

Fall 2009



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Business Person of the Year**
Auletto's Caterer's
Thursday, October 29, 2009
Time: 6:00PM–9:00PM
- **Senior Luncheon**
Auletto's Caterer's
Monday, November 2, 2009
Time: 12:00PM–3:00PM
- **Annual Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus**
December 4, 2009
Time: 6:00PM
- **Senior Light Bus Tour**
December 17, 2009
Time: 6:00PM
- **Christmas Home Decorating Contest**
Enter your home in the "Best Decorated Home at Christmas."
Registration deadline is December 15, 2009
See page 9 for entry form
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**
January 14, 2010
Time: 7:00PM

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TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD

WHAT'S NEW AROUND TOWN

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCUST GROVE BOULEVARD

Mayor and Council are pleased to announce the recent Phase I safety improvements being completed on Locust Grove Boulevard. The project is being partially funded through the NJDOT FY2009 Discretionary Aid.

The project incorporates a "complete streets" design which includes traffic calming to reduce speeding, new lane striping, bike paths and crosswalks, all of which have been funded by the Township with the assistance of NJDOT Discretionary Aid. Also included in the project are landscaping, seating and decorative lighting. Complete streets are roadways designed and operated to enable safe, attractive, and comfortable access and travel for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transport users of all ages and abilities are able to safely and comfortably move along and across a complete street. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Friday, October 23, 2009.

The project was awarded to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC of Woodbury, NJ.

OAK VALLEY NATURE PARK OPENS

On September 26th Deptford Township Mayor and Council held a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the opening of the Township's newest park. A parcel of land located at the intersection of Stanford and Hamilton Avenues was purchased as part of an open space preservation initiative between Gloucester County and Deptford Township.

After the acquisition of the land, the County's Landscape Architect, Alan Koch, worked with the town to develop a passive recreation plan for the area. Once the review process was completed, Mayor and Council felt that this project offered a great opportunity to incorporate the help of Deptford Township's youth in the process.

Matthew Mungiole, of Boy Scout Troop 62, in an effort to help attain his Eagle Scout Badge, took on the responsibility of the walking trail portion of the plan. The first phase of Matt's Eagle Scout project included clearing the area of all debris and underbrush. He enlisted the help of his fellow scouts to assist in the clean up. Once the area was cleared, construction of the walking trail began to take place. Both the Parks & Recreation and Public Works departments worked with the scouts on Saturdays throughout the summer. The two township departments provided the machinery and operators, while the scouts performed the manual labor.

The construction of the park is still a work in progress, as fencing and a playground unit for younger children are scheduled to be installed. A second scout, Henry Grabbe, is also completing an Eagle Scout project by constructing bat houses and park benches that the scouts will install. Once fully complete, the park will offer recreation opportunities for residents of all ages.



Sign Up Through Our Website for Updates

Receive email updates directly to your Inbox. Visit www.deptford.nj-org and click on "Sign Up for Email Notifications". Don't get stuck behind the times, sign up now to get up-to-the-minute notifications on meeting cancelations, road problems, special events and snow emergencies.



Need information about forms, upcoming events, hours of operation?

Visit our website at www.deptford-nj.org. It is the "virtual municipal building" that's at your fingertips 24 hours per day / 7 days per week

A Message from Our Mayor

Our Administration works diligently on many issues every day. We strive to be proactive in public safety, property maintenance issues, and infrastructure improvements just to name a few. As you look around town you will see improvements and construction to many areas. These improvements are being funded with grant money or low interest bonding.

In October, several ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for many exciting projects such as safety improvements to Locust Grove Boulevard. The project incorporates a design which includes traffic calming to reduce speeding, new lane striping, bike paths and crosswalks, all of which have been funded by the Township with the assistance of state grant money. October also welcomed the opening of a seven-acre open space park in Oak Valley. The purchase was made by the Gloucester County Open Space Preservation Program with funds from Gloucester County Freeholders and Deptford Township.

The new reconstruction of the 50 year old clubhouse for the Oak Valley Athletic Association has begun with 100 percent of the funding coming from donations. Phase II of the safety improvements to Deptford Center Road will soon be completed with grant money from NJDOT. The improvements include road reconstruction and pedestrian/ bike paths, and a new LED traffic sig-

nal. If you have been to Fasola Park recently, then I hope you have noticed the new steps and a paver walkway from the Bexhill Farms development, and new tennis courts will be completed by spring. All of the recent improvements at Fasola Park have been funded through Gloucester County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) grant money.

