

NEWS FROM THE

# Bridge

COVERING DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

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## Primary Election Day

When: Tuesday, June 5, 2007  
Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company  
Time: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Terms Expiring  
12/31/07: Jim McCue

Local Vacancies: One Township Committee position.

Township Committee Primary Election Candidates:  
Republican: Jim McCue  
Democrat: Michael Kronig

May 29 is the deadline for filing Civilian Absentee Ballot Applications by mail.

May 30 - June 4 by 3 p.m. File Civilian Absentee Ballot Applications in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office on Main Street in Flemington.

Voter registration and absentee ballot applications are available at the Township Building or on the web at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us) and click on "Voter Registration and Information." The County mails you the actual absentee ballots.

After marking your choices, you mail the ballot to the County Clerk in the envelope provided. You no longer need an excuse for an absentee ballot. Once you request an absentee ballot application, you are NOT permitted to vote in person at the Fire House.

## Road Department Summer Projects

The Delaware Township Public Works Department has scheduled several road maintenance projects this year, as follows:

Seabrook Road overlay (Grant funded project)  
Blacktop on: Lambert Road - 5,675 feet  
Strimples Mill Road - 2,100 feet  
Sandbrook Headquarters Road - 900 feet

Oil and Stone on:  
Covered Bridge Road - .77 miles  
Featherbed Lane - .475 miles  
Federal Twist Road - 1.82 miles  
Hewitt Road - 1.00 mile  
Lower Creek Road - 2.62 miles  
Raven Rock Road - 1.97 miles  
Sanford Road - 1.97 miles  
Strimples Mill Road - 1.99 miles

All work is subject to weather conditions and availability of Township funds for road projects. There will be signs posted the day before any work is to be done on these roads. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

--Jay Trstensky, DPW

## Farmer's Market Re-Opened

Saturdays, 8:30-12:00p.m.

The Sergeantsville farmer's market has reopened and is located at the town green across from the Municipal Building every Saturday morning through September. The Market features hanging baskets, potted flowers and plants, seasonal Jersey Fresh produce and herbs, honey, and organic popcorn and dog biscuits. Other vendors will provide Alpaca products, kettle corn, beeswax candles, and home made muffins, pies, scones, raspberry bars, brownies, and bread. Local artisans will be selling handwoven baskets, quilts, photographic prints and beadwork. Join your neighbors, support local businesses and have a good time, when you shop at the Delaware Township Farmer's Market. Please check the website for updated events, promotions and photos throughout the season at [www.sergeantsvillfarmersmarket.com](http://www.sergeantsvillfarmersmarket.com).

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## Zoning Review Continues

Next public meeting Saturday, July 14th: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Delaware Township School

On March 24, 2007, at a special joint meeting of the Township Committee and the Planning Board, the Zoning Review Committee presented its initial findings in the comprehensive review of the township's zoning regulations.

The Saturday morning meeting was held in the gymnasium at the Delaware Township School and consisted of brief presentations by both volunteers and professionals, followed by public comments and questions. The township's Professional Planner, Betsy McKenzie, spoke about how other communities are dealing with growth and zoning changes and what makes Delaware different. Matthew Mulhall, the township Hydrogeologist, spoke about his 2004 study of Delaware Township groundwater resources. Environmental Consultant Amy Greene spoke about environmental constraints to development including wetlands, steep slopes and habitat for threatened and endangered species.

Volunteer members of the Zoning Review Committee presented the draft Agricultural Base Study. This study is a comprehensive snapshot of the township's agricultural position relative to Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey.

Members of the public also had numerous questions and comments on the information and the process.

Since that March morning, the Zoning Review Committee has continued to meet and has brought on more professional assistance. The Township Committee hired Caroline Armstrong, former Director of the Hunterdon County Planning Board, who is now an associate with the planning firm, Melvin/Kernan Development Strategies. Caroline will be preparing the Master Plan revision and Betsy McKenzie our Township Planner will craft any new zoning regulations needed to implement the new Master Plan requirements. The community is also receiving planning support pro-bono through The Municipal Land Use Center at The College of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Technology Architecture program. Donna Drewes, a Professional Planner with the Municipal Land Use Center is assisting the Zoning Review Committee with project coordination and public outreach. Robin Murray, a professor at New Jersey Institute of Technology has been teaching a planning design studio class that used Delaware Township as their case study. Work produced through this class shows some innovative concepts that design students envisioned and also produced some interesting information and useful studies.

