

Public Service Announcement Primary Election Day

When: Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company
Time: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Term Expiring: 12/31/10: George Hrehowesik
Local Vacancy: One Township Committee position

Township Committee Primary Election Candidates:

Republican: Donald F. Scholl Jr.
Democrat: Virginia Dodd Hook

June 1st is the deadline for filing Civilian Mail-In Ballot (formerly Absentee Ballot) Applications by mail.

June 2 – June 8 by 3 p.m. File Civilian Mail-In Ballot Application in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office on Main Street in Flemington.

June 5 - The County Clerk's office is open for voting in person on Saturday, June 5th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Voter registration and Mail-In ballot applications are available at the Township Building or on the web at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us and click on "Voter & Election Information."

After receiving your application, the County Clerk provides you with the actual absentee ballot. After marking your choices, you mail the ballot to the County Clerk in the envelope provided. You no longer need an excuse for a Mail-In ballot.

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Sandbrook Historic Designation Process Continues

Together with a group of Sandbrook residents, the Township's Historical Advisory Committee is continuing to reach out to residents of Sandbrook to gain their support for obtaining historic designation for Sandbrook. The Historical Advisory Committee hosted a walking tour for Sandbrook residents in May and is currently contacting all residents whose properties would be included in a historic district.

Like the completed Sergeantsville and Rosemont Historic Districts, historic designation will **NOT** affect what an individual property owner can do with, or to, their own property.

For example, historic designation does **NOT** limit or establish requirements for house colors or additions, or dictate whether a house feature like a porch or barn can be removed. Such choices remain with the individual property owner.

Rather, the goal of obtaining historic designation is to protect residents and their property against well meaning, but often unwanted government projects, such as the recent widening of the bridge on Route 523 in Sandbrook, or any other proposed government (State, County or Municipal) project that would have a detrimental affect on the historic nature of Sandbrook.

In short, historic designation will provide the Sandbrook District with a layer of protection from government actions but will have no negative impact on the individual property owner. Property owners will continue to be able to make improvements to their property and paint their house any color they so desire. Historic designation affects government projects only. As a resident stated, "We have no wish to stop progress, but we want to pause to consider our past".

If you have any question regarding historic designation, please contact the Historical Advisory Committee by calling the Township Building at (609) 397-3240.

Wanted: Gardening Volunteers

Muffie Geissler and Gordon Darling volunteered to help spruce up the Township Building landscaping. They are looking for more volunteers to clean out the flower beds and plant shrubs, perennials and annuals on a seasonal basis. If you are interested in helping or have sun-loving perennials that you are dividing and want to donate, please contact Muffie at 609-773-0477. Thank you!

Meet Your Neighbor: Roger Harris

By Mary Coffey

When calling to ask if we could meet to do the interview for “Meet Your Neighbor” over the weekend, Roger Harris responded, “well, ‘I’ll be in Paris on Sunday. But I’ll be home the next day...”

Roger Harris is a pilot for American Airlines. His job, which he enjoys, takes him all over the world. He is from a small town in Massachusetts called “Harvard,” not too far from Concord, which is not to be confused with the University on the Charles River in Cambridge. He is the youngest of three. His father was a country doctor with a home office, who did house calls for \$15.00 and office visits for \$10.00. Roger says that Harvard is very similar to Delaware Township. It had a farming background; primarily apples, but also some field crops, a dairy farm, and a goat farm. In growing up there, he gained a lot of the same values which people have here in Delaware Township, including, a commitment to the community: “My father once told me: ‘You owe more to your community than property taxes.’”

Roger went to Dickinson College and after, he and a friend began a custom cabinet business, making high quality kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Before they went into business, cabinets from factories came only in two sizes: 24 and 36 inches. Anything else needed to be custom made. Shortly after they began their business, factory cabinets began really “taking off” and soon all sizes could be bought from factories. He struggled with the competition for awhile, but eventually began to think about other things.

As a kid, he had been up in a light airplane and found it “interesting and fun” and became intrigued by it. In his pilot training he explained that he had a “pretty typical civilian (non-military) background”. He first got his private pilot’s license, then became a flight instructor and built up hours flying charters in Florida. Next was a commuter airline in Philadelphia before being hired by American Airlines (AA), where he is now in his 25th year.