Some of our initiatives include a Speeding Awareness Program, Anti-Crime Partnership, Economic Development Committee and much more. As you can see, the Administration has worked very hard to gain funding from County and State representatives. The ability to obtain funding saves tax dollars.

Deptford Township Police Department is proud to have two police officers enrolled in the Gloucester County Police Academy, and have hired seven new police officers in the last three years. Throughout the economic downfall, we have avoided layoffs, reduction in services and maintained a stable tax rate. On the average, Deptford Township has the third lowest tax rate in Gloucester County.

We hope that you are excited and pleased with the completed and ongoing improvement projects around the town. Deptford Township is in a great location, with quick access to jobs, terrific recreation opportunities, and a

variety of dining and shopping for your every need. Thanks for helping us make Deptford the best town in South Jersey!

Deptford Township is continually improving and we value your opinion. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call me at (856) 845-5300 or send me an email at mayor@deptford-nj.org.



DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS

Attention Residents: The Gloucester County Board of Elections reminds residents of the redistricted polling locations. In you need additional information, contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 686-2203.

<u>District</u>		<u>District</u>	
1	686-2203 Deptford Municipal Building--1011 Cooper St., Deptford	13	686-2203 Oak Valley Fire Co.--Princeton Blvd., Oak Valley
2	415-0320 Deptford Senior Building--Trellis Lane, Sewell	14	686-2203 Public Works--Rt. 41, Deptford
3	686-2203 Public Works--Rt. 41, Deptford	15	845-9875 Corp. LE Jones VFW--Tacoma & Peach St., Westville Grove
4	845-5613 Deptford Recreation Center, 52 Montague Lane, Deptford (CHANGE IN LOCATION)	16	686-2203 Oak Valley Fire Co.--Princeton Blvd., Oak Valley
5	686-2203 Library--670 Ward Dr., Deptford	17	845-9875 Corp. LE Jones VFW--Tacoma & Peach St., Westville Grove
6	686-2203 Deptford Municipal Building--1011 Cooper St., Deptford	18	845-2821 Lakebridge Community Center--21 Knollwood Dr., Deptford
7	686-2203 Helping Hand Fire Co.--Fisher Ave., North Woodbury	19	845-9875 Corp LE Jones VFW--Tacoma & Peach St., Westville Grove
8	686-2203 Public Works--Rt. 41, Deptford	20	686-2203 Oak Valley Fire Co.--Princeton Blvd., Oak Valley
9	468-8113 Deptford Soccer Complex, 1002 Cattell Rd., Wenonah (CHANGE IN LOCATION)	21	686-2203 Oak Valley Fire Co.--Princeton Blvd., , Oak Valley
10	686-2203 Deptford Municipal Building--1011 Cooper St., Deptford	22	415-0320 Deptford Senior Building--Trellis Lane, Sewell
11	686-2203 Oak Valley Fire Co.--Princeton Blvd., Oak Valley	23	845-5613 Deptford Recreation Center, 52 Montague Lane, Deptford (NEW DISTRICT)
12	686-2203 Oak Valley Fire Co.--Princeton Blvd., Oak Valley	24	686-2203 Deptford Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper St., Deptford (NEW DISTRICT)



SALUTE OUR TROOPS

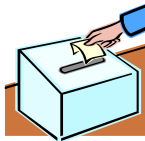
Deptford Township proudly salutes all past and present military residents who have chosen to honor our country. Special thanks goes out to all armed forces personnel throughout the country.



GENERAL ELECTION

November 3, 2009

6:00AM--8:00PM



Voter registration and Absentee Ballots can be obtained at the Clerk's Office or downloaded from our website at www.deptford-nj.org. Please contact the Township Clerk at (856) 686-2203 with any questions regarding elections or polling locations.





**DO YOU KNOW
YOUR
GOVERNMENT?**

Deptford Township uses the Council-Manager form of government. The Township Council is made up of seven elected members. The Council is the legislative body of the municipality and provides for appointments of members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities. Perhaps most importantly, the council appoints a qualified manager to serve as the chief executive.

Our mayor is elected by his peers. The mayor serves as the presiding member of Council. The Township Manager has the full administrative responsibility for the municipality, including appointment of department heads as well as subordinates, preparation and presentation of the budget and the negotiation of contracts.