The Zoning Review Committee has been busy identifying and prioritizing the studies that will be needed to fully evaluate a solution to the zoning problems that have beset the township. A grant application was submitted to the Office of Smart Growth, a part of the NJ Department of Community Affairs, to assist with the associated costs. Progress is being made towards complying with State requirements for Master Plan Endorsement through the Office of Smart Growth. Endorsement encourages municipalities to assess the compatibility of municipal, county, regional and State Agency plans with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and with each other. An endorsed plan entitles municipalities and counties to a higher priority for available funding, streamlined permit reviews, and coordinated state agency services. The committee hopes to convince the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to consider streamlined approvals for alternate forms of septic treatment, which could enable tighter patterns of development and better resource protection.

Donna Drewes is spearheading outreach to local stake-

holders. It is the goal of the Zoning Review Committee to make this process as inclusive and transparent as possible so Donna will be conducting interviews with a number of residents to get the pulse of the community. This will help the Committee better understand the passions, concerns and opportunities expressed by a wide range of community members.

As the work progresses, the Zoning Review Committee will be holding more public sessions to solicit input from the residents of the township and to present its findings. Come and participate in the process. The next community meeting is on Saturday, July 14th. 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Delaware Township School.

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### Rain Barrel Water Recycling

“Save water” they say. “But I DO!”, you reply. You have low-flow toilets, low-flow showerheads, and a water-saving washer. “What more can I do?” you ask.

More, according to RAINBARREL GUIDE.COM, an on-line guide to fresh water preservation. And why is this important? According to this source, although the earth is covered by 70% water, less than 1% is considered fresh (usable) water. (The rest is salt water and fresh water locked up in glaciers). And even this small percentage is in danger of drying up or becoming so contaminated that it cannot be used.

If you have a well (as most Delaware Township residents do) many wells pump as much as 40 gallons per minute (GPM) from the ground. If your pump runs an estimated 15 minutes per day, you could be using as much as 600 gallons per day. The water from our wells comes from rainfall, filtered through the earth and delivered fresh and pure to our faucets. If you don't want to use this precious resource to wash your cars or water your garden, then consider getting a rainwater barrel.

This is a simple thing; a rain barrel with a spigot, located underneath one of your rainpouts. These barrels are available at many home and garden centers, as well as on-line (see “Bizrate”; or just look up “rainbarrels” or “rainwater catchment”). To keep out the mosquitos (which lay eggs in standing water), just fasten some netting over the top with a big rubber band or duct tape.

Anybody can do this; and you can't make the effort too big or too little, as every little bit helps. In addition to the obvious advantage of saving water in times of drought, this simple method, if used to water your garden, will provide plants with soft, mineral-free moisture. Your plants and the environment, will thank you.

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### Township Website

Look soon for the official Delaware Township website at [www.DelawareTwpNJ.org](http://www.DelawareTwpNJ.org)

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### Grass Clippings

Mowing season is here. Please remember that a Township ordinance prohibits mowing or blowing grass clippings onto roads.

## Historic Designation Update

Both the Township Committee and the Historic Designation Committee have been busy since the last issue of News From the Bridge in seeking historic designation status for a number of hamlets and localities within Delaware Township. In keeping with the overwhelming concern that township residents have indicated for preserving Delaware's cultural, scenic and historic heritage, the Township Committee has voted to engage the services of Dennis Bertland Associates, a historic preservation consulting firm, to assist in the process of applying for Sergeantsville's inclusion on the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places.

Sergeantsville is the first of several hamlets and localities that have been identified by the Historic Designation Committee, to be closely followed by an application for Rosemont. Mr. Bertland has been working with the residents of Headquarters village in their private effort to seek historic designation for their locality. As work starts on the application process, residents may expect to see Bertland employees in Sergeantsville studying the features to be included within the designated area.

