

### Fresh from the Farm to Your Table

This spring marks the sixth season of operation for the Sergeantsville Farmers Market. Located on Route 604, across from Township municipal building. The market will be open on Saturdays, from 8:30 am until noon, starting on Mother's Day weekend (May 7th) and running through the end of September.

All vendors from last season are expected to return this year, and new vendors are welcome, provided they grow or produce the products they plan to sell. Products available at the market vary by week but usually include alpaca products, plants, vegetables, fruits, eggs, cheese, meat, honey, baked goods and artisan products. In addition, the market will feature on-site entertainment, including music, activities for the kids and much more.

To learn more, visit the Sergeantsville Farmers' Market's website: [www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket.net](http://www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket.net).

### Community Supported Agriculture

Sandbrook Meadow Farm will offer fresh produce to community members who purchase harvest shares for the growing season. A full share costs \$720, a half-share \$400, with volunteer hours. First-come, first-serve with produce pick up at the farm once a week, with pick-ups split between Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. There will also be opportunities to "u-pick" certain items on pick-up days. Info: 908-782-0074 or [www.sandbrookmeadowfarm.com](http://www.sandbrookmeadowfarm.com).

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### A Message from the Mayor: Ken Novak

Hello - a new year (though way too much snow and ice so far – not good for finance) has started for the Township. It is my pleasure to have been selected by my fellow committee persons to serve as your mayor. Having lived in this Township for 47 years, this is a great honor for me.

So, I will predict this year is going to be a great one as I am able to serve with four fellow committee members that bring a unique perspective to the governing body since they all have a different area of expertise that I can rely on. I hope to get a lot accomplished, since I am tired of status quo and hope to bring "thinking outside the box" as a way to achieve a lot for this Township in the coming year.

In addition, I want to always remember the fact that township government is "of the people," "for the people," "by the people". You elected us and we need to be accountable for that. We need to follow the philosophy of "taxpayers first" to govern our local government.

With that said my main goal for the year besides keeping everything transparent is that I need to keep TAXES low. We live in a beautiful community with great neighbors/friends, so in order for all of us to continue to live here our taxes need to stop rising. I hope to do this by following the one Boy Scout Law "THRIFTY" that was instilled in me during my years growing up in the township as a Boy Scout as I serve you, the residents.

In addition, I believe open communication is "key" to any success so I would like to extend my e-mail address -- [dtmayor2011@earthlink.net](mailto:dtmayor2011@earthlink.net) to all of you. If anyone has any suggestion on how to continue to keep Delaware Township a GREAT place to live, I would like to hear them.

### In Memory of Bruce Mast

On December 28th, 2010, Police Chief Bruce Mast passed away. His death is a tragic loss for his family, his friends, and Delaware Township residents. We all sorely miss him.



## Meet Your Neighbor: Joe Benincasa

By Mary Coffey

Joe Benincasa is a nice guy. Meet him at a party, and if he knows you he will ask how you're doing, how's work going, how are the kids. If he doesn't know you, he will ask pretty much the same things. He is soft-spoken and self-effacing. If you didn't know him, you would never guess that he is the President and CEO of The Actors Fund, a national organization headquartered in NYC, that he has received honors from the Mayor of New York as well as the Brooklyn Boro President, and that he has recently been awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Centenary College. He's just that kind of guy.

Joe's mother, Constance, was born in Messina, Sicily. His father, James, whose parents were from Siena, Italy, was the youngest of 10 children and was orphaned during the Great Depression. Joe and his sister, Maria Elena, admired their hard-working parents; Constance was a beautician, and Jim was an AFSCME labor leader, President of the local union representing Rutgers' employees -- a plaque at the Rutgers Labor Center honors him.

Joe grew up in New Brunswick and went to St. Peter's grammar school and high school there. He graduated from St. Joseph's University, then earned an M.Ed. from Rutgers while directing the Title 7 Bilingual program in New Brunswick. While still an undergraduate, he went to school in Colombia, South America, and continued post-graduate studies in Mexico. From these experiences he became fluent in Spanish, and taught Spanish in the evenings at Somerset Valley College from 1975 to '78.

He directed public relations and communications' programs for the United Way of Tri-State (NYC) and Miami, Florida, for five years beginning in 1975. In 1980, he was recruited by the New York Blood Center to handle public relations and to develop the Board of Directors, and still serves as a volunteer for the Greater New York Blood Program.

