

Township Celebrates Youth Week



Deerfield Recreation Committee and Township Committee welcomed Youth Week officials and other guests to Youth Government Night at the Municipal Building on June 2. Youth Township Committee, Clerk and Recreation Committee Members, elected at mock elections at Deerfield Township School, are pictured in the municipal building with Deputy Mayor Carol Musso (left), Mayor Frank Spatola (right) and Deerfield teacher Johanna Welcher (second from right).

The Recreation Committee's Youth Week program, which has been taking place in May or June for nearly three decades, includes teaching students about local government and how to run the township meetings and an essay and poster contest.

Youth Week officials, left-right: Quinn Allen Riley, Vinay Patel, Victoria Ficcadenti, Kayla Vazquez, Tadan Mosley, Pablo Chavez, Tre Harris, Robert Erienne and Allison Ricci.

ROSEHAYN FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

Contact the station at 451-1391 and set up an opportunity to visit or send an e-mail to nfo@rvfr.org if you would like to become a volunteer fire or rescue member.

Chicken Barbecue Aug. 1

Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue's Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, Aug. 1, noon to 6 PM, \$10 per meal donation helps the fire & rescue company, which covers all 16 sq. miles of the Township.

Township Committee Meeting Notes

These are excerpts taken from Official Minutes of the Township Committee. For more information see the full copies of the minutes on the township's website www.deerfieldtownship.org.

- Laurella stated he would like to see grass planted and wood chips placed around the dogwood trees and wants the residents of Deerfield Township to be proud of it.
- Comcast will make local channel 2 that shows Cumberland County programming available here soon.

• Don Rinear makes presentation on the status of the CCIA. Committee tells we are only concerned with Deerfield

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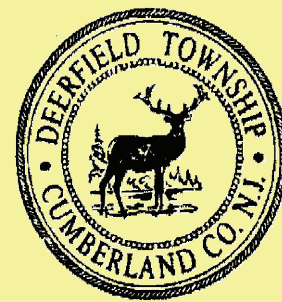
Township, because the landfill, even when it is closed will be in Deerfield Township forever.

- Laurella indicated that the Committee may recommend some street lights be done away with. He stated that each street light costs about \$10 a month, it comes out to \$45,000 a year.
- John Barbagello, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that everyone in the Township did a fine job with the snow storm and the flooded areas.
- The post office stated that the Census forms had come in to Rosenhayn Post Office but had to be sent back because the forms only had a street address with no name and no post office box. The Clerk indicated that residents who get mail at the post office in Rosenhayn will have to wait for the canvassers to come around and get the census information from them do to this problem.
- The 2010 Municipal Budget of the Township Of Deerfield is \$1,852,698.30. The Local Purpose tax will be 1 Cent Per One Hundred Dollars Of Assessed Valuation.

Carol Musso Leads CDC Board

Deputy Mayor Carol Musso serves as Chairwoman of the Cumberland Development Corp. (CDC), an organization of 8 municipalities in the County, that encourages communication and cooperation among the towns.

Working with Upper Deerfield as lead community, CDC helped obtain a \$36,000 grant from the State to study and implement more shared services in 2010 and 2011 to help save money and/or improve local services for the townships.



Spring 2010



Judge John Casarow (right) issues oath of office to John Stanzione to begin his 13th year on the Township Committee as his granddaughter Isabella holds the Bible.



NAMES NEEDED FOR ADDITIONS TO VETERANS MONUMENT
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Deerfield Township Report

Public Information Service of the Township Committee

Frank Spatola Selected as Mayor for 2010

- Committeewoman Carol Musso Serves as Deputy Mayor
- John Stanzione Begins His Fifth Three-Year Term on Township Committee

Frank R. Spatola, Jr. of Vineland Avenue in Deerfield Township was elected by his fellow Township Committee members as Mayor at the Township's annual government reorganization meeting held on Jan. 6.

Spatola, who was born in the township and has lived here most of his life here, was appointed to the Township Committee here in 2008 to fill the unexpired term of the late Charlotte Brago and was elected to a three-year term in 2008.

He served on the Township School Board for six years in the 1980s and two years on the Zoning Board. He is a graduate of Cumberland County College, where he earned an associate's degree in math science.



Deputy Mayor Carol Musso (left) receives thanks from Mayor Frank Spatola, Jr. and the Township Committee for her service as Mayor.



Judge John Casarow (right) issues the oath of office to Mayor Frank Spatola, Jr. as his wife Barbara holds the Bible and his son, Frank R. Spatola, III, daughter Lindsey and mother Rose watch.

He and his wife Barbara have two children now in their 20s. He owns Spatola Builders, a local construction company.

John Stanzione of Morton Avenue in Rosenhayn began his 13th year on the Township Committee as he was sworn in to a new three-year term after winning re-election in November. Stanzione has served as Deputy Mayor and Mayor during his years of service on the Township Committee.

Carol Musso of Rosenhayn, who served as Mayor in 2009 and who has served many years on the Committee, was selected as Deputy Mayor.

She received a plaque from new Mayor Spatola in thanks for her service as Mayor. The other two members of the Township Committee are Keith Lauermann and Cosmo Laurella.

Spatola thanked the people of the Township for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Township Committee saying, "I sincerely appreciate all the residents, family members and friends who are attending tonight and as I have always said, the ideas, comments and participation of the public are important at all of our meetings."



DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP VETERANS MONUMENT TO BE UPDATED

The Township's committee will have a new sidewalk built around the Township's Veterans Monument and add new names to it by this fall.

A re-dedication ceremony is being planned for Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

The new sidewalk will make access to the front of the monument easier for everyone including those with wheel chairs and walkers.