Roger met his wife, Friederike, in the town of Harvard. She is from the Netherlands, and was working as an Au Pair for a local family. They have been married for 28 years and have two children; Tyler, 18, a freshman at St Lawrence University, and Kristen, almost 23, who graduated from NYU, lives in Brooklyn and currently works at an ad agency where she worked as an intern. Friederike is employed at a small Raritan business that imports, installs, and services propeller shaft seals for cruise and container ships.

Before living here, Roger and his family lived in the Philadelphia area. With AA, his home base was New York so they drew a circle on a map around New York, and looked for housing within the circle. Their only basic criteria were that they did not want to live in a suburban subdivision. So they “lucked out” when a real estate agent who was a college friend found them a place in Delaware Township on Sandy Ridge Road. They lived there for eight years before moving to a beautiful rambling farmhouse on Covered Bridge Road.

Roger thought that this township was one of the most beautiful places he had ever seen (and he has seen a lot). The older part of their stone house may have been built as early

as 1812, but this date is inconclusive, since a date stone on the house is only partly readable, and a search of the deeds of the property lists only the “metes and bounds” of the land, not the structures. The tax records for about 40 years of Hunterdon County history are missing, perhaps destroyed by a fire. He continues to search.

The house is spacious and warm, decorated with antique and modern artifacts, and the living room has a sizeable antique fireplace big enough “to roast an ox”. The Harris family has a copy of a 1946 article from a magazine similar to “Better Homes and Gardens” which has an extensive article about renovations done to the house.

This was when June Hamilton Rhodes, (a friend of Eleanor Roosevelt) bought and restored the house and changed some of its layout. The article documents all the work that she put into the house: the dormers, the slate, where she got the radiators for the steam heat system, the blacksmith from Stockton, and items such as plumbing and electricity. It proved to be a very interesting and informative article.

Roger served on the Delaware Township Planning Board for 15 years and is the founding president of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance (HLTA), a countywide, non-profit corporation that preserves land by buying it either outright or through an easement. In talking about beginning the HLTA, he said that as a member of the Planning Board, he learned quickly that landowners’ rights are paramount and that buying land or easements is the best route to preservation.

He believed that Delaware Township needed an organization that could do just that and from this came the birth of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance. HLTA, incorporated in 1996, has since preserved or facilitated the preservation of 4500 acres throughout the county. Roger says that after his family and his work, this is the single thing in his life of which he is the most proud.

Roger says that in his work he flies over some very inhospitable terrain; the Polar icecap, the North Atlantic, and the Amazon jungle. When he comes home he is happy to come back to a place that is so beautiful and inviting, where the people are so great. And he believes a lot of that is due to the efforts of so many people trying to keep it that way.

Township Receives Grant to Consider Changes to Township Building

Because the Town Hall is a historic building in the Sergeantsville Historic District, the Township qualified for grant funding from the New Jersey Historic Trust through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The Township was awarded \$28,538 in January to prepare a preservation plan for the building that explores the possibility of restoring the original wrap-around porch in combination with repairs to the handicap-accessible entrance ramp. The plan is a pre-requisite for qualifying for additional grant funding for the actual reconstruction of porch and ramp. The Township will work with an architect to complete the plan, and will seek out additional grants to complete the project.

Clean Up Day, Saturday, June 19, 2010

This is the Township's only Clean Up Day this year, so please plan accordingly.

When: June 19, 2010 from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Line closes promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Delaware Township Garage, 816 Rt. 523, Sergeantsville, NJ

Who: Delaware Township residents only may bring disposable items to Clean Up Day. Please bring proof of Township residents, such as driver's license, tax bill, or utility bill.

What: All household trash, not garbage, for example: furniture, household appliances including refrigerators and air conditioners, dehumidifiers, lawn mowers, metal items, carpeting, mattresses, screens, windows. Material longer than 6 feet must be cut to that length.

Please do NOT bring: any electronic equipment, stone, soil, tree stumps, concrete, liquid waste, chemical, building timber, automobile battery, garbage, sealed tank, drum, cylinder, etc.

Tires: This year the Township will accept up to ten passenger car tires per resident. There is a \$2 per tire charge for each tire over ten. Tires may have a rim size up to 48 inches. No truck or tractor tires will be accepted. Residents with larger tires should contact the County Office of Solid Waste and Recycling at 908-788-1110. The Township does not allow horse trailers and utility trailers more than eight feet long to be unloaded.

Note: The Township and/or the hauler reserves the right to reject any or all refuse deemed not acceptable.

