



THE DEPTFORD CHRONICLE

Deptford, NJ

Fall/Winter 2023

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KEEPING DEPTFORD FIRST

Deptford Township Council, administration and staff work diligently to keep our residents' needs first. While we certainly recognize state and national issues, our focus is multi-faceted. We are going ZERO on our local budget again this year to provide tax relief. We know dealing with escalating costs is challenging and we meet that task here by controlling costs, adjusting spending and most importantly, long term financial planning. Another benefit of our strong local economy is a solid ratable base which not only produces thousands of jobs but is also a large part of our tax base.

We are constantly working hard attracting major new business openings like Bonesaw Brewing, Inspira Medical Center and Raising Cane's Restaurant. There are many major infrastructure projects like a new \$900,000 storm water recovery project in Oak Valley and many others starting soon. The repaving of miles of roads and starting new water main and sewer main replacement projects are also underway. We are doing this while at the same time improving every municipal service. We are building new offices and buying new equipment for the Public Works department. There is so much more you will read about inside this edition.

Public safety is a daily mission here. Our Police Chief, Police Administration, Officers and Public Safety Director are doing a fantastic job protecting our neighborhoods and businesses. With over 40,000 people passing through Deptford on any given day, it is a challenge that they are meeting. We are continually searching for strong candidates to add to the Township's dedicated team of police officers. Most recently eleven (11) new police officers joined our ranks to ensure public safety.

Everything we do is about making our community safe, clean and strong together. Keeping Deptford first is what we work for every day. We can accomplish this and more because of the great community spirit that has developed over the past decade. Planning for the future while taking care of today is our goal. Communication with you is so important which is why we are still one of the few towns who print their newsletter to make sure every resident gets government news. We want you to know the workings of your government and the efforts put forth every day. Thank you for working with us to keep Deptford a great community.



MESSAGE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Over the course of 2023, there have been exciting new changes to our police department. Early this year, a new Chief of Police, Joseph Smith, was sworn into office. Chief Smith is a long-time member of the police department and is a life-long Deptford resident. He previously served as Captain in charge of the Patrol Division. On August 7th, seven officers received promotions, and a new officer was sworn into office. Currently, the police department is in the process of hiring eleven new police officers. These individuals are in various stages of training at police academies in southern New Jersey. By the beginning of 2024, there will be plenty of new faces working alongside our dedicated police officers responding to calls of service, and helping to keep Deptford safe and secure for our residents.

Public safety is a daily mission here in Deptford. Our Police Chief, police administration, officers and Public Safety Director are doing a fantastic job protecting our neighborhoods and businesses. With over 40,000 people passing through Deptford on a given day, it is a challenge that they are meeting. Together with our school district and fire district, our emergency management team has coordinated plans for emergent situations, and remains prepared to respond should the need arise. You can read more in this issue about our current efforts in our local business community, promoting a safe and enjoyable experience for both customers and staff.

Wishing you the very best of health through the upcoming holiday season and beyond. Stay safe, be well.

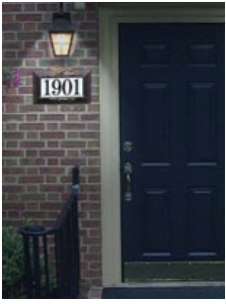


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Part of keeping Deptford first in the region is our continued economic development. New businesses are always looking to open in a thriving, centrally located community such as ours. Bonesaw Brewing has recently opened their doors at the Deptford Mall, and development is coming along great on Inspira Medical Center's new site, as well as Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

The addition of these wonderful partners to the wide range of successful businesses already in our community further increases our tax base, which in turn allows us to pursue further development and investment in our Township. It also creates numerous job opportunities and adds shopping, dining and entertainment options for our residents. Supporting Deptford business supports Deptford as a whole!





VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT FOR EMERGENCIES

Our emergency responders need your help. Clearly identifying your house number is imperative for all emergency services including police, fire and ambulance. Seconds count in a life or death situation—when a responder is looking for the right home it can be devastating to lose precious moments. If the numbers on your home are not easy to find or read, it will take longer for crews to reach you.

Please ensure your house numbers meet the following requirements:

- Must be Arabic numerals. Fancy numbers or numbers that are spelled out may be aesthetically pleasing, but are very difficult to read from the street.
- Need to be a minimum of four (4) inches high and in a reflective or contrasting color to their immediate background.
- Must be displayed on the front of the dwelling and visible from the street.
- If the dwelling is located more than 45 feet from the front lot line, the number should be displayed on a gate post, fence, mailbox, or other appropriate place at least 24 inches above ground level and within ten (10) feet of your driveway opening.
- Cannot be obstructed by shrubs, trees, decorations, etc.

Take a moment to look at your house number. Make sure your numbers follow the above guidelines. It will help emergency crews find you quickly and easily.

TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHES SECURITY TASKFORCE WITH LOCAL RETAILERS



Recently, Deptford Township officials and members of the Deptford Police Department met with retail security representatives and business owners to discuss crime prevention strategies in the commercial business district. Chief Joe Smith discussed taking a multi-faceted approach leveraging increased police presence with code enforcement, new technology and information sharing between retailers, police and township officials.

To advance these objectives, Deptford Township has launched a Retail Security Taskforce to deter retail crime and strengthen existing partnerships between police, township officials and the retail community. In the coming days, the Taskforce will be launching a public relations campaign highlighting the positive steps being taken to increase security in the shopping district. The campaign format will include social media, website postings, retail signage, public service announcements and community events. The goal is to raise public awareness by emphasizing police activity and targeting would-be offenders.

For further information on how you can assist and participate, please email Public Safety Director Sean Dalton at sdalton@deptford-nj.org or Detective Sergeant Bob Jones at rjones@deptford-nj.org.

SLAM THE SCAM!

Recently, some Deptford seniors have become the targets of what are commonly referred to as “Grandparent Scams.” Scammers contact a senior victim pretending to be their grandchild. Often, the “grandchild” will make up a stressful situation, such as being involved in a serious motor vehicle crash, or being arrested. The scammers will then ask for payment to have the grandchild released. Payments are often requested in the form of gift cards or cash. Unfortunately, these scams have cost some of our seniors thousands and thousands of dollars.

