

Primary Election Day

When: Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

Time: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Terms Expiring:

12/31/11: Susan D. Lockwood and Kristin McCarthy

Local Vacancies: Two Township Committee positions

Township Committee Primary Election Candidates:

Republican: No Petition filed

Democrat: Susan D. Lockwood and Kristin McCarthy

May 31 is the last day to apply by mail for a Mail-in Ballot for the June Primary Election.

June 1 – June 7 by 3 p.m. File Civilian Mail-In Ballot Application in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office on Main Street in Flemington.

The County Clerk's office is open for voting in person on Main Street, Flemington on: Thursday, June 2nd until 7 p.m. and Saturday June 4 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 or hand deliver it.

If you are voting for the first time in Delaware Township, you may be asked to show a photo ID. Voters whose records are not in the voting books may be asked to vote by paper Provisional Ballot. The County Board of Elections will check the registration later at its Flemington office.

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A Sense of Census

Meet your neighbor Jane. Jane is a married, 47.2 year-old New Jersey native of German descent. She is a high school graduate who drives 31.6 minutes to her workplace, where she earns \$50,501 a year in a management role. Does she sound like someone you know? Statistically speaking, Jane is a portrait of the typical Delaware Township resident, based on data derived from the American Community Survey.

Most people are familiar with the decennial census, in which the U.S. Census Bureau attempts to count the entire U.S. population. Information from the Census is used for redistricting congressional and other representative districts. In comparison, the Bureau's American Community Survey collects data by sampling the population each month. Survey results are released annually and are intended to help local governments establish priorities, assess needs, develop plans and implement policies.

The 2010 Census counted 4,563 individuals living in Delaware Township, representing a net increase of 85 people since the previous Census in 2000. Based on the American Community Survey's latest estimates, families make up 76% of the 1,857 households in the Township and average 2.94 persons in size. Median household income is \$93,586 and the median value of owner-occupied homes is \$556,900.

This is only a small portion of the data reported in the survey which includes a wide range of social, economic and demographic variables. For more detailed information on both the American Community Survey and the 2010 Census, please visit the US Census Bureau web site at www.census.gov.

Land Preservation Outreach: Sept. 14, 2011

The Township Open Space Committee is sponsoring a land preservation information and outreach meeting on Wednesday, September 14th during the evening at the Township Hall. Money is available through State and County programs, and non-profits. If you are interested in preserving your farmland or open space, learn about the various programs at this meeting. For information, call Jim Borders, Open Space Coordinator, at 609-397-3240.

Meet Your Neighbor: Jeanmarie Mitchell

By Mary Coffey

Jeanmarie Mitchell looks more like a model or artist than farmer. But she is, in fact, a farmer. She was born in upstate New York; one of four children of an artist and of a professor of Children's Literature and Library Science. She has had various jobs in her life, including working for Governor Cuomo in NY State, and doing management consulting in New York City.

After her marriage to a biomedical engineer, they had two daughters, Christiana (who is now 25 and working in NYC) and Caitlin (now 21 and a Celtic harpist). They traveled quite a bit for her husband's work. They lived in California for about six years, and Jeanmarie realized that she missed the changing of the seasons. So when an opportunity presented itself, they moved to Flemington. In 2000, they purchased a 208-acre farm near Raven Rock Road. Shortly after, they divorced, but Jeanmarie kept the farm. She loves the property; it reminds her of Ireland. Out of all the windows you can see the farm's green hills wrapping around the house. She named the farm "Tullamore," which is Gaelic for "grand hills."

She first ran a horse boarding facility but was more interested in learning about what the farmers who rented the fields were doing, how they did it; their methods and equipment. Eventually, with the help of a neighbor, she began doing the haying herself.

By 2008, as her costs for hay production rose, she began to think in terms of sustainability. What would make the best sustainable use of her land, as well as give her a viable return?