No hazardous materials such as motor oil, paint, and batteries will be accepted. Please take them to the County Hazardous Waste Day. Next Collection Date: July 10th Call 908-788-1110.

No electronics will be accepted. Please take them to the County Computer and Electronics Collection Day. Next Collection Date: October 9th Call 908-788-1110.

Pedals for Progress will be accepting used bicycles on Clean Up Day. Your gift of a bicycle will help provide transportation to someone who will really appreciate it. Please be sure to leave your bicycle in the "Pedals for Progress" drop off location. Questions about this program? Call 908-638-4811.

Sergeantsville Farmers' Market Open Every Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The Sergeantsville Farmers Market kicked off its 5th season, opening Mothers' Day weekend. Offerings started out with free-range eggs, local cheese, lettuce, asparagus, peas, radishes and grass-fed beef along with potted perennials, shrubs, hand-made baskets, custom embroidery, live baby chicks and pony rides to name a few. Recording artist Jim Rowland provided acoustic guitar and vocals to entertain the crowd. Since opening day, alpacas and alpaca wool products, locally hand-crafted and organic aromatherapy products have joined the mix. Fresh, locally grown strawberries are about to arrive, and soon we'll have sausage, sweet corn, tomatoes, beans and many more delights from local farms and gardens! A variety of entertainment is scheduled throughout the season, including The HCRHS Fiddlers, Chuck Schaeffer with his rockabilly, folk, and country rock sound, and cooking demonstrations with tips on how to use the seasonal bounty!!!

The Sergeantsville Farmers Market is a true, producers' market, open each Saturday from 8:30 till noon, on the green near the center of the village. Vendors are all local, and their products must be grown, produced by the vendor, or have a significant percent of personal input. No franchised or mass produced items are sold and no "reselling" is allowed. New vendors are always welcome. Please call Jack at 908-268-3641.

The SFM would like to thank those who have supported the Market since the beginning, including the Township Committee, and Bobbi Horvath, owner of Bobbi's Place in the center of town.

So come out each Saturday morning and meet new neighbors and old friends, and pick up the best, freshest foods, and most unique hand-made items money can buy. Remember, it's not a real farmers market unless it's a "producers' market"! Help keep Delaware Township rural by supporting local farmers and producers.

Check the website www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket.net for updated entertainment schedules, photos and products.

Donald Jones: The Voice of Preserving Historic Delaware Township

By Jim Drummond

Maintaining the historical quality of the physical surroundings in Delaware Township can be attributed to many people, including the many farmers who have diligently taken care of their old buildings. But the story would be quite incomplete without recognizing the major contributions of Donald Jones and his family.

Donald Jones was a Delaware Township land owner and dairy farmer, who was also a Trenton lawyer and Trenton business owner-operator. One of the things that makes Donald Jones so important in the history of Delaware Township is that he understood the value of the Township's natural environment and history; he also had the background, experience, and education to maneuver effectively within the political and economic realm in order to counter the money and real estate juggernaut which moved amoeba-like as it enveloped a great deal of New Jersey.

Donald Jones grew up in the bucolic surroundings of early 20th century Montclair, part of northern New Jersey area that was from the beginning reported by Europeans to be one of the most beautiful spots on earth. Much of that region fell to intensive development during the 20th century. Mr. Jones could see that Delaware Township still had the natural quality of that earlier Montclair area and was determined to preserve the natural and historical integrity of the Township.

Donald Jones attended Andover and later graduated from Yale University with a law degree. He entered his father's law firm in Newark and eventually took it over and moved it to Trenton. He had many friends and connections in both political parties, in the profession of law, and in the real estate business. But, he also had a large dairy farm in the Township with a hundred and twenty-five dairy cows and was an accomplished horseman who raised horses. He loved tractors which he operated for hours as he cut hay and grass on his farm.

The story of preservation (both historical and natural) in the Township centers to a great extent around Donald Jones as he came down off that beautiful farm in the hills near the Covered Bridge and mixed in the politics of both governmental and economic power (he was a member of 32 different boards). He used his Trenton connections to obtain State funding for preservation of the Covered Bridge. When the Locktown Stone Church was threatened by real estate developers, he bought the property and later deeded it to the Township. He then led in the reconstruction and preservation of that beautiful old church.

