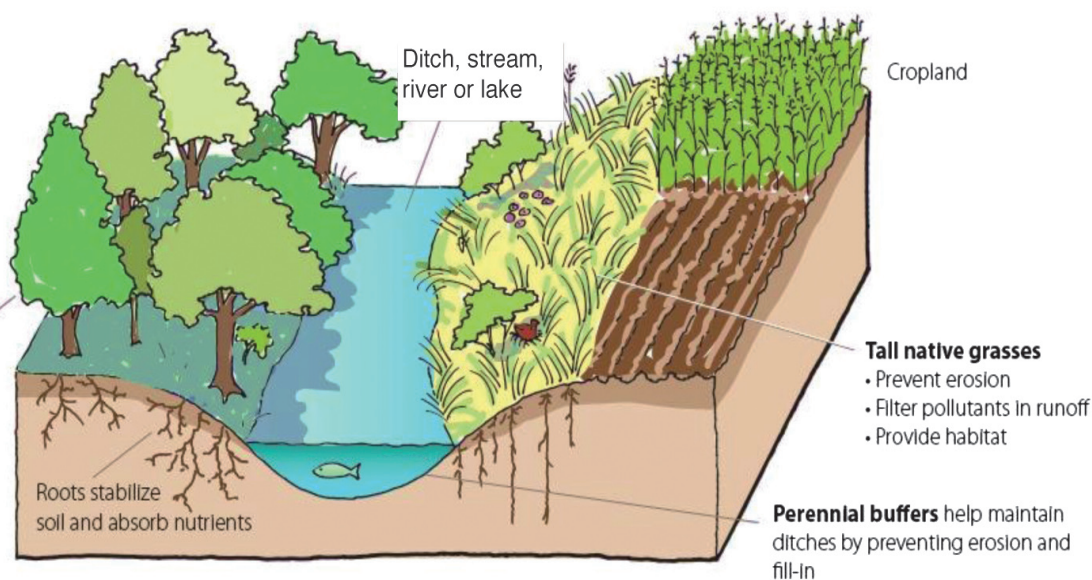
Coming from fields and forests, as well as roofs, streets and parking lots, stormwater runoff carries with it all sorts of pollutants. Motor oil, pet and wildlife droppings, garden and agricultural chemicals are just a few of the pollutants that can become concentrated in what looks like harmless rainwater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

Trees

- Hold soil in place
- Use up nutrients
- Shade the water
- Provide habitat



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

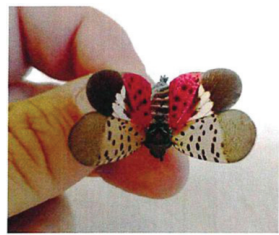
A buffer helps stormwater soak into the soil and reduces the volume of water that can cause floods.

• 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

Beware the Spotted Lanternfly



The spotted lanternfly (SLF), is an invasive insect that has decimated forests in Pennsylvania, and has now entered South Jersey. The insects cause serious damage to trees plus millions of dollars annually in lost agricultural production. Although they feed on all kinds of plants, they have a strong preference for hardwood trees such as maple and black walnut; stone fruit trees including apple, peach and cherry; as well as grapevines. Their favorite plant is Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus), an invasive wild-growing tree found along roadsides throughout NJ.

SLF lay eggs in the fall on trees, rocks, telephone poles, and other convenient surfaces. Egg masses contain 30-50 eggs each and are covered with a muddy-colored wax. The eggs will hatch in May, so take the time to search for and destroy them in March and April. Scrape the waxy masses into a container and coat them well with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer before disposing of them.

The insect feeds on plant sap and excretes what is called "honeydew" a sticky liquid. The honeydew covers the leaves and then gets moldy, which cuts off sunlight and kills the host plant. Honeydew also coats yards, patios and porches, attracting gnats, bees and other insects.

INVASIVE PEST COMES TO SOUTH JERSEY

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture has been tracking the advancement of the Spotted Lanternfly since it entered NJ from PA. If you see it, take a specimen or a photograph or call the New Jersey Spotted Lanternfly Hotline at 1-833-223-2840 (BADBUGO)

The Township has received a \$20,000 grant to help remove the Spotted Lanternfly. If you see them, please call 856-451-3811 so we can send an exterminator out to the site. Funds are limited.



What to look for on trees.

FREE TICK TESTING!

tickets.rutgers.edu

cvbquestions@njaes.rutgers.edu

MISSION

"NJ Ticks 4 Science!" is a citizen science project organized by Rutgers Center for Vector Biology. Their goal is to create a tick map showing the changing distribution of ticks and tick-borne pathogens in NJ and bring more awareness to tickborne disease. If you encounter a tick in New Jersey you can send it to them and they will test it for disease-causing pathogens for free!



SEND US YOUR TICKS!