Understanding Your Tax Dollars at Work

Wondering how your tax dollars are appropriated? Your Municipal tax dollars are allocated to operate our local municipal services such as police, public works, trash collection and salaries. Your tax bill is mailed from and paid to the Deptford Township government offices. However, the Township does not use all of your tax dollars. We act as the central receiving point for the tax money and allocate the funds to various taxing districts as mandated by the State of New Jersey.

Please review the breakdown listed below to assist you in determining where you tax dollars are appropriated.

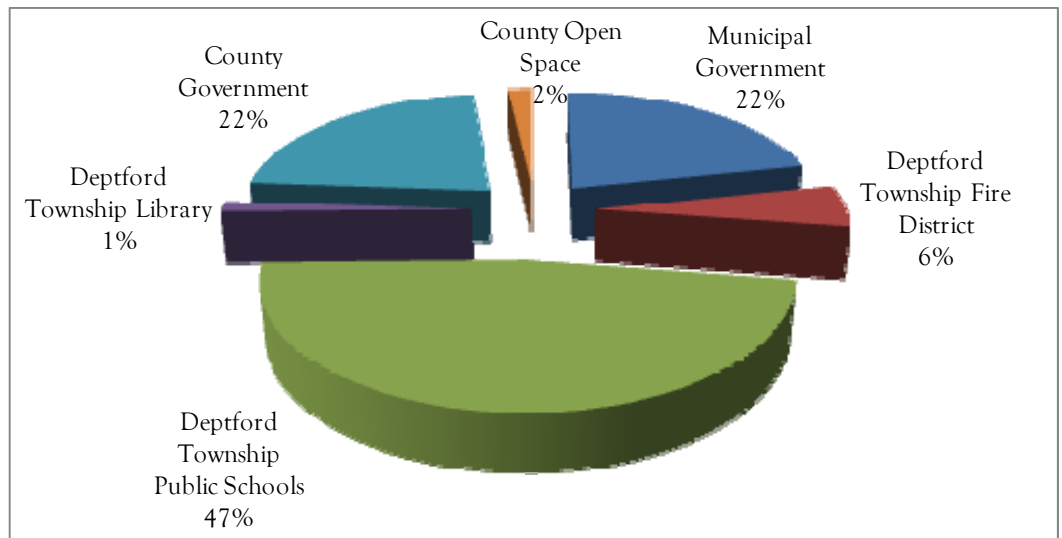
2009 AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUE = \$113,400.00

Tax Rate = \$ 4.202 / \$100 assessment

	<u>2009 Tax Rate (per \$100)</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Deptford Township Public Schools	1.990	\$ 2,256.68
County Government	.929	\$ 1,053.49
County Open Space	.073	\$ 82.78
Deptford Township Library	.061	\$ 69.16
Deptford Township Fire District	.239	\$ 271.03
Municipal Government	.910	\$ 1,031.93
TOTAL	\$ 4.202	\$ 4,765.07

Example:

$$\text{Total Tax Rate of } \$ 113,400 \div \$ 100 \times \$ 4.202 = \$ 4,765.07$$



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WEATHER MATTERS



During the summer and early fall leaves are picked up through the Yard Waste Program.

Leaf collection runs from November through Mid-January each year. Please remember to keep leaves away from vehicles so leaf machines will have easy access to the leaves. Leaves must be placed at the curb, free of any rocks, branches, twigs, dirt or other debris so they can easily be vacuumed up without causing damage to the machines.

Do not place leaves on top of or close to storm sewer outlets.

**NO PLASTIC BAGS, PLEASE
SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE,
WEATHER PERMITTING**



2009 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Zones 1 & 6	Zones 3 & 5	Zones 2 & 4
Weds.—Nov. 4	Thurs.—Nov. 12	Thurs.—Nov. 19
Thurs.—Nov. 5	Fri.—Nov. 13	Fri.—Nov. 20
Fri.—Nov. 6	Mon.—Nov. 16	Mon.—Nov. 23
Mon.—Nov. 9	Tues.—Nov. 17	Tues.—Nov. 24
Weds.—Nov. 10	Weds.—Nov. 18	Weds.—Nov. 25
Mon.—Nov. 30	Mon.—Dec. 7	Mon.—Dec. 14
Tues.—Dec. 1	Tues.—Dec. 8	Tues.—Dec. 15
Weds.—Dec. 2	Weds.—Dec. 9	Weds.—Dec. 16
Thurs.—Dec. 3	Thurs.—Dec. 10	Thurs.—Dec. 17
Fri.—Dec. 4	Fri.—Dec. 11	Fri.—Dec. 18
Mon.—Dec. 21	Weds.—Dec. 29	Weds.—Jan. 6
Tues.—Dec. 22	Thurs.—Dec. 30	Thurs.—Jan. 7
Weds.—Dec. 23	Fri.—Dec. 31	Fri.—Jan. 8
Thurs.—Dec. 24	Mon.—Jan. 4	Mon.—Jan. 11
Mon.—Dec. 28	Tues.—Jan. 5	Tues.—Jan. 12

