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Voter Registration

If you are a new Delaware Township resident, are 18 years of age or older, and have never registered to vote, 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 20, 2010. Primary Election Day is June 8, and General Election Day is November 2. All voting is held at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company on Rt. 523.

Voter Registration and Vote by Mail Ballot forms are available at www.njelections.org or at the Township Building. Also available on the website is information on registration and Vote by Mail Ballot deadlines.

Historic Designation: Rosemont

The Rosemont Rural Agricultural District was officially listed on the State Register of Historic Places on February 10, 2010. Congratulations to the residents of the District and to all of those who supported the designation effort!

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Message from the Mayor:

I am happy to be able to help out the Township by serving as Mayor this year. As many Mayors have done in the past, I asked our Committee members what their goals are for this year.

Deputy Mayor Kristin McCarthy says that she wants the Committee to come up with a satisfactory 2010 budget while still maintaining an active open space program and addressing road and stormwater issues.

Committeewoman Susan Lockwood said she would like to complete the Historic Designation process for Sandbrook. She would also like to move forward on a new police building even if the Township cannot actually break ground in 2010 due to budget issues.

Committeeman Roger Locandro would also like to get the 2010 budget straightened out. He agrees that a police building is important since the police have been in a trailer for 20 or more years.

I too am concerned about the budget this year. However, I know that Committeemen Locandro and Ken Novak, as the Finance Committee, will do a good job on the budget. Everyone will have to work together because, based on problems with the State budget and the economy, it will be a very hard budget year for municipalities.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on the budget and any issues of concern to you, throughout the year.

—George Hrehowesik

Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

The Recreation Commission congratulates the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest. The Grand Prize went to the Scott Daly Family on Sandy Ridge Rd., who won a \$100 gift certificate to the Sergeantsville Inn.

2nd place went to the Gerald Hopkins Family on Lambertville-HQ Rd.

3rd place winner was the Wayne Blanchard Family on Sutton Farm Rd.

4th place winner was the Ronald Charlins Family on Britton Road.

2nd and 3rd place winners received \$50 gift certificates to the Sergeantsville Inn. The 4th place winner received a \$50 gift certificate to Maria Rosa Restaurant.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution: 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: you name it, and it ends 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 these 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.

And remember to:

- * 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, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- * Municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

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:

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org. Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution
Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
609-633-7021

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 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 for an eight week session. New sessions begin on March 5th and run through April 30th. No class on April 2nd. Call 908-788-1361 for more information.

Keeping Your Home Safe From Radon

Radon. You can't see it, smell it or taste it, yet it may be lurking inside your home, presenting a significant health risk to you and your family. Radon is a radioactive gas produced by the natural decay of uranium found in soil and water. It is harmless when dispersed into outdoor air, but once trapped indoors, it can reach elevated levels and pose a much greater threat. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among non-smokers in this country.

Radon typically seeps into your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Any home can have a radon problem, whether it is new or old, well-sealed or drafty, with or without basements. The only way to know if you are at risk for radon exposure is to test your home. Winter is one of the best times to test your home for radon because doors and windows are sealed tight against the cold, which ensures a more accurate radon reading.

Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive. Test kits can be purchased in hardware stores, from the County Department of Health or online at www.sosradon.org. If you buy your test from a retail store, make sure that the kit is labeled with the New Jersey certification number of the company that produced the test kit (the number will begin with "MEB9" followed by 4 digits). For best results, the EPA recommends that the radon test be conducted in the lowest livable level of the home, such as the basement or first floor. Alternatively, residents may choose to hire a New Jersey certified radon measurement company to perform the testing. A list of certified companies, including companies that can mail you a do-it-yourself test, is available at www.njradon.org.

The EPA recommends that houses with radon levels of more than four picocuries be vented to prevent accumulation of the gas indoors. If your home does have an elevated level of radon, a qualified radon mitigation contractor can make repairs to solve the problem and protect your family. Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation is a basic part of most approaches to radon reduction, however in most cases, a system with a vent pipe and fan is used to reduce radon.

To learn more about radon go to www.epa.gov/radon, or call 1-800-SOS-RADON.

Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company Recognizes Members and Local Businesses for Their Contributions

The Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company, at its annual banquet in January, recognized several of its outstanding members and also many local businesses and individuals that repeatedly donate services, manpower and funding to the Company. The honorees are as follows:

Firemen of the year: Shawn Warren

Top Responders: Rich Madden, Steve Freedley Sr., Charlie Higgins, Ralph Della Badia

Presidents Award: Jon Perlman

Fire Company Attorney: Greg Watts, Flemington

CPA: Jim D Aloia, Stockton

G & R Construction: George Hrehowsik, Flemington

Phil Kaffitz: Friend

Sergeantsville Grain & Feed: Jim McCue, Sergeantsville

JP Martin Excavating: John Martin, Stockton

Ralph Anthony's Automotive: Ralph Anthony, Pittstown

Whitetail Locksmith: Donnie Haines, Stockton

Bobbi's Place: Bobby and Paul Horvath, Sergeantsville

Fishers Auto Body: Ray Fisher, Flemington

Richard E. Yard Plumbing & Heating: Richard Yard, Stockton

Altvater & Sons Roofing: Joe Altvater, Flemington

Sweet Valley Farms: John, Joe & Family

Associate Member: Mark Richardson

Swzeds Landscaping: Tony Swzed, Flemington

KL Electrical Contractor: Kevin Lauyer, Stockton

Rodriguez Associates: Tom Rodriguez, Stockton

CJS Landscaping/lawn treatments: Charlie Sheaf, Flemington

Shop Rite: Joe and Jeannie Colalillo, Flemington

Phillips Fine Wines: Dick Phillips, Stockton

Bale Out: Skip Opdyke, Stockton

Delaware Township Police Dept: Chief Mast

Delaware Township Public Works: Jay Trstensky

Delaware Township Municipal Utilities Association

And last, but not least, many thanks to our chief contributor: the **Delaware Township Committee**.

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum

The Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead is a museum of agriculture and life in Delaware Township. It is a great place to visit and bring the family. The Farmstead is open every Sunday 1-4pm from May 2nd through October 31st. Donation: \$5 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Check for information and event details at www.holcombe-jimison.org

March:	Farmstead display of artifacts and information at the Hunterdon County Library on Rt. 12, Flemington
May 2nd	Opening Day 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. Pot Luck Supper at 4 p.m.
May 15th	Delaware Valley Herb Society Plant Sale 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. If plants remain, the sale will be open on May 16th.
June 27th	Annual Meeting 2 p.m., Farmer Honor Roll, light refreshments
August 7th/8th	Lambertville Civil War Reenactment - \$10 admission fee, children under 12 free. Saturday – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday - 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sept. 11th/12th	Farmstead Festival – Museum, petting zoo, demonstrations, hay rides, and more. Light lunch is available. Admission Fee. See website for details.
October 31st:	Closing Day and pot luck supper

Meet Your Neighbor: Jeanette Smith

By Mary Coffey

You are truly as old as you feel. At 85, Jeanette Smith feels great.

Jeanette Smith worked as clerk in the Sergeantsville Post Office for 44 years, beginning December 7, 1956. During all those years, she sorted mail and waited on customers. In the early days, she had to take home all the stamps, cash, and blank money orders at the end of the day and take them back the next because there was no safe.

At first, she worked out of the General Store as there was no regular post office building. Her only heat was a kerosene stove, and one of her jobs was to turn off the stove every evening and re-light it every morning. Sometimes there was too much kerosene, and the resulting smoke was “a mess”. The office had no telephone, so every time she had to make a call she had to use the General Store’s phone. It also had no bathroom, so whenever there was need, she would close the office with a sign saying “Back in a few minutes” and go across the street and use the bathroom in the Municipal Building.

When the Post Office moved to the present building down the street from the Municipal Building, it was “like heaven”. She finally had her own space in which to work, a safe in which to store their stock, and a telephone and bathroom of her own. But her adventures continued. In the winter of 1996, she remembers all the ice and snow which lasted for many weeks. One morning the Delaware Township police arrived at her front door to give her a ride to work. Another day, a firetruck took her to the post office. She says with a laugh, “The mail always got through even if I had to walk to work...”

The children of the community also added to her experiences. Each year she weighed the cars for the Cub Scouts as they prepared for the annual Pinewood Derby. “What a wonderful thing”, she says, “to watch these children as they grow up.”

When she retired on March 1 in 2001, mayor George Hrehowesik declared February 28, 2001, as Jeanette Smith day. She was awarded a special plaque (citing her hard work and friendly smile), and her name was featured on the bulletin board outside the township Municipal Building.