Then in 1988, he was recruited to reorganize and lead The Actors Fund, an organization helping people in entertainment and the performing arts. This organization is the only national human service organization serving all entertainment and performing arts professionals. He oversees a wide array of programs which includes social and health services, employment and training, affordable housing in major urban areas, and skilled nursing care. Today he remains there serving as CEO, as well as on the boards of a number of organizations including Bio-References Laboratories, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Career Transition for Dancers, the Times Square Alliance, and the Somerset Patriots' Baseball Club. He has served on the Tony Administration and Nominating Committees, and as a director of St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Joe met his wife, Nan, while at Rutgers. The couple were married in 1975. Three children were born: Christopher (today a producer for NJN and a five-time Emmy Award winner); Katherine Anne (an actress/dancer/singer, and Managing Director for the Readings for the Blind and Dyslexic in Princeton, NJ) and Andrew (an English as a Second Language teacher in Brooklyn and puppeteer). Nan has retired as a

teacher and is currently a "docent-in-training" at the Newark Museum.

On their 25th wedding anniversary, Joe and his family all went to his paternal grandparents' hometown in Siena, Italy. Here is where St. Catherine of Siena - and a Benincasa - was born and from where she organized an army to return the Pope to Rome from Avignon, France. Their daughter, Katherine, is named for her.

Joe's sister Maria and her husband Mike Sackett were living in Flemington and urged Joe and Nan to consider moving to Hunterdon County. So they moved here to Flemington in 1980 and to Delaware Township in 1988. "We looked at Delaware Township," Joe said, "respected the elementary school there, and decided it was a great place to raise a family. We were right."

Joe and Nan currently spend a good deal of time in Manhattan, as well as Los Angeles and Chicago. He, Nan, Chris, Katie and Andy love Hunterdon and think it's the best place in the world to live. "The quality of life here," Joe says, "is fantastic."

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### Recreation Commission Activities

The Delaware Township Recreation Commission has planned a number of events for Delaware Township residents during the upcoming months. PLEASE NOTE: DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT RECREATION COMMISSION SPONSORED EVENTS.

**March 10:** Family Skate Night will be held at the Frenchtown Roller Rink on Rt. 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. Additional \$2 for skate rental or \$3 for inline skates. Fun for the whole family. Refreshments are available for purchase.

**March 26:** Clean Up Day at the Dilts' Farm Park at 9 a.m. Please come and help prepare the Park for spring fun!

**April 16:** The Annual Fishing Derby at the Copelands' Farm on Rt. 604 will be held from 7:00 a.m. to Noon. Rain or Shine. There is no fee for the event, and prizes will be awarded in many categories.

A special "Thank you" to the Copeland Family for the use of their pond.

**April 23:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 23 at 1 p.m. Rain or shine at the Dilts Farm Park. Bring a bag or basket. The hunt is open to children ages Toddlers through 5th grade. There will be prizes for special eggs.

If you can donate one or two dozen new LARGE colored plastic eggs, we would really appreciate it. You can drop them off at the Township Building.

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### Clean Up Day

The Delaware Township Committee has tentatively scheduled a Clean Up Day for May 11, 2011 pending a final contract with the hauler. When the date is final, it will be posted on the Township website.

## DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY QUESTIONNAIRE

Help the Recreation Commission plan Community Day, 2011 by taking a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. Please return to Judy Allen, Township Clerk at Township Hall, PO Box 500, Sergeantsville, NJ 08857 by March 31, or, if you prefer, you may complete the questionnaire on the Township web site at <http://www.delawaretpnj.org>

1. Have you attended Community Day?  
 Never (skip to question #5)  
 Once  
 Several times

2. Did you attend:  
 By yourself?  
 With friends or spouse?  
 With your children?

3. How much did you enjoy the following:	Low-----High
Hay rides	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Inflatable rides	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Hot air balloon rides	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Helicopter	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Pony rides	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Music	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Children's games	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Information provided by community groups	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Food	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Other -----	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How satisfied were you with:	Low -----High
Location	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Parking	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Date (usually the last Saturday in Sept.)	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Hours (12 noon – 5pm)	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Comments _____	

5. What activities would you like to see added to Community Day? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is your age?  
 Less than 18  
 19 – 40  
 41-64  
 65 or more

7. Would you be willing to help at Community Day?     Yes     No

8. Are you interested in becoming a member of the Recreation Commission?    Yes     No

The following information is optional:

Name

Tel. #

## John Opdyke: The Yeoman of Early Delaware Township

By Jim Drummond

John Opdyke, an initial settler of Delaware Township, ranks at the very top of those who created the township out of a “howling wilderness” in the 1700s. Born in 1710 he lived until 1777 and was vitally involved in the affairs of the country, the county, and the township during that whole period, including patriotic service during the American Revolution near the end of his life.