When Prallsville Mill fell into a similar fate, Donald Jones bought the property, helped set up the Delaware River Mill Society to preserve and operate it, and was also instrumental in getting the whole nearby railroad right-of-way (extending from Trenton to Frenchtown) made into a State Park centered on the Mill. Interestingly, he didn't just "pull strings" to get this project along, but on weekends he went down with his tractor to the portion between Prallsville Mill and Bull's Island and pulled up railroad ties in order to create the walkway. He also recruited volunteers from among interested onlookers to help. He worked on the Prallsville Mill, lending his physical labor to that project as well. He moved in

a similar fashion to preserve the historic Roebbling Mansion in Trenton and set up a young scholar's program in that city for the academic advancement of inner city youth; he then gave them the mansion as their headquarters.

Donald Jones died at age 83; but his wife, Beverley, and daughters, Leslie and Stephanie (Muff), have carried on with the farm and many of his community projects. Donald Jones was a thrifty individual who wore trademark bow ties made by his daughter Leslie. He loved a bargain and, for example, began to buy his designer suits in the thrift shops of wealthy Palm Beach. At his funeral his bow ties were available to be worn or as keepsakes to people attending the service. Donald Jones was the type of person who enriched the lives of all who knew him and certainly this Township.

What are the lessons for us today from the premier achievements of Donald Jones? Donald Jones and his family chose to use their interests, skills and knowledge for the betterment of the community. So lesson number one is that they worked toward becoming part of, and staying involved in, the community. And, secondly, they worked at being accepted since initially the local farmers were not always open to Donald Jones, the lawyer. He persevered and communicated with a wide spectrum of local citizens.

Since he also farmed, (his wife Beverley actually managed the farm in many ways), he could relate to the farmers because he loved his land, his tractors, his animals—he simply loved the farm life! But along with this quality of being part of the farming community, he also maintained strong connections with the "powers that be," in the Township (for example, he served on the Township's Planning Board), and at both the County level in Flemington as well as at the State level in Trenton. He also served as the president of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. This human give-and-take quality of transcending the limited box of self-interest, of reaching out and mixing with others paid off for Donald Jones and for Delaware Township. He gave us a model that we can all follow in bringing together the varied interests that are inherent in any community. We are all richer for having had Donald Jones living among us.

4th Annual Run of the Mill 5K Race

The Susan and Chelsea Makara Foundation will host its fourth annual Run-of-the-Mill 5k race and fun walk on Sunday, June 6th. The Foundation was created in 2006 after the tragic deaths of Susan and Chelsea Makara. The foundation is a non-profit organization that supports local youth development programs and is the Foundation's only fundraising event.

The Foundation invites you to help us make the 2010 race an even greater success than last year's event by registering to run, jog, or walk on race day. The race will be held Sunday, June 6th at 9 a.m. and is located at the Prallsville Mill in Stockton, N.J. On-line registration is open until May 15th. Questions can be sent to makarafoundation@yahoo.com. Register for the race and obtain information at www.run-of-the-mill.org.

Marfy Goodspeed Receives Outstanding Achievement Award

The Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission presented its 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award to Delaware Township Resident Marfy Goodspeed. This award is conferred upon a distinguished citizen in recognition of work or leadership that stimulates the cultural and historical environment of Hunterdon County.

Marfy Goodspeed served as the official and unofficial historian of Delaware Township for more than two decades. She was the Township's first historian in the early 1980's and held that appointment until the late 1990's. According to Charles Frischmann, her successor, "Marfy set the standards for this office."

Marfy was instrumental in the preservation of the Locktown Stone Church (and the adjacent 19th-century bridge) and has authored documented history which appears on the church's website (www.locktownstonechurch.org). She is also a member and contributor of programs for the Delaware Township Historical Society.

During her tenure as Delaware Township Historian, Marfy researched many of the historic sites in the township and contributed scholarly articles to township newsletters and the media. She has provided a wealth of information on the early years of the township and its residents. Schools, churches, cemeteries, bridges, mills, and creameries are subjects she frequently writes or lectures about. Many of her articles from 2006 to the present have appeared in the Delaware Township Post (www.delawaretownshipnj.org). These may be viewed on the website's "History Channel".

Her most recent historical scholarship activities, all of which have been published in the Post include:

1. A continuing series on the "Cemeteries of Delaware Township", which is now up to about number seven;
2. A three-part series on the "Mills of Delaware Township;"
3. A four-part series on "Delaware Township - A 170 Year History" that celebrated the Township's 170th birthday; and
4. An article about Charles Jurgensen, an early resident of the Township.

