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# Deerfield Township Report

Public Information Service of the Township Committee

## Breakfast Brings Smiles, Holiday Spirit

Recreation Committee Hosted Children, Families and Seniors on Dec. 6

What is now an annual tradition in Deerfield Township, Breakfast with Santa, took place at the Charlotte Brago Senior Center and the Municipal Building on Saturday, December 6.

The Deerfield Township Recreation Committee and Township Committee made and served breakfast for more than 200 smiling and happy youngsters, parents, grandparents and other guests.

Children jumped and laughed with excitement and adults smiled too as Santa entered the Senior Center after arriving amid lights and sirens on a Rosenhayn Fire Company fire truck.

Dozens and dozens of young people lined up to meet Santa, who welcomed them with a hearty "ho, ho, ho", listened to their Christmas wishes and gave each a gift and candy cane.

"My thanks goes to the Recreation Committee members and Township Committee members who take time to present such a happy event for our Township that puts everyone in the holiday spirit," said Mayor John Stanzone.



Thanks to Melody Montgomery for providing some photos for this article and to Rob Montgomery for his special contribution to this event.

## Harvest Festival "Makes You Smile" Rain or Shine

The 36th Deerfield Township Harvest Festival was celebrated on October 9, 10, 11 and 12 on the grounds of Rosenhayn Fire Company and Frank LoBiondo, Sr. Park in Rosenhayn. It started on a Thursday for the first time with early opening of the amusement ride midway area.

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Lonestar Brightens a Damp Saturday at the Festival



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# Thousands Enjoy 36th Harvest Festival

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It was a beautiful night and several thousand people came out to enjoy the rides and to take advantage of a special lower price for the weekend ride super pass.

Friday was threatened by rain but the opening night entertainment and events including SingFest contest went on as scheduled as the rain held off until later.

Saturday began with steady to heavy rain causing cancellation of the Festival Parade for the first time in the Festival's 36-year history.

Light rain and drizzle continued throughout the afternoon. As evening approached, the crowds began to arrive to enjoy country stars Lonestar and 7 Bridges, an outstanding tribute band to the Eagles. Several thousand people attended on Saturday night but less than half of what was expected if the weather had cooperated.

## FARMER OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED



*Ned Morgan accepts Farmer of Year recognition on behalf of his wife and business partner Doris Morgan and family from Mayor John Stanzione (left) and Committee member Cosmo Laurella (right).*

Ned's Honey LLC, a honeybee apiary, owned by Ned and Doris Morgan was recognized as Deerfield Township Farmer of the Year at a presentation on the Festival stage on Saturday afternoon. They specialize in harvesting raw seasonal honey, typically spring and summer, from their hives. The Morgans also provide bees for pollination. Ned started beekeeping in 2008 after taking Rutgers University's "Beginning Beekeeping" course taught by Tim Schuler, the state apiarist, and Bob Hughes. Doris joined Ned in beekeeping in 2012 after taking the Jersey Cape Beekeeping Association beginning beekeeping series of classes.

Over the past several years, Ned and Doris have grown their apiary to 16 hives. This year they are planning on harvesting approximately 800 pounds of honey. Doris makes candles from the beeswax that is harvested at the same time as the honey.

## BAKING CONTEST: A DELICIOUS TASTE OF THE HARVEST

Deerfield Township Harvest Festival's Dessert Baking Challenge winners were Zoe Hoffman of Deerfield in the cookie division for her Spiced French Macarons with pumpkin butter cream filling. Linda Hodor of Buena took first place in the cake



*Naomi Unverzagt receives certificate from festival volunteer Crystal DiGiacomo.*

category with her Pumpkin Roll. Naomi Unverzagt of Bridgeton, with Naomi's Salted Caramel Brownie Ball, took first place in the brownie category. Certificates and ribbons were presented during the Harvest Festival. The Deerfield Township Recreation Committee plans to publish the recipes in a cookbook next fall.

