

»»» DOWNE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY «««

DOWNE TOWN'S NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter Designated For News & Upcoming Events in Downe Township

TOWN

- The Fortescue/Gandy's Beach sewer project has received additional funding from grants.
- Covid-19 Tests are available. See the Municipal Clerk.
- Ordinances to be aware of... (Page 2)
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Committee Member Steve Byrne showing off his detective skills in a game of "CLUE" during Family Game Night at the Union Hall.

NEWS

- Beginning April 1st, a \$5 late fee will be applied to dog registrations.
- The American Littoral Society has begun working in Fortescue to aid in conserving our Marine Wildlife.
- Bid has been awarded for Gandy's Beach Bulkhead Repair.

SAVE THE DATES...

- April 8th, 7pm Twp Committee Meeting
- April 16th, 6:30pm Board of Edu. Meeting
- April 20th, Spaghetti Dinner
Sponsored by the Dividing Creek Fire Co.
- April 20th, 7pm Music at Union Hall
- April 27th, 1pm-3pm Paint Party Fundraiser
Sponsored by DCHS
- May 1st - May 31st GardenScapes Contest
Sponsored by the Rec Committee
- May 4th, 1pm-3pm Mother's Day Celebration
Sponsored by DCHS
- May 7th, 6:30pm Board of Edu. Meeting
- May 11th 11am-4pm Horseshoe Crab Festival
Sponsored by the Green Team
- May 13th, 7pm Twp Committee Meeting
- May 18th, 7pm Music at Union Hall
- May 27th, Memorial Day ~Township Closed~
June 1st, Free Movie Night
Sponsored by the Dividing Creek Fire Co.
- June 10th, 7pm Twp Committee Meeting
- June 12th, Last Day for Downe School
- June 18th, 6:30pm Board of Edu. Meeting
- June 19th, Juneteenth ~Township Closed~
June 22nd, 7pm Music at Union Hall



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of Month, 5pm - Senior Center

The Rec Committee has continued to put funds back into our community since starting back up in Aug of 2023. The Committee's funds have gone towards the preservation of our Union Hall, our Elementary School; for more recreational activities for our children, and back into our residents' hands. Contact a member of our Committee or email us at DowneTwpRec@gmail.com to join our team, and for more info.

DOWNE TOWNSHIP SENIORS

Meetings: 2nd Friday of Month, 10am - Senior Center

The Downe Township Seniors is an incorporated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to engage the Senior Citizens of Downe Township in activities that will raise the standard of civic morality and communal welfare through education, recreation, and social means. We strive to keep ourselves active by building up and caring for each other and our community.

DIVIDING CREEK HISTORIC SOCIETY

Meetings: 1st Thursday of Month, 7pm - Union Hall

The Dividing Creek Historic Society will be hosting two events this spring. A Paint Party on April 27th, from 1pm - 4pm. The cost is \$40. All supplies will be provided. RSVP Lorraine by April 20th. And an Early Mother's Day Celebration on May 4th, from 1pm - 3pm. RSVP Amanda by April 13th. Events will be held at the Union Hall. We hope you can join us for fun and activities on these dates. We'd also like to thank everyone that aided in securing the Union Hall's curtain that was in danger of falling down.

COMBINED PLANNING/ZONING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of Month, 7pm - Senior Center

The general purpose of the Planning Board is to provide for and guide the orderly growth and development of the community. This is accomplished primarily through development of a Master Plan for the Town, the Zoning Bylaw, and the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Subdivision of Land. Our Combined Planning/Zoning Board encourages members of the public to come to meetings for more information and education.

DOWNE HISTORIC COMMISSION

Meetings: 3rd Monday of Month, 6pm - Senior Center

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

ENVIRONMENTAL (GREEN TEAM)

Meetings: 4th Tuesday of Month, 6:30pm - OEM Building

The Downe Township Green Team continues our mission to improve the environment and promote the sustainability of Downe Township. Our commitment to retain and enhance our certification with "Sustainable Jersey", a municipal certification program, is of utmost importance to the future of Downe. We are a permanent advisory committee to the Downe Township Committee. If you are interested in joining the Green Team please contact DowneGreenTeam@gmail.com

ORDINANCES TO BE AWARE OF...

Ordinance #2.02 - A \$500 fine will be given to any resident that neglects to remove brush, weeds higher than 18", dead or dying trees, filth, garbage, trash, debris, or vehicles/vehicle parts.

Ordinance #2023 - A \$50 fine will be given to any owner, who's building or occupied lot does not display or properly display the designated official property address of such building/occupied lot.

Ordinance #2022-06 - A \$500 fine will be given to any property owner that allows a travel trailer or recreational vehicle to become occupied without a special use permit from the Zoning Officer.

For Your Information - In order to conduct a yard sale, you must first acquire a yard sale permit through the Township Zoning Officer. Conducting an unpermitted yard sale will result in fines.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

DOWNE TWP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Downe Township School District would like to Congratulate Brooke Morvay for being selected as the 2023-24 Teacher of the Year! Parent-Teacher conferences will be held April 17th through April 19th. Preschool and Kindergarten registration for new students will be April 17th from 1:30pm-3pm. Current students do not need to register. The Downe Township School District has a variety of employment openings for the current 2023-2024 and upcoming 2024-2025 school years.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The Downe Township Fire and Rescue, and The Dividing Creek Fire Company responded to over 250 calls throughout 2023 and have already responded to over 40 calls during the 1st quarter of 2024. Both being strictly volunteer services, all members that have continued to volunteer are to be commended. To become a volunteer with Station #39, send an e-mail to garobertsonjr@gmail.com. To become a volunteer with Station #18 please send an e-mail to DCFC18@outlook.com. For upcoming events and activities, please "Follow" the corresponding Facebook page.

PUBLIC WORKS

The responsibility of the Public Works Department is to ensure that all municipal owned buildings and properties are maintained secured and safe. Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining and cleaning the Townships streets and alleys, repairing potholes, maintaining public beaches and removal of snow during the winter. Contact the municipal office for more information.

FOOD BANKS & CHURCHES

- Fortescue Chapel holds their food bank the 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to 11am. Please check the Facebook page for date and time changes.
- Check out Newport Baptist Church's Facebook page for live Sunday & Wednesday Prayer services.
- Newport Methodist Church posts their Sunday Worships on YouTube and Facebook for those that missed it. Keep an eye open for upcoming events.
- Please check the Web/Facebook pages for Dividing Creek Baptist and Methodist Churches for upcoming services and events.
- Norman Burns Food Bank in Cedarville is on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9pm - 12pm. Bring Photo I.D. and proof of income.
- Dividing Creek Fire Company hosts a food bank the 1st Friday of the month from 9:30am to 11:30am.

APRIL COMMUNITY PRIDE MONTH

During the month of April, the convenience center will accept four tires, per household, with or without rims. Bulk Waste Day will be Wednesday, April 17th. Residents who have no means to load or transport large items may request assistance from the Township to haul them to the Convenience Center. Applications will be considered individually and at the discretion of the Township. Please contact the Municipal Office at DowneTownship@comcast.net or at (856) 447-3100 for applications. The Downe Township Committee wishes to express its gratitude for your Participation in the clean-up effort to keep Downe Township a "CLEAN COMMUNITY!"

*Must have updated Convenience Center Permit.

Last Quarter's Photo Contest Winner: ~ Benjamin Pignatelli ~



Downe Twp Fire & Rescue standing by during the annual Delaware Bay Plunge Event.

PHOTO CONTEST

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Word List

Can you find these words?

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		Creek	

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