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# Deerfield Township Report

*Public Information Service of the Township Committee*

## Breakfast with Santa Delights Area Children

On Dec. 5, the Deerfield Township Recreation Committee, Members of the Township Committee and volunteers provided breakfast for youngsters and their families highlighted by the arrival of and visits with Santa Claus. About 200 people at 3 seatings in the Charlotte Brago Senior Center enjoyed breakfast cooked and served by the Recreation Committee and other volunteers. "This has become the tradition in our Township and marks the beginning of the holiday season here." said Frank Spatola, Township Committeeman and representative to the Recreation Committee.

The excitement grew as the sirens of a firetruck from Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue escorted Santa Claus to the township senior center. He waved to the crowd of happy children and took his spot in the municipal building lobby where he greeted the kids, listened to their Christmas wishes and gave each of them a gift.

Mayor Cosmo Laurella thanked the volunteers and extended holiday good wishes to everyone in Deerfield Township on behalf of the Township Committee. Special thanks to Rob Montgomery.



*Recreation Committee and volunteers make and serve breakfast and take a photo with Santa.*



## Harvest Festival's 37th Year a Big Success

With good weather three of the four days, an estimated 30,000 people came to Deerfield Township to enjoy music stars, local bands, delicious foods, amusement rides and games, art, crafts and business exhibits, tours of area vineyards and farms, baking contest, farmer of the year recognition, SingFest talent contest and lots of children's fun. This event that puts Deerfield Township on the map in New Jersey and beyond is still a popular event with hundreds of local residents, too, especially the young people of the



*Lorre Allen Riley, Joseph Riley and Family accept Deerfield Farm of the Year recognition from Mayor Cosmo Laurella, Deputy Mayor John Stanzione and Committeeman Joseph V. Sparacio.*

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# Thousands Enjoy 37th Harvest Festival

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community and their families. To present an event of this size, it takes the cooperation and support of over one hundred volunteers and many groups. It all begins with the 11 Recreation Committee members who work all year to plan the festival and then work all four days along with many of their family members and friends to make the festival succeed.

Roy Spoltore, Festival Chairman for all 37 festivals, expressed thanks to the Recreation Committee and the many other long-time volunteers who work so hard and enjoy hosting this festival each year. He said the support of so many is appreciated including the Township Committee, Cumberland County Civil Air Patrol, NJ State Police, Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, Cumberland County Public Works, Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue, Deerfield Township Emergency Management, Public Works, Administrator, employees and officials, many non-profit and educational groups, neighboring municipalities, Arsenal Sound and many other businesses and organizations that provide services, equipment and financial contributions.

Fireworks ended the festival this year for the first time since 2013. This was not easy to accomplish. Finding a good location, large enough to meet safety requirements that was close enough to the festival grounds so thousands on the site could enjoy them, was the challenge. A special thanks to Schaffer Fireworks, Deerfield Chief Fire Marshall Christopher Williams, Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue and F & S Produce owner Sam Pipitone for their outstanding cooperation to overcome obstacles so one of the festival's most popular events could return.

Thursday night began with thousands of teens, youngsters and families riding the rides and playing games on

the free admission family amusement ride night under mild, star-lit skies. On Friday, blue skies turned gray and threatening. Steady showers and rain developed as the festival started causing postponement of the SingFest contest and early closing of the amusement rides, games and the festival.

Saturday and Sunday featured clear skies and mild temperatures and in response about 25,000 people attended over the two days. Saturday's entertainment highlight was tribute evening with bands playing the hit songs of Boston, Bonjovi and Aerosmith.

The afternoon featured trolley tours of Deerfield Township farms focusing on information and rides by F & S Produce, Cedar Rose Vineyards, a new vineyard owned by Adamo Pipitone and a stop and tour of Southwind Vineyard and Winery, owned by Lorre Allen Riley and Dr. Joseph Riley, Deerfield's farm of the year.

The farm tour highlighted the first cooperative produce auction in the area in Rosenhayn that shipped area produce via rail to Philadelphia and New York, Morton Avenue as the equivalent of Landis Avenue in Vineland as Mr. Morton who founded Rosenhayn copied the layout from his friend Mr. Landis who established Vineland. It told the story of recent years with much of the fruit and vegetable crops being replaced with grain and nursery stock and the developing vineyard and winery industry with three vineyards under cultivation and one established making and selling wines.

Sunday began with the recognition of Deerfield Farm of the Year, Southwind Vineyard and Winery, on the festival main stage. The postponed Singfest contest followed immediately. Sunday night featured country stars Drew Baldridge and Parmalee capped off with a beautiful fireworks display.



*Denise Myers of Bridgeton, NJ wins baking contest cake division with chocolate cake with carmel icing & candied Pecans*





## Business Spotlight



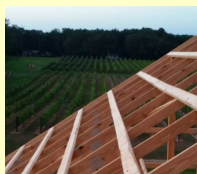
### QIS, Inc. Set to Expand Again

QIS, Inc. is a successful locally owned business, located on Vineland Ave. in Rosenhayn. QIS has been approved for an addition to its building that will add capacity. It last expanded in 2008. Congratulations to the Lodge family and continued success. Mayor Cosmo Laurella said this is an example of the clean type of industry welcomed in the township.