She postulated that there might be a market for direct-from-the-farmer gourmet meat so she decided to raise 100% grass-fed beef. Grass is the natural food of cattle. Quality herd management and a 100% grass and hay diet make a difference in cows' health and the health benefits of the meat they produce. Grass "finished" cattle take longer to mature, but the beef is richer in Omega 3 fatty acids or "good" fats.

"More people are being drawn to sustainable farming today" Jeanmarie says. "There's a trend of people wanting to go back; to connect with the sources of the food they eat. Sustainability is about the way the animals are raised, and the impact of the animals on the environment and finally, the quality of the product."

Jeanmarie instituted rotational grazing: the routine movement of the herd from one section of a field to another to eliminate overgrazing (which contributes to soil erosion), while maximizing the use of natural fertilizer to increase soil health. Pesticides have not been used since she started raising cattle. Rather, mowing is used for weed/insect management.

The herd is small, but most of the cows are ex-

pecting calves which will help the herd grow. However, the soil must get healthier as the herd increases. It's a balance of increasing the herd while increasing the nutrient value of the soil and pastures.

Jeanmarie's daughter Caitlin got interested in what Jeanmarie was doing. Caitlin moved home and started the pastured chickens division at Tullamore. The chickens are not "cooped up" during the day, but move around to feed on insects and grass in the pastures. Jeanmarie says "Along with a supplement of locally grown grains, the chickens eat what they love; what they would normally eat, and the bug population is reduced". Their pasture-raised chicken eggs began to come this winter, at the height of all the snow.

She says "I never imagined having a farm in New Jersey. But afterwards I did imagine that there were people in this community who moved here because there were farms here or have a strong commitment to see farmers remain here, people who share a commitment to sustainable agriculture and want the food they eat to be produced from these kinds of practices. She smiles. "The changes that I've gone through since I've been here...It's pretty hard work. But it has been an amazing journey..."

For more information: tullamorefarms.com

White Oak Trail Wins Award

The Hunterdon County Planning Board awarded its 2010 Hermia Lechner Award to the Delaware Township Environmental Commission (DTEC) for the Delaware White Oak Trail. The initial layout was by DTEC member Joseph Wiley in consultation with NJ Dept of Environmental Protection and Stephanie Fox, NJDEP naturalist at Bull's Island State Park and took volunteers about two years to complete.

Parking is at Bull's Island, with the trailhead across Route 29. The trail is 0.9 miles long to its exit on Federal Twist Road.

At the end of the trail, you can go east on Raven Rock Road and connect to the Zega Lockatong Trail, which is owned and maintained by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, which connects with Mimi's Trail, a trail funded by Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance.

Mimi's Trail connects with the Ralph Peters Trail, a Hunterdon County Park System trail. This trail ends on Strimples Mill Road, resulting in a total hike of about four miles. Thanks to the White Oak Trail, there is now a connection between the Delaware River and the surrounding Lockatong Creek area.

Thanks to all the individuals and groups including the township volunteers and students from the local school who volunteered their time to help in the clearing of the trail.

And congratulations to the Environmental Commission! Grab a brochure for the trail and try the hike!

Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day to Protect our Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings all end up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides:

- * Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- * Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- * Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- * Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- * If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to apply it correctly.

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products:

- * Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- * Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies, and the water is not treated.
- * If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- * Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- * Recycle used motor oil.
- * Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Keep Pollution out of Storm Drains:

- * Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- * Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your Pet:

- * Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- * An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- * Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. Remember:

- * Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- * Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- * Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't Feed Wildlife:

- * Do not feed wildlife in public areas.
- * Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding.

Don't Litter:

- * Place litter in trash receptacles.
- * Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- * Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly:

- * Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- * If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- * Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- * Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Contact Information:

- * Visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org.
- * U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps
- * New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program: 609-633-7021

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Events

June 18th: Live Auction and Flea Market. The Hunterdon County Historical Society and Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead are holding a joint flea market and live auction. If you have items to donate for the auction, please call Frank Barlow at 908-782-2019. The live auction starts at 11 a.m., and Dave Bond will be the auctioneer. There will be auction items from Holcombe-Jimison's and the Hunterdon County Historical Society's inventories of excess items, duplicate items, and items donated to be auctioned. The flea market begins at 8 a.m. Rent a space for \$10 or a space with a table for \$15. Call Frank to reserve a space.