If you receive a call from an unknown number, don't be afraid to ask questions. Ask questions only your family member will know. **NEVER SEND PAYMENT WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING A TRUSTED FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT.** These scammers rely on your manners and they will pressure you to keep things secret. Don't do it! Do not be afraid to simply hang up. Remember: “Slam The Scam!” The easiest way to combat these scammers is to avoid speaking with them in the first place.

The men and women of the Deptford Township Police Department are here for you; 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Never hesitate to call us if you have questions regarding a suspicious phone call. Our non-emergency number is (856) 845-2220. In an emergency, dial 911.



To maintain safety and the wellbeing of our police officers, the Township recently purchased four Dodge Durangos and a Ford Explorer. Additionally, each officer is being provided Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK) and new outer vest carriers. These purchases help ensure that all officers are equipped with the tools they need to conduct their job safely and effectively. The vehicles are currently being outfitted with all required equipment, and will be hitting the streets soon!

CLERK'S OFFICE

The Township Clerk is the Chief Administrator of Elections, Chief Registrar of Voters and any other duties that may be imposed by state statute. The Clerk's Office strives to accommodate the needs of the Township residents while serving Council, Administration and all other offices with professional, efficient and friendly service. Our office, known as the "Hub of the Township," is custodian of all municipal records such as meeting minutes, books, bonds, contracts and archival records, and the custodian of the Township Seal.

The Township Clerk has core duties, such as Secretary to the Governing Body, and responsibility for the preparation of all Council meeting agendas, keeping official records of the proceedings of every Council meeting, legal advertisements, administration and record of Oaths of Office, and liaison to the public on behalf of the Governing Body.

Our office issues various licenses, such as Liquor Licenses, Bingo & Raffles, Carnivals, Block Party requests, Social Affair Permits and Amusement Licenses.

We offer Notary Public Service, which is free for Deptford Township Senior Citizens, and \$2.50 a page for all other Township residents.



GENERAL ELECTION

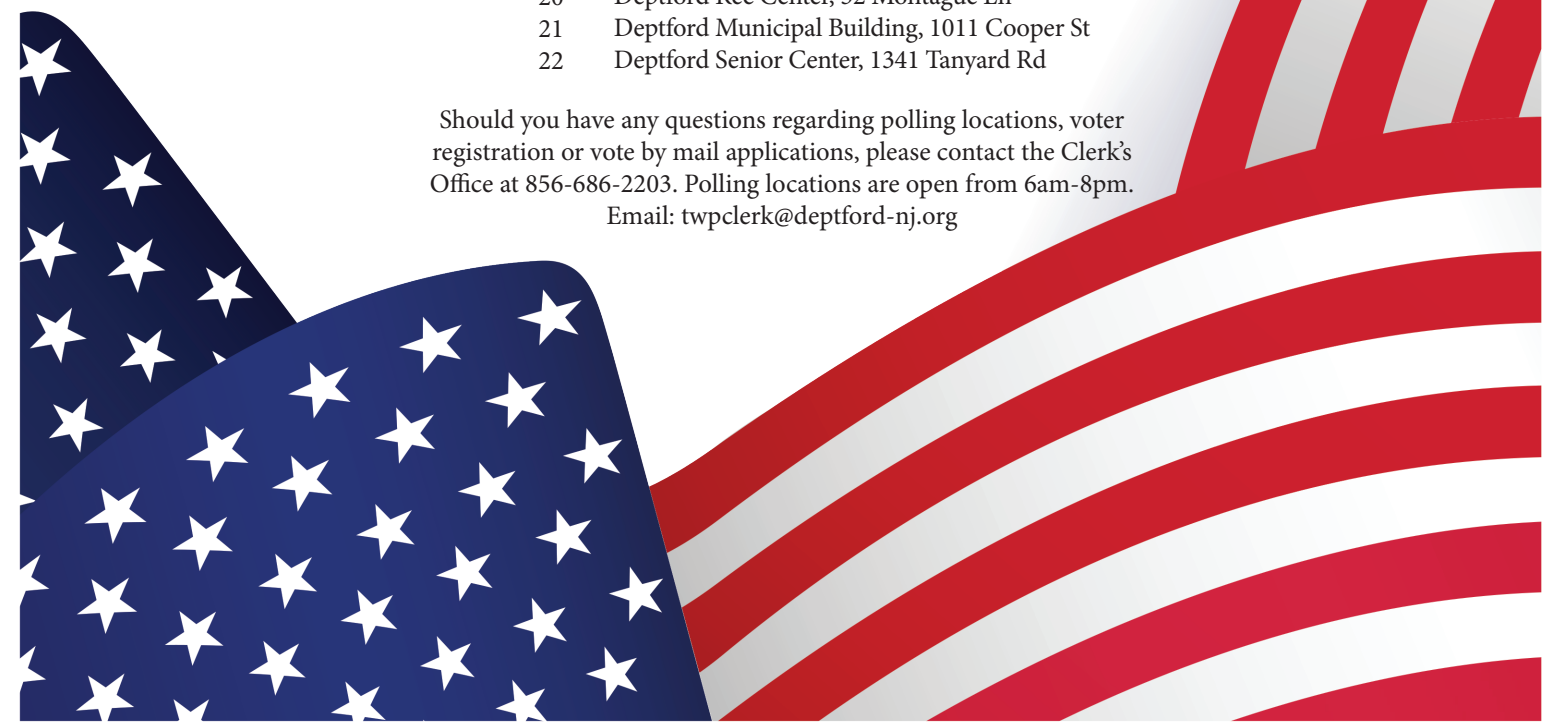
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

