



# DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP *News*

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## *Thank You*

This is certainly the most unique message we have written since the start of our newsletter. We start off by saying how proud we are of every Deptford resident. Our community pulled together in this crisis, we flattened the curve, we protected our employees, our residents and we kept municipal services operating at close to 100% with your support and cooperation.



During this most challenging time in our history, Deptford Council, Administration and employees have been at work delivering municipal services and operations. The situation as far reopening and getting back to our routines literally changes every day. We have so many people affected in such different and challenging ways.

We learned we must be prepared for any scenario. We learned how important it is to protect our seniors and the most vulnerable in our community.

Everyone in Deptford did their part by physical distancing and not gathering in groups and it shows. It proves that working together we can accomplish our goals. Now we need to get to our goals for this year. Our first objective is to keep everyone safe and continue the regimens that kept the virus in check.

We must get everyone back to work. We must get back to 100% open for businesses. But we must do with a new way of thinking for now. There is a different way we view social togetherness now. That is what we live with, this is what we will do.

Township Council is always being proactive and with this brings changes. We are not willing, and we know you will not support, local government that does not constantly improve. Building renovations, open space purchases, a community center with a performing arts center are just a small part of the list of improvements we are working on.

Creating new departments, eliminating duplications, forming a public safety committee and director are all part of the ongoing process of keeping Deptford Township safe and protecting the health, safety and welfare of all residents and visitors to our community.

We listen, we learn and we act. Council will not stand still when it comes to improving our community and working with you to keep our community the best it can be.

Keep yourself safe and protect others. We will see you soon.

## **NEW AND EXCITING ADDITIONS**

As you know Township Council has embarked on a comprehensive open space program. We are also purchasing properties for our expanding programs and to provide you with a great variety of recreational and cultural choices and activities.

**Fasola Park:** We are constantly improving this park. Walking paths, splash pad, outstanding playground equipment, adult exercise equipment, new DPW maintenance garage, new tennis courts, beach volleyball, upgraded restrooms, brand new pavilions, landscaping projects, beautiful new Legacy Park area and much more. - Continued on Pg. 6 -



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## *Mayor's Message - Working Together*

A Message from Paul Medany, Mayor of Deptford

Deptford council has developed a tremendous working relationship with our Fire District and School District. All three Boards meet yearly in a shared service meeting to discuss and explore ways to improve services, save tax dollars and most of all keep our community united and working together. Throughout the year our various departments share equipment, personnel, and services. A great school district is all important to building a great community. Our school administra-

tion is moving forward with a new addition to the middle school, new offices, improved classroom space and safety measures at a great savings to our taxpayers. Deptford Fire District Commissioners along with all their members are leading the way in fire safety, protection and dedication to our community. All of this is with your support and knowing that working together builds a strong community. Thank you to all involved in these endeavors and we will keep Deptford strong.



We have compiled a list of ideas that will have an immediate effect on helping our community. Some are new, some we have worked on for years. They are all solid contributions that you can do today. They will reduce costs, help the environment, but most importantly can effect immediate change. Property taxes effect everyone and these are ways to actually help stabilize and reduce costs.

**Recycling:** Educate yourself and become disciplined on what goes in the recycling container. You will be surprised what cannot be thrown in the can. This is a direct cost saver and environmentally important.

**Grass Clippings:** Mulch them back in to your lawn. It is scientifically proven this helps your lawn stay healthy. Grass clippings are a huge disposal cost to us and this will eliminate one of pickup duties.

**Litter:** Walk your street and neighborhood to pick up litter. Litter is unsightly but also an environmental hazard. A lot of it winds up in storm drains and heads for the river and ocean.

**Speeding:** Slow down! It is that simple. Our motto is "No Need to Speed". Help us keep neighborhoods safe, reduce accidents and improve our local streets.

**Volunteer:** You can volunteer to coach or just help in the concession stand at a rec league. All of our youth sports organizations are run by volunteers and they need help and cooperation. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends, promote wellness and activities for kids.



**Neighborhood Watch Teams:** Form one. Call our police department for information and instructions. There is no better way to prevent and protect neighborhoods than citizen action and involvement.

**Code Enforcement:** If there is a decrepit lot or house in your neighborhood call or email and report it. We will send a code official right out to investigate. Code violators reduce our home values and can destroy a block or neighborhood.

Call (856) 845-5300 for the Code Enforcement office.