Township to Open White Oak Trail Saturday, June 12th, 10:00am

With funding from the Federal Highway Administration's National Trails Program through the NJDEP, and the time and effort of several volunteers, Delaware Township announces the opening of a new trail. The White Oak Trail is a 0.9 mile hiking trail through 140-acres of preserved farmland purchased by the State from the Schuck Family. The southern section of the trail begins on the northbound side of Route 29, about 500 feet south of the entrance to Bulls Island State Park and proceeds east and north to Quarry Road. The northern section begins on Quarry Road and proceeds north and east to the intersection of Federal Twist and Raven Rock-Rosemont Road.

Join us for the official opening of the trail on Saturday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m. Please park at Bull's Island State Park (and bring insect repellent!)

The Great Crate Race Tradition

The Great Crate Race will celebrate its 22nd anniversary on Saturday, July 3, 2010. (No Rain Date). For more details or design requirements, or if you have a used crate looking for a new home, please call Russ Webb at 908-782-1205 or Tammy Wiszniewski at 908-246-8731. There will again be an antique car and tractor display.

To get involved with the day's activities or to volunteer your help or vehicle, please contact Russ or Tammy. Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall or "backpacked" home through DTS by request. Celebrate this 22-year-old Delaware Township tradition, The Great Crate Race. See you at the races!

Open Space Update

Delaware Township continued preserving Open Space during 2009 in partnership with a wide array of governmental and nonprofit organizations -- all working toward the ultimate goal of preserving our agricultural, environmental, and scenic heritage. During 2009, the Township used \$1.03 million of Open Space funds matched with \$3.06 million from our various funding partners to preserve 330 acres.

Those partners included the US and NJ Departments of Agriculture, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (Green Acres Program), the NJ Water Supply Authority, the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board, the Hunterdon County Open Space Fund, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and the Delaware & Raritan Greenway Land Trust. The properties preserved during 2009 were the Wheaton Farm, the Micek Farm, the Glashoff Farm, the Danese Farm, the Jones Farm, and the Jungblut Farm. In addition, there was a unique donation from Township landowners John Weingart and Deborah Spitalnik who donated their property's development rights to the Township, resulting in the Township receiving Green Acres "credits" for a portion of that donation that may be used in a future Green Acres preservation project.

On April 12, 2010, the Delaware Township Committee invited all of those parties who contributed to Open Space preservation during 2009 to attend a Township Committee meeting and recognized their efforts.

Several agricultural and open space preservation projects are on track to be completed during 2010. Delaware Township's share of these land transactions is funded through the Open Space portion of municipal property taxes; a use of municipal funding that has over the years been overwhelmingly supported by Township voters. Because of the limited availability of Open Space funding, all preservation activities must meet the requirements of the many governmental and non-profit programs, and must have the approval of the Township Open Space Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Advisory Committee, and ultimately, the Delaware Township Committee.

For information about our Open Space program, contact the Township Open Space Coordinator, Jim Borders at 609-397-9112 or jlborder@verizon.net

Community Calendar

June 8 Election Notice: Primary Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

June 19 Clean Up Day 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (See article elsewhere in this Newsletter)

June 20 Fathers' Day

June 26 Recycling Depot 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at DT Garage

July 3 Great Crate Race (See article elsewhere in this Newsletter)

July 5 Township Offices closed

July 10 Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day at Hunterdon County Library 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 909-788-1110 for information.

July 31 Recycling Depot 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at DT Garage

September 6 Labor Day - Township Offices closed

September 11 Township-Wide Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine!)

September 25 Community Day at Dilts Farm Park Noon to 5 p.m. (Volunteers needed!)

October 9 Computer/Monitors/Televisions/Electronics & Propane Tank Collection Day at Hunterdon County Library 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 908-788-1110 for information

Township Committee: Mondays: 8 p.m. on 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 8/16, and 9/13.

Planning Board: 8 p.m. on Tuesdays: 6/1, 6/15, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17, and 9/7.

Board of Health: Mondays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/7, 8/2; Wednesday: 9/1.

Open Space Committee: Mondays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, and 9/20.

Agricultural Advisory Committee: Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. on 6/15, 7/20, 8/17 and 9/21.

Board of Adjustment: Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, and 9/9.

Recreation Commission: Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, and 9/14.

Environmental Commission: Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, and 9/15.

D.T.M.U.A.: Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, and 9/2.

