

Are You Interested in Starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program?

There has been some discussion about the establishment of a Neighborhood Watch program in Deerfield Township as a result of some burglaries and home-invasions in the area. The Township Committee would like to know if residents are interested in learning more about this type of program and starting one in the Township. Call the municipal building, 455-3200, to let the Township know if "neighborhood watch" should be considered or come to any Township Committee meeting to express your ideas.

OVER \$500,000 IN GRANTS TO HELP THE TOWNSHIP

Deerfield Township received notice of \$274,000 in grants, in addition to the \$225,000 federal grant announced to help purchase a new fire truck for Carmel Fire Company, in 2003.

NJ Senator Stephen Sweeney announced \$110,000 for bike / walk path improvements along Morton Avenue. Governor McGreevey announced \$100,000 for resurfacing of Cedar Street. State of NJ announced a Statewide Local Domestic Preparedness grant of \$64,662 for fire/rescue equipment.

The Township is seeking other grants in 2004, including funds for development of a new park at the site of the former landfill on Vineland Avenue.

Greenhouse Project Possible

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The residents of Deerfield Township, especially those who live near the proposed site, are thanked as well," Stanzone comments. "They attended the informational meeting with the developer in June last year and supported this project for their neighborhood, recognizing the importance of a development like this to help fund our school and to help stabilize or lower those taxes.

Tony Stanzone of CDC recently announced that another hydroponics greenhouse developer is interested in the Lebanon Road land owned by the CCIA.

Initial discussions have begun and the developer seems very interested in the site, expressing plans to move quickly toward construction and operation if negotiations go well. Though smaller in size, this is a proposed \$10 million facility and could contribute significant tax revenue to the Township over the next several years. More information will be made available to the Township and the public as negotiations continue and the developers announce their site selection.

Rosenhayn Fire & Rescue Remodels

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the proceeds of its annual chicken barbecues and mail-in donations from area residents and businesses. The kitchen includes a new exhaust hood and system, new commercial stove and oven, refrigerator/freezer, tile floor, new cabinets, counter tops and wall coverings.

The fire hall is owned and operated by Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire & Rescue and houses the equipment and offices of Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

Construction Update for 2003

Kevin Kirchner, Deerfield Township Construction Official, reports the following information showing new construction, additions and renovation activity in 2003.

- 106 permits were processed.
- 19 new buildings, 9 additions, 76 alterations
- 13 new housing units gained, none lost.
- Total value of construction: \$1.8 million

Elections Results

More than 800 registered voters voted in the general election in Deerfield Township last November. Here is a summary of local results.

For Township Committee:

John Stanzone – 483

Rudy Danna – 318.

Public question regarding Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages:

No – 308

Yes – 293

You may contact the County Clerk's office for more detailed results of all offices up for election and all public questions.

All residents are urged to register to vote and to participate in all elections. See the Municipal Clerk at the municipal hall to register to vote.



The Community & Thousands of Visitors Celebrate 25th Deerfield Township Harvest Festival



The Deerfield Township Recreation Committee, working with over one hundred volunteers, including outstanding support from the NJ State Police and Cumberland County, planned and produced the most successful Deerfield Township Harvest Festival in its twenty-five year history last October.

The centerpiece of the celebration was concerts by nationally-known bands on both Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 & 12.

Recreation Committee Chairman Roy Spoltore thanks everyone who helped make the festival a success and he thanks the Township Committee members for their continued support.

The 26th Harvest Festival is being planned for Oct. 8, 9 and 10. It will feature less nationally-known entertainers and be less expensive to produce than



the big 25th anniversary celebration. The entertainment theme will **“turn the clock back 40 years”** celebrating the Beatles and other British rock groups rise in American rock and roll beginning in 1964.

Already booked are the Mahoney Brothers, nationally-known Beatles tribute band, for Saturday. The Fabulous Greaseband returns to its traditional Sunday timeslot at the festival. The Festival Idol contest will return on Friday night with a special theme. A fantastic fireworks show will end the festival on Sunday night.

Volunteers for the festival weekend and for the planning and preparations for the festival are needed and welcome. To volunteer or to learn more, you may attend the Recreation Committee meetings on

the fourth Tuesday of each month, except December, at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. You may contact Recreation Chairman Roy Spoltore at 856-455-7348. Visit the township website at www.deerfieldtownship.org for information or send email to festival@deerfieldtownship.org.

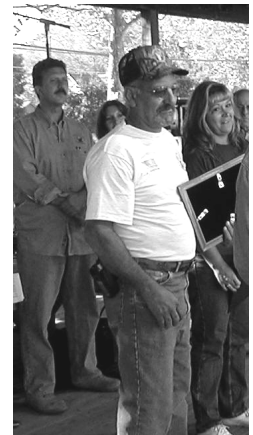


Festival's main stage was moved just a few days before the festival to accommodate large crowds that attended the 25th celebration.