Like many township people, her beginnings were modest. The only child of Edward and Edna Pegg, Jeanette was born in the house on Sergeantsville-Stockton road in which she continues to reside. Her father was a carpenter, and while growing up she lived there with her parents and grandparents. She has fond memories of growing up in the town and being surrounded by her cousins, and she still has some cousins in Lambertville and Stockton. Her great grandfather was Joseph Smith, a Freeholder from Delaware Township the year the covered bridge was built. She remembers as a child going with her grandfather in a horse and buggy across the covered bridge. Mrs. Smith went to Kendall Grammar School (across from the feed store), a two-room schoolhouse with one room “first through fourth” and the other one “fifth through eighth.” Then she graduated from Lambertville High School, which had 60 pupils in her class at the time.

At the age of 19, she married her husband Levitt

Smith, who had a farm outside of Sergeantsville. They had three children: Suzanne (a teacher at Delaware Twp. school), Linda, who lives in Sergeantsville, and Karen, who now resides in Delaware. As her father and mother lived with them and were able to look after the girls, when the opportunity was presented she was able to go to work at the post office, working also at Stockton, Rosemont, and Ringoes post offices, substituting when someone was out or on vacation.

Her husband Levitt farmed outside of Sergeantsville with his father. After his father died, he went to work at the Flemington Egg Auction, helping to grade the eggs and market them to different buyers. After that business closed, he retired. He passed away ten years ago. They had been married 56 years at that time. She has lived alone for the past ten years, but continues to have a very full life.

When she retired from the post office, her life did not slow down. She became president of the Delaware Township Senior Citizens, where she conducts the meeting each month, as well as going to different senior citizen functions. She is also president of the Sergeantsville United Methodist women, based in the Sergeantsville Methodist Church, where she has been a member for the last 59 years. They also meet once a month, doing a lot of mission work, and they have “a nice group of women who are hard workers.” This mission work involves contributing to causes which need help, such as the recent tragedy in Haiti. They gather supplies and/or money and send it on to the Methodist Conference for distribution to various organizations, such as the Red Cross. Her daughters, Suzanne and Linda, live close by and visit often. She also sees friends “a lot” and goes out to lunch with them frequently. The recipe for long life, Mrs. Smith says, is “to keep busy.”

Mrs. Smith has watched how the village of Sergeantsville has changed over the last 85 years. She has mixed feelings about the desirability of the township for many new home buyers. She remembers when there were far fewer houses, and you knew all your neighbors. Sometimes they would get together at night for birthday parties and things. Now, you often don’t even know who your neighbors are. On the other hand, with new homes being built, there are new people to meet constantly. While she was still working, it was a wonderful experience getting to meet and know each customer. Sometimes she reminisces about the old days, but says she knows that “the only sure thing is change.”

2010 Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Hunterdon County Library will hold their 14th Annual Used Book Sale of over 120,000 items on Saturday, April 10 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday April 11 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at the National Guard Armory, 422 State Highway 12 in Flemington. All proceeds benefit the Hunterdon County Library system. Free parking. Details about donating books, DVDs, and other items to the sale are at: www.hclibrary.us or call 908-638-4784 or email fohclfriends@gmail.com

Historical Society

The Delaware Township Historical Society (DTHS) announced that its ongoing Historical Structure Documentation project surpassed 40 houses, barns, and other structures within the town. Architectural details, site plans, historical ownership, and other aspects are described along with extensive illustrations and photos. The Society would like to thank all the homeowners who graciously granted access to their 18th and 19th century homes and buildings. A copy of the documentation is available at the town hall. If you are interested in having your 18th- or early 19th-century buildings recorded (free of charge and without obligation or restrictions), or if you have questions regarding the dating and care of these wonderful structures, please feel free to contact Marilyn Cummings 609-397-5363 or Carla Cielo 908-284-9638.

The DTHS plans for more local lectures, roundtables, hikes, and events in 2010. A tentative schedule includes the yearly Historic Hike in April, a Sandbrook Walking Tour in May, a Celebration of Rosemont's Historic Designation in June, a fundraiser in the fall, lectures at town hall in September, October, and November, and an annual holiday party in December. A tour of the NJ Statehouse in Trenton is being organized, pending availability.

The DTHS has also formed a new subcommittee to study Historic Bridges.

The DTHS meets at the town hall on the third Thursday of each month (except January and December) at 7:30pm. For more information, contact Pete Sudano, president, at 609-397-9264.

Sergeantsville Farmers' Market

As the days are getting noticeably longer, and Spring is rapidly approaching, The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market begins preparing for a brand new season. The Market will start on Saturday, May 8 (Mothers' Day Weekend) and be open from 8:30 until noon, every Saturday thru September.