Shade Tree Commission: Thursdays: 7:00 p.m. on 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, and 9/23.

Recycling Depot: Last Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Township Garage on Rt. 523. 6/26, 7/31, 8/28, and 9/25. Volunteers are needed. This is a great service opportunity. Call Recycling Coordinator Gloria Schellhorn at 609-397-1682.

Township Building Office Hours: Beginning May 3, 2010 and continuing through Friday, October 1, 2010, the Delaware Township Municipal Building will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. Take advantage of the extra hour each morning to conduct Township business on your way into work.

Senior Citizens

Residents interested in joining the Delaware Township Seniors' Group should contact Jeanette Smith at 609-397-3472.

Meetings:

June 2 – 12 Noon. Pot Luck Lunch and regular monthly meeting at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company.

No meetings in July and August.

September 1 - 12 Noon. Pot Luck Lunch and regular monthly meeting at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company.

Trips:

Wed. June 23, 2010 – “The Heavenly Concert – Elvis and Patsy Cline – Doolands in Spring Lake, NJ. One hour open bar. Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Leave Firehouse 9:30 a.m. Arrive home around 5/5:30 p.m. \$43 for members. \$48 for guests.

September 29, 2010 – “Showboat” in Atlantic City, NJ. Details to be announced. Bus leaves Firehouse 8:45 a.m. Leave at 5 p.m. Home about 7 p.m. Free to members. \$15 for guests.

The Hunterdon County Office on Aging offers interesting recreational and educational opportunities to county senior citizens. There are shopping services, health fairs, classes, and recreational activities throughout the year. Call 908-788-1361 for information.

Seniors' Yoga Class

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers yoga classes at the Township Building. The cost is \$25 for 8 sessions. You need a mat and comfortable clothing. Call Kim at 732-690-4000 to register for the next session.

Delaware Township School Activities

May 31–Memorial Day – School Closed

June 11 – 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip

June 11 – Elementary School Field Day

June 22 – Promotion Dance 7 p.m.

June 23 – DTS Promotion 6:00 p.m. in Gymnasium

June 24 - Middle School Field Day 12:50 p.m. Dismissal

June 25 – Last Day of School 12:50 p.m. Dismissal

Delaware Township School Board of Education Meetings:

6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 9/28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room

TUESDAY September 7 – First Day of 2010-2011 School Year

Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Board of Education Meetings at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Recreation Commission Events

Summer Recreation: Summer Recreation will run for two weeks from July 19-July 23 and July 26-July 30 from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon each day. It is for children who have completed Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Information will be available at the Township Building and at Delaware Township School.

Summer Tennis at Dilts Farm Park Courts:

Adult classes at the Dilts Farm Park Courts will be held during the month of June as follows:

Session 1 – June 7-9

Session 2 – June 14-16

Session 3 – June 21-23

Session 4 – June 28-30

All Sessions: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$30 per session

Youth Tennis Camp will run this summer as follows:

Session 1 – June 28-July 2 Groups A, B, C, D and E

Session 2 – July 5-9 Groups A, B, C, D and E Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Session 3 – July 12-16 Groups A, B, C, D and E \$50 per session (5 one-hour classes)

Session 4 – July 19-23 Groups A, C, D and E (Class time 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.) .

Session 5 – July 26-30 Groups A, C, D and E (Class time 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.)

Session 6 - August 2–6 Groups A, B, C, D, and E

PLEASE NOTE THAT JULY 19-23 AND JULY 26-30 THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MORNING CLASS FOR BOTH AGE GROUPS HELD FROM 7:45 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. TO ACCOMMODATE PARTICIPATION IN THE DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM HELD DURING THOSE WEEKS.

Group A: 8 – 9 a.m.

Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades K-4

Group B: 9 – 10 a.m.

Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades 5-8

Group C: 3 – 4 p.m.

Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades K-4

Group D: 4-5 p.m.

Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades 5-8

Group E: 5 – 6 p.m.

Teen Tennis – Beginner and Advanced Beginner

For more information call Laura Darby at 609-397-5932.

Brochures about Delaware Township Recreation and applications to use Dilts Farm Park, Summer Recreation, adult tennis and youth tennis can be found on the Delaware Township website www.delawaretpnj.org under Recreation or can be obtained at Township Hall.

Township Wide Yard Sale

September 11th. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or Shine.

Please call the Township Building to register beginning August 1st. More information in the next newsletter.