******NEW POLLING LOCATIONS******

NOTE—New Polling Locations for Districts 3, 8 and 14

DISTRICT	LOCATION
1	Deptford Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper St
2	Deptford Senior Center, 1341 Tanyard Rd
3	Union Fire Co., 2401 Good Intent Rd
4	Deptford Rec Center, 52 Montague Ln
5	Deptford Free Public Library, 670 Ward Dr
6	Deptford Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper St
7	Helping Hand Fire Dept., 86 Fisher Ave
8	Deptford Ambulance Bldg., 2506 Good Intent Rd
9	Deptford Soccer Complex, 1002 Cattell Rd
10	Deptford Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper St
11	Oak Valley Fire Co., 595 Princeton Blvd
12	Oak Valley Fire Co., 595 Princeton Blvd
13	Oak Valley Fire Co., 595 Princeton Blvd
14	Union Fire Co., 2401 Good Intent Rd
15	Corp. L.E. Jones VFW, 640 Tacoma Blvd
16	Deptford Senior Center, 1341 Tanyard Rd
17	Corp. L.E. Jones VFW, 640 Tacoma Blvd
18	Lakebridge Community Center, 21 Knollwood Dr
19	Corp. L.E. Jones VFW, 640 Tacoma Blvd
20	Deptford Rec Center, 52 Montague Ln
21	Deptford Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper St
22	Deptford Senior Center, 1341 Tanyard Rd

Should you have any questions regarding polling locations, voter registration or vote by mail applications, please contact the Clerk's Office at 856-686-2203. Polling locations are open from 6am-8pm.
Email: twpclerk@deptford-nj.org





DEPTFORD AWARDS

Deptford Council is very proud of these numerous statewide recognition awards we have received.

“We Value Our Veterans Award.” This prestigious award is given by the NJ State Governor and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, recognizing our efforts to assist and aid our military veterans in all aspects.

First Place in the “NJ League of Municipalities Public Information Contest.” This award recognizes our efforts to get you current, comprehensive information about your local government, from budget information to events, municipal services and much more.

“NJ State Planning Officials Achievement in Municipal Planning Award.” We were recognized for our purchase and rehabilitation of the vacant Catholic School on Delsea Drive. The property was repurposed into our Deptford Community Center, a multi-use facility that includes a new gymnasium with much needed space for our recreation programs; a new performing arts center, home to Deptford Theatrical Productions; classrooms packed with every use from art classes, karate lessons, EMT training, our Scouting programs, the Deptford Emergency Operation Center and much more.

The “NJ State League of Municipalities Local Government Leadership Award.” This recognized efforts in such areas as continuing education, developing state legislative initiatives, publishing articles in the State Magazine and other efforts to promote local government.

Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) recognizing our partnership with Transtech Industries in reclaiming Kinsley Landfill. This property, once a hazardous waste site, is now redesignated as an environmental resource center, one of the first designations of its kind on the East Coast. The Team at Transtech and Township Council are extremely proud of this award.



SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Luncheon - Monday, Nov. 6

Our annual Senior Luncheon will again be held at Auletto's Caterers on Monday, November 6th, from 12-3pm. Tickets are available in the Township Clerk's Office at the Municipal Building.

Senior Winter Wonderland - Thursday, Dec. 14

We invite you to enjoy an evening of fun, music and holiday spirit. The event will take place at the Community Center 1219 Delsea Drive from 6-8pm. The night wouldn't be complete without a dessert and hot chocolate bar! Registration is required—please email deptfordparksandrec@deptford-nj.org or call 856-845-0804.

Senior Bingo - 2nd Wednesdays

Senior Bingo is held the 2nd Wednesday every month at the Community Center from 12-2:30pm. Doors open at 11:30am. Bingo cards will be sold. Light refreshments will be available.



SENIOR FITNESS

Pickleball

Beginners – Welcome all Deptford residents! All beginners must register for the beginners class. To register or for more information please email deptfordparksandrec@deptford-nj.org or call 856-845-0804.

Location: Deptford Township Recreation Center
52 Montague Lane

Walking

When: Monday through Saturday 9am; Sunday 10am
Location: Deptford Mall

Line Dancing

When: Tuesday 10-11:30am
Wednesday 9:30-11am
Location: Community Center
Cost: \$3 per class

Tai Chi

When: Thursday 9-9:45am
Location: Community Center
Free Class

Chair Yoga

When: Fridays 4-5pm
Location: Community Center
Cost: \$3 per class

Golden Age Club

Contact Evelyn Iacovone 856-227-6699
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 12:30pm

Tacoma Club

President: Lin Tenaglia 856-848-3044
1st Thursday of the month at 12:30pm

Oak Valley Friendly Seniors

President: Marie Bolopue 609-634-9824
4th Tuesday of the month at 12pm

Bridlewood Club Social Club

President: Liz Curry 856-220-2730
2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm



FAMILY EVENTS

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

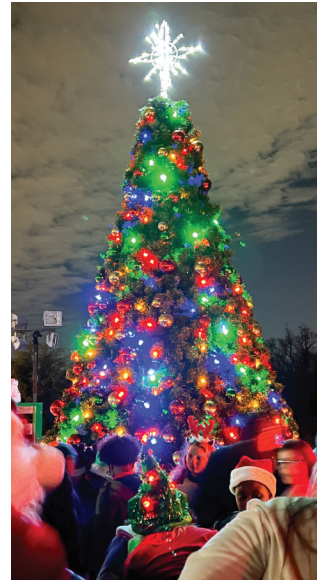
Saturday, November 4

Our annual Holiday Bazaar will feature lots of handmade arts, crafts and tasty goodies from a wide variety of vendors. This event will take place at the Deptford Community Center from 9am-2pm.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Friday, December 1

We invite you to the Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1 beginning at 6pm at the Recreation Center. Put on your hats and gloves for this wonderful fun filled outdoor event complete with Santa, hayrides, hot chocolate, cookies, campfire with smores and more. All children will receive a complimentary photo with Santa.



HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Wednesday, December 13

It's that time of year! Show your holiday spirit by participating in our Christmas House Decorating contest, deck the halls, trim the trees and enter by December 13 to win first, second, third or fourth place.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9

Bring your dogs out to the Deptford Dog Park for a free picture with Santa. Each dog will receive a picture and a treat. Santa will arrive at 10am and be there until 12pm.