FILL OUT
FORM

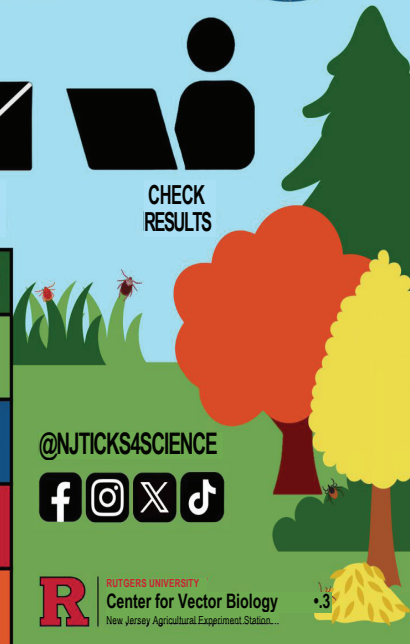


MAIL
TICK IN



CHECK
RESULTS

	SPECIES	DISEASES
	Blacklegged "Deer" Tick	Anaplasmosis Babesiosis Encephalitis Lyme Disease Relapsing Fever
	Lone Star Tick	Ehrlichiosis Red Meat Allergy Spotted Fever
	Asian Longhorned Tick	Under Investigation
	American Dog Tick	Under



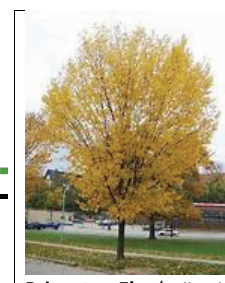
Tree Sponsorship for Veterans Drive

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.



Princeton Elm (Fall Color)



October Maple (Fall Color)

✂ **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

'The Paradox of Seabrook Farms' Documentary Film

World Premiere at Levoy Theater Filled 700 Seat Capacity!

The documentary film "The Paradox of Seabrook Farms" had its world premiere at the Levoy Theater in Millville on March 16, 2024. With an audience capacity of 700 seats, the venue was completely sold-out days beforehand and many disappointed movie-goers were turned away at the door. People had lined up early in the morning, hours before the doors opened. In addition to the local people, viewers traveled from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine and California.

The consensus of the audience were universally laudatory

with the hope that the movie could be shown again in the near future.

The movie was developed, directed, and produced by Helga Merits, a film maker from the Netherlands. Over the last five years, Helga conducted interviews with former residents who lived and worked at Seabrook Farms from the 1940s through the 1960s.

During this period, families arrived from internment camps in America and displaced persons camps in Europe, and migrants came from the South and the Caribbean. Archival news coverage gave context to the

events of the time. With personal oral histories, the film documents the global village that emerged at Seabrook and the complexities that made Seabrook Farms the largest vegetable processing company in the world by the 1950s.



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Barbie and the Mattel's Local Model Maker for Barbie and Hot Wheels

Robert (Bob) Yukata Hasuike lived in Seabrook from 1945 to 1957. The Hasuike family had relocated to Seabrook Farms in Upper Deerfield Township from the Amache, Colorado internment camp during World War II. After graduating college, Bob served in the United States Special Forces as a Green Beret during the Vietnam War.

Bob Hasuike moved to California and joined the toy company, Mattel, Inc., as a Master Model Maker. In his 35-year career at Mattel, he was responsible for designing Barbie dolls and Hot Wheels. Consequently, Bob amassed a personal collection of 300 Barbie dolls and 4750 Hot Wheels, which he left to the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC).

Because of his enormous talent as a model builder and fond memories of his time at Seabrook, Bob Hasuike designed and constructed scale models of the buildings, dwellings, and structures associated with Seabrook Farms as they existed in the 1950s. His impressive creations are on display in the SECC museum in the Upper Deerfield Township municipal building.

A remarkable diorama (10 ft. by 10 ft.) at the museum offers an aerial view of the Sea-

brook factory, greenhouses, community center, and various housing units. Also on exhibit is a model of the iconic Seabrook Farms water tower, originally built in 1937, which has outlived its useful life.

The entire SECC collection of Barbie dolls and Hot Wheels is housed on loan at the Wyble Library at the Millville Army Air Field Museum in Millville. A selection of Barbie Dolls of the World has been chosen for the public to view at the Upper Deerfield Community Day Celebration on April 27, 2024.

SECC Museum has 300 Barbie Dolls on display at the Millville Air Museum. 30 of these Barbie Dolls were displayed at Community Day.



Bob Hasuike designed and constructed the Diorama with scale models of the buildings, dwellings, and structures associated with Seabrook Farms as they existed in the 1950s.



