Dear Denville Resident:

A new administration always brings new people, new ideas and, in the case of Denville, new volunteers. At present, 150 volunteers are manning our 16 committees and advisory boards. The one common characteristic that I notice from this group is that they are jointly focused on planning, performing and achieving. Each committee consists of people committed to using new ideas and technology to make Denville an even better place to live. This newsletter and subsequent issues will highlight the activities from these committees, as well as, activities of the Township Departments. You can read the impact of our volunteers and professionals on the website www.denvillenj.org.

Denville is fortunate to have an extremely dedicated group of workers. We appreciate the long hours our volunteers put in away from their families and homes. Thank you volunteers! Sincerely,

P. Ted Hussa
Mayor

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Recycling— It's the Law

The Morris County Municipal Utility Authority (MCMUA), was told by the State to revise its Recycling guidelines after State Officials said a statewide downturn in recycling had become significant enough to cause concern. The MCMUA collects Denville's Recyclables at curb side every other week for residents.

As a result, Denville has had to update its Recycling Ordinance #3-08 to match updated standards from the County. Therefore, a Fine will be enforced for violations against this ordinance.

A reminder of the Recycling Laws and a schedule for the collection of Recycling and Garbage will appear in the Township's HUB Times and Recycling Brochure.

Recyclables can be taken to the Recycling Center at Public Works, 140 Morris Ave., Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recyclables such as aluminum, plastic bottles, glass containers, newspapers, junk mail, magazines and cardboard are not to be mixed in with regular trash. Glass, aluminum and plastic does not need to be separated for curbside pickup. Cardboard, newspaper, junk mail and magazines can be placed together for curbside pickup. Look for the Recycling Brochure coming out this Fall.
Now that a full year has passed since the new building has opened, we are beginning to feel at home in our new surroundings. Compared to the cramped quarters of the old Saint Mary's School Building, this new environment is a pleasure to work in. The building is a technological marvel and thus far has performed beyond expectation. We will be installing handicap accessible automated door openers on the main entrance and police entrance very soon. This will be a great benefit to our elderly and handicap citizens as the entrance doors are quite large and heavy.

Our Court Room/Council Chambers receives praise from all who enter it. This beautiful room functions for township meetings and court room functions. The parking lot paving is the next scheduled large project and should be completed before the fall of 2008. Hopefully the citizens visiting the facility are finding the experience as pleasant to conduct their business as it is to work here.

In addition to the new building, the Denville Police Department also gained a new entrance, a new lobby, additional storage space, two new conference rooms and additional administrative offices. The parking area has recently been reconfigured, re-curbed and is awaiting its top coat.
Budget Message from the Mayor and CFO Marie Goble:

So far this year, much of the emphasis of the Mayor, CFO and Council has been to find a way to get a handle on continually rising costs. By combining job functions, so far this year we have saved over $280,000 of tax and utility revenue.

We are looking for every possible way to save tax dollars without loss of services and we are always open to ideas from the public. Many thanks for those who have shared with us or implemented tax savings initiatives.

The charts to the right indicate that Denville Twp. spends 18% of your tax dollar and the lower graphic indicates how that tax dollar is spent. The budget is reviewed every February and March and the public is always invited and encouraged to attend. Consideration is already being given to items that could be included in the 2009 budget.
These are the dates for curbside collection for the remainder of this year (2008):

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**Recycling Really Does Matter**

This article can be found in its entirety at www.denvillenj.org

This initiative focuses on the following 5 points:

- Denville DPW wants to demonstrate and educate the public on how our garbage bills can be drastically lowered, by removing recyclable materials from the waste stream. The town can achieve a savings of up to $165,000.00 annually from our garbage fees by moving 15% of garbage from the garbage stream into recycling stream.

  Denville produces 600 tons of garbage a month. We pay approximately $150.00 per ton to remove it in hauling and tipping fees. If we can remove between 15% and 17% of this volume out of the garbage stream and add it to the recycle stream we can reduce those 600 tons of garbage to 500 tons per month. This is then 100 tons of additional recycled materials at about $150.00 per ton or over a 12 month period equals a whopping savings of about $165,000.00. If you can remove just 15% more of recyclables from your garbage we can collectively save $165,000.00. What an easy way to save money. Please recycle everything!