June 26th: Annual Meeting. Election of Trustees and Celebration of the Farmers Chosen for the Farmers Honor Roll. Light refreshments after meeting.

August 6th and 7th: The 11th Annual Civil War Living History Weekend. Daily battles, artillery demonstrations and period music. \$10 admission per person. Children under 12 free. Sponsored by the Lambertville Living History Assn. For information call 609-397-4943, email mary-ales@hotmail.com or go to

www.lambertvillecivilwarreenactment.com

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.

John Opdyke: Revolutionary War Patriot

By Jim Drummond

John Opdyke, the 19th century proprietor and builder of the mill and store at Headquarters in Delaware Township, was put to the test concerning where his loyalties lay with the coming of the American Revolution in 1776. According to early county records in Flemington bearing the seal of King George III, John Opdyke was successively appointed Freeholder (1750) and Justice of the Peace (1755, 1757-1768) and the King even called him "our trusty and well beloved John Opdyke." However, with the coming of the Revolution, Opdyke and all of his sons became strong supporters of the American cause.

There were many Tories (British supporters) in the Delaware Township area and, consequently, conflict was potentially built into the situation. Beyond that, both of the main battle armies marched back and forth a number of times within a very few miles of Delaware Township. Opdyke's involvement with General Washington came as Washington with his army retreated from New Brunswick into Pennsylvania in December 1776 until he attacked the Hessians at Trenton.

The rolling hills around Headquarters were just the type of region "Washington loved to choose while hanging on the skirts of an enemy, or awaiting his approach." Washington and some of his troops were "known to have been up Alexsocken (sic) Creek, which is close by Headquarters."

Opdyke and his sons, for example, "on several occasions. . . armed themselves and their negroes, lay in wait for approaching small bodies of British scouts and drove them back." The fact that Opdyke armed his slaves was almost unheard of that early. According to an 1889 study, "the neighborhood was full of scouts and at one time British and American troops were within three miles of each other there."

Supplying the thousands of troops involved in the fighting often engaged the whole central Jersey area. At one point the mill at Headquarters was the scene of an attempt to supply the British. "The miller, who leased John Opdyke's mill, carted flour and kegs of powder concealed in flour barrels to the British, driving six horses tandem." John had suspected him and as the miller moved out during the night, Opdyke "summoned his neighbors and had him arrested and court-marshaled; the miller was imprisoned, heavily fined, and died a poor man, in universal contempt in his old age."

All three of Opdyke's sons were in the Jersey militia during the Revolution and two of them fought at Princeton. Allegedly, John Opdyke rode to the battlefield to check on his sons and came "galloping back on his grey horse, swinging his hat and shouting, 'the enemies are running. Victory is ours. We shall gain our freedom. Cheer up!'"

John Opdyke died on August 10, 1777, a few short months after those momentous events that happened in the early phases of the American Revolution. John was in his 68th year and up to that point had seemed to be in very vigorous health. In his last will and testament, he stated that he gave his "soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it. . . such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life." John Opdyke was certainly "blessed" in this life and he was as well a "blessing" in his role helping to create and protect early Delaware Township.

Black Fly Suppression Program

Many long-time residents of Delaware Township remember the "bad old days" when it was impossible to spend time outside without constantly swatting at gnats (also known as black flies). Pennsylvania first began the Delaware River Black Fly Suppression Program in 1996 to reduce black fly adult populations by treating the insect in its larval stage. The larval stage requires flowing water, and it is there that concentrations and population measurements can best determine frequency of treatment. The program is the largest single black fly suppression program in North America and although residents in New Jersey also benefit, it is presently funded entirely by Pennsylvania. Treatment consists of aerial spraying by a private contractor that is supervised by the Pennsylvania DEP and is additionally permitted through the NJDEP Pesticide Control Program. Public notice will be given on times and areas of treatment throughout the warmer months concluding in September.