For additional information, please email us at

deptfordparksandrec@deptford-nj.org or call 856-845-0804
 Deptford Senior Center – 1341 Tanyard Road
 Deptford Community Center – 1219 Delsea Drive
 Deptford Recreation Center – 52 Montague Lane

DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP
HOLIDAY 2023 BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023
9:00AM - 2:00PM

THE DEPTFORD COMMUNITY CENTER
 1219 DELSEA DRIVE, DEPTFORD TWP. 08093

Featuring over 50 local crafters and vendors. There will be food trucks, wreaths, jewelry, wood crafts, homemade items, candles and baked goods to name a few. We are sure you will be able to find something for everyone on your list. **THIS IS AN INDOOR EVENT. FREE ADMISSION.**

INTERESTED VENDORS SEND EMAIL
DEPTFORDPARKSANDREC@DEPTFORD-NJ.ORG

***LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE.**

SHOP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
6PM - 8PM

DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

DEPTFORD RECREATION CENTER
 52 MONTAGUE LANE

SANTA | HAYRIDE | POPCORN | CHARACTERS | CHOIR

FREE TREATS * FREE OUTDOOR EVENT * FREE PHOTOS

*TIME SLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SANTA PHOTOS WHEN YOU ARRIVE
 DEPTFORDPARKSANDREC@DEPTFORD-NJ.ORG/ PH: 856.845.0804

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

AT THE DEPTFORD DOG PARK
 505 DEPTFORD AVENUE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023
10:00AM - 12:00PM

CALLING ALL DOGS!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA. ALL DOGS WILL RECEIVE A TOY AND TREAT FROM SANTA.

QUESTIONS CALL (856)845-0804 OR EMAIL
DEPTFORDPARKSANDREC@DEPTFORD-NJ.ORG



DEPTFORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



670 Ward Dr

M-Th: 10a-9p | F-Sa: 10a-4p | Su: Closed

Books, Media, Computer/WiFi, Copying & Faxing

Book Club, LEGO Club, Family Craft Hour, Craft Closet, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time, Adult Coloring, Crochet & Knitting Group, and more!

www.deptfordpubliclibrary.org



LITTER PATROL

Deptford Township Litter Patrol community cleanup service is designed to utilize citizens who are sentenced to community service hours. We have an excellent program director and support team. Keeping Deptford clean and protecting our neighborhoods from any kind of blight or nuisance is a priority. Council has enacted many nuisance ordinances such as an anti-graffiti law, a ban on ATV riding in the community sections, and vacant home cleanups and liens. We also ask your help in patrolling neighborhoods for litter and cleanup—if you notice a problem, contact the Township Manager’s Office or Public Works Department through our online service request form. Let’s work together to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean.

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

The Gloucester County Special Needs Registry is a free, voluntary service open to all citizens with special needs who reside, attend school or are employed in Gloucester County. The registry was created to help police officers and other emergency service personnel better assist residents with special needs in the event of an emergency by providing first responders with vital information regarding a registrant’s special needs, emergency contact information, physical description and current photograph of the registrant.

Registrants will be provided with a window decal that can be placed on the front entrance of their residence or on the window of any vehicle in which they regularly travel. Registrants will also receive a blue envelope to assist special needs drivers and police officers during interactions.

All information provided on the registry will remain strictly confidential and will only be utilized by first responders during times of emergency.

To register, go to the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office tab on the Gloucester County website (www.gloucestercountynj.gov), download and complete the Special Needs Registry Form under the Informative Links tab, and submit the completed form to any police department in Gloucester County. Police departments throughout the county also have copies of the form available.

DRIVER/OCCUPANT HAS SPECIAL NEEDS

DRIVER IS VERBAL DRIVER IS NONVERBAL

“BLUE ENVELOPE” IMPORTANT VEHICLE PAPERS!

- Keep your hands on the steering wheel until otherwise directed, even if the officer is not at your car
- The officer may shine a flashlight in your car, may have a radio, and may have flashing lights on their car.
- When the officer gets to your car let them know you have a blue envelope, answer the officer’s questions, and ask the officer before moving any parts of your body.

POLICE OFFICER SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS GUIDE ON BACK SIDE OF ENVELOPE ▶

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FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2023

Zones 1 & 6

Zones 3 & 5

Zones 2 & 4

Monday	October	30	Monday	November	6	Wednesday	November	15
Tuesday	October	31	Wednesday	November	8	Thursday	November	16
Wednesday	November	1	Thursday	November	9	Friday	November	17
Thursday	November	2	Monday	November	13	Monday	November	20
Friday	November	3	Tuesday	November	14	Tuesday	November	21
Monday	November	27	Monday	December	4	Monday	December	11
Tuesday	November	28	Tuesday	December	5	Tuesday	December	12
Wednesday	November	29	Wednesday	December	6	Wednesday	December	13
Thursday	November	30	Thursday	December	7	Thursday	December	14
Friday	December	1	Friday	December	8	Friday	December	15
Monday	December	18	Tuesday	December	26	Wednesday	January	3
Tuesday	December	19	Wednesday	December	27	Thursday	January	4
Wednesday	December	20	Thursday	December	28	Friday	January	5
Thursday	December	21	Friday	December	29	Monday	January	8
Friday	December	22	Tuesday	January	2	Tuesday	January	9

***NOTE: PLEASE BE PATIENT, THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.**

- Please remember to keep leaves away from vehicles and not to park on leaf piles so leaf machines will have easy access to the leaves. Leaves must be placed at the curb free of any rocks, branches, twigs, dirt, pet waste, horse manure or other debris in order for them to be vacuumed up easily and not cause damage to machines.
- Leaves not put to the curb for pickup during this scheduled leaf pickup will have to wait until the beginning of the Spring Clean-up Program or our Yard Waste Program to be picked up.
- Please note that our Yard Waste Pickup Program runs all year. Yard waste debris such as grass, flowers, plants, small limbs, and “leaves” are required to be placed in containers or biodegradable paper bags at the curb for pickup.
- Loose leaves placed at the curb, instead of in cans, will only be collected during our scheduled leaf collection programs.