  We can protect our environment by the removal of heavy metals and other recyclables from the waste stream and by cleaning the environment of litter. Nobody wants to take a walk in one of our nice parks or view our nice streams and rivers and see litter and recyclables all over. Try to be proactive and bring plastic bags to collect recyclables when you take a walk in the wild.

- The Township would like to give prizes for the most creative use of recycled products and the most innovative process for using recycled materials. Would you like to find a way to recycle #1 plastic or a better way to recycle tires? Come up with a good idea and you will be eligible for soon to be announced prizes. Entry forms will soon be on the web site and the contest will end at the end of Summer 2009.

  Since this initiative was kicked off in March of this year, this aspect of the initiative has proven to be a lucrative return. Denville worked out an agreement with CM Metals of Dover to have an all aluminum container in the DPW yard for recycling all aluminum materials. We recently turned a full container in to CM Metals and were very pleased to find that instead of the $300 proceeds our mixed container usually brought, the all-aluminum container brought $1,700 in revenue proceeds. This difference of $1,400 convincingly demonstrates the high value of recycling precious metals as a Township.
News from the Tax Assessor

All new construction will receive an added assessment. New homes, additions, in-ground pools, siding, central air conditioning, finished basements, decks, patios, porches, upgrades to kitchens and bath, fireplaces, all of these improvements increase the market value of your home.

The Tax Assessor must inspect all construction to determine the increased value to the property. I make several attempts to inspect the properties. I do random visits (if no one is home, I leave my inspection notice along with instructions to call to schedule an inspection) and call to schedule an appointment for an inspection. If after 3 attempts, I have not been able to do a thorough interior and exterior inspection, I will estimate the increased value. Unfortunately, estimates are not always accurate and most likely will result in a higher value placed upon the improvement.

If you have scheduled a final inspection with the building department, call the Assessor’s office 973-625-8300 ext 291 to arrange my inspection at the same time. If my schedule allows, I will do my inspection the same day as your construction inspection. This will minimize your inconvenience.

After we receive the new tax rate, (usually around July 1) - you will be sent a courtesy letter by the Tax Assessor informing you of the increased value and estimated taxes. The Tax Collector will issue the actual added assessment bill in October, payable November 1.

To put added assessments in perspective:

- If it has value when you sell it — it has value for tax purposes.
- In proportion to the total cost of construction and the added resale value, the increased taxes will be the least costly part of the project.
- If you build it, I will come...
- On the flip side, please notify my office when you have demolished a structure. I will inspect that the structure has been removed, and adjust the assessment for the following year.

SURVEY? SURVEY?
WHO HAS A COPY OF MY SURVEY?

Our office receives numerous inquiries from property owners needing a copy of the survey of their property. Surveys are not required to be filed with the Township or County.

Surveys are usually required during the purchase process of a property. The metes and bounds description in the deed should match the survey. The bank financing the purchase requires a copy of the survey and the deed. The survey is usually included in your closing costs. At closing, you should be given a copy of your survey. Safeguard it and keep it with your other important papers (deed, copy of mortgage papers, etc.).

If you do not have a copy of your survey, I suggest you contact the attorney that handled your closing and request a copy.
Committee News—Your Neighbors in Action

Denville’s 2008 Open Space Applications
Since our first acquisition of Knuth Farms in 1996, Denville Township has aggressively targeted and acquired over 1000 acres of Green Acres.

Our first priority for 2008 is the application for the Catholic Diocese of Paterson. This 9 acre parcel, located on Cooper Road and the corner of Hill Road, is a connecting link to the Knuth Farm. Our proposed link would be used for active and passive recreation and continued agricultural uses.

Our second proposed acquisition for 2008 is the Kovacs property. This 7.5 acre parcel is a connecting link to Muriel Hepner Park and Mary Avenue. This site would be used for passive recreation. Earlier this year, we closed on the Onorati property, which is also a connecting link to Muriel Hepner Park.

This year we are also supporting an application being submitted by POWWW—Protect Our Wetlands, Water, Woods, known as the Jonathan’s Woods Extension. This 12 acre parcel is located on Alpine Drive and will be used for passive recreation. The Township will assume ownership at time of closing.

It should be noted that Denville has successfully acquired funding from either the State of New Jersey Department Environmental Protection Green Acres Program or Morris County Open Space Trust Fund for every parcel we requested funding for.

