

DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP NEWS



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SPRING/SUMMER 2021

ZERO TAX INCREASE

Township Council proudly announces a ZERO increase municipal budget. Working with our administration, Council has crafted a budget that provides much needed tax relief to our residents. Thank you goes out to our budget committee—Councilman Lamb and Councilman Barnshaw, all of Township Council and our Township Administration for working together to make this happen.

Conventional wisdom dictates that municipal budgets should never go zero! This Council is certainly not conventional. We work on the municipal budget year round. We have a five-year look ahead which allows us to plan for unforeseen circumstances. 2020 has been an unforeseen and unique year and no one could have known what this pandemic would bring. By watching every dollar, keeping a healthy fund balance and planning for revenue fluctuations, Council stood ready. The plan has always been controlling spending and maximizing revenues.

Council has spent long hours poring over our finances and we have decided that our residents and businesses need tax relief until we can get the economy back on track. The municipal budget is very complex as it funds all local amenities and services in town. Public safety, trash pick-up, snow removal, leaf pick up, paved roads are a few examples of what your tax dollars work towards. Because of our careful attention to our finances, we were prepared for this situation. Now we are in a position to provide relief and proud to have introduced a municipal budget with a ZERO tax increase. We are happy to announce this news and provide help to our community, all without any cuts to the services and amenities you are accustomed to and deserve.

Thank you for working with us and let's keep Deptford Township a place we are all so proud of!

MEMBERS OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL



PAUL MEDANY, MAYOR • TOM HUFNELL, DEPUTY MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBERS: PHIL SCHOCKLIN • WAYNE LOVE
MACKENZIE BELLING • BILL LAMB • KEN BARNSHAW

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Keeping Deptford First

A Message from Paul Medany, Mayor of Deptford

Meeting the challenges of local government is what keeps us, Mayor and Township Council, motivated. Our elected officials, along with our administrative team, are committed to governing with our residents' best interests in mind. Our goal is to keep our community safe, healthy, clean, affordable, friendly and simply the best.

Clear communication between the governing body and our residents is very important as it allows us to plan and prioritize for the future. We do this by talking with our residents and listening to your needs and concerns. Our dedication to fiscal responsibility allows us to take action and we are happy to announce new outreach initiatives for the people of Deptford.

This newsletter is one of the ways we can share our completed projects, as well as our planned events and goals for the

upcoming year. We've also launched an updated website which allows residents, businesses, and community leaders better access to town officials and important information. Our goal is to have a clean, friendly, and prosperous family community, making Deptford the best place to live. We believe this newsletter and new website will help us towards that goal, bringing important department, recreation, and urgent information right to residents' inboxes. Check it out at www.deptford-nj.org and let us know what you think.

Thank you for your dedication and contribution to keep Deptford safe during this challenging time. Safety is our top priority. We remember and honor those who've passed away during the pandemic. Please continue to stay safe and keep following safety protocols.

Spring is here and we are all looking forward to a renewed sense of energy. We hope to see you soon at one of our events, safely distanced of course! We encourage you to shop local whenever possible and please know, we are always putting Deptford first.

PROUDLY SERVING OUR OVER 55 COMMUNITY

Deptford Township Mayor and Council values the safety, health, and welfare of our 55 and over community. Councilman Bill Lamb and Councilman Wayne Love are council liaisons to the Over 55 Community. By listening to their needs we've created community events and programs to better enhance their lives. For a complete list, please go to our website at www.deptford-nj.org.

Proudly prioritizing the needs of our senior community, here are just some of the great activities you can take part in, programs you can join, and services we offer here in Deptford!

As a member of our 55 and over member you can:

- Utilize our busing services with year round trips to shopping centers
- Take a tour around town to see Christmas lights on our Senior Light Bus Tour
- Participate in fun themed days at our Senior Center like 'Phillies Day' complete with free popcorn and hot dogs!
- Enjoy free lunches at Auletto's Catering (requires sign up)
- Take free Tai Chi Classes
- Join our pickleball players group (No experience necessary)
- Celebrate our '85 and over' residents with an annual birthday party for friends and family



- Play Bingo 2nd Wednesday each month (will resume when restrictions are lifted)
- Come see our Art Galleria in the municipal building
- Reserve a family garden plot at our township farm
- Visit our Veterans Memorial Park in Oak Valley or walk around our beautiful Fasola Park

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2021 Discount Tickets to summer attractions are available in the Deptford Parks & Recreation Office. The office is located on the 1st floor of the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street. Tickets are available for purchase Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. We accept CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY. Tickets are not refundable! Tickets available May through September only.