Reminder:

- No Plastic Bags
- No Sticks Or Other Debris
- Place Leaves At Curb Line

ZONES:

As noted below, each “Zone” includes several areas & developments, each with varying amounts of leaves. We will be in each zone three (3) times. Each zone will be completed before moving to the next zone. **Every effort should be made to have leaves at curbside before the first day of each scheduled visit to ensure timely pickup. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

- **Zone 1:** Blackwood Terrace, Almonesson, Garden City, Sunset Park, Hunter’s Gate, Willow Ridge, Woodmere Mews, Heritage Woods, Valley Green Estates. Boundary Limits: Almonesson Road, Rt. 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, Patriots Ridge. Boundary Limits: Deptford Avenue, Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Cedar Avenue, 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, Almolid Homes, Woodbrook. Boundary Limits: Fox Run Road, Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Almonesson Road, NJ Turnpike 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, Bridlewood, Tanyard Oaks. Boundary Limits: Tanyard Road, Salina Road, Bankbridge Road, Delsea Drive (Rt. 47) and all adjoining residential streets.

Are You Shoveling Snow the Right Way?

Take these 6 precautions to protect your heart:

- 1 Take **frequent breaks** to avoid overstressing your heart.
- 2 **Don't drink alcohol** right before or after shoveling.
- 3 If you feel any signs of a **heart attack**, stop shoveling and call 9-1-1 immediately.
- 4 **Push snow**, rather than lifting it.
- 5 Use **good form** — if you do need to lift, do so with your legs, not your back.
- 6 **Take it slow** and lighten your load.

LEAF RAKING & SNOW SHOVELING SAFETY TIPS

There are some simple steps you can take to keep safe while working in the yard this fall and winter. It's all about planning ahead and being mindful of your movements.

- Before a snowstorm begins, apply (pet-friendly) deicer or rock salt to your sidewalk and steps. This will make clearing snow and ice easier after the storm ends.
- Do not rake or shovel after eating or while smoking.
- Wear shoes with non-skid soles and adequate arch support.
- Wear gloves and long sleeves to protect your hands and arms.
- Choose a rake/shovel that is appropriate for your size and strength.
- Warm up and stretch your muscles before you begin.
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it's lighter.
- Push snow rather than lift it. If you must lift, use a small shovel or only partially fill the shovel. Avoid twisting motions, keep your back straight, and bend with the knees and hips. Keep the load light and stop working if you feel pain in your back.
- Switch hands every few minutes to prevent overuse on one side of the body.
- Avoid laying rakes/shovels on the ground where you can step on or trip over them.
- Stay hydrated and take frequent breaks. Do not work to the point of exhaustion.
- Don't pick up that shovel without a doctor's permission if you have a history of heart disease.
- Know the signs of a heart attack; stop immediately and call 911 if you experience any of them. *Every minute counts.*
- Help elderly or disabled neighbors remove snow from steps and sidewalks.
- Clear catch basins and fire hydrants.
- Please do not put snow in the street. Put all cleared snow, from parked cars and sidewalks, in the "tree box," front yard, or between the curb and sidewalk.
- When you're done, take a slow walk around the yard or sit and stretch to relax and cool down your muscles.

If you think you've injured yourself after a vigorous day of yard cleanup, and rest, heat/ice or over-the-counter medications have not improved your pain or function, consider calling your primary care physician or checking out physical therapy. They can work with you to address pain, improve function, improve strength, restore joint mobility, restore range of motion and help get you back doing the things you enjoy.

Here are some reminders for our residents which will help our Public Works staff perform their jobs safely and effectively through the fall and winter months:

Fall

- No other debris in leaf piles: no branches, sticks, hay, etc.
- Keep leaf piles off of storm water grates
- Sticks, hay, and other compost go into open yard waste containers and will be collected the day after regular trash day
- Chipper will be going out as needed along with log pick up
- Storm water and water way inspection/cleanup

Winter

- Brine and salt trucks will address all primary and secondary roads, as well as known problem areas first
- Keep parked vehicles and trailers off of snow covered roadways for optimal and efficient plowing
- Do not shovel snow from sidewalks or driveways into the street during plowing
- We do not deploy our plows until snow reaches 4 inches or more. We evaluate snow on an hourly basis.
- Report potholes immediately by calling Public Works or utilizing our service request program

Recycling Can Replacements

- Any Recycling can that needs replacing or fixing please utilize our service request program or call the Public Works office.
- Recycling cans are usually replaced or fixed the day of regular scheduled trash collection

DEPTFORD PARKS

Deptford has 17 great parks/playgrounds for our families to enjoy year-round. If you haven't been to your local park in a while, why not visit and see the upgrades we've made over the past few years? Most recently, we've added bike parks next to Pine Acres Early Childhood Center, and



at the lower level of Deptford Memorial Park. The Deptford Dog Park also saw numerous upgrades this past year. Take advantage of these beautiful green spaces.



Recreation opportunities in Deptford Township are endless and there is a program for every age. We want to talk about the volunteers who run all these organizations—they are the key to our successful leagues and programs. We actually have a volunteer Hall of Fame in Deptford to honor those who have dedicated their time to Deptford programs.

One of our volunteers made national news this past season. Deptford Little League President Don Bozzuffi instituted a plan to help diffuse fans from acting inappropriately towards our volunteer umpires at baseball games. His ideas traveled around the country's news cycle and we commend him and his league officers for this unique idea.

All of our volunteers are trained by Rutgers certified instructors before they are allowed to be on the field coaching. Some of those certified instructors are even coaching right here in Deptford, and have literally taught thousands of volunteers this course.

Look for our programs and join the fun. There are too many to name in this article but the information is available at deptford-nj.org or by calling our Recreation Department at 856-845-0804. Get in touch and join in the fun!



DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Deptford Basketball

President, Kyle Mobley
Recreation Center
www.deptfordbasketball.org

Deptford Softball

President, Mike Carducci
Stauffer Fields
sports.bluesombrero.com/deptfordsoftball

Deptford Soccer

President, Mike Bonanno
Soccer Complex
www.deptfordsoccer.net

Deptford Little League

President, Don Bozzuffi
Little League Complex
sports.bluesombrero.com/deptfordll

Deptford Football and Cheerleading

President, Shawn McLaughlin
Taylor Field
www.dmspartans.com

Oak Valley Athletic Association

(baseball, softball, basketball)
President, James Noce
Oak Valley Little League Complex
www.oakvalleyaa.com

