

»» DOWNE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY ««

# DOWNE TOWN'S NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter Designated For News & Upcoming Events in Downe Township

## TOWN

## NEWS

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*(left to right) Senator Testa, County Commissioners Marchand and Sileo, Mayor Rothman, US Senator Booker, USDA Asselta, US Congressman Van Drew, County Commissioners Romero, Taylor, and Sauro, Assemblyman Simonsen, and Committeeman Campbell attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Fortescue and Gandy's Beach Sewer Project.*

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## SAVE THE DATES...

- **Oct 1st-31st Rec Committee Halloween Contest**
- **Oct 9th, 6pm Halloween Pumpkin Decorating**  
Sponsored by 4-H, Rec Cmte, & DCFC
- **Oct 14th, 7pm Twp Committee Meeting**
- **Oct 15th, 6:30pm Board of Edu. Meeting**
- **Oct 19th, 10am - 3pm Downe Home Day**  
Sponsored by Downe Twp Green Team
- **Oct 19th, 7pm Music at Union Hall**
- **Oct 31st, 4pm-7pm Halloween Trick or Treat**
- **Oct 31st, 4pm-7pm Halloween Open House (UH)**
- **Nov 5th, Election Day**
- **Nov 9th, 7pm Heaven Bound Gospel Group (UH)**
- **Nov 11th, 7pm Twp Committee Meeting**
- **Nov 16th, 7pm Music at Union Hall**
- **Nov 19th, 6:30pm Board of Edu. Meeting**
- **Nov 28th-29th, Thanksgiving ~Twp Closed~**
- **Dec 1st-31st Rec Committee Christmas Contest**
- **Dec 9th, 6:30pm Dessert with Santa**  
Sponsored by Dividing Creek Fire Co
- **Dec 9th, 7pm Twp Committee Meeting**
- **Dec 14th, 2pm Music at Union Hall**
- **Dec 14th, 6pm Newport Tree Lighting**  
Sponsored by Downe Twp Fire & Rescue
- **Dec 25th-26th, Christmas ~Twp Closed~**



# KEEPING UP WITH DOWNE

## TOWNSHIP BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS:

**COMBINED PLANNING/ZONING BOARD**  
*2nd Tuesday of Month, 7pm - Senior Center*

**DOWNE TOWNSHIP SENIORS**  
*2nd Friday of Month, 10am - Senior Center*

**ENVIRON. COMMISSION (GREEN TEAM)**  
*4th Tuesday of Month, 6:30pm - OEM Office*

**HISTORIC COMMISSION**  
*3rd Monday of Month, 6pm - Senior Center*

**RECREATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE**  
*3rd Thursday of Month, 6pm - Senior Center*

## WHAT'S TRENDING?

**Fortescue/Gandy's Beach Sewer Project Update:** Downe Township held a Groundbreaking Ceremony to kick off construction of the Wastewater Treatment Project. Those in attendance included USDA Jane Asselta, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Jeff Van Drew, N.J. Senator Michael Testa, Assemblymen Antwan McClellan and Erik Simonsen, along with both County and Township Officials. The Public event was held at the Charlesworth Hotel & Restaurant on August 9th.

**Maple Avenue Closed Until Further Notice:** We regret to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances, a significant portion of Maple Avenue in Downe Township has collapsed. This incident has resulted in severe damage, making the road impassable and posing a serious risk to public safety. The affected area has been cordoned off to prevent access.

For further information or assistance, please contact Barbara Young at 856-453-2192 or visit the website at [cumberlandcountynj.gov/pw](http://cumberlandcountynj.gov/pw). We apologize for the inconvenience caused and appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety and efficiency of the road network. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

**Mailing of Taxes/Grace Period:** All property taxes have been updated on the Downe Township Website. Tax bills were mailed out on August 26th and the grace period was extended to Sept. 20th. Tax payments can be made using the Downe Township Website or by mail. Make payments payable to "Township of Downe" and mail to: Downe Township Tax Office: 288 Main Street Newport, NJ 08345. For questions or concerns contact Jennafer Hernandez at (856) 447-4024 or at [DowneTwpCTC@comcast.net](mailto:DowneTwpCTC@comcast.net). The Tax Office is Open on Fridays from 10am - 6pm.

**Dividing Creek Park Project Update:** The Dividing Creek Park Project that will be located on Dilks Lane, is currently in the planning stage. The Park is being designed so it can be enjoyed by all ages. There are plans for playground equipment for ages 2-12, a new picnic area and a possible walking track.

**Cumberland County 4-H** will be kicking off our Halloween Season with a Halloween Pumpkin Decorating event on October 9th at 6pm. This Free Event for children of all ages will be held at the Dividing Creek Fire House. All decorated pumpkins will also be eligible to be entered into the Cumberland County 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The Dividing Creek Fire Co., and the Downe Township Recreation & Tourism Committee will be Co-Sponsoring this event.