**Shop Local:** Support our local economy. Put down the online shopping App and get out to the mall or one of our great shopping centers. We have tremendous variety, restaurants, entertainment, friendly service and the safest centers in the region. Support local jobs and business.

**Events:** Stop by one of our events. You can meet township officials in a relaxed setting. The kids have fun. There is entertainment. Meet new people.

Here is one we promote all over town. Fly the American flag and show your patriotism. Our Democracy is made up of Towns and Cities in every State with such a diverse set of people and their ideas and needs. But in the beginning the first sentence in the Constitution states "We the People" that is every one of us working together for our Country, State and community. Let's do this together!



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## POOL SUMMER SAFETY

Permits are required for the soft wall (storable) type pools as follows:

If the pool is capable of holding twenty-four or more inches of water, a Zoning Permit will be required for each year. A Building Permit will also be required for the installation of a permanent barrier that the Building Code mandates. An electrical permit will NOT be required as long as there is a GFCI receptacle within twenty-five feet of the pool. Zoning Permits are REQUIRED annually. Please note NO pools will be grandfathered.

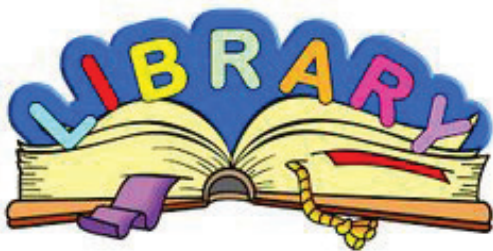
## PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS

We are now close to completion on our program to renovate and/or install new equipment in every playground in Deptford. This has been a 3 year project. Playgrounds not only provide recreation, they are great exercise for kids and adults. They bring neighborhoods and the community together and they are simply a fun place to hang out with the kids.

Open space preservation, parks, playgrounds and our farm are all a part of our goal to preserve and secure the future of environment in Deptford. We have a master plan in place that includes controlling growth knowing that there will be future development but it must occur in a controlled and planned out methodology.



## DEPTFORD FREE PUBLIC



Deptford Free Public Library is open at 25% limited capacity with limited services. We are also offering curbside pick-up of library materials by appointment.

Call (856) 848-9149 or place items on hold in our online catalog.

The Library will be offering online story times Monday through Friday at 11 AM. Online Crafts on Wednesdays at 1 PM, plus additional online programs throughout the summer. Check our Facebook page and website for more information.

**OPEN HOURS:**    **Monday - Thursday:** 10 AM - 7 PM    **Friday:** 10 AM - 4 PM    **Saturday:** 10 AM - 2 PM



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## Recreation

### DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT & CONCERT SERIES

All Events are Subject to Change.



All shows will start at 10:30 AM on the lower level of Fasola Park.

Thursday, July 2, 2020 – Doodle Time with Mark

Thursday, July 30, 2020 – Mother Goose Magic

Thursday, August 20, 2020 – Karen the Children's Harpist



Along with our Summer Concert there will be a Food Truck Festival on August 29, 2020 starting at 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

More information will be available on our website or Facebook.



### FRIDAY SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday, August 29, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM at Fasola Park  
presenting Stained Glass Band



### FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 4, 2020

Frozen II will be playing on the big screen  
at Fasola Park starting at dusk.

### DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP



The town wide yard sale will be held on September 19, 2020.

\$5.00 Donation to register

\$20 donation given to a sign announcing the event.

For more information please call 856-845-0804 or  
email deptfordparksandrec@deptford-nj.org.





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## 2020 RECYCLE INFO

### CANS

Aluminum  
and Steel



empty and rinse

### CARTONS

Food and  
Beverage



empty and  
replace cap

### GLASS

Bottles  
and Jars



empty and rinse

### PLASTICS

Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers



empty and replace cap

### PAPER

Mail, Boxes, and Cardboard



flatten



### NO BAGS

Plastic grocery bags are recyclable, just not in your curbside program because they get caught in the sorting equipment. Please take these back to the grocery store so they can be recycled separately.



### NO TANGLERS

“Tanglers” are items such as garden hoses, electrical cords, Christmas light strings, chains, clothing, metal hangers, or any such item that can wrap around equipment at a recycling processing facility. Just put these in the trash.