Deptford Wrestling

President, Robert Scavelli
Recreation Center
www.deptfordjrwrestling.com

Cub Scouts

Sharon Galda
sagalda@comcast.net
609-970-3246

Boy Scouts

Mike Wintling
856-693-3780

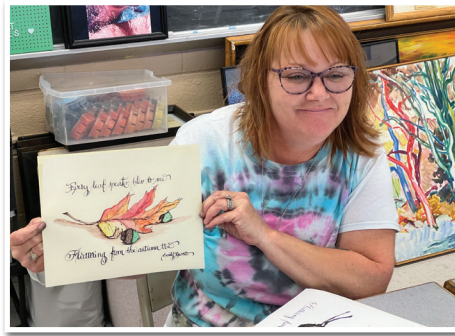
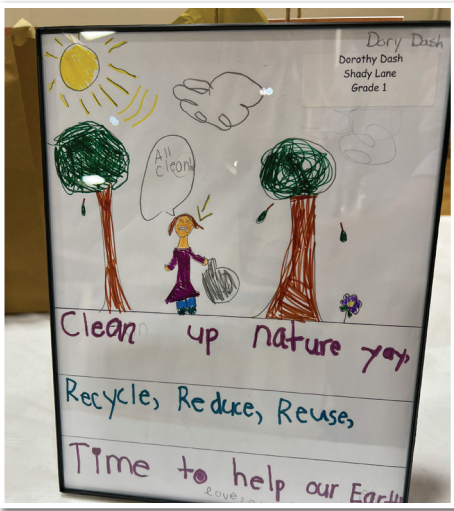
Girl Scouts

Kim Freidel
recruiter.ecowoods@gmail.com

For more information,

please call (856) 845-0804
or email
deptfordparksandrec@deptford-nj.org

ART STUDIO OF DEPTFORD



Everyone will find something new to learn this fall and winter at The Art Studio of Deptford. Learn to relax while learning a new art. We have a great lineup of wonderful and creative art programs.

Calligraphy Mondays 10am-12pm or 6-8pm. Create a unique holiday card and gift tags.

Tuesdays 10am-12pm we will be making handmade books to give as gifts or for our own use. We will learn several structures and create a star ornament book for gift giving.

Wednesdays 10am-12pm is for healing—art is a great way to decompress, relax and find some new friendships.

Thursdays at 11:30am-1:30pm we will explore watercolor. This is a beginner session to build up our confidence and mastery of watercolor skills. We are building on a fall theme for our projects.

Friday afternoons we will have an open studio, where we will be talking about art and sharing what we do creatively. Pop in and see what we are creating. Friday evening, we will be exploring watercolor with a fall theme, while we hone our skills in watercolor.

Children's Classes – Tuesday & Thursday
Our children's after-school art program runs from 4-5:30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

We also have NJEA Convention camp November 9-10, winter break camp December 26-29, and spring break camp (dates TBA). Camp days run from 9am-3:30pm—bring your lunch and snacks!

The Art Studio at Deptford
Deptford Community Center
1219 Delsea Drive
Deptford, NJ 08096
609-509-5423
Letterworksartstudio.com
Facebook: The Art Studio of Deptford

DEPTFORD GALLERIA



The Deptford Galleria hosts an Artist Opening Reception at the Deptford Municipal Building every other month. These free events are a great way to see the fantastic work being produced by local artists right here in Deptford and the surrounding communities.

The Galleria's next art opening is on Sunday, November 19, 2023, from 2 to 4pm, featuring a photography exhibit. As usual, there will be light refreshments and live music.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Deptford Township has a robust recycling program. We'd like to use this space to address some frequently asked questions from our residents, to clear up any misconceptions and ensure we're getting the maximum benefit from recycling.

Deptford uses single stream recycling, meaning containers (bottles, cans, etc.) are commingled with paper (newspaper, cardboard, etc.). However—not ALL paper, plastic and metal is eligible to be recycled. Any non-recyclable material will contaminate a batch and cause a number of problems, so remember: "When in doubt, throw it out!"

MATERIAL THAT MUST BE RECYCLED

Corrugated Cardboard

Large cardboard boxes must be cut down or flattened in order to be placed in tote.

Newspaper

Newsprint (including the advertisements found in newspapers)

Mixed Paper

Mail, magazines, office and colored paper; regular and window envelopes; receipts; glossy inserts; telephone books; chipboard and paperback books; greeting cards; brown craft paper bags; and non-metallic wrapping paper.

Glass Bottles & Jars

Clear, green and brown bottles and jars. Rinse out bottles and jars and place in tote.

Aluminum, Steel & Tin Cans

Beverage and food cans. Rinse cans and place in tote.

Plastic Containers Only

Beverage and laundry containers with #1 PET and #2 HDPE symbols (located on the bottom or side of the container). Rinse out containers.

Mixed Paper/Cardboard/Chipboard etc.

All Cardboard and Chipboard **MUST BE RECYCLED**. Large Cardboard boxes need to be broken down so that they can be collected.

Here are some examples of accepted materials: Newspaper, junk mail, office type paper, corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, etc.



MATERIAL THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED

Items that will NOT be recycled under this program include toys, plastic bags, bubble wrap, ovenware, ceramic and polystyrene cups and plates, styrofoam, pots and pans, baking pans, drinking glasses, mirrors, automobile windshields, light bulbs, window glass, wax coated boxes, pizza boxes, 6-pack beverage holders, flower pots, plastic bags, comforters, pillows, rugs and all other miscellaneous plastics. All these items must be placed in household trash.

RECYCLING TOTERS REGULATIONS:

- Place the Toter at curbside no earlier than 6pm the night before your scheduled pickup and no later than 6am on the day of your scheduled pickup.
- The Toters must be placed no further than 3 feet from the edge of the street with the wheels facing your house and the front of the Toter facing the street.
- Toters must not be placed behind cars, mailboxes, telephone poles or any obstruction that will make it difficult for the operator to pick it up.
- These Toters are meant for recycling services only.
- Recycling should include: Cans/ Bottles/ Plastics/ Cardboard/ Paper products.
- Cut up large pieces of cardboard so they will fit inside the container easily.
- Do not jam large piece of cardboard inside the Tote, this could stop the Tote from emptying when dumped into the truck.
- Do not place inside the Toter: Trash/ Grass/ Wood/ Dirt/ Paint cans/ Hazardous chemicals Styrofoam, vinyl or any other materials that are not part of the Deptford Township's Recycling Program.
- All recycling must be placed inside the Toter for collection. If you have excessive amounts of cardboard you must flatten, bundle and place at the curb for Monday pickup.. Residents need to call the Public Works Department to have a work order placed for pickup. If you have any questions please call 856-228-4719 between 7:00am. – 3:30pm.