Beautification Committee
A small army of volunteers met early on a Saturday in March. They embarked on a field trip that was to become a successful experiment. They set out to attempt to run the beautification committee as an all volunteer organization. After two more field trips, a chairwoman, Sandy Wills and director, Franz Fuertges were named. Each area to be planted and maintained were divided up among the 24 members and advisors and those areas not spoken for have been subsequently maintained by a volunteer group party. Conducting the committee in this manner saves $20,000 in the Township budget and gives the members a chance to get out in the fresh air and to do some healthy gardening. Thanks Beautification Committee!

Public Health and Safety Mayor’s Advisory Board
This Advisory Board was created in 2008 with a mission statement to focus on health and safety issues of relevance to the public. The Advisory Board is chaired by Chairwoman Lora Bogdany, who has done a wonderful job of directing the groups energy. The following were events held this year:
February—National Wear Red Day—focus on women’s cardiac health
March—Mayor’s Recycling Contest—focus on five areas of recycling
April—Jersey Battered Women’s Shelter fundraiser—$900 in cash and goods raised by Girl Scout troops 266 and 2165 in support of JBWS
May—Neurofibromatosis Awareness Week—Part of a National effort to bring awareness to this rare and often debilitating disease
July—Bike Rodeo—focus on bike safety for Denville’s children, done in conjunction with Denville Police and several local bike organizations.

Members Michelle McGlynn, Rose Soucy and Lora Bogdany took leadership roles for these events and were supported by the other members of the committee.
Traffic and Public Safety

Rt. 46 Pedestrian Overpass Update

On July 8th, representatives from the State DOT were available in the Council Chambers for the public to ask questions about the final design of the pedestrian overpass to be build on Rt. 46. Since the administration first reached out to the State back in 1996, this project has been a long time coming. 400 residents signed a petition that year to erect an overpass at that dangerous intersection. Ground was broken shortly after that public hearing. The cost of the project will be $4.3 million. It is scheduled to open in May 2009. It connects Gardner field with 4 eating establishments and the entire Indian lake residential area. It is another reason for travelers to get out of their cars and walk or bike rather that use their cars.

Changes in traffic patterns will be noted and broadcast on www.denvillegen.org.

Currently single lanes on the east and west sides of Rt. 46 may be closed except during peak commuting hours and extended periods on weekends. Eastbound Rt. 46 lane closures will not be allowed between 7 AM and 9 AM Monday through Friday and between 8 AM and 8 PM on Saturday and Sunday. On the westbound side, lane closures will not be allowed between 4 PM and 7 PM Monday through Friday, and between 8 AM and 8 PM on Saturday and Sunday. The right lane of Rt 46 Eastbound between the Burger King driveway exit and Franklin Rd. is subject to closure.

OK Sewer Project

The Openaki/Kitchell Roads sewer project is proceeding quite well and is almost 60% completed. A number of residents have already hooked up and new sewer permits are being applied for almost daily. The southern Openaki Rd area is completely finished and operable, as well as the northern section i.e. west of Kitchell Rd. The “dry sewers” of Hedwig Ave and Baird Dr continue to be repaired and laterals are being constructed. The interconnecting roadway link between Freeman Lane and Alpine Dr is also now in use. Some blasting has been accomplished where needed but it has been much less than originally planned. In short, the project is right on schedule and on budget.

The next phase, including Kitchell Rd and North Ford Rd is under final design with some alignment changes done to provide more gravity sewer capability. Easement surveys are 95% complete and the project is expected to be out for bid by the end of the year as planned.

NJDOT 2009 Project, “Morris Ave.”- The grant application and resolution of approval in the amount of $172,000 has been submitted and is under review. It is expected that the announcement of awards will occur later this year. Hopefully, we will be successful, as in previous years.

Above, construction has begun on the new overpass located at Franklin Rd & Rt 46
Other Infrastructure Issues

**Mayor’s Sidewalk and Curb Program**

Denville Residents - The Mayor's office, in cooperation with Engineering and Community Development, is compiling a list of streets where sidewalks and/or curbs are desired. This list is kept on a Mayor's memo, enumerating various infrastructures features in priority order. In addition to curbs and sidewalks, this memo lists traffic problem areas, speed hump requests, curb cut requests, no littering signs and other categories. This document will be reissued periodically for investigations and work orders.