The Historic Designation Committee has also submitted a grant application on the township's behalf to ANJEC, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions in order to help defray a portion of the expense of the historical designation process. In addition, to help reacquaint township residents with Sergeantsville's historic and scenic features, the Historic Designation Committee, with the help of the Delaware Township Historical Society organized a Sergeantsville Walking Tour that took place on Saturday, May 19, 2007.

It is important to reiterate what inclusion on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places does:

Listing on the Federal and New Jersey National Registers of Historic Places provides recognition that an area is of historic and cultural significance to the nation, state, and community.

Inclusion provides protection for all listed properties against projects of the federal, state, county and municipal governments that may affect the designated areas. All government projects would be subject to an extra layer of scrutiny to consider their impact on the historic, cultural, and scenic features of the properties included on the Registers of Historic Places.

Designation may confer tax and funding benefits to groups seeking federal assistance for historic preservation.

Designation on the National and New Jersey Registers does not:

Place any restraint on the individual property owner's use of their property that is not already established by current municipal ordinances. Individual property owners will still retain all their traditional freedoms of choice concerning their property's decorative and architectural features (house color, additions, porch addition or removal, barns, etc.)

Interfere with a private property owner's right to alter, manage, or dispose of property.

Delaware Township residents have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to acting as good stewards of the cultural, scenic, and historic heritage that we have inherited from our predecessors through the pursuit of farmland preservation and cooperating with the establishment of the Wickecheoke Creek Preserve. It is no accident that our township symbol is the Green Sergeant's Covered Bridge, a designated historic site. Township residents have undertaken private cooperative efforts such as the

Locktown Stone Church preservation, the Sand Brook Church Restoration Project, and now, the efforts of the Headquarters village residents to achieve historic designation for their locality. Township actions to extend protections from government encroachment are just the next logical step in sustaining our legacy. Listing Sergeantsville and Rosemont on the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places will be the first of those efforts to ensure our heritage.

For further information, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has a very complete description of Listing on the National and New Jersey Registers and how it differs from local historic preservation in an article entitled "Historic Preservation" available at the town hall or at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/4sustain/hparticle.pdf>

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### Be Bear Aware

Black bears that look for food near homes or in yards have likely learned bad habits from people who feed them intentionally, or who leave out food or garbage. Feeding bears invites trouble. It can make them a nuisance or even aggressive and dangerous. When that happens, the bears must be destroyed. It is also illegal to feed bears in New Jersey, with penalties of up to \$1,000 for each offense.

Taking the following steps to avoid attracting bears with food or garbage is the best way to prevent them from becoming a nuisance or a threat near your home:

Use bear-proof garbage containers. Otherwise, store all garbage in airtight containers, and place them along the inside walls of your garage or in the basement, a sturdy shed, or other secure area.

Put out garbage on collection day, not the night before.

Wash garbage containers with disinfectant solution at least once a week to remove odors. Draping rugs soaked in bleach also helps to eliminate odors.

Feed dogs and cats during daylight hours only. Immediately after feeding pets, remove all uneaten food and scraps as well as food bowls.

Clean outdoor grills thoroughly after each use. Grease and food residue attracts bears.

Do not place meat or any sweet food in compost piles.

Avoid feeding birds. They will survive without the supplemental seed that attracts bears. If you choose to feed birds, do so only during daylight hours, between December 1 and April 1, when bears are least active. Suspend the feeder from a free-hanging wire, at least 10 feet off the ground. Bring the feeder indoors at night. Clean up spilled seed and shells.

Pick up any fruit that falls from fruit trees daily, and discard it in your airtight containers.

Consider installing electric fencing to protect crops, beehives and small livestock, if you live in an area with a large bear population.

Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to your local police department or the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife at (877) 927-6337.

Visit [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) for more information on black bears.