## SINGFEST SHOWCASES SINGERS

SingFest was sponsored by SNJ TODAY that runs WSNJ and Comcast Cable station 22. The sun and the SingFest contestants both shined Sunday afternoon when the final round of the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival SingFest competition took place. Congratulations to the winners for 2014. In the 4-12 age group, the winner was Melissa Pratt from Sewell, NJ. Winning in the 13 – 18 age category, was Ashleigh Neilio, from Magnolia, NJ. For the first time, in the history of the SingFest, which began in 2003, there was a tie in the 19 and over category. The winning vocalists were Nicole Marie, from Bridgeton, NJ and Gwendolyn Harlan, from Egg Harbor Township, NJ. Each finalist received a SingFest certificate, and a trophy and a \$100 cash prize was awarded to the winners of each age category.



*Left to Right: cohost, Beverly O'Brian, Nicole Marie, Gwendolyn Harlan, Ashleigh Neilio, Melissa Pratt, and cohost, JoAnn Fiorese.*

## FESTIVAL MAKES YOU SMILE:



- ☺ **COUNTRY MUSIC STARS LONESTAR, GLORIANA AND UNCLE KRACKER.**
- ☺ **AMAZING TRIBUTE BANDS LOCAL BANDS**
- ☺ **EXCITING BMX BIKE AND FRISBEE K-9 SHOWS**
- ☺ **BUSINESS DISPLAYS**
- ☺ **ARTS & CRAFTS**
- ☺ **FOOD COURT**



## Frank R. Spatola, Jr. was Re-elected and Joseph V. Sparacio was Elected to Township Committee in the November Election



**Joseph V. Sparacio**

Deerfield Township voters elected Joseph V. Sparacio to the Township Committee with 417 votes and re-elected Frank R. Spatola, Sr. to a new three-year term on the Township Committee with 366 votes.

Jason Scythes finished third with 363 votes and Robert Montgomery received 317 votes.

The other three members of the Township Committee in 2015 will be John Stanzione, Rudy Danna and Cosmo Laurella.



**Frank R. Spatola, Jr.**

### Reorganization Meeting on Jan. 7 The Public is Welcome.

The annual reorganization meeting of the Township is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7 PM in the Deerfield Township Municipal Building. The public is invited to attend as Joseph V. Sparacio and Frank R. Spatola, Jr. are sworn in to 3-year terms on the Township Committee, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are selected and installed and other appointments to local government are made.



## Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue News

*contributed by Jason Scythes*

Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue has begun their annual donation drive. If you would like to support the fire and rescue company, please mail a donation payable to Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue - PO Box 106 Rosenhayn, NJ 08352.

Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue also thanks everyone who helped make the annual chicken barbecue in August a big success.

Thank you for your support and contribution!



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR John Stanzione

*I thank everyone who worked for and volunteered for the Township in 2014. It has been an honor to once again serve the Township as Mayor this year. I look forward to continuing my service on the Committee in 2015.*

*My thanks to Deerfield Township Committee members, everyone who helps with the annual Harvest Festival, the volunteers and employees of Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue, Deerfield Emergency Management, Deerfield Public Works, municipal building employees and everyone who works for and volunteers to help the Township in any way.*

*My special thanks to Boy Scout Stephen Colican, Township Committeeman Cosmo Laurella, Ron Shinn, donors and all the volunteers who worked on the landscaping project at the Municipal Building.*

*As the year ends, I extend wishes for a Happy New Year and happy holidays on behalf of the Township Committee.*

### Thanks to the Major Sponsors of the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival

- Comcast / Xfinity
- Cumberland County Improvement Authority
- Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission and County Freeholder Board
- Fulton Bank of New Jersey
- National Refrigerants
- NJ State Council on the Arts
- NJ Southern Shore Tourism Council
- SNJ Today, WSNJ, TV 22
- South Jersey Times / NJ.com
- VisitNJ.org

# BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT BEAUTIFIES THE DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING



The Deerfield Township Municipal Building’s landscaping, dating back to the building’s construction in 1969, 45 year’s ago, has been completely replaced thanks to the planning, leadership and labor provided by Stephen Colten Colican of Bridgeton and Boy Scout Troop 1098.