A prioritized list for curbs and sidewalks has been created similar to the Township's paving list of streets. This Administration views sidewalks and curbs as very desirable. The Township has budgeted a certain amount of money to be used on curbs. However, it will look to obtain funding for sidewalks and curbs through the Morris County Community Development Block Grant application and through State grants. Morris County has Denville broken down in economic areas. Some areas are eligible for sidewalks through a grant program and some areas are not.

If you and/or your neighbors are interested in sidewalks or curbs, please contact the Mayor and/or Business Administrator. Additionally, if you notice a particular problem around town that requires special attention, please let us know and your item could be added to our prioritized list.

**Temporary Recreational Fields**

Since the beginning of the year, it has become quite clear that the town needs additional recreational fields. Two parcels were recently purchased with Green Acres money, the Watts property (Zeek Road) near Veterans Memorial Park and a parcel on Ford Rd. A total of 5 or 6 permanent fields will eventually be built on these two locations, following procedures outlined by Green Acres.

In addition to those fields, Denville has made arrangements with certain entities around town to use certain areas as temporary recreation fields. We renewed an agreement with St. Clare's for the fields on Pocono Rd. We worked out an arrangement with W.P. Realty to use a full sized field next to the Hampton Inn. This is the second field W.P. Realty is letting us use. The arrangements have worked out very well and both fields get a lot of use. Master Tree Service, Inc. has donated the labor to have nine trees removed to make that field and Denville DPW conditioned it.

Since those fields were put in place, an agreement was also made with Wendy's on Rt. 46 to use a small area behind their store for small group practices. This would be ideal for soccer workouts this Fall. Another agreement was made with Rock Ridge Association to use the small softball field on East Glen Road. These arrangements help ease the demand for recreation fields, while the permanent fields are being prepared. Additional temporary fields are actively being sought. If your sport feels the pinch of a field shortage, please request to use these fields. You can do this by contacting Don Bogardus at 973-625-8300 X 238 or the Mayor’s office at X 224.
Back-to-School Supply Drive
If you are shopping for your child's school supplies or just checking out the back-to-school sales, think of us. There is a need for these supplies and your donation will make a difference. School supplies can be dropped off at Social Services (2nd floor, Municipal Building) during normal business hours (8am—4pm). The most requested items are file folders, pencils, colored pencils, markers, one or three subject notebooks and solid color backpacks (no characters). Collections will be ongoing since needs arise throughout the school year.

Fall Food Drive
Now that we have a dedicated space in the new municipal building for the Denville Township Food Pantry, located in Social Services Dept, we will be accepting food donations on an ongoing basis. Since the summer months are particularly hard on food pantry collections, our supplies are currently low. Donations of all types of non-perishable food items, paper products, toiletries and cleaning supplies are needed. Donations of a turkey, ham or other perishable items are also gratefully accepted. If you have a group that would like to do a drive for a specific item, such as paper goods or toiletries, please let us know. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Adopt-a-Family Program
Once again, the Social Services Dept will be assisting local families during the holiday season and would appreciate any help the community can offer. Anyone interested in helping with this program can contact Gracie Predmore at 973-625-8300 ext 269 for more information. If you cannot adopt a family or individual, you can help by purchasing gift cards to local food markets or other stores such as Payless Shoes, Walmart, etc., which can be dropped off at the Social Services Office during normal business hours (8am-4pm). Special thanks to all those who have worked behind the scenes to make this program such a success over the past several years.

The Rec Room Fall/Winter Edition
The next available edition of Denville Recreation's brochure "The Rec Room" will be the Fall/Winter 2008/09 edition. "The Rec Room" will be available online the week of September 22nd at www.denvillenj.org. A limited number of copies will also be available at the Denville Library, the Denville Senior Center and at the Recreation Office in the municipal building.

Mayor's Genealogy Class
This past spring, Mayor Hussa taught a four-part genealogy class to Denville's seniors. It started off at the beginner's level and ended up with a field trip to Morristown. Classes are open to anyone interested. The next classes are scheduled for 9/25, 10/23, 11/20 and 12/18. Most classes are offered at Town Hall. If you are interested in searching your roots, check the web site for details or call 973-625-8300 ext 224.
Selling Your House?

With the adoption of the International Construction Code 2006, many changes have been made regarding residential and commercial structures. The permit process is your assurance that the work will be completed properly and conform to the current building codes.

