

Dear Delran Township Residents,

In 2008, Delran residents voted for a new team of elected officials based on issues discussed during the May 2008 campaign. We are happy to report that the past two years have been a time of **“Promises Made, Promises Kept.”** We’ve put our best effort forward and have achieved many positive results based on the wishes of the voters. **Our residents said:**

- **“Eliminate Some of the Costly Elections”**. Last November, Delran voters mandated by a 2 to 1 vote to move the municipal elections to November. As a result, the Municipal election, with the same form of government, will move to the November General Election, saving between \$33,000 and \$40,000 every election cycle. Candidates will run with a political party designation.
- **“Increase Delran’s Share of Grant Money”**. The new members of Council and the Mayor have been working together with State and Federal officials and are proud to report that we have already received over One Million Dollars for our schools and township in State and Federal Aid. In addition, we received:
  - A \$72,000 Community Block Grant to add handicap ramps town wide and automatic doors for the Township building for handicap accessibility.
  - Through hard line negotiation, New Jersey American Water and Comcast Cable contributed over \$50,000 to Delran Township.
- **“Preserve Open Space”**. Your Open Space tax dollars have enabled us to make the first Open Space purchase, known as the Myers Tract. This is a 34 acre section of land, and the largest remaining piece of open space in Delran. We are applying for a \$250,000 grant from Burlington County to begin the creation a huge sports complex.
- **“Reinvigorate Delran Spirit of Community”**
  - **Delran Community Day** - For the last two years we have been working on rebuilding the Community spirit in Delran by sparking the idea of a day of family fun at Conrow Park last year and this year at Holy Cross High School. These events were both produced without cost to Delran taxpayers.
  - **Carli Lloyd Parade** - Just two months after being elected, the new Council held the Carli Lloyd Parade to honor our hometown U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist. Again, this event was without cost to Delran taxpayers.
- **“Stabilize Taxes”**
  - **Delran’s 2009 Tax Rate**. The overall tax rate in Delran went from 2.793 per \$100 in 2008 to 2.791 per \$100 in 2009. Yes, the overall taxes went down!
  - **Delran’s 2010 Tax Rate**. Due to a reduction in State funding, taxes increased by an average of \$1.42 per week. Both years, Mayor and Council ensured there were no layoffs, no furloughs, no pension deferrals or no reductions of services.
- **“Consolidate Services”**. Recognizing the need to consolidate services, the new Council eliminated the duplicate administration services by abolishing the Delran Sewerage Authority and creating the Delran Sewer Department.

- **“Fix the Roads”**. Roads are expensive to fix. In addition to the annual road program, we have expanded our grant applications to get more money from outside sources. Here are some examples:
  - **\$328,000** State grant for next phase of Haines Mill Road.
  - **\$180,000** NJDOT grant for traffic calming on Yansick and Moreland Roads.
  - Worked with NJDOT to repave Route 130 (north and south) entire length in Delran.
  - Delran Road Program for 2010 included:
    - Tenby Chase Drive (Route 130 to North)
    - Beaverbrook Road
    - North Drive adjacent to Tenby Chase Drive
    - Smith Street
    - Faunce Street
    - Kauderer Street
  
- **“Communicate Better!”** We totally reinvented our website and have posted the minutes from virtually every meeting from 2006 to present. This includes: Town Council (Work Sessions and Public Meetings), Planning Board, Zoning Board and all available minutes from the Sewerage Authority.
  - **“Fresh Daily”**. Our website is updated daily so that our residents will know where the Public Works trucks will be working. (Chipper, Sweeper and Leaf Collection) Additionally, content is updated regularly (usually weekly) for upcoming events and a real time calendar of Township events and meetings.
  - **Created “eDelran”**, so that everyone that signs up will receive an email every time additional minutes or agendas are posted for Council, Planning Board or Zoning Board and Special or Emergency Notices are added.
  
- **“Pass Tough New Ordinances”**. Ken Paris worked to ensure that Delran had a strict “Nepotism” Ordinance. In addition, the new Council passed one of the toughest “Pay to Play” Ordinances in the State of New Jersey.
  
- **“Help Delran Businesses”**. Mayor Ken Paris, created the **Delran Business Association** in hopes that, once initiated, the organization would prosper. The plan was to have a group of businesses that would grow our business base, support community events and provide much needed scholarships for Delran students. When the Mayor passed the torch to the DBA, there were 12 businesses. Now, 54 businesses strong, the DBA oversees Delran Community Day, promotes the Delran business community, and provides scholarships to our students.
  
- **“Save Money Everywhere You Can”**. Residents voted down the fire district budget last year and we cut **\$145,000** by common sense belt tightening. This year’s school district budget was also defeated and Council reduced their budget by **\$313,000**. The reductions totaled **\$458,000** and have proven to have no impact on performance of the schools or fire department.

For more information on the Change for Delran’s Future Team, visit:

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