## Preventing Septic System Problems

The Hunterdon County Department of Health's brochure on Well and Septic System Care notes that correct care and maintenance of your septic system helps ensure its proper functioning and longevity. Septic tanks should be pumped out by a licensed plumber at least once every three years. The Department of Health lists the following ways to prevent septic system problems:

Cut back on household usage - fix leaky faucets and toilets, and do not flush the toilet unnecessarily. Install low-flow fixtures for showerheads, toilets, etc.

Limit the amount of cleaning agents that you use, as they can be harmful to septic systems if excessively used.

Space your showers, laundry, and dishwasher loads, allowing your system to "rest" in between high-volume uses.

Never dispose of toxic and hazardous chemicals through your septic system. This includes paint thinner, surplus paint, oil, gasoline, and grease. These types of materials should be disposed of at the Hazardous Waste Clean-up Days sponsored by the Hunterdon County Solid Waste Department. For the next date call Hunterdon County at (908)788-1110.

Limit paper products to the absolute minimum and use white toilet paper to avoid product dyes. Do not put coffee grounds, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, or cat litter through your septic system.

Use of garbage disposals is illegal unless your system was designed for a garbage disposal.

Avoid using septic system clean additives. They are unnecessary and can interfere with the natural bacterial action of your system.

Have your septic system pumped out at least every three years to clean out accumulated sludge. Pumping extends the life and efficiency of your system. Pumping should be more frequent for older homes having septic tanks of under 1,000 gallons.

Before undertaking any septic system modifications (including repairs, modifications, or new installations), a permit must be obtained from the county Department of Health.

### Preventing Septic System Problems from Outside Your Home

Know exactly where your septic system is located before you have trouble. If you cannot locate it, ask a neighbor, the previous owner, or your builder to help you. You can also check the Hunterdon County Department of Health records. If no design records are available, the Department will refer you to other resources.

There should be no visible effluent, septic odor, or backup into the house. These warning signs indicate that a problem may exist.

Direct roof drains and sump pump discharges away from your disposal field. Systems do not work well if the drainage field is overloaded.

Do not physically abuse your septic tank or disposal field by parking vehicles or placing permanent structures, such as above ground pools, decks or driveways, over the area. Check with the County Health Department for proper setback distances.

Keep trees and shrubs from growing on or close to the disposal area. This prevents roots from clogging the distribution laterals.

When your septic system is pumped, the Hunterdon

County Department of Health recommends that you install a concrete riser, with locking lid, that is level with the ground. This makes checking and pumping the system much easier in the future.

If you have questions, you can call the Hunterdon County Department of Health at (908) 788-1351, or visit their website at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts).

## Local Student Competes in Junior Olympic Shooting Competition

*By Kiersten Frenchu*

I am a sophomore at Hunterdon Central and I shoot for the Somerset Junior Rifle Club, in Bridgewater, NJ, which has a long history of national and international championship winners. This spring, I represented N. J. at the 2007 National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships that were held in Colorado Springs, CO. I was there as the N. J. State small-bore rifle champion competing with the best girls from all over the country. I got to live at the Olympic Training Center (OTC) for a week, and got to meet resident athletes from all sorts of sports, many of whom were Olympians.

I shoot both small bore and precision air rifle, where you have to shoot at a target the size of the head of a pin at 50' away. It takes a huge amount of practice and mental training to be successful and steady. Shooters wear special stiff clothing to reduce movement, and concentrate to the point where they only fire shots between heartbeats for improved accuracy.

I first got interested in shooting when I heard about two local girls that both held national championship victories in shooting- Erin Skeuse (from Delaware Township) and Hannah Kerr (from East Amwell) They were both offered generous scholarships to join college rifle teams and both shot out of Somerset. Erin still holds several national records and her sister Ashley is currently a great college shooter.

The OTC is a beautiful sports complex with state of the art facilities. The cafeteria food was incredibly fresh and healthy with my favorite being the fresh fruit smoothie/all you want ice cream bar! Besides the shooting competitors, there were athletes in swimming, cycling, wrestling, judo, fencing, women's weightlifting, and Paralympics volleyball. Olympic celebrities were everywhere including the legendary men's gold medal winner, Lones Wigger, and current men's gold medal winner in shooting from New Jersey, Matt Emmons. Apollo Ono, champion Olympic speed skater, was away filming a TV show. More than anything, the women's bronze-medal winning Paralympic volleyball team was truly inspiring in how they overcame real tragedies in their lives. I'll never forget them. They even let me try on their bronze medals from Athens!