### NO FOOD

Never put food in the recycle bin! This contaminates the other items in the bin and makes them not recyclable so they end up in a landfill anyways. This also goes for food-soiled items such as paper plates, greasy pizza boxes, or fast food containers. Just put these in the trash. Remember: Empty, Clean, and Dry for recycling. If you want to make your food waste useful, start a compost pile!



### NO BATTERIES

Batteries are recyclable, just not in your curbside program because they cause dangerous situations for recycling workers. Batteries can spark when they come in contact with various other materials in the recycling truck or facility, which can cause fires. Too often an entire truck load of recyclables is ruined because a battery started a fire on the truck.



### NOT SURE?

*When in doubt, throw it out.*

Placing an item in the recycle bin that does not belong can be costly, dangerous, and could contaminate or ruin other recyclables. Items that are not recyclable are removed from the recycling stream and sent to the landfill anyways.

## Did You Know that Deptford Twp. has a Website, Facebook, Instagram & Twitter Accounts?

The purpose of these pages are to provide our residents with reminders, happenings, and updates regarding the Township. For our website go to [www.deptford-nj.org](http://www.deptford-nj.org). To find our Facebook page and Twitter account, please search for “Deptford Township”.





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## INFORMATION

We want to tell you some new improvements to government operations. After in depth discussions in the year 2019 Deptford Council created and formed by Ordinance a Public Safety Committee in January 2020. The discussions and debates centered around uniting our community working with our partners in the Fire District, School District, Police Department, autonomous agencies like the MUA , volunteers and residents. Council and all of our elected officials have created an era of cooperation unheard of in other administrations. We all know working together, sharing thoughts, ideas and plans can only brighten our future and improve our community.

The committee is a work in progress. We are creating a roadmap as we move along with the intent to provide for the health, safety and welfare of every resident. We have a large visiting population also and we need to ensure that their Deptford experience is a great one. Public safety is a complex concept. The issues are how to coordinate efforts between police, fire, schools and our large business community. Our community is growing and Township Council always looks to the future while planning for today.

There is currently a public safety director position which has been in place since 1972. It became time to reinvent the position to coordinate and ensure the operations of all agencies involved in public safety. Again Deptford Township was at the forefront of the efforts now being discussed to examine public safety and to keep improving. The old saying “that’s the way we have always done it” does not fit in our way of thinking and governing. Our job is to keep improving on the existing ways and even at the risk of missteps to keep creating new ways to improve our community.

Our commitment is change, to improvements and to you. We will meet our challenges working together!

## NEW & EXCITING ADDITIONS

(Con’t from Cover)

**Deptford Community Center:** This was previously Most Holy Redeemer Church, we purchased this in 2018. After some code work we immediately put the property to use. A new state of the art floor was installed in the gymnasium. The gym is under constant use by our recreation programs. The Gloucester County Ambulance squad will be based here to protect and serve our township. The school and classrooms are booked for youth karate classes, boy scouts and girl scouts programs, art classes, Civic organizations and at the same time renovations are continuing to expand much needed space.

There is a 3 acre playing field in the back which will be used by our youth sports organizations for much needed space. The church is being converted for this area’s first performing/cultural arts center. Coming soon will be a stage for youth and adult performing arts classes and performances. We plan to incorporate singing, dancing, plays and music lessons and performances for every age from 3 years old to 100. We also will be using the basement and building for art classes and to display local art work and sculptures.

Our recent open space purchases have added tremendously to our preserved space inventory. The Andaloro Farm purchase has turned in to an outstanding community garden, museum, play area and open space that fronts Timber Creek to preserve our waterways and wildlife.

Almonesson Lake is a 17 acre environmental gem that you can access from our kayak and canoe ramp off of Good Intent Road.

You should visit the Old Pine Trust preservation in Blackwood Terrace. It is a beautiful stretch of nature cared for by the Old Pine Trust conservatory.

That’s just a few areas that are new and exciting to Deptford Township. Please go out and visit and experience all Deptford Township has to offer.

## PROGRESS & PROJECTS

Protecting and Improving Deptford Township:

- Legacy Park built to honor citizens
- New performing arts center coming soon
- New lights at soccer complex
- New playground equipment in every neighborhood
- Repaved 121 roads
- Open space purchases
- Fasola park the best municipal park in region
- Tennis courts at park free to public
- Farm festival
- Andoloro farm and museum 38 acres of preserved land
- Movie nights
- Litter patrol out weekly
- Vacant home division
- Municipal art gallery
- The best in youth recreation complexes
- New community clock at mall
- Largest municipal flag in county
- Best schools in region
- Veterans Park and Memorial
- Senior activities, bingo, tai chi, pickleball and much more
- Neighborhood water main and sewer projects
- New business coming in
- Walking path system at parks
- Bicycle path program on local roads
- Splash pad and play area
- New pavilions for picnics
- Improvements at Library



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## DEPTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The men and women of the Deptford Police Department are hard at work protecting our community.