ZONES

- Zone 1—Blackwood Terrace, Almonesson, Garden City, Sunset Park, Hunter’s Gate, Woodmere Mews, Heritage Woods, Valley Green Estates (Boundary limits: Almonesson Road, Route 41, Clements Bridge Road, Bull Run Creek and all adjoining residential streets)
- Zone 2—Westville Grove, Westville Oaks, North Woodbury, Woodbury Gardens, Locust Grove, Blanchard’s Landing, Ladd’s Landing, Heritage Development (Boundary limits: Deptford Avenue between Delsea Drive (Rt. 47) and Tacoma Boulevard, Old Broadway and all adjoining residential streets)
- Zone 3—Oak Valley, Pine Acres, Mantua Terrace (Boundary limits: Route 45, Deptford/West Deptford borderline to Jersey Avenue-Woodbury Heights boundary line)
- Zone 4—Deptford Leas, Bexhill Farms, Windemere, Stonybrook Homes, Gardenville Center, Cooper Village, Almolind Homes, Woodbrook, Patriots Ridge (Boundary limits: Fox Run Road, Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Almonesson Road, NJTP and all adjoining residential streets)
- Zone 5—Hammond Heights, Jericho, Deptford Terrace, New Sharon, Lake Tract, Narraticon, Barlow Tract, Country Club Estates, East Woodbury, Lakebridge, Brookmill Homes, Sage Hill (Boundary limits: Delsea Drive (Rt. 47)-Cooper Street-Glassboro Road-Tanyard Road-Cattell Road-Highland Avenue and all adjoining residential streets)
- Zone 6—Sewell, Lakes of Bankbridge, East Wenonah, Loucroft Farms (Boundary limits: Tanyard Road, Salina Road, Bankbridge Road, Delsea Drive (Rt. 47) and all adjoining residential streets)



*Have a question or concern?
Residents may complete an
Online Resident Service
Request to submit a formal
complaint about any
municipal service or program,
or to inform the Township
about the need for
improvements in their
neighborhood such as road
repairs, street lighting, litter,
etc.
www.deptford-nj.org*





**UPCOMING SENIOR
EVENTS**

Deptford Township Senior Luncheon

When: November 2, 2009

Where: Auletto's Catering

Time: 12:00PM–3:00PM

The event is free and is sponsored by Deptford Township Municipal Drug Alliance and Mayor and Council. Tickets are available at the Township Clerk's Office.

Participants must be at least 60 years old and a Deptford resident.

Interested in joining a Senior Club? Contact anyone at the phone number listed below.

Almonesson Senior Club
(856) 845-5408

Bridlewood Senior Club
(856) 415-1135

Tacoma Senior Club
(856) 845-3354

Deptford Golden Age Club
(856) 227-1382

Oak Valley Friendly Seniors
(856) 468-3195

WEATHER MATTERS (continued)

BRANCH REMOVAL

Branches **must** be able to fit in the yard waste containers. Branches that cannot fit **must** be cut to 6' lengths and stacked neatly at the curblineline. All stumps and logs should be free of dirt and debris and cut to 24". Please note: This service IS NOT offered to builders and/or contractors.

To schedule a prompt pick-up, please call (856) 228-4719 or visit www.deptford-nj.org and click on Online Citizen Request Form.

SNOW REMOVAL



Deptford Township realizes the importance of snow removal to our residents as well as for the overall maintenance of our roadways. Our goal is to have all Township roads cleared within a reasonable time depending on weather conditions. Upon notice of a snow warning (4" or more inches), all Township roads will be salted prior to the snow's arrival. At 4" of accumulation our vehicles will begin plowing. **During a snow emergency, parking is PROHIBITED on all roads designated as SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.** Parked cars cause a severe problem and residents have ample warning **NOT** to park on snow-covered streets. The Police Department and Code Enforcement will strictly enforce the ordinance by issuing summons.