Every year, state championships are held and for 2006, I won in a tie breaker with a score of 559 in small bore. I have been shooting for 2 years and competing for almost 1 year. So, although I didn't win any medals this time, I represented N. J. and did my best. I finished in the middle of the group, which I think was O.K. I recently won the NRA indoor air rifle sectional with a 385 out of 400, so, I'll keep working hard. I am going to nationals in Ft. Benning, Georgia. and hope to continue the shooting legacy set by the other great shooters from Hunterdon County.

## Stone Arch Culverts and Bridges

by James Drummond, Township Historian

The historic rural nature of Delaware Township is partly revealed by the continuing use of arch culverts and bridges lining the Township's old roads. Even though they are threatened by a growing population and increasing traffic, the strong tradition of bridge preservation in Hunterdon County as a whole and Delaware Township in particular (as evidenced by the preservation of New Jersey's only covered bridge) should go far to preserve these sometimes hidden treasures. The stone arch bridges and culverts are of special historic interest because they are the remains of the earliest type of permanent crossings built in the township and county.

The first dated stone bridge in the county lies within Delaware Township and was constructed in 1801 on the old Easton-Trenton Turnpike over a branch of the Wickecheoke Creek just beyond Old Croton Road on County Route 579. The arch predates the Turnpike, which took over an existing right of way, a common early practice in road construction. One side of this beautiful specimen is still in pristine condition with a perfect high arch, stone that is solidly cemented, and a retaining wall at the top that looks as if it were constructed yesterday rather than over 200 years ago. The opposite side is somewhat less perfect with a bit of deterioration but nevertheless having a gorgeous arch. Out of 101 remaining arch structures in Hunterdon County, Delaware Township has a few spread throughout the community. Significantly, the number of stone arch bridges in Hunterdon County is the largest concentration of such structures in North America.

The arch bridge type dates back to 3000 B.C. in China and was used extensively by the Romans. A short span of less than 20 feet was called a culvert and a clear span of 20 feet or greater was designated as a bridge. These structures were ideally suited for crossing the many streams and tributaries that crisscross Hunterdon County. Roads in the 19th century were improved in Hunterdon primarily as a means of moving farm produce to market.

The County Board of Chosen Freeholders spent a great deal of time deliberating the construction of bridges and would convene each May to assess bridge damage reports and travel from bridge site to bridge site for a week evaluating the necessity for new bridge construction. If they decided to build a new bridge, they would appoint a committee to design the emplacement. Construction was put out to bid and the contractor pool included local stone masons, carpenters, mill owners, and farmers.

The construction material for the bridges was readily available in the County with large deposits of indigenous rock

including sandstone, shale, and limestone nearby. Prall's quarry, close to Lambertville, was often the source of stone used in building many of the local bridges, and Mr. Prall's price was ten cents a load. That stone was especially easy to quarry and dress because it was softer than stone farther north. At times, some bridge material was also collected from the nearby stream bed.

These bridges were not formally engineered but were small scale, rustic emplacements which were built crudely from the locally available materials following simple patterns of configuration. However, these southern Hunterdon bridges were often characterized by careful craftsmanship and were structures of basic, yet classic construction. This is particularly true of the bridge located on Sandbrook-Headquarters Road at the intersection of Lambert Road in the Township. This beautiful sandstone structure has a shallow arch to reduce the hump in the road. The sandstone used in southern Hunterdon was easier to cut than the granite used in northern Hunterdon County bridges and resulted in a more finished appearance as is evident in the Sandbrook bridge. The sandstone in the bridge was obtained from the quarry at Stockton.

Another of Delaware's culvert/bridges is located in Sandbrook itself on Sandbrook-Headquarters Road and has a similar rustic, yet finished appearance much like the other Sandbrook Road bridge. A further classic stone bridge in the Township lies at the juncture of Lambertville-Headquarters Road and Buchanan Road. This particular bridge has rough stone construction but also, interestingly, has a perfectly square opening for the small tributary stream to flow beneath it.