BACK TO SCHOOL

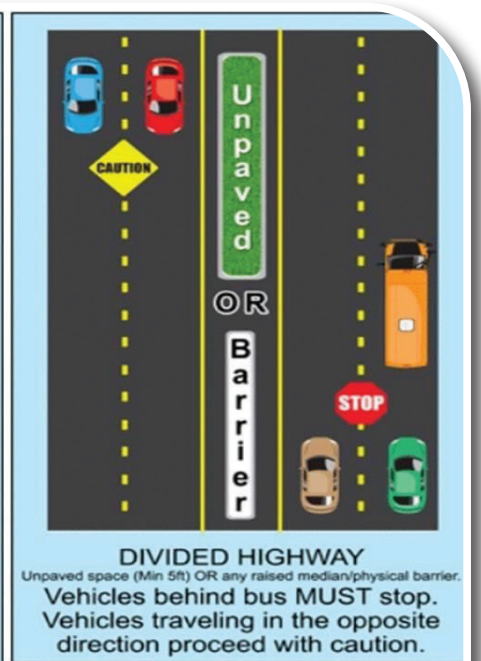
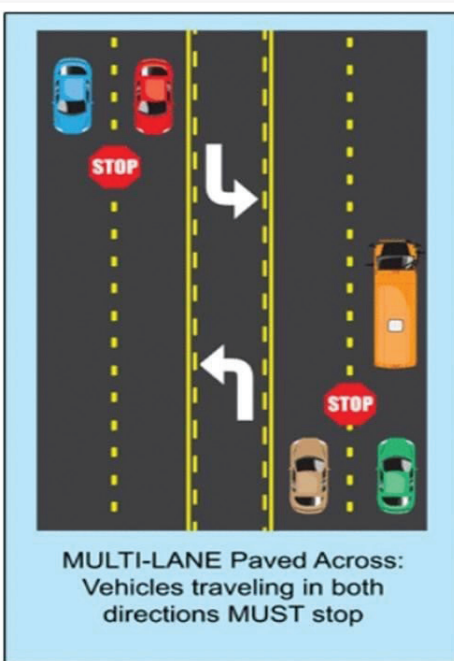
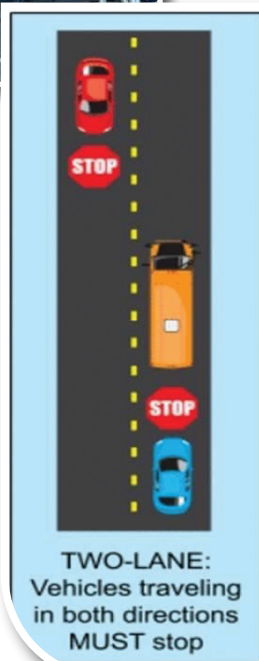


The summer certainly passed us by and we hope you had a good one. Our police department wants to remind everyone now that school is open, the buses are running and children are walking. Please look out for the safety of our children. Pay attention to bus stops, children walking and biking to and from school, and those areas with crossing guards. The safety of our children always comes first. Do not speed, and do not pass school buses. It sounds logical, but we could all use the reminder to avoid being distracted when operating a motor vehicle.

NEW INITIATIVES IN DEPTFORD SCHOOLS

The past year has seen large growth throughout Deptford's school district. From the expansion of Deptford Middle School and its new STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) offerings, to full-day 3 and 4-year-old Pre-K programs, a major renovation to Deptford High School's auditorium and baseball dugouts, a brand new wing for the Deptford Transitional Learning Academy, new HVAC units and paving projects at multiple schools, additional security officers, and much more.

When they graduate from Deptford High School, Spartans are well-prepared for their next phase of life, whether entering the workforce, military service, or continuing their education. We are proud of our students' achievements, and the partnership which helps them to achieve their goals.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean is the everyday task of our Code Enforcement Officials. These highly trained professionals are out every day protecting the health and welfare of our properties by serving violations to offenders. Municipal codes are designed to ensure compliance with safety and health standards and allow our Code Officials to follow the IPMC regulations. This code covers residential properties, businesses, apartments and vacant land. They are protecting property values and quality of life issues. If you recognize a chronic safety or health issue with a property, call the office or put in a service request on our website. One of our officials will visit the property to ensure compliance. Thank you for your patience as we resolve issues with these properties—it can be very difficult to find owners, place fines and then get judgments to ensure compliance. The ultimate goal is clean, safe neighborhoods and roads.

Please be advised that if you own a residential property in Deptford Township, and do not reside there as your primary residence, you will need to register as a Landlord for that property. A new *Certificate for Change in Tenant* will be required for any new tenancy at that property.

Rental properties constructed prior to 1978 are required to be certified free from lead-based paint hazards per New Jersey State P.L. 2021 c182. Our Code Enforcement Department will be reaching out to those property owners to schedule inspections to comply with the State requirements.

We are on SDL Portal, where you can check status and updates for permits, also pay for permits and request inspections. Please visit: www.sdlportal.com/towns/nj/deptfordtwp

For more information about permits, and applications, please visit our website www.deptford-nj.org/construction.

Please be sure to call before you dig, 1-800-272-1000 the website is www.call811.com.

When selling your home a new CO is required. The forms are available on our website at www.deptford-nj.org.

Please print the form and complete it, then bring it or email it to the DTMUA, where they will verify the water meter. Once the water meter is verified, the completed form can be emailed to constructioninspections@deptford-nj.org we will send you a request for payment through our SDL portal, and schedule the inspection. Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have 856-854-5300, or by emailing us.