"We had a great season last year. All of our vendors plan on returning again this season, and we've spoken to several new ones who are interested in joining us", says Jack Gaskill, Market coordinator. "The Market has become more than a place to pick up things for dinner or the home. It's become a social meeting place for residents of the community" says Jack. "I think everyone, vendors and patrons alike, look forward to catching up with old friends, and meeting new ones".

Entering its 5th season, the market is located on the Village Green in the middle of Sergeantsville, across from the Municipal Building parking lot. It is a true, producers market requiring that all vendors either grow or manufacture the products they sell. Offerings include: lettuce, Kale, rhubarb, onions, garlic, carrots, peas, beets, tomatoes and peppers, varieties of beans, eggs, baked good, beef, (including grass fed), pastured pork, organic chicken, landscape plants and flowers, sweet corn, pumpkins and squash. Craftspeople, such as baskets by Martha and custom em-

The Delaware Township Book A Thank You to the Contributors

By James Drummond

The pictures in the recently released Arcadia Publishing Company book, *Images of America, Delaware Township*, have been receiving rave reviews. It has been striking to hear such comments as "Pictures make the story real." Special thanks to Paul Kurzenberger for sharing and explaining his 30-year long collection and to Dave Bond for the use of his family's collection, particularly the graphic action shots taken by his mother literally "out in the field" over the years.

The scrapbooks from Carla Mackey and from Gary Hinesley and Maggie Clare provided insights into farm life and the many structures within the Township.

Finally, Blanche Carl opened the archives of the Amwell Church of the Brethren and continually provided background on the church and life in the Township over the years. The "Busy Bees," a women's group at the church, also contributed greatly to community insights. Others, such as Chief Bruce Mast and Charley Higgins shared valuable pictures of town life as well.

Overall, here and there, a good number of Township citizens contributed valuable stories and pictures that encouraged the on-going completion of the project. Judy Allen, Township Clerk, and other town hall people also facilitated the collection and safe movement of pictures from donors. Thanks to all who cared so much.

The introduction of the book has met with enthusiasm in all the local sales outlets. Frank Napp and Ginny Lee of WDVR, our local radio station, also interviewed me about the book and gave an invitation for a return session to share more stories. Prallsville Mill will conduct a symposium with a paper to be given by me about the book on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at 2pm at the Mill on Route 29.

The natural excellence and uniqueness of Delaware Township plus the culturally-caring citizens have combined to provide some insight into change over time in the Township.

The proceeds from the book sales will go equally to the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, the Delaware Township Historical Society, and for funding of storage materials for the Township's archives.

Farmer's Market (con't)

broidery by Plum Brook Designs, are also regular vendors. Bring the kids and enjoy pony rides by Keona Farm and pet the Alpacas from Abenaki Acres. Weekly entertainment includes cooking demonstrations using market produce, live music, square dancing, and more. Stay tuned for some new offerings this season.

Anyone wishing to become a vendor can contact Jack Gaskill at 908-268-3641, or e-mail at jgaskill@its.jnj.com. Patrons interested in joining the e-mail list can also call or e-mail. "We want to provide folks with up-to-date information on what's in season, along with any special events we have planned".

So mark your calendar for May 8! Supporting local farmers and producers helps keep Delaware Township rural and green. Think Spring!!!

Community Calendar

March 11	Recreation Commission Family Roller Skating Party 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Frenchtown Roller Rink.
March 13	Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunterdon County Library on Rt. 12. No electronics, tanks, air conditioners, etc. Info at 908-788-1110 or e-mail hcu@co.hunterdon.nj.us
March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring ahead!)
March 27	Recycling Depot at Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
March 27	Dilts Farm Clean Up Day 9 a.m. at the Park
April 2	Township Offices closed
April 3	Egg Hunt at Dilts Farm 1 p.m. (see article)
April 10	Electronics Collection Day: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunterdon County Library on Rt. 12. Info: 908-788-1110 or email hcu@co.hunterdon.nj.us
April 20	School Board and School Budget Elections at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co.
April 24	Recreation Commission Fishing Derby at Copelands' Farm 7:00 a.m. to Noon.
April 24	Recycling Depot at Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
May 3	Summer Office Hours begin at Township Hall 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
May 9	Opening Day – Sergeantsville Farmers' Market 8:30 a.m. to Noon
May 9	Mother's Day
May 29	Recycling Depot at Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
May 31	Memorial Day – DTS and Township Offices closed
June 8	Primary Election Day at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Comp. 6:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
July 19	Summer Recreation begins 9 a.m. to Noon through July 30th
Sept 11	Township-wide Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sept 25	Community Day Noon to 5 p.m.
Township Committee:	8 p.m. on 3/8, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, Tuesday 5/25, and 6/14
Planning Board:	8 p.m. 3/2, 3/16, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1
Board of Health:	7:30 p.m. on 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, and 6/7
Board of Adjustment:	7:30 p.m. 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, and 6/10
Recreation Commission:	7:30 p.m. 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, and 6/8
Environmental Commission:	7:30 p.m. on 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, and 6/16
Open Space Committee:	7:30 p.m. 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21
Agricultural Advisory Committee:	7:00 p.m. on 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, and 6/15
Shade Tree Commission:	7:00 p.m. 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24
D.T.M.U.A.:	7:30 p.m. on 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, and 6/3
Newsletter Committee:	7:00 p.m. on 4/12

