

»» DOWNE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY ««

# DOWNE TOWN'S NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter Designated For News & Upcoming Events in Downe Township



## TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Downe Township's Delinquent Tax Sale will be held Friday January 12th 2024 at 11am.
- Gandy's Beach Bulkhead Repair Project has gone out to bid.
- Dog Registrations are due by March 31st 2024. A Free Rabies Clinic will be located at 30 Maple Ave in Cedarville on March 4th 2024 from 9am to 12pm.
- Fortescue/Gandy's Beach Downe Twp Wastewater Facility - Phase 1 of the project will begin after approval from the local finance board.
- Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm

- ORD 2023-06 Ordinance Regarding Pet Waste
- ORD 2023-07 Ordinance Regarding Wildlife Feeding
- ORD 2023-08 Ordinance Prohibiting Illicit Connection to Municipal Stormwater System
- ORD 2023-09 Ordinance to Establish Requirement to Control Littering
- ORD 2023-10 Ordinance to Prohibit Disposal of Waste in Municipal Storm System
- ORD 2023-11 Ordinance Requiring the Retrofitting of Private Storm Drain Inlets
- ORD 2023-12 Ordinance to Establish a Yard Waste Collection and Disposal Program

-Full Ordinances can be found on the Downe Township Municipal Website-

### NEW ORDINANCES

# UPDATES FROM OUR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

## »»» DOWNE TWP SENIORS

Our Downe Township Seniors have continued to strive to ensure there are plenty of activities available for the seniors of Downe Township to participate in. Holding meetings the 2nd Friday of each month at 10am, you can join the Downe Twp Seniors for the opportunity to participate in many events and activities.

## SAVE THE DATES

- Jan 2nd, 10am - Downe Twp Committee Reorganization Meeting
- Jan 2nd, 6:30pm - Downe Twp School Board Reorganization Meeting
- Jan 6th, 1pm - Delaware Bay Polar Plunge hosted by The Green Team
- Feb. 11th, 1:30pm - Bear Swamp Walk hosted by The Green Team
- Feb. 24th, 5pm - Family Game Night @ Union Hall hosted by Rec Committee
- March 1st-22nd Happy Spring, School Fundraiser hosted by Rec Committee
- Music at Union Hall March 16th, 2pm
- Music at Union Hall 17th, 1pm - 4pm
- March 28th - Graduation Picture Day for Downe Elementary School
- March 29th - Spring Recess Begins for Downe Elementary School



## »»» RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Downe Township Recreation and Tourism Committee is currently working on securing a grant for the development of a children's playground in Dividing Creek and a community garden/picnic area in Newport.. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5pm. Meetings are held at the Downe Twp Municipal Building.

## »»» DOWNE TWP HISTORIC COMMISSION

Our Downe Township Historic Commission continues to support all historic structures as well as landmarks. The Commission is always open to new ideas and members. If you are interested in helping preserve our towns historical structures, please go to the Municipal Website and fill out the form located under Downe Township Historic Commission.

## »»» DIVIDING CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dividing Creek Historical Society would like to welcome new members to join in the preservation efforts of Union Hall and the history of all sections of Downe Township, including Newport, Fortescue, Gandy's Beach, Money Island and Dividing Creek. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm at Union Hall in Dividing Creek.

## »»» ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (GREEN TEAM)

The Downe Township Green Team has continued to keep our community clean and tidy. Along with different events and activities, joining the Green Team will fill your heart with a sense of helping Downe Township to stay clean. Green Team Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm and located at the OEM building. Questions, comments, and concerns should be emailed to [DowneGreenTeam@gmail.com](mailto:DowneGreenTeam@gmail.com).

# PUBLIC SERVICES



## ➤➤➤ DOWNE TWP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Downe Township School District's mission is to enable students to become knowledgeable, skillful, life-long learners who are contributing citizens in our changing modern technological society. We believe that each child is a unique and precious individual with individual strengths and learning styles and is entitled to an education that encourages each student to perform to the limit of his or her potential.

Learning is the result of a strong partnership of parents, teachers and the community. Students are challenged to be active participants in the quest for excellence. Regular School Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless noted otherwise.



## ➤➤➤ FIRE DEPTS

The Downe Township Fire and Rescue, and The Dividing Creek Fire Company are both volunteer fire and rescue teams. Both teams have continued to keep Downe Township safe and has provided a vital service to our community. They are always looking for new volunteers. To become a volunteer with Station #39, send an e-mail with your detailed information to [garobertsonjr@gmail.com](mailto:garobertsonjr@gmail.com). To become a volunteer with Station #18 please send an email with your info to [DCFC18@outlook.com](mailto:DCFC18@outlook.com).

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## ➤➤➤ STATE POLICE

The New Jersey State Police is committed to protect, preserve, and safeguard the constitutional and civil rights of all citizens through impartial and courteous law enforcement with integrity and professionalism. We shall ensure public safety and provide quality service in partnership with our communities.

# MANY THANKS TO...

## »»» DOUG COOK

Doug Cook is the President of our Downe Township Senior Organization, the Chairman of our Downe Township Combined Planning and Zoning Board and the Vice Chair of our Downe Township Recreation and Tourism Committee. While Doug is not active in the above roles, Doug spends a majority of his time volunteering with the Downe Township Green Team. Today, we would like to acknowledge all the hard work Doug Cook has provided to our Township and thank him for continuing to be a true inspiration to our community. Thank you!

## »»» STEVE BYRNE

Steve Byrne holds an elected position as a Downe Township Committeeman. He has continued to oversee the departments of Finance, Vital Statics Environment, and Health and Services for our Township, while also being a Committee Liaison for our Downe Township Seniors. He has also continued to put in lots of his time and efforts into the preservation of the Downe Township Union Hall. Today, we would like to thank him for his hard work and his continued efforts to keeping our township moving forward positively and for his dedication to preserving the Downe Township Union Hall. Thank you!

## »»» DIVIDING CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dividing Creek Historical Society for their continued support of the preservation of Union Hall. In coordination with the Township of Downe the DCHS is working to secure grants for the inclusion of Union Hall in the New Jersey Register for Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places, along with the pursuit of grants for the preservation and restoration of Union Hall.

Have photos or a story you'd like to see in our Newsletter?

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