SENIOR NEWS ... THE GOLDEN YEARS

On August 20, 2009, the 4th Annual Open House for Deptford Seniors was held once again at the Deptford Senior Center located on Tanyard Rd. All of the Township's senior clubs gathered together and the event was a great success. Our senior community was fortunate enough to have delectable food donated by Outback Steakhouse. The event was sponsored by the Senior Clubs, the Democrat Club, and Gloucester County Senior Services. Music was provided by George Tanger. Our sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who pulled together and worked hard. It was a great time!

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The Township welcomes the following new employees. We wish them good luck in their positions.

- ◇ Myron Ford, Police Department
- ◇ Danielle Emmons, Police Department

The Township recently bid a fond farewell to some of our employees who have retired. We would like to thank the following individuals for their dedication and many years of service to the Township. Good luck in your future endeavors.

- ◇ Gary Wurst, Police Department (5 years)
- ◇ June Catalano, Community Development (25 years)
- ◇ Ronald West, Public Works Department (25 years)
- ◇ Zephmarie Scott, Construction Department (37 years)

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED !
 Offices are now located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper St.
 STOP IN AND VISIT

Oak Valley Athletic Association Receives New Clubhouse

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Oak Valley Athletic Association clubhouse on October 16th. The 50 year old clubhouse is being replaced with a new facility. The building, located on Princeton Boulevard, in the Oak Valley section of Deptford Township, will consist of a concession stand, office, equipment room, conference room, and handicap accessible restrooms. Mayor and Council were instrumental in upgrading the existing clubhouse into a modern facility that has the latest safety and accessibility features.

ABRAKADOODLE

In Abrakadoodle kids explore, create and learn in action-packed programming filled with color, texture, shape and fun!

Class Schedule:

All classes meet in the Deptford Recreation Center (52 Montague Lane) on Tuesday evenings.

Little Doodlers (ages 2-5 years) – 5:00-6:00PM

In Abrakadoodle Little Doodlers children will gleefully create their own masterpieces using a wide range of high quality art materials. Children develop important skills such as fine motor skills, ability to listen and follow directions, cognitive skills, language and more in an enchanting environment that develops individual creativity.

**Please note parent participation is required for any child under the age of 3.

Doodlers (ages 6-10 years) – 6:15-7:15PM

In Abrakadoodle Doodlers children will develop new skills and talents while designing unique creations using a variety of wonderful materials and tools. Each lesson focuses upon developing skills, learning techniques and expanding knowledge.

Abrakadoodle is a perfect match for both new and experienced artists! For class information call (856) 845-0804.

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE

Online registration for Deptford Recreation is available via CommunityPass. No more waiting in lines! No more missed deadlines! You can now securely register your entire family at one time from the comfort of your home or workplace 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Be sure to create your CommunityPass account by visiting:

<https://register.communitypass.net/deptford>

Once your account is created, you will receive an email that contains your login information. Be sure to keep this email in a safe place so that you can continue to enjoy the convenience of online registration.



Karate-Judo-Jujitsu

MENNILLI KARATE-JUDO- JUJITSU AT DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP RECREATION CENTER

PHONE # (856) 981-0613

- Learn Self Defense while having fun for better health; great workout for everyone.
- We teach everyone ages 5 & up, with step by step instructions at their level.
- This system is taught to police & military forces around the world. It involves striking (kick-boxing), throwing (Olympic Judo), and grappling (submission); as well as defending against these attacks and weapon attacks. These most effective techniques work in real life situations.
- Benefits are endless in confidence, discipline, respect, self-control, coordination, strength, flexibility, concentration, etc.
- We produce great athletes and honor students.

DAYS: Every Monday and 1st two Thursdays of each month

TIMES:

4:30PM (Kids: Beginner 1)
 5:00PM (Kids Beginner 2)
 5:45PM (Youth: Intermediate)
 6:30PM (Youth Advanced)
 7:15PM (Adults & Teens 15 & up)

For information before starting, call **Carmen Mennilli** (Former Policeman & World Certified Instructor) at (856) 981-0613.



All program registration forms are available online at www.deptford-nj.org. Forms are also available at the Municipal Building.

Mail In Registration—
Complete the form and return to Deptford Township Parks & Recreation, 1011 Cooper St., Deptford, NJ 08096, ATTN: Jack Brady

Walk in Procedure—
Registration forms may be dropped off to the Parks & Recreation Department, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM.

Please submit one form for each program for which you intend to participate. Please complete all information requested.