Other Delaware Township stone bridges of note and their locations are:

- (1) Pine Hill Road, north of Old Mill Road
- (2) Yard Road, near Sandbrook-Headquarters Road
- (3) Buchanan Road, near Lambertville-Headquarters Road
- (4) Worman Road, near Route 523
- (5) Federal Twist Road, near Strimples Mill Road

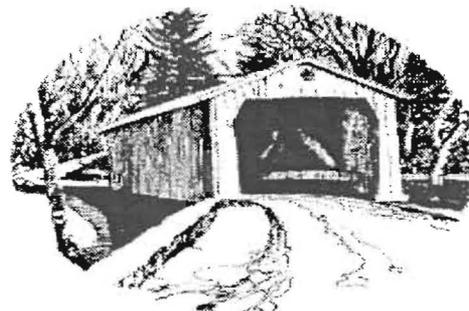
The Delaware Township Bridge Advisory Committee developed a Bridge Management Plan in August, 2003, and convinced the County to preserve a "handful" of historic bridges in the Township. Professional analysis of Hunterdon's remaining stone bridge structures has recommended re-pointing the mortar in 10 to 20 year cycles and possibly limiting nearby development or redirecting traffic. Meanwhile, slow down and take a closer look at these wonderfully functional reminders of the past.

### Historical Society Events

The Delaware Township Historical Society has a few activities remaining before breaking for the summer. They are:

Locktown Stone Church Essay Contest on June 6 at 7:30 p.m. (at Locktown Church). Awards will be presented to the eighth grade students from the Delaware Township School. The topic of the essays will be the history of residential development in Delaware Township; and

A possible joint meeting at 8pm on June 12 (at the township building) with other historic societies in the township (Locktown Church, Prallsville Mill, Holcombe-Jimison, Sandbrook Church). Please call Charles Frischmann at (609) 397-9317 for confirmation of this meeting.



After June, the Historical Society will reconvene Tuesday, September 11th at 8:00 p.m.

# Community Calendar

**June 5** Election Notice: Primary Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

**June 16** Computer/Monitors/Electronics & Propane Tank Collection Day at Hunterdon County Library 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 908-788-1110 for information.

**June 17** Father's Day

**July 4** Fourth of July - Township Offices closed

**July 14** Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day at Hunterdon County Library 9a.m. - 1p.m. Info: 909-788-1110

**September 3** Labor Day - Township Offices closed

**September 8** Township-Wide Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine!)

**September 29** Community Day at Dilts Farm Park Noon to 6p.m.

**Township Committee:** Mondays: 8 p.m. on 6/121 6/25, 7/9, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27, and 9/10.

**Planning Board:** 8 p.m. on Wednesday: 6/6; Tuesdays: 6/19, 7/3, 7/17, 8/7, 8/21, and 9/4.

**Board of Health:** Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/4, 8/6; Wed.: 9/5.

**Open Space Committee:** Mondays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/4, 7/2, 8/6; Wednesday: 9/5.

**Agricultural Advisory Committee:** Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. on 6/19, 7/17, 8/21 and 9/18.

**Board of Adjustment:** Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, and 9/13.

**Recreation Commission:** Tuesdays: 7:30p.m. on 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, and 9/11.

**Environmental Commission:** Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, and 9/19.

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

**Shade Tree Commission:** Thursdays: 7:00 p.m. on 6/28, 7/26, and 9/27

All residents are invited to attend any and all Township meetings.

**Recycling Depot:** Last Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Township Garage on Rt. 523. 6/30, 7/28, 8/25, and 9/29. Volunteers are needed. This is a great service opportunity. Call Recycling Coordinator Alan Johnson at 609-397-3547.

**Township Building Office Hours:** Beginning May 7, 2007 and continuing through Friday, September 28, 2007, 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.