Any past or present veterans, living or deceased, may have their names engraved on the Memorial. Contact the municipal building at 856-455-3200 or fill out the form online, www.deerfieldtownship.org no later than July 31, 2010. A copy of the honorable discharge document (form DD214) will need to be submitted to the township.

BUDGET KEEPS LOCAL TAX LOW DESPITE REDUCTIONS IN STATE AID TO TOWNSHIPS

The Township Committee approved the 2010 budget which is lower than 2009 and sets maintains the township's local purpose tax rate at 1 cent per \$100 of assessed value.

With cuts in State aid to municipalities due to the State deficit, the Mayor, entire Township Committee and staff worked hard to maintain the local purpose tax at 1 cent, the same rate since 2005. The budget includes no increase in salary for Township Committee members as it did in 2009.

volunteers on every call.

Deerfield is also working with Upper Deerfield and other municipalities through Cumberland Development Corp. to come up with more savings using sharing services.

"We were able to offset cuts in State

funds with increases in host community payments from Cumberland County Improvement Authority and by increasing our use of township surplus funds to keep our local tax very low and still be able to provide the best services possible for all of our residents in all areas of Deerfield Township," said Mayor Frank Spatola.

2010 Budget \$1,852,698

2009 Budget \$1,857,750

Lowered by \$5,052

Local Purpose Tax: One (1) Cent

*** Same low rate since 2005**

*** A property valued at \$100,000 pays just \$10 per year in local purpose taxes. Local purpose tax is the only part of the total tax rate that the Township Committee controls.**

Officials Installed

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He added, "I appreciate the support of the Township Committee and the cooperation and mutual respect we have as we work together as a team to make Deerfield Township the great community that it is."

Among the dozens of appointments made at the meeting were: Karen Seifrit, Administrator and Registrar of Vital Statistics; Michael Testa, Solicitor; Karabashian and Eddington Planning Group, Planner, Fralinger Engineering, Engineer and The Bank as Official Bank.

Those in attendance joined the Committee for refreshments in the Charlotte Brago Senior Center following the meeting.



Township Leaders: Above, left-right: Township Committeeman John Stanzione, Deputy Mayor Carol Musso, Mayor Frank Spatola, Committeeman Cosmo Laurella, Municipal Clerk and Administrator Karen Seifrit, Committeeman Keith Lauermann and Lawyer Michael Testa.



Flag Salute: Left, Committeeman Keith Lauermann, his wife Deana, and their son Keith, who led the salute to the flag at the reorganization meeting.

Donations to Senior Citizen Assoc. & Senior Center



Left-right: Joann Sparacio Catalano, Theresa Sparacio Bifulco and their father Joseph (JV) Sparacio donated a rocking chair to the Deerfield Township Charlotte Brago Senior Center in memory of Anna Sparacio, wife of JV and mother of Joann, Theresa and Marie Sparacio Mac Donald, not pictured here.



Lorene Thompson, Director of the Charlotte Brago Senior Center reminds everyone that donations to the Deerfield Township Senior Center Association are accepted and are tax deductible.

Outright gifts of money or items needed by the Association in memory of loved ones are welcome. Donors can also remember the Association in their wills and in their life insurance policies.

Donations are also accepted for the Senior Center as seen in this photo. For information on how you can make donations to the Deerfield Township Senior Citizens Association and/or the Charlotte Brago Senior Center, call Lorene Thompson at 455-6902.

The Center offers a place to socialize, eat, learn, get information on services the County offers for seniors, to sing, dance, make arts and crafts and play dominoes, rummy cube, pinochle or the Wii games.

Charlotte Brago Senior Center Crafters raised tomatoes and squash from seeds. From left Leatha Wheatherby, Kay Price, Ann Brago, Peg Marlette, Elvira Tipjew, Mary Macho and Lillian Leone

Summer Begins But Snows of Winter Are Still in Mind

It was a record-breaking winter with several big, snowstorms. Mike Laurella, Joe Macera and Ron Bi-auce, headed an outstanding response keeping township roads open and passable. They also worked with Cumberland County road crews to help remove snow from some county roads.

"Our thanks to everyone including our fire, rescue and emergency management officials for the job they did keeping Deerfield Township safe this past winter," said Mayor Spatola.



Winter Scenes - Above, the home of Cosmo and Angel Paladino on Big Oak Road near Morton Avenue and below, a field bordering Garrison Road are covered with nearly 2 feet of snow.



Harvest Festival Adds \$1 Admission Fee for First Time

The 32nd Deerfield Township Harvest Festival will feature concerts by Country music stars Darryl Worley, Sarah Buxton and Jason Michael Carroll, with more nationally-known and other entertainers to be announced in the coming weeks. See www.dthf.org.

In order to continue a tradition of providing this type of stellar national, regional and local musical entertainment to the thousands of visitors each year, a very modest \$1 admission fee for anyone over 12 years old has been approved.

Children 12 and under will be admitted without charge. The \$1 fee

allows people to enter and exit unlimited times on the day they pay for admission and to enjoy the musical entertainment and many other parts of the festival.

There will be no admission charge for Friday evening, family night at the festival.

For those who park vehicles in the festival's official parking lot, the \$5 parking fee will also include free admission into the festival for up to 6 people in the vehicle.

For 31 years, the financial support of sponsors and advertisers has made it possible to keep the Festival a free, family-oriented event

with no general admission fee.

Unfortunately, the effects of the times have caught up with us -- the economy, budget cuts, less sponsorships and grant cuts.

The festival will "Celebrate Heroes" featuring a salute to true heroes, our United States Armed Forces. It will include the traditional recognition of farmers and their importance to the township's history and its rural way of life.