The following discount tickets are available:

SPLASH ZONE WATERPARK

Wildwood, NJ

\$35.00 All Day



MOREY'S PIERS

Wildwood, NJ

\$45.00 Waterpark Only (All Day 2 Parks)

\$45.00 Amusements Only

\$80.00 Combo Ticket (over 48")

\$72.00 Same Day Combo



ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

Camden, NJ

\$24.00 Adult

\$19.00 Child



HERSHEY PARK

Hershey, PA

\$62.00 Adult (9-54)

\$45.00 Jr/Sr (3-8 & 55-69)

\$20.00 Parking Pass



DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

We want to reiterate our commitment to offering the very best in police services to our community. The Public Safety Director, Police Chief, Mayor and Township Council, have been working on plans to bring back and enhance our community policing efforts. For example, together we implemented a new Deptford Township on Patrol program which you will read about in this newsletter.

We are grateful to have such a supportive community and are thankful for the dedication of everyone. As long as our police department, community members and Township government work together for the good of all, there is no challenge we cannot face or goal we cannot accomplish.

In closing, we look forward to seeing you at our Township events and around town. If you see one of our officers in your neighborhood, please feel free to say hello and have a conversation. Please don't hesitate to call us if you need anything. We are here for you; with pride, integrity, and service.



Left to Right: Township Manager Thomas Newman, Jr., Mayor Paul Medany, Captain Ian McShane, Chief Frank Newkirk, Councilman Ken Barnshaw, Township Clerk Dina Zawadski

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DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP ON PATROL

Deptford Township is a reflection of the many hard working municipal employees who come to work here each day. They understand their efforts help ensure our municipal services run smoothly and contribute to the greater good. Nowhere is this more important than in ensuring public safety.

Following 9/11, government at all levels recognized the important role we can all play in safeguarding our communities. If you see something, say something is now a national campaign started by the Dept. of Homeland Security that raises public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activity to state and local law enforcement.

In furtherance of these important goals, Deptford Township is proud to announce the Deptford Township on Patrol (DTOP) program.

DTOP is an innovative community policing plan training municipal employees already on our streets how to recognize and report crime and suspicious activity to our fine Deptford Police Department as well as other critical incidents to Fire and Emergency Medical personnel. These trained employees having day to day contact with Deptford residents will become extra eyes and ears for our police department. The police can then determine whether the information warrants investigation.

Time is our most precious commodity. When suspicious activity is reported can be instrumental in saving a life or a perpetrator arrested. Employees will learn when to call 911 for an emergent situation and when to report suspicious non-emergent behavior to the police. Knowing the difference can shave seconds off the response time and have a positive impact on the outcome.

The municipal vehicles of trained employees will have the DTOP decal so residents in need of emergency services can flag them down and report their problem. All DTOP vehicles will have radio and/or phone services to help residents report their problem. Employees will be empowered to become community caretakers in the truest sense.

Importantly, employees will learn the questions that will be asked by police or county dispatch when they report suspicious activity or a crime so that they will know in advance how to describe a person's behavior, car or home. The DTOP program will respect a resident's privacy as well as their civil rights. It will focus on behavior-not how one looks. Employees will be trained to understand a person's race, ethnicity and/or religious affiliation are not suspicious.

Deptford Township is a leader in providing a wide array of diverse services for residents from a vibrant shopping district to excellent parks and playgrounds enjoyed year round. We are constantly looking for new ways to improve public safety. If you want additional information on the DTOP program or how you and your neighbors can assist in making Deptford Township safer, please contact me at sdalton@deptford-nj.org.