## Run of the Mill 5K Race

**June 3, 2007** - benefiting the Susan and Chelsea Makara Memorial Fund. Go to [www.run-of-the-mill.org](http://www.run-of-the-mill.org) for information and registration form. Contact Nora Matthews at [nora64@earthlink.net](mailto:nora64@earthlink.net) to volunteer.

## Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

**June 12** Past dinner from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Golf outing at Heron Glenn Golf Course. Call 609-397-2333 for more information.

## Locktown Grange

**June 16** Chicken Barbecue at the Locktown Grange 4 - 7 p.m.

## Amwell Church of the Brethren

**June 8** Gospel Music Concert with the Browders 7 p.m.

**July 9-20** Vacation Bible School - 3 years through High School. For information and registration contact Barbara Waldron at 908-782-6206 or online at [www.amwell.org](http://www.amwell.org) (VBS)

**July 28** Gospel Music Revival Meeting 7 p.m.

**July 29** Revival - Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

## Senior Citizens

New Members Welcome! Residents interested in joining the Delaware Township Seniors' Group should contact Mary Hoff at 609-397-2505.

Meetings:

**June 6** - Luncheon at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company at Noon. Free to Members.

No meetings in July and August.

**September 5** - Covered Dish Luncheon and regular monthly meeting at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company at Noon.

## 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.

## DTAA Activities

Call Matt Baldwin at 609-397-1040.

## Delaware Township School Activities

**June 8** - 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip

**June 8** - Elementary School Field Day

**June 15** - Middle School Field Day

**June 19** - DTS Eighth Grade Dance 7:00 p.m. Lambertville Rescue Squad

**June 22** - Last Day of School 1:30 p.m. Dismissal

**June 22** - DTS Promotion 6:00 p.m. in Gymnasium

**September 5** - First Day of 2007-2008 School Year

## Delaware Township School Board of Education Meetings:

6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room

## Recreation Commission Activities

### Tennis Anyone?

The Delaware Township Recreation Commission will be sponsoring two Adult Tennis Clinics this June at Dilt's Farm Park Tennis courts.

**Session 1** will be held June 18, 19, and 20 from 6 - 7 PM, and

**Session 2** will be held June 25, 26, and 27 from 6 - 7 pm. The cost of either session is \$30.00. All levels of experience are welcome!

Pick up an application at Town Hall.

**All Meetings are at the Town Hall Unless Otherwise Noted.**

### Calendar Continued

**Youth Summer Tennis Classes** will be offered at Dilt's Farm Park for Beginners and Advanced Beginners from Four Year Olds to teenagers. There will be four sessions this summer offered in the AM and the PM:

**Session 1** Mon. June 25 - Fri. June 29

**Session 2** Mon. July 9 - Fri. July 13

**Session 3** Mon. July 16 - Fri. July 20

**Session 4** Mon. July 23 - Fri. July 27

The cost is \$50 per session, and applications are available at Town Hall. Information: Laura Darby 609-397-5932.

#### Tennis Court Repairs

The Tennis Courts will be closed the first two weeks of August for repairs.

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### Summer Recreation

Summer Recreation will be held at the Delaware Township School the weeks of July 9 - 13, and July 16 - 20 from 9 - 12 noon, for students who have completed Kindergarten through 8th Grade. An Application form can be picked up at Town Hall.

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### Delaware Township Community Day

The Delaware Township Community Day will be held this year on Saturday, September 29th from Noon to 6 p.m. at the Dilts Farm. There is no rain date. More information will be available in the next newsletter, but please mark your calendars now! If you would like to volunteer to help, even for an hour or two, please call the Township Building at 609-397-3240.

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### Township Yard Sale-September 8th

The Recreation Commission will host the Township-wide yard sale on Saturday, September 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents interested in participating should register at the Township Building by calling 609-397-3240 no later than August 31st. There is no fee to register for the sale. Maps locating participating households will be available for purchase beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the sale at the Township Building. The Township will advertise the sale in the Democrat. Take advantage of this opportunity to downsize your clutter!