Congratulations to Chief Kevin Pancoast on his retirement and we welcome Frank Newkirk as our new chief of the Deptford Township Police Department.

The department reminds everyone that in this pandemic there are many scams being perpetuated over the phone and by mail. Never give your personal information to anyone over the phone. Also keep your car doors locked at night to prevent anyone from entering your vehicle and taking valuables.

Deptford Township Police are now offering self-reporting for minor incidents. Please check <https://deptford.prophoenix.com/#/home> for types of reports and services offered completely online.

You can help stop crime by using our tip line at 856-853-5985 or [tips@deptford-nj.org](mailto:tips@deptford-nj.org). Stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.

### Township Manager

856-686-2220

Calls regarding complaints, questions about Township property purchases, general questions

### Municipal Court

856-686-2230

Calls regarding Municipal Court and payment of tickets

### Code Enforcement

856-845-5300 ext. 2245

Calls for violation complaints and property maintenance issues

### Finance Department

856-845-5300

Calls for financial data

### Municipal Clerk

856-686-2203

Calls regarding voter registration, OPRA requests, Bingo & Raffle licensing, Liquor License, Block Party applications

### Human Resources

856-686-2203

Calls regarding employment services, benefits for current and past employees, employment verification requests

### Public Works

856-228-4719

Calls regarding buildings and grounds in township, report pot-hole repair, street light malfunctions, recycling, trash

### Health & Vital Statistics

856-845-5300 ext. 2260

Calls for vital records (Marriage, Death & Birth Certificates), Licensing

### Construction Department

856-845-5300 ext. 7266

Calls for building plan review, building permits, CO's and the inspection of all work performed under permits

### Tax Office

856-845-5300

Calls for tax bills, tax payments, deductions on property tax (for water: call Deptford Township MUA at 856.415.1111)

### Planning/Zoning Department

856-845-5300

Calls for applications for construction permits, processing and review of applications for subdivision, site plans and variance approvals, assistance with zoning and planning issues.



**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: DIAL 911  
CALL 856-845-2220 FOR NON-EMERGENCY CALLS**

## Township of Deptford

1011 Cooper Street  
Deptford, New Jersey 08096

(856) 845-5300



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### MAYOR & COUNCIL

#### Mayor

Paul Medany

#### Deputy Mayor

Tom Hufnell

#### Councilman

Phil Schocklin

#### Councilman

Wayne Love

#### Councilman

Bill Lamb

#### Councilman

Ken Barnshaw

#### Councilwoman

Mackenzie Belling



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### MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

#### The Deptford Free Public Library

670 Ward Drive, Deptford  
(856) 848-9149

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 9 PM  
Friday - Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

#### Deptford Township MUA

898 Cattell Road, Deptford  
(856) 415-1111

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Exec. Director - Michael Cusick

#### Deptford Township Public Works

1702-1704 Hurffville Road, Deptford  
(856) 228-4719

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

#### Board of Education

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

#### Deptford Township Fire Department

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM  
Chairman - Michael J. White  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
[www.deptfordfd.org](http://www.deptfordfd.org)

#### Deptford Township Police Department

1011 Cooper Street, Deptford  
(856) 845-2220

Chief of Police - Frank Newkirk

### MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

#### Township Manager

Thomas Newman, Jr. (856) 686-2220

#### Township Clerk

Dina Zawadski (856) 686-2203

#### Chief of Police

Frank Newkirk (856) 845-6300

#### Director of Community Development

Donald Banks (856) 686-2218

#### Public Works

Harry Hanstein (856) 228-4719

#### Chief Financial Officer

Kimberly Kwasizur (856) 686-2200

#### Tax Collector

Fran Iliadis (856) 845-5300 ext. 2255

#### Construction Official

Christian Romano (856) 845-5300 ext. 2242

#### Recreation Director

Charlie Kirchner (856) 845-0804

#### Municipal Court Administrator

Shannon Sawyer (856) 686-2229