WATCHING YOUR TAX DOLLARS

Deptford Township Mayor & Council are always looking out for your tax dollars. Five years ago, we created a plan that we review every year to ensure we are on track and also to make any necessary adjustments. Our goal is to be as efficient and effective with your tax dollars while providing you the best rate of return through services and amenities. We are proud to say that we were able to accomplish several things for the community. Here's a list of some of the achievements over the last five years:

- Deptford Council introduced a Zero Tax Rate Increase
- Open space purchase: Almonesson Lake access boat ramp
- Open space purchase: The Andaloro farm site with 39 acres preserved from development
- Open space: 12 acres in Pine Acres behind the School
- Open space: 14 acres next to Lakebridge Development
- Open space: 28 acres called Whispering Lakes off Delsea Drive
- Created Legacy Park to honor Deptford Citizens and achievements
- Veterans Memorial Park in the Oak Valley section
- Splash pad at Fasola park
- New equipment at 22 Playgrounds around town
- New Performing Arts Center
- New Deptford Community Center
- Family farm plots
- Paved over 125 roads
- Single stream recycling program
- Holiday parades around town
- Created fund to help Deptford families in need
- Major savings in shared services
- Litter patrol crew with truck
- Extensive support programs for the business community
- Awarded first place NJ State Municipal Public Information contest
- First in State meetings with every local official boards
- Largest municipal artwork in municipal meeting room
- One of the only Municipal Art Galleries to support local artists
- Township has achieved AA bond rating denoting excellent management
- Formed code enforcement division
- First in State to create position of Vacant Property Officer
- Created Deptford Volunteer Hall of Fame
- Mayors Wellness Campaign
- Built first Dog Park
- Committee to combat speeding through "No Need To Speed" campaign
- One of the first local "Buy Deptford First" campaigns
- Worked with State to procure major grant funding
- Sponsored several statewide legislative initiatives
- Formed the DTOP "Deptford Township on Patrol" program
- Certification for all volunteer youth program coaches
- Created first municipal Code of Conduct for youth sports
- We fly the largest municipal American Flag in South Jersey

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Family Fun



FAMILY FUN SHOWS

All shows will be Fasola Park in the large pavillion starting at 10:30 AM

July 1st – Beach Party

July 29th – Mammal Mania

August 19th – Cowboy Kevin



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

May 30th, 12 PM – Buddy Powell Memorial

May 30th, 1-3 PM – Oak Valley Veteran's Park
Neighborhood Block Party

May 31st, 11 AM
Jericho Memorial Day Celebration



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Free Family Movie Nights will take place this year the first Friday from May until September.

All movies will begin at dusk.

Movie title and location will be published as soon as it is available.

DEPTFORD FREE PUBLIC



www.deptfordpubliclibrary.org

The Deptford Free Public Library is currently open at 25% limited capacity with limited services. We also offer curbside pick-up of library materials by appointment. All you have to do is call (856) 848-9149 or place items on hold in our online catalog.

Mayor & Township Council, Board Trustees, Deptford School Board and the Administration held a Poetry Contest for Deptford Students. Winners to be announced at the May Township Council Meeting.

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 fall and winter.

Check our Facebook page and website for our current hours and services.

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POLLING LOCATIONS IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION

The Primary Election will be on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The polls will open at 6 AM and close at 8 PM. Please check your sample ballot and look at the location where you need to vote. Don't forget to exercise your right to vote. The Deptford Township Chief Administrator of all elections is Township

Clerk, Dina L. Zawadski, RMC, CMC. 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.



Districts #1, 6, 10 & 21	Deptford Municipal Building	1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, NJ
Districts #2, 16 & 22	Deptford Senior Center	1341 Tanyard Road, Deptford, NJ
Districts #3 & 14	Deptford Ambulance Bldg.	2506 Good Intent Road, Deptford, NJ
Districts #4 & 20	Recreation Center	52 Montague Lane, Deptford, NJ
District #5	Deptford Library	670 Ward Drive, Deptford, NJ
District #7	Helping Hand Fire Co.	86 Fisher Avenue, North Woodbury, NJ
District #8	Deptford Public Works Bldg.	1702-1704 Hurffville Road, Deptford, NJ
District #9	Deptford Soccer Complex	1002 Cattell Road, Deptford, NJ
District #11, 12 & 13	Oak Valley Fire Department	595 Princeton Blvd., Oak Valley, NJ
District #15, 17 & 19	Corporal LE Jones VFW	640 Tacoma Blvd., Westville Grove, NJ
District #18	Lakebridge Community Center	21 Knollwood Drive, Deptford, NJ

'DEPEND ON DEPTFORD': FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS THROUGH NEW CAMPAIGN

Deptford Fire Department has launched a campaign to recruit new volunteers to its ranks and spread awareness of the department's important role in the community. Details can be found at www.deptfordfd.org.