Opdyke was highly successful, owning at least six farms (and probably more), was “very wealthy for the times,” and was said by his neighbors “to measure his dollars with a half-bushel.” He “kept store nearly all his life” and had his daughter Elizabeth as his head clerk at the store located in the stone house at Headquarters. He had three sons, all of whom were “large men” with one, Samuel, weighing in at 250 pounds and the other two, and John himself, weighing 200 pounds each. John was said to be “tall, dignified, and rather stern.” The whole family had the reputation of being quite proud in the best sense.

He built, and gave to each of his sons a stone mill and house, many of which are still standing today much as he built them in the 1700s. He first built “Headquarters House” with a mill nearby. Both are still pristine today with the mill’s wooden machinery intact inside the mill at Headquarters just off Route 604 on Zentek Road in Delaware Township. All of the stone houses uniquely, and characteristically, had a basement kitchen. His son George had the house and mill at Milltown; son Samuel’s house was located near today’s Covered Bridge; and son Thomas had the stone house and mill near Locktown (later known as Rittenhouse’s Mill).

John also built and operated Whitehall, a stone tavern located on the left facing Route 604 at the foot of Lambertville-Headquarters Road in Headquarters. That structure was torn down in the early Twentieth Century for the stone, but parts of the foundation and some pieces of stone still remain at the site. One importance of Whitehall and of the stone house at Headquarters farm is that George Washington, almost surely, stayed a number of nights during the Revolution in both structures.

Mysteriously, to me, there has been some controversy concerning whether George Washington actually stayed in Delaware Township during the Revolution; and yet there is strong documentary evidence that he did, indeed, “headquarter” in Delaware Township for a short time. The strongest written evidence, besides a great deal of oral history from descendants of families who have lived in the township for more than two hundred years, centers around the family of his friend, John Opdyke.

A granddaughter of John, for example, left detailed accounts of having interacted with Washington at the “Stone House” in Headquarters. She was said to be a “remarkable woman, truthful and reliable” by a younger relative. She remembered, “seeing General Washington seated with her grandfather under a shed before a stone pork house in the yard of her grandfather’s house,” (the present Headquarters Farm house on Zentek Road). She was eight years old and Washington gave her a penny to bring him a drink of water from a nearby spring. In her later life, she would walk around Head-

quarters with a relative pointing out where “Tories used to conceal flour, meat, and ammunition.” There were many Tories (British supporters) in the neighborhood as there were in the larger New Jersey area, the former colony being split almost fifty-fifty between “Patriots” and English-supporting Tories. John Opdyke, of course, was a strong and active supporter of the Revolution as were his sons and two of his sons-in-law. The heroic story of John Opdyke’s valiant and active involvement fighting the British in Delaware Township during the Revolution will be detailed in a future Bridge article.

An entry in the official New Jersey government records dated 1764 identifies John Opdyke as a “Yeoman of Hunterdon.” The English concept of Yeoman developed after the Middle Ages around 1400 and was quite significant in the ultimate evolution of what is called the “middle class” today. The yeoman was neither too wealthy nor too poor and owned a bit of land, which allowed him to be somewhat independent; the concept of “freeholder” itself, for example, is based upon the yeoman. The yeoman ideal was what Thomas Jefferson identified as being the heart of a developing democracy in America with Jefferson calling the yeoman farmer “the salt of the earth.” That legacy took strong root in Delaware Township very early on in the person and activities of the township’s great son, John Opdyke.

### Historical footnotes:

Quotations from: *The Opdyke Genealogy* by Charles Wilson Opdyke, Weed, Parson and Co., Albany, NY, 1889.

Also:

“Headquarters—so named from the fact that Washington made the old stone house, still standing on the corner of the road, his headquarters for a few days during the Revolution. It is a two-story structure built in 1758.” *History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey*, James P. Snell, Everts and Peck, Philadelphia, 1881, p. 375.