English Barbie



Spanish Barbie



Mexican Barbie

Replacement of the Seabrook Water Tower

The Township received approval from an application to the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program (NJEIT) to replace the Seabrook Water Tower that was constructed in 1937. Inspection studies show that there are short and long-term financial upgrades facing the 87 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 \$3.7 million dollars. The project costs will consist of a grant from the state with the balance being paid through a low interest 30-year long-term bond from the state. The new water tower will hold 400,000 gallons and continue to provide storage for existing commercial and residential customers in the Seabrook area.

The pilings and foundation for the new tower have been installed. Construction of the tower will begin in May. Construction of the tower is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024. Painting of the tower will

probably have to take place in early 2025. When the new water tower is operational, the old tower will be dismantled.



Pilings sixty to eighty feet deep have been installed for the Water Tower Foundation.



Foundation is completed and is ready for the construction of the steel water tower.



(above) Ringwall – Outer ringwall foundation encompasses the pilings for the tower.

(below) Water line to provide water to the tower is installed.



Drinking Water Update - New Nitrate Removal Treatment System Active

While the nitrate test results at the Love Lane Water Facility remained within the safe drinking standards, 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 awarded a contract to Quad Construction Company to construct an addition to the radionuclide treatment building to house the WRT nitrate removal components in the

amount of \$640,000 in January 2022.

The total cost of the project with a couple of change orders was \$1,065,000. The Federal American Recovery Plan grant paid for \$762,000 and the Township utility budget supplied 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. The Nitrate Removal system is providing water quality well within the state safe drinking standards (see test results on page 22).



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 by email at seabrookeducation@yahoo.com or phone (856) 451-8393.



SEABROOK EDUCATIONAL
AND CULTURAL CENTER

DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORTS AVAILABLE

The 2023 Drinking Water Quality Reports are now available on the Upper Deerfield Township website under the Water/Sewer link. The direct URL is: <https://upperdeerfield.com/administration/public-works/sewer-water/>

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

NITRATE TEST RESULTS

Love Lane			Seabrook		
Date Sampled	RESULT		Date Sampled	RESULT	
4/2/24	5.32		4/2/24	5.10	
1/2/24	7.14				
10/3/23	6.07				
7/5/23	7.14				
4/4/23	5.42		4/4/23	5.93	
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 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 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. The Township water is safe to drink.

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



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.

Convenience Center Improvements

The Convenience Center building holding the recycling items was destroyed by a fire in January 2023.

Through a shared services agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, a replacement pre-engineered wood building (pole barn) was 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 building includes an employee's break room, bathroom, and utility room in the same location as the original building. The building was completed by the end of June.



Used Oil and Antifreeze Disposal

The Convenience Center provides containers for disposal of used oil and antifreeze. Please use these containers for safe disposing.



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.



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.

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 2024-2026 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.

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 \$12,205.62 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 2022. 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 3/4 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.

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, Newspaper, and Magazines



Flattened Cardboard



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers

DO NOT RECYCLE



Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage



No Plastic Bags (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)

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

Plastic bags**

Materials in plastic bags

Shredded paper

Hazardous waste*

Styrofoam

Liquids in bottles or containers

China, dishware, glassware, or vases

Wire clothes hangers

Pots and pans

Tire rims or car parts

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

** Recycle at your local retailer

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)

Aluminum foil

Paper or plastic plates, towels & utensils

Rigid plastics, toys, chairs

Plastic containers without a number

Broken glass or mirrors

Light bulbs

Batteries

Food waste or garbage

Syringes, needles, or sharps

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

2024 Household Hazardous Waste and Document Shredding

JUNE 15 & SEPTEMBER 14 • 8 am to 2 pm

Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex

169 Jesse Bridge Road, Millville (Rosenhayn), New Jersey 08332

ITEMS ACCEPTED

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.	10 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, 2023.

To receive the new Purple 2024 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, 2026

- 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.

Property Tax Sale

The Tax Collector will be holding the annual tax sale for properties on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10 am. The tax sale will occur on any property that still owes property taxes, water bills, sewer bills or special charges for 2023. The first advertising of these property owners that have outstanding balances will occur on May 7, 2024. Tax sale notices will be mailed to property owner's mid-May. If you have outstanding charges for 2023, please make your payments.

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 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

NJ Save Helps Low Income Seniors

The NJ Division of Aging Services administers a number of federal and state-funded programs that make it easier for older adults to live in the community as long as possible. Access to some of these programs is through NJ Save, an online application to help low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities to save money on Medicare premiums, prescription drugs and other living expenses.

The Cumberland County Office on Aging staff can assist with the on-line application. For assistance contact the Office on Aging at 856-453-2220.

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 that shows how much energy a customer is using. More information is available for customers at atlanticcityelectric.com/MyAccount.

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.



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.