Make checks payable to "Deptford Township".

Please do not mail cash.

Non-residents may register, but will be processed only after residents are accommodated.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT (continued)

VIVA PILATES

VIVA WORKOUT: Real Fitness for Real People! Loose inches off your waist, stomach and hips; strengthen all your muscles, even ones you never knew about, relieve wrist, neck and shoulder pain and melt away stress. Learn how to strengthen and align the muscles that support your back so that your back stays healthy and strong! These non-jarring exercises stretch your muscles to prevent the nagging knots and spasms that often come with back pain. We customize the movements to fit each student's body. Perfect for men/women, ages 12 and up and all fitness level, no prior training needed. Stop guessing if you are exercising correctly and start learning how your body functions. Wear comfortable exercise attire. Bring a thick exercise mat, large towel and your Pilates ball & band (for new students, a special ball and band will be provided).

Fall 2009

Tuesday 7-8 PM Yoga/Pilates Combo - Pilates abs combined with yoga postures that build strength and endurance to tone your whole body.

Fee: \$120 for 10 weeks, includes a specialized Pilates ball and band.

Winter 2010

Tuesday 7-8 PM Yoga/Pilates Combo - Pilates abs combined with yoga postures that build strength and endurance to tone your whole body.

Fee: \$84 for 7 weeks includes a specialized Pilates ball and band.

For class information call (856) 845-0804 or go to www.vivapilates.net.

THE LIVING ARTS CLUB

The Living Arts Club, sponsored by the Township of Deptford, is dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of the Cultural Arts. This year the Club will be sponsoring the following events:

December 12 – DELAWARE ART MUSEUM/ LONGWOOD GARDENS. Maxfield Parrish, Chihuly Glass, and their beloved Pre-Raphaelite Art at the Delaware Art Museum. Christmas Spectacular at Longwood Gardens. Leaving 12:00, Returning 9:00. Cost: \$47, Children (5-22-over 18 with college I.D.) \$34 (includes bus and admissions). Longwood Gardens has a special voucher for \$18.00 in their Cafeteria, which includes Soup/Chile, Entrée, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Fountain Soda. A big savings. If you are interested (minimum 15 people to get this special rate), please include a separate check for your meal.
Closing Date: December 7.

January 9 – MASONIC TEMPLE, READING TERMINAL, PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS. We will take a one-hour tour of the amazingly beautiful Masonic Temple, walk two blocks to Reading Terminal for lunch (on your own), and be picked up for a visit to PAFA, the finest example of Frank Furness' architecture. In addition to their permanent collection, there is a special exhibit (from private col-

lections) of paintings from the Hudson River School. Leaving 10:15, Returning 6:00. Cost \$40.

Closing Date: January 4.

March 7 – PENNSYLVANIA BALLET – CARMINA BURANA and THE FOUR TEMPERMENTS. The Pennsylvania Ballet, the day we went to press, needed more time to get us the ticket details on this trip. If anyone is interested in going to the Ballet, please call Pauline at 856-384-6582 when you receive this Newsletter, so we can alert you when we receive the ticket details. Leaving 1:00, Returning 5:00.

Closing Date: January 29.

All buses leave from Deptford Municipal Bldg, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford. Please make checks payable to The Township of Deptford and return via mail to Pauline Jonas, 209 Audubon Ave., Thorofare, NJ 08086. Please make a separate check for each trip; send early as many trips sell out. Checks will be cashed after closing date.

No refunds after the last date of purchase. No reservations by phone. **For additional trips, visit our website at www.thelivingartsclub.org** or call (856) 384-6582 or Lucida48@aol.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recently, the New Jersey State Police released the annual *Uniform Crime Report* (UCR) outlining the 2008 crime statistics for our community. You may have read a recent article posted by the *Gloucester County Times* on the subject and have some questions on how these statistics relate to our community and our strategies to address crime and related offenses in Deptford Township. I hope to answer some of those questions in my latest message to the public and reassure everyone that our police department is positioned well to address these and other public safety issues moving into 2010.

First, you should know that the police department has its own way of tracking crime and police service statistics using an internal Records Management System (RMS). We do not wait for the release of the annual UCR reports to develop strategies to deal with crime in our community. In fact, we prepare a monthly report for the Township Manager regarding our town's crime statistics as well as reporting UCR crime statistics to the State Police, in accordance with statutory law. We know what our local crime stats are well in advance of the final annual reports. Furthermore, we have invested capital improvement funds in the development of a new RMS system that will provide us with more relevant and real time information and analysis of police statistics to assist us in deployment strategies of our Police Officers. We are also looking forward to producing crime mapping models to better predict crime and traffic control (accident) trends that will assist us in our enforcement efforts.