Recycling Depot:

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

Saturdays – 3/27, 4/24, 5/29, and 6/26 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 Environmental Commission Chairperson Roger Locandro at 609-397-3944. Thank you very much for recycling!

Delaware Township Historical Society

Meetings and special programs are held 7:30 p.m. on 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, and 6/18 at Township Hall.

VFW

Meetings are on March 31, April 28, May 26 and June 30 at 8:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Delaware Township School Activities

March 11: Early Dismissal – Conferences/In-Service

March 12: Early Dismissal - Conferences/In-Service

March 23: Board of Education 7:30 p.m. DTS Performing Arts Center

April 1: Early Dismissal

April 2-April 11: School closed – Spring Recess

April 12: Classes Resume

April 27: Board of Education 7:30 p.m. in DTS Performing Arts Room

May 25: Board of Education 7:30 p.m. in DTS Performing Arts Room

May 31: Memorial Day – School closed

June 22 and 23: Early Dismissals - Last days of School (dependent on weather)

Hunterdon Central High School Board Meetings

All meetings start at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library
March 15, March 22 (Budget Adoption), April 19, May 3 (Organizational Meeting), May 17, and June 21.

Delaware Township Community Education Foundation Fundraiser

Save the Date: May 15, 2009

The DTCEF is busy planning its annual fundraising event for May 15th at the Prallsville Mill. This year will see some new and exciting changes to the event, but as always it will be a fun and exciting evening.

Proceeds from the event go to the DTS School to fund many worthwhile activities. Community participation is greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information, contact Caryann Besser at 908-806-2404.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Senior Citizens

Delaware Township Seniors meet monthly and take great trips together!

March 17 Wed. "The Great America Song Book" Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Choice of menu provided when signing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. Members and Guests - \$51.50.

April 28 Wed. "Joseph" 1 p.m. Sight and Sound Lancaster, PA Luncheon Family Style at Hershey Farm – 11 a.m. Bus departs from Serg. Vol. Fire Co. at 9:00 a.m. Arrive home around 5:30/6 p.m. \$74 Members \$80 Guests

May 4 Tues. "All Star Polka Party" at Brownstone Paterson, NJ 1 hour \$1 Drink Bar – Family Style Luncheon – Beer and soda at table. Bus Departs SVFC 9:30 a.m. Arrive Home around 5/5:30 p.m. \$45 Members \$50 Guests

June 23 Wed. "The Heavenly Concert – Elvis and Patsy Cline" – Doolans Spring Lake, NJ One hour open bar – Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Leave SVFC 9:30 a.m. Arrive home around 5/5:30 p.m. \$43 Members \$48 Guests

For membership information call President Jeanette Smith at 609-397-3472. For trip info, call Dottie Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097.

Meetings:

March 3 – Regular Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

April 7 – Regular Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

May 5 – Regular Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

June 2 – Covered Dish Lunch at Noon at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

Historic Designation: Sandbrook

Following on the success of the Sergeantsville and Rosemont historic designations, the Township Committee authorized the Historic Designation subcommittee (now reconstituted as the Historical Committee) to pursue designation for Sandbrook. The Subcommittee has met with some residents preliminarily but will be pursuing outreach in 2010 to all residents of a potential Sandbrook historic district. The Subcommittee is anticipating an outreach meeting and/or walking tour of the potential district in the spring. The recent issue with the bridge reconstruction on Route 523 and the ensuing impacts to the residents of Sandbrook, serves to reemphasize the value of designating areas of historical importance in the Township.