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

75' Ladder Fire Truck Ordered

The Township Committee, in keeping with their commitment to public safety signed a letter of intent in December of 2023 to purchase an E-ONE Typhoon HP75 Ladder in the amount of \$1,254,782.00. Due to supply chain issues, delivery of the new fire truck is not anticipated for 1020 days according to the manufacturer.

New Ambulance Ordered

The Township Committee in December of 2023 ordered a Ford F-550 4x4 Diesel Ambulance at a cost of \$440,000. The last ambulance purchased was a 2020 model at a cost of \$239,543. Since the delivery of the 2020 ambulance, the cost of a new ambulance has increased over \$200,000. The Township Committee continues to maintain and update the fleet of first responders' equipment despite the cost increases. The new ambulance will be delivered in 2025.

Planning Board Activity in 2023

The Planning Board approved the following applications:

- Sika Corporation site plan to construct a mortar mix manufacturing plant and distribution center on Highway 77 was approved. The building will be around 250,000 square feet.
- Sussex irrigation site plan on Highway 77 and Polk Lane was approved for them to provide irrigation products for area farmers.
- Precious Jewels Day Care located in the Old Deerfield Pike Professional Offices was approved to provide day care services.
- Laurel Lawn Cemetery Association received site plan approval to construct a pole barn as part of their business's operation.
- Prime Construction subdivision on Park Drive and Parkview Heights was approved to construct 5 new homes.
- K&E Holding I Limited Liability Company received a three-year extension of their existing Resource Extraction Operation.

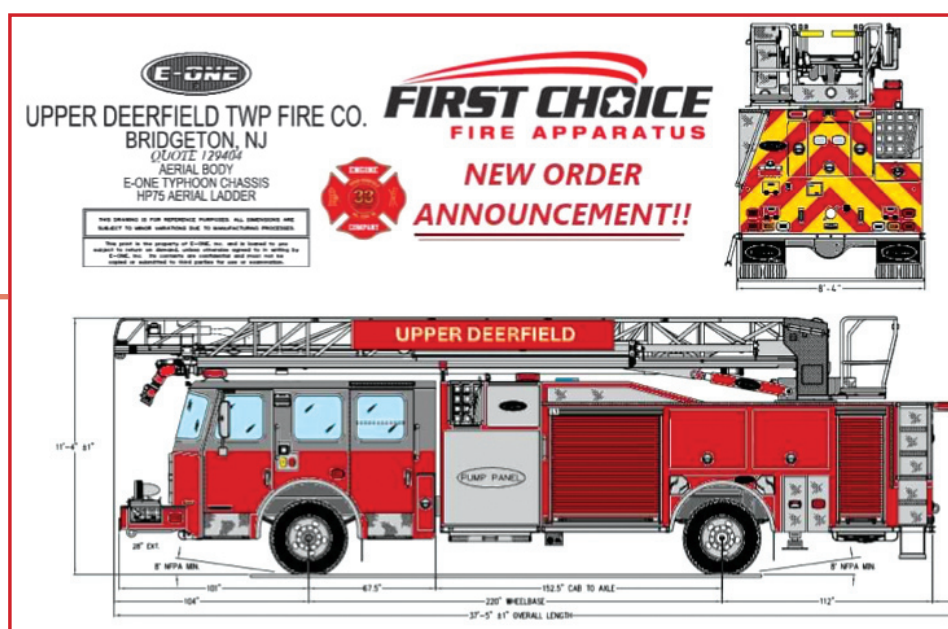


Sussex Irrigation opened their business at the corner of Highway 77 and Polk Lane.

Alcoholic Beverage Licenses Awarded

The Township previously awarded the one Plenary Retail Distribution License (Package Good). Liquor Xpress opened their store in November 2023 and is located in the Carlls Corner Shopping Center.

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.



New Businesses in Upper Deerfield

- **Chipotle.** The outer shell of the building that will include Chipotle is complete. Chipotle has received their permits to begin the build out for the interior needs. Chipotle is located where H & R Hardware conducted business and will have access to Highway 77 and Centerton Road.
- **Liquor Xpress** opened their new alcoholic beverage package goods store in the Carlls Corner Shopping Center in November 2023.
- **Sussex irrigation** opened for business on Highway 77 and Polk Lane in the fall of 2023 providing irrigation products for area farmers.
- **Shears Hair Studio** on Park Drive across from T&K Custard opened in 2023.
- **Precious Jewels Day Care** opened in 2023 located in the Old Deerfield Pike Professional Offices.
- **Ita-Mex Restaurant** in Upper Deerfield Plaza, previously known as DiLisi Restaurant, continues with the Italian specialties along with new Mexican cuisine.
- **Big Bothers Big Sisters** held their grand opening of their Cumberland and Salem County offices on Landis Avenue and Centerton Road in March.



(Above) Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem County renovated and moved into the building at the corner of Landis Avenue and Centerton Road



Now open at the Carlls Corner Shopping Center.