We use the release of the State's UCR report in a broader sense to compare crime trends and correlate the statistics in support of the need for police. We use the UCR and internal data and analytical reports like *Patrol Workload Analysis* to determine the correct staffing numbers to accomplish our goals and objectives. The Office of the Chief of Police produces annual reports, including our fiscal year budget recommending staffing numbers for police officers. We do this to ensure that we are staffed consistent with other communities experiencing similar crime rates and needs; and so that we can provide the highest level of public safety to our citizens. Cost is certainly a factor we consider, but it is only one aspect of our periodic an annual analysis that goes into the staffing decisions made with our local government officials.

While it is interesting to look at the Crime Statistics on an annual basis and note the fluctuation in numbers, we look at these numbers and our internal data over a longer period of time. We feel that five and ten year trends provided us with a better picture to gauge outcomes. I prepared a ten year analysis of UCR data and average our crime rate numbers. Our crime rate may be higher this year than last, but it is not as high as it has been in the recent past. In 2002, our non-violent crime rate was at 65.5 per 1000 residents; and it has peaked at over 60 for three of the last ten years. The ten year trend shows it lowering from those numbers. It is also important to note that our violent crime rate has continued to drop since 2002. Finally, you must keep in mind *Crime Rates* are a calculation of *Crimes per 1000 Residents*. These rates tend to be more reliable when you can accurately account for your local population and **do not** take into account visiting population. Our community's population has grown since the last Census Report, and although the State and Federal Government tries to be accurate in terms of population from year to year, we won't have our exact new population until after the next Census Report, which is due out in 2010.

Each community is different and must be analyzed with many different considerations in mind when determining true crime rates. As an example, Deptford Township is host to the County's Educational School District (GCIT, Gloucester County College, and the Special Services and Autism Schools); and a regional shopping district, with major retailers like the Deptford Mall and many large box stores like (2 Wal-Mart's), Target store, BJ's Wholesalers, and Sam's Club, just to name a few. If you were to take into account the population increase our community experiences everyday due to these factors, our non-violent and violent crime rates would be considerably lower.

Crime statistics never tell the whole story. While we feel they are important, they need to be analyzed with some clarity to illustrate the true picture of life in a community. It is important to note that our violent crime rate is lower than last year and has been trending lower for the past several years. This is a good thing and may be due in part to added police efforts and our Anti-Crime Partnership with the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office. However, we have shown and increase in non-violent crime rate and I have analyzed the data and



Help Stop Crime

To report tips or information about suspicious activity or

behavior,
please email or
call the

DEPTFORD
TOWNSHIP
POLICE TIP
INFORMATION
LINE

at:

(856) 853-5985

or via email

tips@deptford-nj.org





HALLOWEEN CURFEW

Please be advised that Halloween curfew will be at **8:00PM** on **Friday** evening, October 30th, and **Saturday** evening, October 31st.

Children will be trick-or-treating on **Saturday**, October 31st, starting at **3:00PM** and ending at **8:00PM**

**Have a Happy and Safe
Halloween!!**



POLICE DEPARTMENT (continued)

believe it to be a result of an increase in what we call “*economic based crimes*”. In 2008, we reported increases in reported burglaries and thefts, as did many other communities in our County and State. We also reported increases in domestic violence offenses in 2008. I believe these increases are a direct reflection of the recent state and national economic troubles. Crime rates are affected by many factors, not the least of which is the economy. The economy also has an effect on domestic violence offenses. I believe that the increases we have seen in the area of domestic violence are related to our Township’s change or the increase in high density communities, like apartment complexes and the economy. The Mayor has directed the police to be proactive in the area of apartment complexes and we are working hard to partner with them in the interest of providing better public safety services to this unique sector of our community.

Although crime rate increases are never considered good news, the Police Department wants the public to know that we are continually monitoring these changes and making the necessary adjustments to police services in the interest of addressing these as well as a number of other public safety issues. We are working with local government and our community leaders to develop crime reduction strategies and address other public safety issues every day. I can say without question, our local government has been extremely helpful and understanding of police service needs of our community and works with the police department on a regular basis to keep our community safe.