### Delaware Township's Sesquicentennial

In 2013, Delaware Township will celebrate its 175th Anniversary. It's not too early to start thinking about events to commemorate this historic milestone. If you have ideas for community activities to help celebrate our anniversary, please contact Susan Lockwood at (609) 397-4265 or join us at the next Historical Advisory Committee meeting on March 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

### Historical Society

The Delaware Township Historical Society is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to discovering and memorializing the history and architecture of Delaware Township. We sponsor a variety of activities including historic lectures, special projects such as historic home documentation, hikes to historic sites, social gatherings, workshops, and other activities. If you have an interest in the historical aspects of Delaware Township and would like to learn more about our organization, please contact Pete Sudano, President, at 609-397-9264.

## Holiday Decorating Contest

The Recreation Commission would like to congratulate the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest. They did a spectacular job of decorating, as did many other residents. The Grand Prize went to the Gates Family on Rosemont Ringoes Road. They received a \$100 gift certificate to the Sergeantsville Inn. Other winners were: The Mills Family on Rosemont Ringoes Road, the Opydyke Family on Hewitt Road, and the Sawchuck Family on Sutton Farm Road. They received \$50 gift certificates to the Sergeantsville Inn or Maria Rosa Restaurant.

## Voter Registration

If you are a new Delaware Township resident or have never registered to vote and are eighteen years of age or older, please remember to register to vote at least 21 days before an election. According to State law, you must include your driver's license number. If you do not have a driver's license, you must include the last four digits of your Social Security number. The School elections are scheduled for April 27, 2011. Primary Election Day is June 7, and General Election Day is November 8. All voting is held at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company on Rt. 523. Voter Registration and Vote by Mail Ballot forms are available at the Township Building or at [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org). Also available on the site is information on registration and Vote by Mail Ballot deadlines.

## Resident Advisory Regarding Rabies

Animal Control Officer Rich Kiselewsky wants to remind all residents again that wildlife and feral cats should be left alone. If your dog or cat gets into a confrontation with a wild animal, put gloves on before you pick up or pet your animal. Deal with your pet as if it has been exposed to a rabid animal. If your pet has been exposed to a confirmed rabid animal and you then handle the pet, you will be responsible for the cost of preventative rabies inoculation shots for you. The cost for the shots can exceed \$10,000. You will also have to quarantine your family pet for up to 45 days.

Please contact Rich if you are exposed to potential rabies infection. 908-399-6074 (NOTE: NEW NUMBER!)

## The Great Crate Race Tradition

The Great Crate Race will celebrate its 23rd anniversary on Monday, July 4, 2011 (No Rain Date). This year the Race is dedicated to the memory of Bruce Mast. For more details or design requirements, or if you have a used crate looking for a new home, please call 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 23rd year-old Delaware Township tradition, The Great Crate Race. See you at the races!

## 2011 Hunterdon County Library Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Hunterdon County Library will hold their 15th Annual Used Book Sale of over 120,000 items on Saturday, April 9 and Sunday April 10 at the National Guard Armory, 422 State Highway 12 in Flemington. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Hunterdon County Library system. Free parking on premises and free shuttle service to parking at the County Complex.

Donate your clean, like-new hardback, paperback, children's, and large-print books, DVDs, videos games, CDs, LPs, and Books on Tape/CD. Check website for donations that will not be accepted.

Bring donations to one of the following Saturday Book Collections between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. March 5th and March 19th at North County Branch, 65 Halstead St., Clinton; March 12th and March 26th at National Guard Armory, Route 12, Flemington.

For more information: 908-638-4784, email [fohclfriends@gmail.com](mailto:fohclfriends@gmail.com) or visit: [www.hclibrary.us](http://www.hclibrary.us)

## Essay Contest for Scholarships

The New Jersey League of Municipalities is sponsoring the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship competition for high school Juniors and Seniors planning to continue their education after high school. It is an essay contest with the theme "What My Mayor and Governing Body Do Best." 500 words. Deadline March 11, 2011. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded statewide. Submit your essay to Mayor Ken Novak through Township Clerk Judy Allen by the deadline. Contact Judy for more information at 609-397-3240 Ext. 205.

## Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

For 2011, the Line Officers are:

**Chief:** Bill Powell  
**Deputy Chief:** Steve Freedley Sr.  
**Captain:** Mike Thomsen  
**1st Lieutenant:** Greg Bunting  
**2nd Lieutenant:** Shawn Warren  
**3rd Lieutenant:** Mike Cirlincione  
**4th Lieutenant:** Jay Trstensky

For 2011, the Administrative Officers are:

**President:** Steve Freedley Sr.  
**Vice President:** Ray Vanden Berge  
**Secretary:** John Smith Jr  
**Treasurer:** Jon Perlman  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Michael Lemmerling

If you are interested in volunteering for the SVFD, Please contact the company by phone at 609-397-3369, by e-mail at [sergfire@comcast.net](mailto:sergfire@comcast.net) or visit on the web at [www.sergeantsville.org](http://www.sergeantsville.org)

## Community Calendar

**March 10** Recreation Commission Family Roller Skating Party 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Frenchtown Roller Rink

**March 12** Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. No electronics, air conditioners, tires, etc. Call 908-788-1110 or email hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us for full information.

**March 12/13** Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring ahead!)

**March 26** Recycling at Township Garage 8:30am-10:30am

**March 26** Dilts Farm Clean Up Day 9 a.m. at the Park

**March 26** Computer and Electronics Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. Call 908-788-1110 or email hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us As of 1/1/11, electronic devices can't be disposed of in your trash.

**April 16** Recreation Commission Fishing Derby at Cope-lands' Farm 7:00 a.m. to Noon (see article) **NOTE EARLIER DATE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**

**April 22** Township Offices Closed

**April 23** Egg Hunt at Dilts Farm 1 p.m.

**April 27** School Board and School Budget Elections at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. **NOTE NEW DAY – A WEDNESDAY THIS YEAR**

**April 30** Recycling at Township Garage 8:30am-10:30am

**May 2** Summer Office Hours at Town Hall 7:30am-4:30pm

**May 7** Opening Day – Sergeantsville Farmers' Market 8:30 a.m. to Noon

**May 8** Mother's Day

**May 28** Recycling at Township Garage 8:30am-10:30am

**May 30** Memorial Day: DTS and Township Offices closed

**June 7** Primary Election Day at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company 6:00am to 8:00pm

**July 18-29** Summer Recreation begins 9am—Noon

**Sept 10** Township-wide Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Oct. 1** Community Day Noon to 5 p.m.  
(NOTE LATER DATE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR)

**Township Committee:** 8 p.m. on 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, Tuesday 5/31, and 6/13

**Planning Board:** 8 p.m. on 3/1, 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, and Wednesday 6/8

**Board of Health:** 7:30 p.m. on 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, and 6/6

**Board of Adjustment:** 7:30pm 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, and 6/9

**Recreation Commission:** 7:30pm 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, and 6/14

**Environmental Commission:** 7:30pm 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15

**Open Space Committee:** 7:30pm 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, and 6/20

**Agricultural Advisory Committee:** 7:00 p.m. on 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, and 6/21

**Shade Tree Commission:** 7:00pm 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, and 6/23

**D.T.M.U.A.:** 7:30 p.m. on 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, and 6/2

**Newsletter Committee:** 7:00 p.m. on 4/11

**Delaware Township Historical Society:** 8:00 p.m. on 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, and 6/16

**VFW:** March 30, April 27, May 25 and June 29 at 8:00 p.m. at the Delaware Township Municipal Building.

**Recycling Depot:** Teens looking for service hours are welcome to help at the Depot.

Saturdays – 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, and 6/25 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523 between Sergeantsville and Stockton. The following materials are currently accepted: Co-mingled glass, aluminum and bi-metal cans, and newspapers that have been tied securely with twine. If you would like to volunteer your help at the Depot, please call Recycling Coordinator Gloria Schellhorn at 609-397-1682. Thank you very much for recycling!

**Senior Citizens:** Delaware Township Seniors meet monthly and take great trips together!

**April 13 Wed.** “Spring Fling” Woodloch Hawley, PA Entrees served family style (no need to choose) Bus departs – to be announced. Members \$30.00 Guests \$35.00

**May 10 Tues.** “King Henry & The Showmen) Penn's Peak Jim Thorpe, PA Luncheon included. Bus departs – to be announced. Price – to be announced.