On behalf of the Township Committee, Committeeman Cosmo Laurella (right) thanks Roy Spoltore for chairing the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival for 25 years.

Several volunteers were recognized for helping the festival for most or all of its 25 years. They included Mike and Bonnie Laurella, Linda Ferrara, John and Beverly O'Brien, Natalie Buono, John Barbagello and Tony Stanzione.



The Drifters, The Temptations with Dennis Edwards, pictured here, and The Grass Roots drew large crowds on Saturday and Sunday.



Deerfield Township School Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Walking through Deerfield Township School recently was like entering "Seussville." Each classroom door was decorated as one of the books written by Dr. Seuss. Students and staff were wearing the Cat's red and white striped hat.

The Cat in the Hat himself visited each classroom carrying his own lunch box filled with special treats that the PTO had purchased for each student. When the Cat finished his visits, he had to draw tickets from a special Cat in the Hat cookie jar where students had been placing tickets for each book they read and each A or B they earned on a test. Ten students won prizes - stuffed characters from the Seuss books.

Classrooms were abuzz with older classes reading to the lower grades and playing Seuss oriented games with them. Guest readers entered the building all throughout the day. Retired teachers, Board of Education members, Township Committee members, senior citizens and local business people came to the school to "read to a child", the main purpose for National Education Association's "Read Across America Day."

This annual celebration of the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday generates enthusiasm for reading nationwide and focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read. This year was extra special because it would have been the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Art teacher, Liz Schwab and Librarian, Linda Ferrara started planning for this "Seussentennial" back in September. The school's PTO scheduled their annual book fair to coincide with "Read Across America." The fun included "Dessert Night," with homemade desserts, door prizes, and a visit from Sponge Bob.

For more information about Deerfield Township School, visit its web site www.deerfield.k12.nj.us or contact the school at 856-451-6610.



Cat in the Hat visits Patricia Taylor's class at Deerfield Township School as part of annual Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration.

Deerfield Appoints New Zoning Officer

Robert Blough was appointed as Deerfield Township Zoning Officer in March. He is an experienced zoning officer including service to the City of Vineland in the past.

Mr. Blough is available in the municipal building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For further information or to make an appointment, please call 856-455-3200.

Street Number Posts

All property owners are reminded that a post with your property's house number is required to be installed at the roadside next to your driveway. This street number post is very important for your safety to assist fire fighters, rescue squads and police to locate you in an emergency. It also assists when deliveries are made to your property or when others are looking for your house or business.



Carol Schaper Has Served 25 Years



Carol Musso, (right) and Carol Schaper

Carol Schaper, Deerfield Township's Municipal Clerk and Administrator, is completing her 25th year and beginning her 26th year as a Township employee on April 23.

"On behalf of the Township Committee and all the people of the Township, I congratulate Carol and thank her for her remarkable record of government service here in Deerfield," said Township Committeewoman Carol Musso.

Carol was named Municipal Clerk and Administrator in 1984 after serving as administrative secretary and senior administrative secretary for the Township beginning in 1979. Carol has attained the certifications of Registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Municipal Clerk. Carol was named a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' Master Municipal Clerk Academy in 2003. Only 15% of more than 10,000 members of the

Institute have received this honor.

"It is a pleasure working with the people of this community, the team of employees at the municipal hall, the Township Committee and other officials. In particular, I thank the other full-time township employees for all their help," said Carol Schaper. They include Brenda Closser, 20 years, Court Clerk / Administrator and Administrative Secretary; Michael Laurella, 21 years, Public Works Manager; Cheryl Tramontana, 12 years, Secretary; Joseph Macera, 7 years, Public Works Laborer, and Karen Seifrit, 2 years, Secretary.

Improvement Authority Provides \$50,000

The Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA) has again come to the assistance of the Township with a lump sum payment of \$50,000 as a supplement to the Host Community Benefit. The Township Committee, through its liaisons Carol Musso and Cosmo Laurella, approached the Authority Administration for consideration of this additional funding.

It was identified that specific needs for funding projects in Fire and Rescue, Parks and Recreation, and general Township improvements would be the best uses that this additional \$50,000 in funding should be directed toward.

The excellent working relationship with CCIA in recent years has brought added revenue to the township that has helped improve our streets, purchase fire and rescue equipment, assist the school financially and provide free disposal of household trash to the residents of the township.

Committeepersons Musso and Laurella, along with the CCIA Administration and Board, continue to discuss ways that the Township and the Authority can partner in programs that will help reduce taxes and increase services for the residents of Deerfield.

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