The project was the 14 year-old’s Eagle Scout Project. It took several months of planning beginning with discussions with Mayor John Stanzone and presentations to Scout leaders. Township Committeeman Cosmo Laurella and Ron Shinn, of Deerfield Public Works coordinated the project for the Township.

Materials and supplies were contributed by the Township as well as donations from County Line Nurseries, R & G Landscape Supply and Glenn's Auto Exchange. Over a day and a half and several hours of labor by the Scouts, Scout leaders, Cosmo and Ron, the project was completed in November.

Stephen and his father Glenn want to thank Mr. Laurella and Mr. Shinn for their outstanding cooperation and all of their work on the project.

The Township thanks Stephen, who is a freshman at Woodstown High School, all the volunteers from Boy Scout Troop and the businesses that made donations for providing this beautiful new landscaping for the Municipal Building.

Contact Scout Master Rusty Brady for more information about the Troop including becoming a Boy Scout or a Scout leader -- 856-371-0935.



*Mike White, left, Stephen Colican, center and Township Committeeman Cosmo Laurella*



*Ron Shinn, left, Mike White, Stephen Colican and Township Committeeman Cosmo Laurella planting shrubs as part of the project.*



*Left Photo: Township Committeeman Cosmo Laurella is pictured with Boy Scouts Stephen Colican, Billy Waterman and Mike White.*

*Photo Below: Scout leader Rusty Brady, second from right, with Mike White, Cosmo Laurella, Stephen Colican and Billy Waterman.*



contributed by Lorene Thompson, Director

The Charlotte Brago Senior Center welcomes everyone who wants to live into their senior years in a active fashion. The center is attached to the Deerfield Township Municipal Building and is open Monday through Thursdays from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Our center offers a regular casino trips sponsored by our Senior Assn. It is a day trip, home by 5:00 pm. Call the center at 455-6902 if you would like to attend. Wii Bowling is very popular at our Center. We challenge other Senior Centers to lively games. Our center has quite a few 300 score Wii Bowlers. We also offer exercise, informative

speakers and lunch for only \$2.00. The Senior Center is the place to go to keep active during your retirement, stay social and informed and always make new friends. Stop in , you will always be welcome. Call 856-455-6902 for further information.

**Photos from Senior Center Christmas party on Dec. 12.**



## Business Spotlight



**New Auto Repair Business Opens**



Bill Powell, who lives on Vineland Ave. in Deerfield Township, has opened a new auto repair business called AutoScout on Landis Avenue in the Township, next store to Campani's Legacy Lanes. It is the former location of Jim's Transmissions.

Powell has done extensive renovations to the building and is ready to serve customers in the area Monday-Friday, 8 to 5:30 pm and Saturday 8 to noon. For more information call Bill Powel at 856-221-3737 or billpowell@autoscout.comcastbiz.net.

### Shop "the Avenue" in Deerfield

With the opening of AutoScout, we remind you that all along Landis Avenue in Deerfield Township from Garton Road to Kenyon Avenue, there are a wide variety of businesses that provide many of the products and services you, your business or your family can use including:

- ◆ Water wells, pumps and tanks
- ◆ Landscaping and yard maintenance
- ◆ Gymnastics
- ◆ Landscape supplies and sheds
- ◆ Auto repairs
- ◆ Commercial truck repairs



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## DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Contributed by Jason Scythes

Winter has arrived and as recommended by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management you should stockpile the following supplies in the event a winter storm or power outage prevents you from leaving your home.