### Bridgeton Restaurant Equipment Buys Former Carmel Fire Hall

Bridgeton Restaurant Equipment has purchased the former Carmel Fire Hall from Deerfield Township in order to expand its growing business located right next to the former fire hall location on Irving Ave. near Sugarman Ave in Carmel.



### Cedar Rose Vineyard Growing



Cedar Rose Vineyard is located in the eastern part of Deerfield Township in Rosenhayn and consists of 22 planted acres of premium wine grapes stretched across 37 acres of beautiful South Jersey farmland on Kenyon Avenue, just south of Bridgeton Avenue. Now in their third year, they have received approvals to begin construction on the winery with a tasting room and more.

### Shop Local in Deerfield

We remind you that all along Landis Avenue in Deerfield Township from Garton Road to Kenyon Avenue, on Morton Ave. in Rosenhayn, on Irving Avenue and Sherman Ave. in Carmel and on other streets 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, banking
- ◆ Gymnastics, barber shop, insurance agency
- ◆ Landscape supplies and sheds
- ◆ Christmas trees and decorations
- ◆ Auto repairs, commercial truck repairs
- ◆ Flowers, trophies and awards
- ◆ Groceries, prepared foods, restaurants, ice cream
- ◆ Gas, diesel and heating fuels
- ◆ Farm produce, kitchen cabinets
- ◆ Bowling, golf driving range, signs and graphics
- ◆ Liquor, taverns, new and used autos
- ◆ Used auto parts



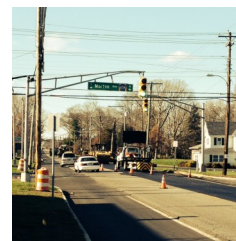
## Construction Official Notes

### New Construction Codes Takes Effect

New construction codes have been adopted by the State of New Jersey. The 2015 New Jersey Edition of the Residential Building Code (RBC) and the 2015 New Jersey Edition of the International Building Code (IBC) are now in effect. The 2015 Fire, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, and Barrier Free codes have also been adopted. The 2009 Plumbing codes are still in effect. There is a six month grace period for these codes that expires on March 21, 2016. For more information or any questions you may call the Upper Deerfield Township Construction Office which provides services for Deerfield Township and other municipalities through shared services at 856-451-9591.

### Landis Avenue Construction Project

The NJ Department of Transportation expects the repaving and drainage repair project on NJ Rt. 56. Landis Avenue in Deerfield and Upper Deerfield to be complete in December by the time this newsletter is delivered. The project has caused traffic detours and day and night construction for a few months as the State has kept at least one lane of traffic open on one of the County's busiest roads.



### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR COSMO LAURELLA

*On behalf of the Township Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anthony Stanzione, the Township's public information officer, for his many years of service to the Township. This is Anthony's last newsletter as he is resigning his appointment as the Public Information Officer due to his work schedule and time constraints. Anthony has spent numerous hours over his years with the Township preparing and writing articles for the Township newsletters. Anthony will continue to serve the Township as one of the founding members of the Harvest Festival, working on the Township website and as executive director of CDC and Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce, of which the Township is a member. We are grateful for all of his time, dedication and service to Deerfield Township.*



### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Winter is on the way and as recommended by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management you should stockpile the following

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# Cover Your Trash and Recyclables on the Way to the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex

## Respect Your Neighbors' Properties

Residents who live along the streets leading to the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex have complained to the Township Committee about careless residents who are allowing trash to blow off their vehicles on the way to the convenience center at the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex.



"These residents have a right to be upset about picking up other people's trash from their properties," commented Mayor Cosmo Laurella. "How would you feel if it was your property and you had to pick up other's trash. Please respect your neighbors' properties."

New Jersey state law requires all open vehicles traveling with solid waste to be tarped in order to avoid spillage onto the roadways. Individuals found in violation of New Jersey state law regarding tarped vehicles may be required to appear in court and, if found guilty, may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence.

Cumberland County residents utilizing the Solid Waste Complex or convenience centers in the townships of Deerfield, Downe, Hopewell, Lawrence, Stow Creek and Upper Deerfield are required to keep vehicles in compliance. Vehicles found to be in violation of the law may be issued a summons by the Cumberland County Solid Waste Enforcement Unit or by the state, county, and municipal law enforcement officials.



2015 Deerfield Township Youth Officials conducted Youth Township Committee and Recreation Committee meetings in June at the municipal building.



The Charlotte Brago Senior Center welcomes everyone. It is open Mon. to Thurs. from 10 AM to 3 PM. Stop in anytime. 856-455-6902.

**Be Prepared for Winter Storms** *continued from pg. 3*  
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 & flashlight and extra batteries
- One week's prescription medicines and a first-aid kit
- Non-electric can opener and utensils
- Special items for infants, elderly and those with disabilities

For more information: [www.ready.nj.gov](http://www.ready.nj.gov)



## Nov. 3 Election Results

According to Cumberland County Election Board official results, Abigail Perlstein O'Brien received 305 votes, 51.52% of the votes



cast for Township Committee defeating 18-year incumbent Committeeman John J. Stanzione, who received 287 votes, 48.48% of the votes cast. Abigail will replace John on the Township Committee when the Township reorganizes on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, 7 pm at the municipal building. The public is invited to attend the reorganization meeting. Congratulations and best wishes to Abigail and thank you to John for his years of service.

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