**June 22 Wed.** “On Golden Pond” Erhardt's Hawley, PA 11 a.m. Coffee and Apple Streusel; Noon Family Style Meal; 2 p.m. Show Bus Departs – to be announced. Members \$36.00 Guests \$40.00

For membership information call President Sandra Krahling at 609-397-0145. For trip information call Dottie Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635.

**Meetings:** at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

**March 2:** Regular Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m.

**April 6:** Regular Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m.

**May 4:** Regular Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m.

**June 1:** Covered Dish Lunch at Noon

### Seniors' Yoga Class

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers yoga classes at the Township Building. Two classes are offered each Friday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 for an eight week session. A new session began on February 18th and runs through April 15th. No class on March 18th. The next session will begin April 22nd. Call Kim at 732-690-4000 for more information.

### Delaware Township School Activities

**March 9:** Delayed Opening – In Service

**March 10,11:** Early Dismissal – Conferences/In-Service

**March 22:** Bd of Education 7:00pm DTS Perf. Arts Center

**April 15:** Early Dismissal

**April 18 - 25:** School closed – Spring Recess

**April 25:** Classes Resume

**April 26:** Bd of Education 7:00pm DTS Perf. Arts Center

**May 24:** Bd of Education 7:00pm DTS Perf. Arts Center

**May 30:** Memorial Day – School closed

**June 17:** Early Dismissal – In Service

**June 20:** Early Dismissal – Last Day of School (dependent on the weather)

**All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.**

### Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board Meetings

All meetings start at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library  
 March 7: Budget Introduction, March 21, March 28 (Budget Adoption), April 18, May 9 (Organizational and Regular Meeting), and June 20.

### 17th Annual School Auction: May 13, 2011

The 7th Annual Auction at the Mill goes Mardi Gras! Join the Delaware Township School Partners in Education (DTS PiE) for a night of beads, bidding and Bourbon Street style food and fun! DTS PiE is the new, reorganized support organization for our school, and all proceeds will benefit DTS PiE programming. Tickets are \$40 per person and will go on sale the second week of April. For more information regarding details, sponsorship opportunities or how you can help, please contact Jeannine Calhoun or Kathleen Herman, the Auction Chairs, at [dtspie@gmail.com](mailto:dtspie@gmail.com). Don't miss this opportunity for a fun-filled night out at the historic Prallsville Mill.

### Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead

Located on Rt. 29 near Lambertville, the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead is a museum of agriculture and life open every Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 pm beginning in May through the end of October. Holcombe Jimison has been re-arranging some of their exhibits and adding to others. The center room in the 1711 house has been under reconstruction for quite some time and should be ready for public viewing by May. This includes the original fireplace, hidden in the wall for over 150 years, that has recently been rebuilt. It will soon have a replica fireplace crane installed and several pieces of antique furniture will be displayed in the house.

We recently acquired Mr. FAMOUS the 8-foot papier mach'e chicken that was used as an advertising mascot by the Flemington Auction Market many years ago. He's been rebuilt and stands in our new poultry display.

The "line shaft" in the farm shop will be working and moving several pieces of equipment this year.

Other annual schedule of events follows:

**May 1st:** Opening day, we're open from 2-4 pm and will make hand cranked ice cream (samples available) There will be a members reception at 4 pm. Become a member and attend the reception.

**May 21st:** Delaware Herb Society of America will have their annual herb sale. These are the folks that maintain the wonderful herb garden located near the house on our grounds.

A friendly, non-exclusive group of people of various ages and various talents meets each Wednesday from 9 am to noon throughout the year to work on various projects at the museum. Anyone interested in farming, old agricultural implements and equipment and how people lived in this area 100 years ago are welcome to stop down and join us. Check for information and event details at [www.holcombe-jimison.org](http://www.holcombe-jimison.org)



### Run of the Mill 5K Race: June 5, 2011

The Susan and Chelsea Makara Foundation in partnership with Girls on the Run (GOTR) will be hosting its Fifth Annual Run-of-the Mill 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk on Sunday, June 5, 2011. This year's event will bring together more than 650 runners, families, youth, and community leaders including over 200 GOTR program participants. The Makara Foundation was founded in 2006 as a tribute to the lives of Susan and Chelsea Makara and served as the founding sponsor for the local council of GOTR. GOTR is an after school enrichment program that educates and prepares girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Race sponsorship opportunities are now available for the 2011 5K event. Pre-registration is recommended and is available on-line at [www.run-of-the-mill.org](http://www.run-of-the-mill.org).