The department is looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of roles, including:

- Firefighting
- Fire police
- Canteen
- Administrative duties

Teenagers ages 16 and 17 can volunteer, too. As junior firefighters, they develop the skills necessary to become a full-fledged firefighter while assisting on calls and at the station.

The fire department was formed in 1966 from the merger of eight individual volunteer companies. Seven of those companies are still active, grouped into four battalions: Oak Valley, Tacoma, Helping Hand, Union (Blackwood Terrace), Almonesson Lake, New Sharon, and Community (Lake Tract). A fifth battalion is comprised of career staff.

No prior experience is needed to become a volunteer with Deptford Fire Department, and all training and equipment is provided free of cost. Anyone interested in the opportunity to help their community can learn more and sign up at www.deptfordfd.org.



RUN FOR FUN!



YOUTH TRACK PROGRAM FOR BOYS & GIRLS 9-13

Learn from Deptford's best track stars and coaches

**Sprints, Distance
Running, Long Jump,
Hurdles & More!**

5 Week Program \$25 including a shirt

**JUNE 19TH
& 26TH**

**JULY 10TH
17TH & 24TH**

10 AM - 12 NOON

Register at deptfordparksandrec@deptford-nj.org or (856)-845-0804

RUN FOR FUN REGISTRATION

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
DOB: _____
SHIRT SIZE: YL - AS - AM - AL

New Summer Run Program Sponsored by Deptford Township Mayor & Council

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Below are the only items that should be placed in your black recycling container for curbside collection.



CARDBOARD / PAPER

**Dry & Flattened
No Food Contact**



GLASS

**Bottles & Jars
Empty & Rinse**

CANS

**Aluminum & Steel
Empty & Rinse**



PLASTICS

**Kitchen, Laundry, Bath
bottles & Containers
Remove Caps & throw
away in trash**



PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS!



**WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT
(IN THE GARBAGE).**



No Plastic Bags

**IF YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER IS FOUND TO
BE CONTAMINATED IT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

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DISCOVER NATURE IN YOUR BACKYARD

Deptford Township Mayor and Council are bringing back this wonderful program called "Nature in your backyard". Councilman Bill Lamb started this program a few years ago to encourage awareness and recognize the bountiful display of nature right at our homes. Protecting our environment is extremely important as well as realizing the role that wildlife and plants play in our daily lives. One of the best ways to accomplish this is through discovering the nature that is in your own backyard. Educating everyone on how wildlife and plant life affect us will make us aware of the importance of preserving the environment for the future.

Did you know that many different species live in your backyard?

Examples include:

ANIMAL LIFE

Deer
Foxes
Squirrels
Rabbits
Robins
Sparrows
Turkeys
Raccoons

INSECTS

Ants
Butterflies
Lady Bugs

PLANT LIFE

Oak Tree
Dandelions
Junipers

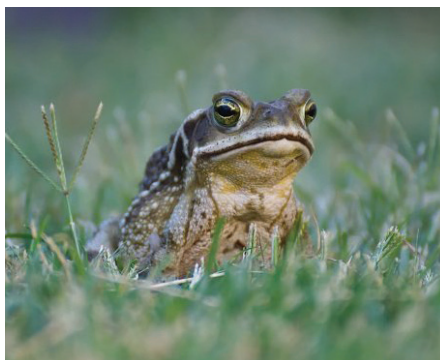
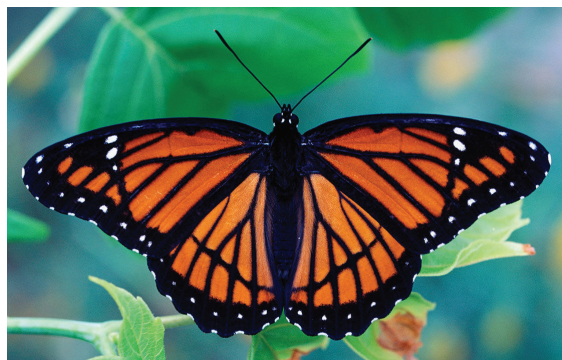
This is fun for the whole family since all ages can participate. It is also educational and very rewarding when you recognize the diverse wildlife we have from insects to flowers, trees to bees, we are teeming with beauty and wonder.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

