

Community Day: October 1st

Community Day will be Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Road. As in previous years, representatives from local businesses, civic organizations and government agencies will be on hand to share information about their services. Also during the afternoon, ceremonies will be held to present the awards for Employee of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. So bring the whole family and join your neighbors for what promises to be a fun and festive afternoon. Learn why our community is such a wonderful place to live!

This year marks the return of the hot air balloon launch at dusk with a designated tailgating area (BYO Wine and Beer allowed, 4pm to 6pm).

Festivities will include music, food and beverages, antique auto and tractor show, hay rides, and inflatable rides for children. Admission to the event is free, although there will be a nominal charge for the inflatable rides. We hope the State Police helicopter will fly in for a visit.

Attention Bakers: New this year: a baked goods contest. Submit your favorite pie, cake, or other baked good for judging.

Please note that there is no rain date and that dogs are not allowed at this event. For more information on Community Day, please contact Recreation Commission member Jen Gillooly at 908-884-8482.

Sergeantsville Farmer's Market is still open, 8:30am to noon, Saturdays, through the end of September!

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General Election Day

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP IS NOW IN THE 16TH NJ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, NOT THE 23RD DISTRICT.

When: Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company, Rt. 523

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

Terms Expiring: 12/31/11:

Susan Lockwood and Kristin McCarthy

Local Vacancy: Two Township Committee positions

2011 Democrat Candidates:

Susan Lockwood and Kristin McCarthy

2011 Republican Candidates:

None Filed

October 18 – Last Day to Register to Vote for November General Election

Mail-in Balloting: You do not need an excuse to vote by Mail-In Ballot. Anyone and everyone can vote by mail. To receive the ballot by mail, the Mail-In Ballot application must be received in the County Clerk's office by November 1st.

You can vote by Mail-In Ballot in person at the County Clerk's Office on Main Street in Flemington during regular office hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; on the following Thursdays until 7 p.m.: Oct. 13th, Oct. 27th and Nov. 3rd; and on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Oct. 15th, Oct. 29th, and Nov. 5th. The deadline for returning a Civilian Mail-In Ballot Application in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office is November 7th by 3 p.m.

Voter registrations and Mail-In Ballot applications are available at the Township Building and online at www.njelections.org. Click on "Voter Information." Under "How to Register" click on "Vote by Mail Ballot" and then click on "Hunterdon County." Mail the application to the Hunterdon County Clerk at P.O. Box 2900 Flemington, NJ 08822. Her office will mail you the actual ballot. You complete the ballot and return it to her office by mail or in person.

Township Yard Sale: Sep. 10th

The Township-wide yard sale will be on Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Residents can register by calling 609-397-3240 x205 no later than September 6. There is no fee to register for the sale. Maps locating participating households by street location will be available for purchase beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sep 10 at the Town Hall.

Meet Your Neighbor: Andrea Mergentime

By Mary Coffey

On the outside, her house has the same quaint charm as most Delaware Township farmhouses. Then you walk inside. Her living room is painted tangerine orange; her office impatiens pink. Upstairs, a guest bedroom is midnight blue, and her spacious bedroom has a loft ceiling with a beautiful stained glass window backdrop. The rooms are decorated with antiques, mid-eastern wall hangings, oriental ceramics, and oil portraits done by local artists. It sounds a bit daring. Yet, it all works together and is lovely.

Andrea is a native of Hunterdon County. Her father had a Civil Engineering company called Mergentime Corp. based out of Flemington. During the 1960's, they lived on a farm in Franklin Township, near Cherryville. On their farm they raised beef cattle. She was in 4H and one year won first place for Cleanest Horse Barn. She went to North Hunterdon High School and then majored in Art History at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. She spent her Junior year in London doing an internship with the art museum at Oxford. It was exciting and fun, and like many young people raised in the country, she headed to the big cities after graduation. Soon she worked in Manhattan at Pace Gallery.

There she met a man (now her ex-husband) whose brother lived in Paris. They moved to France, stayed for five years, and Andrea learned to speak French. In Paris she worked in the fashion industry for an American couturier named Patrick Kelly. To this day, Andrea has a dream of starting a book club here in Hunterdon which would read and discuss French books. "Easy French books," she hastens to add.

After returning to New York, she got a job in the television industry, doing sales and promos. She became head of marketing, doing trade shows in Europe and South America, and flying all over the US. When an opportunity came up to work for a Los Angeles company which wanted to open an East Coast office, she contracted with them. But as time went by, she wanted a more tranquil life, and returned to her roots in Hunterdon County.