Vectobac, an insecticide product is recommended for black fly control in New Jersey by Rutgers University. It contains the soil bacterium, "bacillus thuringienis israelensis" or BTI. The U.S. EPA considers BTI to be very slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people when used as part of a complete control program. This agent acts on the larval or immature stage of the black fly by preventing the maturing of the larva into the adult stage. Because it is a biological agent it breaks down quickly, within hours, in both soil and water.

How can you avoid exposure to Vectobac? Risk to the general public is minimal. Direct exposure with eyes or skin may cause a mild irritation or discomfort. Avoiding exposure is always the safest course of action particularly for those at greater risk such as pregnant women, children, the elderly and those with chronic illnesses. Possible exposure risk can be reduced by following common sense actions: Limit time of outdoor activities during time of pesticide treatment; Avoid direct contact with water bodies that have been treated; Move children's toys out of application areas; Move animal food and water dishes out of application areas; Stay away from application equipment.

Additional information and contacts:

<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/blackfly>

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/westnile.htm>

PA DEP Regional Biologist phone: 484-250-5980

Township Budget 2006 through 2011

As part of the recent budgeting process, our special Auditor, Lori Phipps, provided the Township Committee with past budget information to assist the Township with one of the State budgeting requirements. An annual budget comparison is required to review trends and to make it easier to target certain parts of the budget for discussion. While the trends are not totally unexpected (for example, we all know that labor and pension costs have risen), some budget items may be more surprising, for example, the large insurance line item and the high cost of utilities.

The debt service line indicates that the Township is paying back borrowed money used to fund land for open space preservation, heavy equipment like dump trucks, and the recently acquired property that is slated to become the police building. Although large, this line item is a known quantity since the repayment schedule is set when the Township borrows the money. The Planning Board/BOA, Engineer, and Construction Code line items reflect the ups and downs in the construction industry. That is, more development/construction results in the need for more Planning Board and Board of Adjustment time, more Engineering reviews and more oversight by the Construction Code office.

Finally, the trend in State aid has been opposite to that of the budget. As costs have risen, the Township has received less State money to assist with budgeting and taxes.

***Other line items are not included for reasons of space. A copy of the full budget is at the Town Hall.

Category	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Administration	\$151,554.00	154,456.00	151,194.00	148,289.00	135,550.00	122,049.00
Financial Administration	\$97,141.00	92,485.00	87,895.00	84,670.00	81,625.00	78,012.00
Tax Assess/collect	\$100,410.00	94,859.00	92,942.00	90,282.98	83,788.00	81,277.40
Legal/Prosecutor	\$96,480.00	66,506.00	84,390.00	126,112.00	118,750.00	153,400.00
Engineer	\$10,500.00	10,500.00	12,800.00	5,300.00	16,000.00	10,453.69
Buildings and Grounds	\$55,998.00	50,410.00	52,485.00	46,832.00	42,532.00	37,262.00
Planning Board/BOA	\$74,774.00	83,888.00	86,448.00	98,517.00	135,861.00	73,023.00
Environmental Commission	\$2,800.00	2,800.00	2,684.00	3,300.00	3,310.00	2,750.00
Insurance	\$503,524.00	493,913.00	447,558.00	397,700.00	416,075.00	N/A
Public Safety	\$815,856.00	930,084.00	848,386.00	800,162.00	756,227.00	711,178.42
Streets and Roads	\$510,375.00	505,005.00	485,351.00	480,793.00	448,802.00	495,792.00
Health and Welfare	\$80,160.00	81,508.00	73,186.00	90,306.00	71,883.00	83,988.00
Recreation	\$16,300.00	12,000.00	21,420.00	11,300.00	13,000.00	10,750.00
Construction Office	\$94,025.00	94,209.00	95,998.00	100,055.00	94,998.00	90,153.00
Utilities	\$122,500.00	115,300.00	99,588.00	127,500.00	110,000.00	94,000.00
Pension	\$317,702.00	281,475.00	255,796.00	111,500.00	107,000.00	93,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$543,083.00	282,050.00	322,000.00	349,000.00	646,300.00	301,970.00
Municipal Debt Service	\$153,694.50	149,694.50	166,689.96	133,970.00	126,655.00	5,969.58
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State Aid	\$361,417.00	375,123,651	489,333.82	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,328,904.39	3,845,944.79	3,779,528.95	3,652,300.36	3,938,933.07	3,244,170.73