As a reminder, the Township is seeking historic designation for Sandbrook for the following reasons: For public recognition of the district's historical, architectural, scenic and cultural significance; to protect the district from the encroachment of well meaning, but possibly ill-planned government (state, county, and municipal) projects that would damage or destroy the historic, architectural, and scenic nature of Sandbrook; and to aid possible eligibility to apply for rehabilitation and restoration grants and loans as they become available.

The Township is NOT seeking to: place any restriction on the individual property owner's use of their property

Recreation Commission

March 11: 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 only \$2 per person. Rental for Quad skates is \$2, and in-line skate rental is \$3.50 extra.

March 27: Clean Up Day at the Dilts' Farm Park at 9 a.m. Please bring work gloves and rakes to spruce up the Park.

April 3: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 3 at 1 p.m. Snow, Rain or Shine at the Dilts Farm Park. Bring a bag or basket and wear appropriate shoes. The hunt is open to children ages toddlers through 5th grade. 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.

April 24: 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.

Adult Tennis classes at the Dilts Farm Park Courts; \$30 per session (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.):

Session 1 – June 7-9

Session 2 – June 14-16

Session 3 – June 21-23

Session 4 – June 28-30

Summer Youth Tennis Camp \$50 per session (5 one-hour classes); Morning and Afternoon Sessions:

Session 1 – June 28-July 2

Session 2 – July 5-9

Session 3 – July 12-16

Session 4 – July 19-23

Session 5 – July 26-30

Session 6 - August 2-6

For more info, call Laura Darby at 609-397-5932.

Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 3/2, 3/4, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/25, and 3/30 when the season ends.

Adult women's basketball on Monday nights has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Adult coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31 when the season ends.

Teen coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights, 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 3/5, and 3/19 when the season ends.

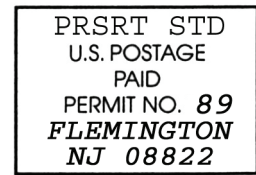
When school is closed, there are no evening activities.

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that is not already established by current municipal ordinance; interfere with tradition freedoms of choice such as house color, additions, removals etc; or interfere with a private property owner's right to alter, manage, or dispose of property.

For questions about historic designation, contact any member of the Subcommittee or Susan Lockwood at (609) 397-4265. The Historical Committee has established the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 at the Town Hall for their meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

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Do You Know Where You Live?

There are many situations where you are asked your place of residency. It is probably the most important question in the upcoming 2010 Census! Please indicate that your residence is Delaware Township to guarantee an accurate count for the Township. Your mailing address may have a Flemington, Stockton, Ringoes, Rosemont, Lambertville or Sergeantsville zip code, but you are all Delaware Township residents.

Residency errors sometimes come to the attention of the Township. Quite often, new parents list their zip code town as their residence on Line 7C of birth certificates. This requires a correction in the birth certificate. Please list Delaware Township on Line 7C on birth certificates.

If you want emergency responders to know where you live, please follow the requirements under Township Ordinance #92-10. It requires that street identification numbers no less than 3 inches in height and made of reflective material be mounted so they face the access road on which the building fronts. If the house is more than 100 feet from the roadway, then the numbers shall be posted on the house AND within 50 feet of the road. A quicker emergency response may make a huge difference in saving lives and property, so please add these numbers if missing and check to be sure your numbers are highly visible.

Great Crate Race

The Great Crate Race celebrates its 22nd anniversary on Saturday, July 3, 2010. (No Rain Date). For more details or design requirements, or if you have a used crate looking for a new home, please call Russ Webb at 908-782-1205 or Tammy Wiszniewski at 908-246-8731. Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall or "backpacked" home through DTS by request.

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Run of the Mill 5K Race Sunday, June 6, 2010

Get ready to run, jog or walk the 4th Annual Run-of-the-Mill 5K race taking place at the Prallsville Mill on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. (Same day registration at 7:00 a.m.)

Sponsored by the Susan and Chelsea Makara Foundation, the proceeds from this event have helped to fund local Girls-on-the-Run chapters and other community based programs. Pre-registration is recommended and is available online at www.run-of-the-mill.org. All details for the event are on this website where you can also find information regarding fees, event sponsorship, volunteering opportunities and the Foundation's achievements.

Questions? Contact makarafoundation@yahoo.com.

Join us on race day to remember and celebrate the lives of Susan and Chelsea Makara.