"Nature in Your Backyard" will be held from June 1st through September 6th. Completed Nature Logs should be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department at 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, NJ 08096 or by email to deptfordparksandrec@deptford-nj.org no later than September 6, 2021. Please include your name, age, address and phone number. We will award gift certificates and winners will be recognized at the September Council Meeting with framed proclamations. Form can be downloaded from www.deptford-nj.org.

RULES

Event is open to everyone – children and adults
All species MUST be from your own backyard



MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 6:00 Council Meeting	4 7:00 Zoning Board	5 6:00 Planning Board	6 1:05 Phillies Game Day for Seniors	7 Dusk - Movie Night - Community Center	8
9	10	11	12 6:00 Library Board	13	14	15
16	17 6:00 Council Work Session	18 5:30 MUA 7:00 Environmental Commission	19	20	21	22
23 12:00 Buddy Powell Memorial	24 Office Closed 11:00 Jericho Memorial Day Celebration	25	26	27	28	29
30 Buddy Powell Memorial	31 Memorial Day					

JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 Zoning Board	2 6:00 Planning Board	3	4 Family Movie Night & Camp Out	5
6	7 12:00 Senior Luncheon	8 Primary Election	9 5:30 Library Board	10 1:05 Phillies Game Day for Seniors	11	12
13	14 6:00 Council Meeting	15 5:30 MUA 7:00 Environmental Commission	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 6:00 Council Work Session	29	30			

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:30 Family Fun Show Fasola Park	2 Family Movie Night Balloon Park	3
4 Independence Day	5 Office Closed	6 6:00 Zoning Board Meeting	7 6:00 Planning Board	8	9	10 12-3:00 Locust Grove Block Party
11	12 6:00 Council Meeting	13	14 5:30 Library Board	15	16	17
18	19 6:00 Council Work Session	20 5:30 MUA	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 10:30 Family Fun Show Fasola Park 1:05 Phillies Game Day for Seniors	30	31

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 6:00 Council Meeting	3 6:00 National Night Out 6:00 Zoning Board	4 6:00 Planning Board	5	6 Dusk - Family Movie Night - Allen Park	7
8	9	10	11 5:30 Library Board	12	13	14
15	16	17 5:30 MUA	18	19 10:30 Family Fun Show Fasola Park 12-2 Senior Summer Fun Day	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 12:00 Fasola Park Food Truck Festival
29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Dusk - Family Movie Night	4
5	6 Office Closed Labor Day	7 6:00 Zoning Board	8 5:30 Library Board 6:00 Planning Board	9	10	11
12	13 6:00 Council Meeting	14	15 D	16	17	18 Town-wide Yard Sale
19	20	21 5:30 MUA 7:00 Environmental Commission	22 D	23	24	25 8 AM Mayor's 5K 9-11:00 Shred Event Municipal Parking Lot
26	27 6:00 Council Work Session	28	29	30		

OCTOBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 6:00 Council Meeting	5 6:00 Zoning Board	6 6:00 Planning Board	7	8	9 2-8 PM Fall Festival
10	11 Office Closed Columbus Day	12	13 D	14	15	16
17	18	19 5:30 MUA	20 D	21	22	23
24 3-8 PM Trick or Treat Halloween 31	25	26	27	28 6:00 Trunk or Treat	29	30 8 PM Curfew Mischief Night

Township of Deptford

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Deptford, New Jersey 08096

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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

www.deptfordpubliclibrary.org

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

www.deptford-nj.org/mua

Deptford Township Public Works

1702-1704 Hurffville Road, Deptford

(856) 228-4719

Hours of Operation:

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

www.deptford-nj.org

Board of Education

2022 Good Intent Road, Deptford

(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 8 AM - 5 PM

Chairman - Michael J. White

Board of Fire Commissioners

www.deptfordfd.org

Deptford Township Police Department

1011 Cooper Street, Deptford

(856) 845-2220

Chief of Police - Frank Newkirk

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MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

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