The Great Crate Race

It's that time again! The 23rd Annual Delaware Township Great Crate Race will be celebrated on Monday, July 4, 2011 on Lower Ferry Road. The day starts with car registration and inspection at 7:30 a.m. The community parade begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the race events.

Also, we will continue our newest tradition with many muscle, classic and antique cars, trucks, and tractors on display. If you wish to display your prized possession, come on down, but do so before 9:00 a.m. when the road closes. You will hear some great music supplied by our very own local DJ Jonathon Vasey.

Also available are beverages and food from our thirst-quenching, taste-bud satisfying refreshment stand. Our commemorative T-shirts and official program will be just as amazing as in years past with the awesome artwork provided by the talented David Garboski. Look for our poster art advertisement made by our very own Delaware Township school students!

Finally, the celebration this year will have extra special meaning to our community. We will be celebrating the life of our very own town hero, Chief Bruce W. Mast, who will be missed always and forever in our hearts.

Our event recruits the help of our Road and Police Departments, the Rescue Squad, and Delaware Township School, and receives sponsorship donations and volunteer help from our community. If interested in helping our Great Crate Race tradition continue, call 908-246-8731 or email tammywisz@yahoo.com.

Community Calendar

June Summer Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 5: Run of the Mill 5K Race www.run-of-the-mill.org

June 7: Election Notice: Primary Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

June 19: Fathers' Day

June 25: Recycling Depot 8:30am— 10:30am at DT Garage

July 4: Great Crate Race

July 4: Township Offices closed

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

July 30: Recycling Depot 8:30am— 10:30am at DT Garage

Aug 27: Recycling Depot 8:30am— 10:30am at DT Garage

September 5: Labor Day - Township Offices closed

September 10: Township-Wide Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine!)

September 14: Open Space and Farmland Preservation Outreach Meeting

Sept 24: Recycling Depot 8:30am— 10:30am at DT Garage

October 1: Community Day at Dilts Farm Park Noon to 5 p.m. (Volunteers needed!)

October 8: 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 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/29, and 9/12.

Planning Board: 8 p.m. on Wednesday 6/8, Tuesdays: 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, and 9/6.

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

Open Space Committee: Mondays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, and 9/19.

Agricultural Advisory Committee: Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. on 6/21, 7/19, 8/16 and 9/20.

Board of Adjustment: Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, and 9/8.

Recreation Commission: Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, and 9/13.

Environmental Commission: Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, and 9/21.

D.T.M.U.A.: Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, and 9/1.

Shade Tree Commission: Thursdays: 7:00 p.m. on 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, and 9/22.

Historic Advisory Committee: Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, and 9/14.

Recycling Depot: Last Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Township Garage on Rt. 523. 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, and 9/24. Volunteers are needed. This is a great service opportunity. Call Recycling Coordinator Gloria Schellhorn at 609-397-1682.

Township Building Office Hours: Beginning May 2, 2011 and continuing through Friday, September 30, 2011, the Delaware Township Municipal Building will usually 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.

Senior Citizens

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

Meetings:

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

No meetings in July and August.

September 7: 12 Noon. Pot Luck Lunch and regular monthly meeting at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company.