By working with local government officials, like the Manager’s Office and Mayor and Council, we have implemented a number of new police initiatives designed to make a difference in our community’s public safety. We have implemented a new *Juvenile Unit* in our police department designed to oversee all of the juvenile related functions under the direction of the Criminal Investigations Division. This Unit includes (1) Police Supervisor & (1) Detective (Township funded); and (2) School Resources Officers, which are funded by the school district. We also have reallocated a Supervisor and (5) Police Officers to the Patrol Division to work in the Police Department’s first *Anti-Crime Unit*. These Police Officers work expanded hours (10 hour shifts) on a variety of directed patrols designed to impact criminal activity. These officers also work traffic control and enforcement assignments, and cover the Deptford Mall Sub-Station on the weekend nights. Finally, we have several Detectives assigned to work in partnership with County, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies on Task Forces designed to combat crime in our community and region.

I am extremely proud of the work our Police Officers do. I know they are hard working individuals who work to ensure public safety and make our community better. I know that 2010 will be challenging and am prepared to address those challenges by working with local government. One major challenge is in the area of funding for new and replacement Police Officers. We are extremely fortunate in that we have not had to implement layoffs in the Police Department, and our Mayor and Council have worked hard to find the funds needed to hire and replace police officers. While it is true that we are a few police officers shy of past year’s numbers, we have managed staffing well using overtime funds and our Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class I program.

We have applied for funding from the federal government to replace police officers under the Cops Hiring and Rehiring Program (CHRP) and are hopeful that we will be awarded federal money in 2010. Deptford Township is the only municipality in the County to sponsor (2) full-time police officers in the Gloucester County Police Academy this year, and we anticipate those police officers will be ready to serve in December of this year. We are also preparing our 2010 police budget and looking to replace Police Officer(s). Working with the Prosecutor’s Office and independently, we have secured a number of State and Federal grants for crime reduction and intend to use them wisely in the upcoming year. We have more than \$100,000 in grant funds for use in the area of crime reduction and prevention; anti-crime strategies; drug abuse education; drunken driving enforcement and saturated patrols; and aggressive driving enforcement patrols.

Mayor and Council have committed to public safety time and time again. I am confident that we will address a number of public safety issues successfully in the next year. The safety of all the citizens who live and visit our community is ever present on my mind, and I will ensure that we continue to do our best to make living and visiting Deptford Township a positive experience.

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CONTEST ENTRY FORMS

CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ ZIP _____

Phone No. _____

Christmas House Decorating Contest entry forms should be submitted via mail or dropped off at:

Deptford Skating Center
510 Deptford Ave.
Westville, NJ 08093

DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 15, 2009

The event is sponsored by Mayor, Council and the Township Recreation Committee



The Deptford Free Public Library

670 Ward Drive, Deptford
(856) 848-9149

Hours of operation

Monday–Thursday 10:00AM–9:00PM
Friday–Saturday 10:00AM–4:00PM

www.deptfordpubliclibrary.com

Board of Education

2022 Good Intent Road, Deptford
(856) 232-2700

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898 Cattell Road, Deptford
(856) 415-1111

Hours of operation

Monday–Friday 7:45AM–4:45PM

Executive Director Robert Hatalovsky, Jr.

www.deptfordmua.com

Deptford Township Fire Administration

1370 Delsea Drive, PO Box 5535, Deptford
(856) 848-3098

Hours of operation

Monday–Friday 8:00AM–5:00PM

Chairman, Michael J. White
Board of Fire Commissioners

www.deptfordfd.org



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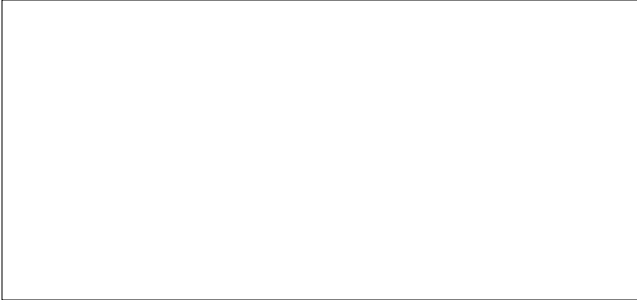
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Fire Department—Emergency	911
Ambulance—Emergency	911
Public Works Department	(856) 228-4719
Gloucester County Animal Shelter	(856) 881-2828
NJ Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Municipal Utilities Authority	(856) 415-1111
Library	(856) 848-9149
Board of Education Office	(856) 232-2700

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