THE AMERICAN FLAG CODE

The USA Flag Code establishes rules for displaying and care of the American Flag, a symbol of freedom to which Americans recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

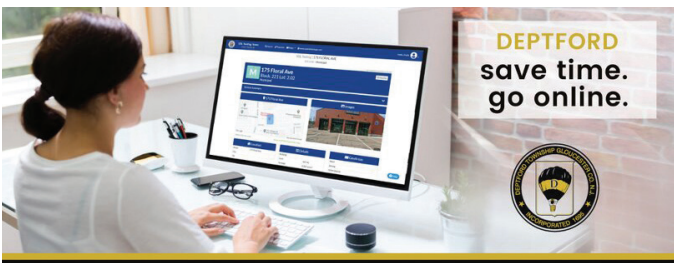
The flag's 13 alternating red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies, while the 50 white stars represent the 50 states.

Red represents valor; white represents purity and innocence; blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The flag flies at half-staff when the nation or a state is in mourning. The president, a state governor or the Mayor of the District of Columbia can order flags to half-staff upon:

- The death of a military member, a government official or a first responder.
- A national tragedy.
- Memorial Day or another national day of remembrance.

Let's keep these points in mind as we continue to fly the colors with respect and pride.



CONNECT WITH DEPTFORD

Deptford is on SDL Portal, an online hub where residents & professionals can access information, check status updates and submit requests 24/7.

- ✔ Register/Renew Pet Licenses
- ✔ Check Permit Statuses
- ✔ Request Building Inspections
- ✔ Apply for Certificates of Occupancy
- ✔ Access Town Data
- ✔ View Property Info
- ✔ And more

SDL | PORTAL

Visit: sdl.town/Deptford to get started

DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP ONLINE SERVICE REQUEST

Deptford Township
Gloucester County, NJ

Deptford Township offers an online Service Request for residents to schedule services, report any problems or concerns.

<https://www.deptford-nj.org/311/request/add>

TAX INFORMATION

Please make note of our Deptford Township’s due dates for taxes: February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. The grace period is until the 10th of the month due—after that, interest will accrue to the account. The Tax Office hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, excluding holidays as the office will be closed. We accept payment in person in the form of cash, check or money order. Please note: if paying by debit or credit card, whether in office or online, there is a service charge of 2.95% on the total amount paid by the servicing agent. We have a secure drop box located at the main entrance of the building for payments. The drop box is checked several times throughout the work day.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

There are two separate property relief programs available to New Jersey homeowners.

Division of Taxation’s Property Tax Relief Program

Property Tax Reimbursement- PTR (Blue Book)

- For information call 1-800-882-6597

N.J. ANCHOR Tax Relief Program

- To file applications by phone: 1-877-658-2972
- For questions: 1-888-238-1233 (homeowners) or 1-888-213-8623 (tenants)



Forms to apply for a Senior Citizen and/or Veteran deduction can be obtained from the Tax Collector’s office. www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml

Change of Mailing Address

This request must be made in writing and signed by the property owner, along with the block and lot numbers and sent to:

Gloucester County Office of Assessment
 1200 N. Delsea Drive Building A
 Clayton, NJ 08312
 Phone (856) 307-6445
 Fax (856) 307-6447
 Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

As always we hope that you will find the information set forth valuable and will make your association with us a pleasant one.

2023 AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL HOME ASSESSED VALUE \$182,696

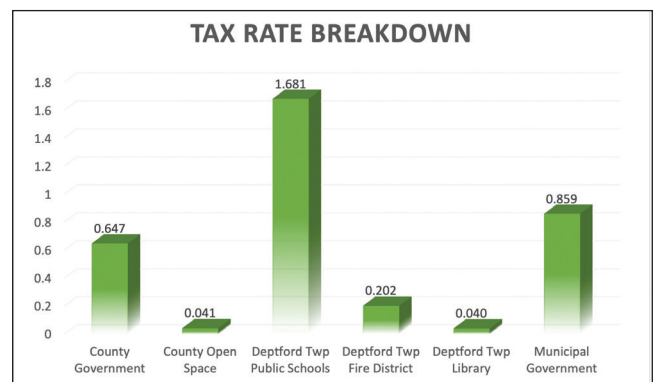
Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Value \$3.470

Deptford Township Public Schools	\$1.681	\$3,071.12
County Government	0.647	1,182.04
County Open Space	0.041	74.91
Deptford Fire District	0.202	369.05
Deptford Library	0.040	73.08
Municipal Government	0.859	1,569.36
Total	\$3.470	\$6,339.55

Example: \$182,696 / \$100 x \$3.470 = \$6,339.55

Taxing District	Tax Amount	Percentage of Total	Rate	Percentage of Total
County Government	18,424,814.06	18.63%	0.647	18.65%
County Open Space	1,141,131.38	1.15%	0.041	1.18%
Deptford Twp Public Schools	47,945,104.00	48.47%	1.681	48.44%
Deptford Twp Fire District	5,743,895.00	5.81%	0.202	5.82%
Deptford Twp Library	1,161,915.00	1.17%	0.040	1.15%
Municipal Government	24,503,706.28	24.77%	0.859	24.76%
Total	98,920,565.72	100%	3.470	100%

Taxing District	Rate	Percentage of Total
County Government	0.647	18.65%
County Open Space	0.041	1.18%
Deptford Twp Public Schools	1.681	48.44%
Deptford Twp Fire District	0.202	5.82%
Deptford Twp Library	0.040	1.15%
Municipal Government	0.859	24.76%
Total	3.470	100%



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MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

Deptford Township Municipal Offices

1011 Cooper Street, Deptford
(856) 845-5300

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
www.deptford-nj.org

The Deptford Free Public Library

670 Ward Drive, Deptford
(856) 848-9149

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Thursday 10am-9pm
Friday - Saturday 10am-4pm
www.deptfordpubliclibrary.org

Deptford Township MUA

898 Cattell Road, Deptford
(856) 415-1111

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
www.deptford-nj.org/mua

Deptford Township Public Works

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

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
www.deptford-nj.org

Board of Education

890 Bankbridge Road, Suite 100, Sewell
(856) 232-2700
www.deptfordschools.org

Deptford Township Fire Department

1370 Delsea Drive, PO Box 5535, Deptford
(856) 848-3098
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday 8am-5pm
Board of Fire Commissioners
www.deptfordfd.org

Deptford Township Police Department

1011 Cooper Street, Deptford
(856) 845-2220
www.deptford-nj.org



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