Trips:

Wed. June 22, 2011: "On Golden Pond" Erhardt's Hawley, PA. 11 a.m.: Coffee and apple streusel; Noon: Family Style Meal; 2 p.m.: Show. Bus Departs Firehouse 7:45 a.m. Arrive home 6-6:30 p.m. \$36 for members. \$40 for guests.

September 13, 2011: "The Odd Couple" Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. \$50.50 per person.

Call Dorothy Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097 to make your reservation.

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.

Delaware Township School Activities

May 30: Memorial Day – School Closed

June 20: Early Dismissal

DTS Promotion 6:00 p.m. in Gymnasium

June 21: Early Dismissal Last Day of School

Delaware Township School Board of Education Meetings: 6/28, 7/26, 8/23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room

Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Board of Education Meetings at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library. June 20th and TBA

Police Headquarters Update

Residents on the Police Facility Committee are working with an architect to review renovations to the proposed Police Headquarters on Rt. 523 and will submit a report and recommendations to the Township Committee at a future meeting. For info: check the website or call Town Hall.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Summer Recreation Events

The Delaware Township Recreation Commission will hold a Summer Recreation Program beginning Monday, July 18, 2011 through Friday, July 29, 2011. It will run daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Delaware Township School. An exciting program of arts, crafts, sports, games, assorted activities, and field trips have been planned. All children who are residents of Delaware Township and who have completed kindergarten through eighth grade are invited and encouraged to attend the program.

This year the registration fee has been set at \$60 for one child, \$80 for two children, and \$100 for three or more children. Children who qualify for the federal school lunch program should contact Township Clerk Judy Allen for scholarship assistance. The cost for any field trip is in addition to the registration fee. Your child does not have to attend the program every day. However, the registration fee is for two weeks, and it cannot be prorated for shorter periods. Also, be aware that there will be a late fee of \$20.00 per child for registration forms handed in after June 10, 2011.

Forms are available at the Township Building and at the school. They are also available on the Township website (three pages). For more information, please contact Laura Darby (609-397-5932) or Judy Allen at the Township Building (609-397-3240 Ext. 205).

Adult and Youth Tennis Programs

The Delaware Township Recreation Commission will be offering Summer Tennis classes for all ages at the Dilts Farm Park Tennis Courts.

Adults: In June, there will be four sessions available for adults to learn to play the game. Classes will be from 6-7 pm and the cost will be \$30 per session. Session 1 is June 6-8; Session 2 is June 13-15; Session 3 is June 20-22; and Session 4 is June 27-28.

Youths: The Youth Tennis Program will be held for six weeks with morning and evening sessions. The cost is \$50 per session. It is for children ages four through high school. Session 1 is June 27-July 1; Session 2 is July 11-July 15; Session 3 is July 18-July 22, Session 4 is July 25-July 29; Session 5 is August 1-Aug. 5; Session 6 is Aug. 8-Aug. 12.

Morning Session Hours and Grade Levels:

8-9 a.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades K-4
9-10 a.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades 5-8

Please note that during July 18-July 29 there will be one morning session for both age groups from 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. to accommodate the Summer Recreation program.

Afternoon Session Hours and Grade Levels:

3-4 p.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades K-4

4-5 p.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades 5-8

5-6 p.m. Teen Tennis - Beginner and Advanced Beginner

All forms are available at the Delaware Township Building, Delaware Township School, and on the Website: www.DelawareTwpNJ.org For more information please contact Laura Darby 609-397-5932.

Information 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.DelawareTwpNJ.org under Recreation or can be obtained at the Township Building.

Township Wide Yard Sale

The Township-wide yard sale will be September 10th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or Shine. Please call the Township Building to register beginning August 1st. There is no fee to register. Information on the different sale locations is available on the day of the sale only at the Township Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$3 fee to obtain a map.

Delaware Township Community Day

Mark your calendar. Community Day is scheduled to be held October 1st at the Dilts Farm Park from Noon to 5 p.m. Details in next newsletter.