Delaware Township Community Day

September 25th. Save the Date! To be held at the Dilts Farm Park from Noon to 5 p.m.

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead, Inc.

June 27th – Annual Meeting. Farmer Honor Roll. Light refreshments after meeting.

August 7th and 8th – Civil War Reenactment - \$10 admission fee, children under 12 free. Lambertville Civil War Reenactors. Saturday – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 11th and 12th – Farmstead Festival. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission fee.

Visit www.Holcombe-jimison.org

Churches

Amwell Church of the Brethren

June 12 – Saturday. Gospel Concert – The Browders. 7 p.m. “Love Offering” donation

June 27 – Summer hours Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

July 12-16 Vacation Bible School – ages 4 through High School. 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

For VBS information and registration call Barbara Waldron 908-782-6206 See www.amwell.org

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School: “Happy Trails – “The West of the Story” - August 2nd – 6th, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Ages 3 – 11 yrs. Dinner Included. No Cost. Contact church office at 609-397-2333 to register.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Community Food Drive. Ninety bags of groceries were collected on April 24th and delivered to the Flemington Food Pantry. Another Community Food Drive will be scheduled in the fall. Call 609-397-2333 for information.

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

47 Sandy Ridge Rd, Stockton, N. J. 08559, telephone 609-397-0371. Sunday Worship at 11:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. summer hours beginning Sunday, June 13. Sunday School will resume in September. John Valiant, Jr., Pastor (215-297-0236) A friendly church where visitors are welcome.

Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

The 2010 State Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program runs from June 1st to September 30th and is open to all eligible residents age 60 and over. The Program is run under federal guidelines that set eligible annual income levels for singles (\$20,036) and for couples (\$26,955). Four vouchers (\$5 each) are provided and must be used in their entirety with no change given at State-approved farm markets. Vouchers can be picked up at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services. Info: 908-788-1361.

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Board of Health Updates

Township Animal Control Officer (ACO) Rich Kiselewsky would like to remind residents that there is a Board of Health Ordinance (#2000-09BH) supplement to Section (m) that limits the number of cats that can be kept at a residence.

Section (m) reads, "There shall not be permitted more than five (5) cats of three (3) months of age or over to be kept or maintained on any residential or business property in the Township of Delaware. For every three (3) acres, a property owner or tenant may keep one (1) additional licensed cat. This section shall not be deemed to prevent the renewal of any license for any cat duly licensed as of the effective date of this Ordinance." (6/5/2000)

Also, residents should be advised that rabies was confirmed in a raccoon that attacked a dog in the Route 12 area of the Township. If your pet is confronted by a wild animal, please use extreme caution and appropriate care when handling the pet. If the wild animal is available, please safeguard that animal for evaluation. Contact our ACO at 908-507-8092.

Also, please note that there have been bear sightings on Worman and Britton Roads. These bears should not be fed or approached.

If your dog or cat dies, please contact Danene Gooding at the Township Building 609-397-3240 Ext. 202.

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Pennsylvania Black Fly Suppression Aerial Spraying Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection notified the Township that it will be spraying this season for black flies, commonly known as gnats. Treatments are conducted in this area by the State of Pennsylvania DEP via helicopter application throughout the warm season along the Delaware River.

Treatments only occur at riffle areas along the Delaware River and the need for treatment is determined by larval black fly populations in the river, rainfall, temperature, wind, adult black fly numbers, and other factors. Pennsylvania uses Vectobac, an insecticide product recommended for black fly control in New Jersey by Rutgers. It contains the soil bacterium "Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti), evaluated by the USEPA to be very slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people when used properly as part of a complete mosquito control program. Vectobac acts on the larval or immature stage of the black fly in water before the flying adult emerges. Spraying for adult black flies is not effective.

Follow common sense actions to reduce possible exposure risk. Limit outside activities during times of possible pesticide treatment. Avoid direct contact with water bodies that have been treated. Move children's toys out of application areas. Move animals and their food and water dishes out of application areas. Stay away from application equipment, whether or not it is in use.

Pennsylvania DEP's Black Fly Suppression Program info: www.depweb.state.pa.us/blackfly.

Note: The State of New Jersey has not funded any money for black fly spraying in many, many years. Thanks to Pennsylvania, we can enjoy our back yards in the summer.

Grass Clippings

Township ordinance prohibits mowing or blowing grass clippings onto roads. They clog ditches, culverts and drains causing serious flooding issues. Please cooperate.