### Amwell Church of the Brethren

**March 10** – Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner 6 p.m. One seating – Family Style. Reservations required. Donations – Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Call Barbara at 908-782-6206 or Estelle at 908-782-4548

**April 1 and 2** – Rummage Sale 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Refreshments available. Call Barbara at 908-782-6206.

**April 22** – Good Friday Evening Service 7 p.m.

**April 24** – Easter Dawn Service 6 a.m. Breakfast to follow. Second Service at 9 a.m.

**May 5** – National Day of Prayer Service 7 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

### Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

**April 16th** – "Lord's Auction" Browsing starts at 10 a.m. and bidding starts at 11 a.m. Lunch available. For more information call the church office at 397-2333.

**April 21** – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.

**April 22** – Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m.

**April 24** - Easter Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m

### Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

47 Sandy Ridge Road, Stockton, NJ 609-397-0371

John Valiant Jr., Pastor 215-297-0236

Morning Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

**March 19** – Flea Market 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Light lunch available with homemade soups and baked goods for sale.

Vendor tables \$18

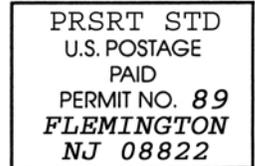
**April 21** - Holy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 p.m.

**April 24** – Easter Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

### Police Department News

On January 31st, the Township Committee officially appointed Edward Ziolkowski to Police Chief for Delaware Township. In addition, Richard Gordon was promoted to Sergeant to fill Chief Ziolkowski's former position. The Township also welcomes three new patrolmen: Robert B. Illes, Jr., James C. Dolbier, and Elliot J. Gray. The promotions and hiring were needed to maintain a full-time Police Department in light of the retirements of two senior officers and our loss of Chief Mast.

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### **Go Green on Earth Day**

**A**s we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, there are many websites that you can visit that will help you pick something to help the Earth! The first that comes to mind is the EPA website, as the EPA celebrates its 40th anniversary: [www.epa.gov/earthday/](http://www.epa.gov/earthday/), look for the pick 5 link. Another is [www.thedailygreen.com](http://www.thedailygreen.com). Try out an earth-friendly tip like:

- 1. Truly Turn Off Electronics.** Plug your devices – TV and DVD player, or computer and printer – into a UL-certified power strip; switch the whole group off for the evening to prevent electrical draw. [www.goodhousekeeping.com](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com)
- 2. Stop Idling.** Every moment you spend idling your car's engine means needlessly wasting gas, as well as rougher wear on your vehicle. Idling over 10 seconds wastes more gas than is needed for startup. Overall, Americans idle away 2.9 billion gallons of gas a year, worth about \$78.2 billion. ([www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/latest/green-tips-10-easiest](http://www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/latest/green-tips-10-easiest))
- 3. Turn Down the Thermostat.** It definitely pays to give a thought to your thermostat, since most households shell out 50 to 70% of their energy budgets on heating and cooling. For every degree you lower the thermostat, you will save between 1 and 3% on your heating bill. Do the same thing in reverse with air conditioning. ([www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/latest/green-tips-10-easiest](http://www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/latest/green-tips-10-easiest))

Every month on the last Saturday 8:30-10:30am, the Town opens the Recycling Depot on Route 523 at the site of the Public Works Department and the Police Station. You can bring: GLASS, TIN, ALUMINUM, AND NEWSPAPER!

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### **The Newsletter Committee**

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### **Basketball and Volleyball**

**A**dult Men's Basketball, Adult Co-ed Volleyball, and Teen Basketball/Volleyball continue at Delaware Township School. These activities are available to Township residents only. All skill levels are welcome! The games are friendly and lots of fun. Come once or come every time.

**Adult men's basketball** on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 3/1, 3/3, 3/8, 3/15, 3/17, 3/22, 3/24, 3/29, and 3/31 when the season ends.

**Adult coed volleyball** on Wednesday nights, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30 when the season ends.

**Teen coed basketball and/or volleyball** on Friday nights, 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 3/4, and 3/18, and 3/25 when the season ends.

**Adult women's basketball** on Monday nights has been cancelled due to lack of participation. If you want to form teams for the 2011-2012 season, please contact Judy Allen at the Township Building.

When school is closed, there are no evening activities.

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### **Township Committee 2011**

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Check Township website for officials, phone numbers, office hours, and meeting schedules.

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