Amwell Church of the Brethren

www.amwell.org

July 11-15 Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Program Friday Night 7 p.m. Activities: Bible lesson, music, crafts and games. Ages 4 years through high school. Register by June 20. Contact Barbara Waldron 908-782-6206 or Pastor Bob 609-397-3351.

August 4: Family Night Movie 6 p.m. Ice cream social followed by the movie. Info: call Barbara 908-782-6206.

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School: "Shake It Up Cafe - Where Kids Carry out God's Recipe" August 8th-15th, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Includes a light dinner. Ages 3-12: No cost. Register online at cokesbury.com or call church office at 609-397-2333

Serridge and Pfenninger Retire

On March 1st, Sergeant William Serridge retired from the Police Department. Bill began work for the Township on August 20, 1988. He was the Police Department's TAC Officer and assisted with equipping the Department and training officers in computer-related functions. The Township received many letters over the years from grateful residents complimenting him on his highly professional conduct and considerate assistance.

On April 1st, Tax Collector Brigid Pfenninger retired. Brigid began work for the Township in October 1985. The Township Committee appointed her as Tax Collector on July 1, 1991. She was the Township's 1993 Employee of the Year. Brigid helped residents in a caring, kindly and professional manner and proved herself time and again to be a true friend to so many Township taxpayers.

We all extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Brigid and Bill for their years of hard work and dedication to residents and offer them best wishes in retirement. We will miss you!

Beautification Project

Muffie Geissler is continuing her project this year beautifying the flower beds at the Township Building. If you would like to help her, or have perennials you would like to divide and donate, please contact her at 609-773-0477.

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Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Hunterdon County residents, 60 years of age or older meeting income restrictions, are invited to participate in the New Jersey Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program sponsored by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. The program runs from June 1st to September 30th. Participants will receive four checks valued at \$5 each to be redeemed at participating farm stands for fresh produce and herbs. Farmers are not allowed to give change, so each \$5 check must be used in its entirety. Checks can be obtained from one of the following locations:

* Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans' Services, Flemington

* North Hunterdon Senior Center

* Readington Township Administration Building

* Fisherman's Mark Food Bank, Lambertville

Checks must be picked up in person and signed for.

If a senior is housebound, arrangements can be made for his/her representative to pick up checks. To obtain information on income limits, get answers to your questions, and find out the locations of State approved farm markets, please contact the Division of Senior, Disability and Veterans' Services at 908-788-1361.



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Sergeantsville Farmers' Market

May 7th marked the kick-off of the sixth season for The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market. Located on the Village Green in the center of Sergeantsville, this year's opening saw nearly a dozen vendors, offering locally grown early vegetables and herbs, free-range eggs, meats, pastries, and live animals including Alpacas and pony rides. Additionally, hand-made baskets, hand-painted pots, therapeutic lotions, and foot massages were offered to patrons who returned to one of the earliest opening seasonal markets in the area.

The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market is a producers' market, meaning that all products are grown, raised, or produced by the vendor. There are no mass-produced products sold and no reselling is allowed. The number of vendors will increase, as the season progresses and more produce comes into season, to include tomatoes, sweet corn, zucchini, and other crops too numerous to mention.

The Market strives to provide a convenient location for residents to purchase healthy, nutritious, locally grown food while visiting with their neighbors in the center of Town. Any one interested can contact Jack Gaskill, Market Coordinator at 908-268-3641.

The Market is open every Saturday morning from 8:30 until noon through the end of September. Come to the center of Sergeantsville, catch up with friends and neighbors, and support local farms and business!

21st Great Tomato Tasting

Back by popular demand, the Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension will host the annual Snyder Farm Open House and Great Tomato Tasting to be held on Wednesday August 31, 2011 from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 140 Locust Grove Rd., Pittstown, NJ. Information available at www.snyderfarm.rutgers.edu. Registration fee. Children under 10 are free. Please RSVP 908-713-8980 or on-line.