**Downe Township School District:** Friday October 18th is Fall Picture Day. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Monday November 25th through Wednesday November 27th. Winter Recess begins Monday December 23rd.



**Ordinance 2024-06:** The owner of any building or occupied lot for which an official property number is designated and assigned shall be required, at the owner's expense, to place the official number on a post at a point near where the driveway enters the roadway. The numbers shall be at least 4 inches in height, colored black, or at least 3 inches in height, if reflective. The numbers shall be mounted 3 feet above ground and shall be placed on a White post. The numbers shall be located on two sides of the post for easy visibility. The post must also be clear of visual obstructions, including but not limited to trees and shrubs. Owners have 90 days to comply. Full Ordinance can be found on the Downe Township Website. Example photos are given here for reference.





# PUBLIC INSIGHTS

## MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

**The Dividing Creek Historical Society** will be holding two (2) events in the upcoming quarter at the Downe Township Union Hall. October 31st will be a Halloween Open House with games and treats for all children from 4pm -7pm. On November 9th at 7pm, the Heaven Bound Gospel Group will perform with light refreshments and free will donations.

**The Downe Twp Recreation & Tourism Committee** will hold two (2) contests in the upcoming quarter—a Halloween and a Christmas decorating contest. Sign-up forms will be posted on the Township Website and the Rec Committee’s Facebook Group Page. All contests are free to enter for all residents of Downe Township.

**The Downe Historical Commission** is looking for new members to aid in preserving Downe Township’s history. The Commission is also looking for any vintage photography that could educate residents on Downe Township’s past. If you are interested in joining the Commission, please attend their next meeting.

**Downe Township Fire and Rescue** will be hosting the Downe Township Christmas Tree Lighting in Newport, at the corner of Landing Rd and Fortescue Rd on December 14th at 6pm.

**Dividing Creek Fire Co.**, will be hosting a “Dessert With Santa” on December 9th at 6:30pm. All children are welcome to come meet Santa.

**Heart & Soul and The Green Team** hosted three (3) Community Dinners all within different villages in Downe Township. The free events gave residents a chance to ask questions, and hear updates on Heart & Soul’s progress, all while enjoying a delicious meal. Reminder: Downe Home Day is on October 19th from 10am - 3pm located at Downe Township Elementary School.

## FOOD BANK INFORMATION

- Fortescue Chapel has currently suspended their food bank. Please check the Facebook page for updates and information regarding resuming their food bank.
- Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church hosts their Food Pantry at 1542 Main Street in Port Norris on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9am - 2pm. There are no pre-registration requirements. Recipients are asked to provide the number of children and adults in the household.
- Lawrence Township Commodities (LTFCS) hosts their Food Bank at 93 Maple Ave in Cedarville on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9pm - 2pm. Recipients must preregister to participate in this Food Pantry. Bring Photo I.D. and proof of income on the day of the Pantry.
- Dividing Creek Fire Co hosts a mobile pantry the 1st Friday of the month from 9:30am to 11:30am. Please check the corresponding Facebook Page for changes.

## ATTENTION DOWNE TWP DOG OWNERS...

If you own one or more dogs in Downe Township, please know you are required by law to register your dog(s) in the State of New Jersey. The dog licenses are valid for a period of one (1) year, from January 1st to December 31st. The dog license registration fee is \$7.00 for each spayed or neutered dog. However, if the dog is not spayed or neutered, then the fee is \$10.00. In addition to payment, proper documentation is required for each dog. Specifically, be sure to provide the documentation for each dog’s most recent rabies vaccine and for any spayed/neutered procedures. All rabies vaccines must be considered valid for at least 10 months of the year before you can register your dog. Any dog registrations must be submitted to Downe Township, Attn: Nicole Marlette, 288 Main Street, Newport, NJ 08345 either via mail, dropbox, or office visit.

### Last Quarter’s Photo Contest Winner: ~ Sally Blizzard ~



*Downe Township’s clouds are like a painting in the sky and the water reflects it all so perfectly.*

## PHOTO CONTEST

**Submit photos featured within our Township to [DowneTwpNews@gmail.com](mailto:DowneTwpNews@gmail.com), for a chance to win prestige, fame, and cool prizes.**

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- dyiwn
- cuhncy
- siocdudue
- uamnt
- sneosa
- sshaqu
- ravehst
- eaelvs
- agchne

## Sudoku

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7	9	3	4		2
	8		6		
	2				7
5	6				4
	4	6		3	5
			6		
			4		
1	9	6	5	3	7

Word search grid containing letters for pirate-themed words.

See if you can find these piratey words in our word search.

- Bilge
- Coins
- Grub
- Me hearties
- Parrot
- Shanty
- Treasure
- Brawl
- Gold
- Hands
- Merchant Ship
- Peg leg
- Shiver me timbers
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