In the last several years, we have seen an increase in residential sales. If you have open permits on your home, they must be finalized before closing. If the permits are inactive for 6 months or more, you may be required to renew them. This process can delay your closing and be a possible hardship to your buyer.

Remember, this department is here for your safety, public health and welfare.

Our office is open every week day between 8am and 4pm. You are welcome to stop in or call if you have any construction questions. If you are not sure whether a permit is needed, we will be happy to go over your project and advise you correctly. Our licensed inspectors are usually available to speak with you most mornings between 8 and 10. We also have many handouts which may answer your questions.

CERT

Denville Township is looking for volunteers for the CERT Team. CERT, shortened for Community Emergency Response Team, is a group of volunteers that would assist first responders in the event of a major disaster. All CERT members will go through a 20 hour basic training. For a CERT application go to www.denvillenj.org. Applications also available at Town Hall.

Mayor's Health Fair

On October 7, 2008 from 3pm—6pm, the Denville Public Health & Safety Committee along with the Denville Health Dept & Municipal Alliance Committee is sponsoring the Mayor’s Health Fair at Town Hall. Health Screening will be provided BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. For an appointment, call Peggy Grossman, Public Health Nurse at 973-625-8300 Ext 264.

Help the Recreation Department serve you better!

To all Denville Residents: the Denville Recreation Department is working on an e-mail distribution list to notify you of upcoming Recreation and Township events. If you would like to be a part of our e-mailing list, please e-mail us at recreation@denvillenj.org. Please leave your name, phone number and e-mail address so that we can add you to our distribution list!

Rabies Clinic

The next Rabies Clinic will be on Saturday, November 1 at Red Woof Inn, 140 Morris Ave. from 8am - 10am.
School Resource Officers
The Denville Police Department, with the cooperation of the Morris Knolls Regional High School District, currently has a full time officer assigned to Morris Knolls. The officer’s role is that of teacher, counselor and law enforcement officer. Additionally, an officer is assigned one day a week to Valleyview Middle School. These officers establish a positive interaction between the police, students and faculty as well as provide an additional level of safety for our children.

Child Passenger Seat Installation
Proper installation of a child passenger seat is often difficult and confusing. It is essential that the seats be installed properly to protect our most precious loved ones. Specially trained members of the Community Services Bureau will inspect or install Child Passenger Seats for Denville Residents. Residents should call the community services bureau at 973-627-4900, ext. 332 to make an appointment.

Look-Out Program
Residents who plan a vacation out of town or whose home will be vacant for any reason, can request that the Denville Police conduct random checks of their property. If any problems are noted, the homeowner or listed emergency contact person will be notified immediately. Residents can sign up for this program by visiting the Denville Police website at www.denvillepolice.org and clicking on the window marked “Look Out Request” or calling the dispatcher at 973-627-4900, ext. 9.

D.A.R.E.
The DARE Program is a very successful school based program that is enjoyed by the students of Lakeview, Riverview and St. Mary’s schools. The goal of the program is to educate students on the dangers of drugs, prevention of violence and bullying, and the dangers of gangs.

Neighborhood Watch and E-Mail Alert Notification
Residents of Denville have expressed a willingness to participate in ensuring that their neighborhoods are safe. The Denville Police Department has over a dozen Neighborhood Watch Groups set up across town. We also offer an e-mail notification program where we will e-mail you about recent suspicious or criminal activities throughout town. To sign up for the notifications, just send an e-mail to com-pol@denvillepolice.org and in the subject line type “Add Watch”. In the body of the e-mail, please include the e-mail address you would like the notice to be sent to, your name, street address and telephone number (optional).

Below, some of our police cars have received a new look
Pictures Around Town

Above, Gardens at Main St Bus Stop Maintained by Sandy Wills, Elsie Cannington, Judy Grassi, Matt McDermott, Mayor Hussa, Donna Compton and John Huebner.

Above, Kitchell Rd island is maintained by Franz Fuertges and a group of local residents. All plants and shrubs were donated by Hamilton Farms.

Right, Island at Rt 53 and Station Road maintained by (L to R) Hank Mueller, Elaine Mueller, Bob Riker, Cindy Dour, Chris Dour and Bunny Riker.

Above, Al Wiedman maintains the triangle at Pocono Rd and Diamond Spring Road.

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