- 3 day supply of canned, non-perishable, ready-to-eat food
  - 3 day supply of WATER (a total of 3 gal. per family member)
  - Battery-operated RADIO and extra batteries
  - FLASHLIGHT and extra batteries
  - One week's prescription MEDICATIONS
  - FIRST AID KIT
  - Personal TOILETRIES
  - Non-electric CAN OPENER and UTENSILS
  - SPECIAL NEEDS items:
    - INFANT care items. Items for ELDERLY family members
    - Items for relatives with DISABILITIES
    - CASH or TRAVELERS CHECKS
    - Store important DOCUMENTS in a waterproof, safe location
- For further information, visit [www.ready.nj.gov](http://www.ready.nj.gov)

**Volunteers Welcome** Help our community be better prepared to deal with an emergency! There is a job for EVERYONE! Contact Andy Pizzo, Bill Miller, or Jason Scythes to inquire how you can be a part of Deerfield Twp. OEM. 856-455-3200; [www.deerfieldtownship.org](http://www.deerfieldtownship.org).

# Business Spotlight



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## More Products & Services Along Landis Ave.

- ◆ Trees, shrubs, other nursery products
- ◆ Florist
- ◆ Gas stations
- ◆ Convenience stores
- ◆ Commercial signs and graphics
- ◆ Trophies and awards
- ◆ Banking services
- ◆ Heating Fuel
- ◆ Insurance agency
- ◆ Used Cars
- ◆ Pizza
- ◆ Italian Deli
- ◆ Kitchen cabinets
- ◆ Restaurant
- ◆ Barber shop
- ◆ Engineering services
- ◆ Bowling center
- ◆ Truck stop
- ◆ Farm market
- ◆ Ice Cream
- ◆ Bar / Tavern
- ◆ Liquor store
- ◆ Golf driving range



**Buy Local:  
Support All Deerfield Township  
Businesses Whenever Possible.**

## www.ShopLocalCumberland.com

This is a joint effort of the Chamber, Cumberland Development Corp. and the following 8 municipalities to encourage local shopping to strengthen our local economy.



**Bridgeton, Deerfield, Hopewell, Lawrence,  
Maurice River, Shiloh, Slow Creek  
and Upper Deerfield**



If you cannot find what you need for home or business in Deerfield Township, consider visiting the website owned and managed by Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce and Cumberland Development Corp. (CDC) It is also a joint economic development project of the eight municipalities that are part of CDC including Deerfield. Over 400 area businesses are listed on the site to provide an additional marketing tool for the businesses, who can use the site at no cost, and to help local businesses and residents purchase more locally to improve the local economy. For more information, visit the website or you may call the Chamber office, 856-455-1312 or the CDC, 856-451-4200.

Any local business or individual looking to open a business in Deerfield or the other 7 towns, may meet with Tony Stanzione at any time at no cost to see how he or other organizations he works with, may be able to help the business grow or start here. Contact him at 856-451-4200 or tony@cdc.nj.com.

## Cedar Street Reconstruction Funded by Grant

Deerfield Township received a New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) grant for the reconstruction of Cedar Street from Morton Avenue to Greenman Avenue. NJDOT and the Legislators of the Third Legislative District, Sen. Stephen Sweeney and Assembly Members John Burzichelli and Celeste Riley announced the \$190,000 grant earlier this year. As of the time of writing this report, the work was nearly complete.

## 2015-2016 Landfill Passes Available

Township Clerk Karen Seifrit announces that new 2015-2016 Landfill Passes are now available at the Municipal Building. Residents are to bring with them their registration for the vehicle they are asking be registered for the landfill pass.

Landfill Passes for the convenience center at the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex must be renewed and must be affixed to the side window of the vehicle to which the registration is registered. Failure to have the sticker may preclude residents from dumping trash and recyclables at the Complex.

Free use of the convenience center by Deerfield residents is one of the host community benefits provided per agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority that manages the complex.

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