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### Updated Regulations for Township Sponsored Events

On April 30th, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance #2007-12. The Ordinance states that no dogs, except any guide, service and/or working dog in use pursuant to the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and no other domesticated animal shall be permitted at community events sponsored by Delaware Township, including, but not limited to, the Egg Hunt, Community Day, Fishing Derby, Dilts Farm Clean Up Day, and any such community event that may be identified by resolution of the Delaware Township Committee, except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Delaware Township Committee.

### Notice to Comcast Customers

On or about April 1, 2007 Comcast will establish a discount for senior citizens and disabled citizens who meet the eligibility requirements of the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled" program (PAAD). Eligible residents who apply will receive a ten percent discount on the Limited Basic level of cable television service. As of January 1, 2007, the maximum income limits are less than \$22,572.00 if single or less than \$27,676.00 joint income, if married. Other eligibility requirements apply. To receive this discount, customers must present proof of eligibility and fill out an application that can be obtained at any Comcast service center, online at [www.comcast.com/njpaad](http://www.comcast.com/njpaad) or by calling Comcast at 1-877-654-5075.

Remember that Comcast has purchased Patriot Media effective later this year. At that time, the entire Township will be covered by Comcast Cable. Former Patriot Media customers eligible for this program can then apply to Comcast.

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### Extended Passport Hours

The Hunterdon County Clerk's office is open on certain Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. and on Saturday mornings between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to process passports. No appointment necessary. Call 908-788-1221 for dates.

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### "ICE" Your Cellphone

ICE stands for "In Case of Emergency." Emergency responders can contact your family if you are involved in a medical emergency that leaves you injured, helpless or unconscious. Open cell phone address book. Enter emergency contact names and numbers under the notation "ICE", for example, ICE-MOM. Tell your contacts that they will be called in an emergency. For more information go to [www.NJHA.com](http://www.NJHA.com)

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### Police Sergeant Chet Naples Retires

The Township congratulates Police Sergeant Chester (Chet) Naples on his retirement. Committeeman Alan Johnson fondly recalls that Chet first came to Delaware Township with his family as a 4th grader. He was a great athlete and a member of the Delaware Township School Basketball team that won the 1975 championship.

Sergeant Naples comes from a family of law enforcers. His father was a U.S. Marshall, and his sister a Secret Service agent.

Sergeant Naples first joined the township police force in 1983. He was promoted to Corporal in 1995 and to Sergeant in 2002.

Sergeant Naples currently resides in West Amwell with his wife, Lisa, and son, Matt.

While Chief Bruce Mast and the rest of the township will miss him, we wish him many happy, healthy and leisurely years!

## 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 around here 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. Treatments are 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 in use or not. Note: The State of New Jersey has not funded any money for black fly spraying in many, many years. Thanks to Pennsylvania, residents can enjoy their back yards in the summer.

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## 19th Annual Great Crate Race

The 19th Annual Delaware Township Great Crate Race will be held Wednesday, July 4th (Rain date, Saturday, July 7th). The Great Crate Race anticipates a milestone in 2008 when we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our township's July 4th tradition. Russ Webb, co-coordinator of the event for the last few years, is excited by the turn-out and support at last year's race and is hopeful the event will remain a township tradition for a long time to come.

The committee looks forward to even greater community involvement this year as the DTS-PTA plans to join in the festivities, offering activities between race divisions, as cars are returned to the top of Lower Ferry Road. After the success of last year's parade, Louisa Stewart will again organize a parade to kick off the day's event. Finally, the committee decided to reinstitute the original organizers' practice of holding an art contest through the DTS art classes as a means to get the students excited about the race and to promote the event. Thanks to the assistance of Ms. Mikula, DTS Art teacher, many wonderful entries were submitted and winners have been chosen. Be listening for the big announcement!

Like last year, there will be strict rules regarding registration and the building of one's own car. Sharing cars within the same division is not an option. We are hoping to add a few extra safety precautions as well. So start designing those cars and plan to celebrate Independence Day with a time-honored Delaware Township tradition, The Great Crate Race. (Participation is limited to residents of Delaware Township.)

Look for more information through the township school or at Town Hall, or call Russ Webb at 908-782-1205.

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**Great Crate Race: July 4:**  
**Township Yard Sale: September 8: 9:00am-3pm**