She bought her Delaware Township house and moved in on December 1st., 2000. At a New Year's Eve party, she met Carl Klingler who became her partner. Carl's father, who had lived on Hamp Road with his herd of Brown Swiss, was reputed to have had the "Cleanest Cows in Hunterdon County." (Coincidence, or fate?) Then her Dad died in February. With these three things occurring within the space of three months, she decided that fate was giving her a nudge, and this was where she was meant to be. When her contract with the LA company expired, she began living permanently on Raven Rock road.

With her work in marketing and sales, and her interest in houses, their features, decorations, and possibilities, it seemed natural that she was attracted to real estate sales. She knows the Hunterdon area well, and got her NJ and PA real estate licenses. When Lisa James Otto Country Properties in Stockton offered her an opportunity to work there, she accepted. Three years ago, they came up with the idea of having "Stockton Day." Andrea went to different businesses asking for support and this became an official town celebration.

She also became active in community organizations such as the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, the New Jersey Con-

servation Foundation, and is a member of the Prallsville Mill.

She has a lot of sweat equity in her house. She painted most of the interior, and she and Carl built the vaulted ceiling in the bedroom. They also restored the stone wall in front of the house. She rototilled all the property around the house, and has a beautiful garden.

Andrea likes her job with Lisa James Otto Country Properties partly because she is happy with her home and with decorating it. "I love showing people around houses that are so full of potential; and they may get ideas from seeing the properties whether or not they actually buy. It's such a beautiful part of the county," Andrea says. "I'm so happy to be back here."

Land Preservation Outreach Event: September 14th, 8pm

The Delaware Township Open Space (OS) Committee is sponsoring an information session on land preservation on Wednesday, September 14th at 8pm, at the Township Municipal Building. The OS Committee has identified property consisting of 30 acres or more as potentially eligible for preservation. Landowners are encouraged to come and learn about the funding available to support both agricultural and non-agricultural preservation efforts through State, County and Non-profit programs.

Municipal, County and State program coordinators, as well as representatives from non-profit organizations, will be on hand to share information and answer any questions regarding the process to leverage these funding opportunities. Invited presenters include representatives from the County and State Agriculture Development Board and Committee (CADB and SADC respectively); Green Acres; and non-profits including the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and Hunterdon Land Trust.

Land conservation helps to protect the rural character of our community and provides many social, physical, economic and environmental benefits that enhance the quality of life for all area residents. To obtain more information about open space preservation, call Jim Borders, Open Space Coordinator, at 609-397-9112.

Free Rabies Clinic: December 3

The Delaware Township Board of Health will sponsor a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Township Garage located at 816 Sergeantsville Road (Rt. 523) between Sergeantsville and Stockton. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Pets must be rabies certified through October 2012 in order to obtain a 2012 license. This clinic is for vaccinations only. We will not be accepting licensing information and payment at the clinic.

ALL DOGS AND CATS must be licensed in Delaware Township NO LATER THAN February 28, 2012 in order to avoid late fees. License form is on the Township's website www.DelawareTwpNJ.org and in the next newsletter. For more info: call Erica DiGiovanni at 609-397-3240, Ext. 207. Remember – a vaccinated pet is a healthy pet!

Household Clean-Up Days 2011-2012

Delaware Township is initiating a new Clean-Up Day program to provide residents with more opportunities to get rid of household items at a minimal cost. Participants will still bring their materials to the Township Garage on Rt. 523 but the service will be available from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the third Saturdays of October and November, 2011, and April, June and August, 2012.

The biggest difference is that residents who wish to participate **MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT UP TO THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE** from the Town Hall for each bi-monthly clean-up day. Only 40 permits will be issued for each day and **THERE IS A FEE**.

* Passenger car: \$10.00

* Pick-up truck: \$30.00

* Trailer only (may be no larger than truck bed with no side extensions): \$30.00

* Tire without rim (16" diameter maximum, limit 10 per family or business): \$5.00

In addition, the following applies:

* Proof of residency (e.g. driver's license, current tax bill, or voter registration card) must be provided at the time of application, along with the license plate number of the vehicle that will be used.

* Residents may obtain one permit bi-monthly. A new permit must be obtained for each clean-up day.

* This permit must be presented at the clean-up day before you will be allowed to unload your vehicle.

* Vehicle unloading is the responsibility of the resident, though Township personnel will be available for assistance with heavy or bulky items.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE: All electronics such as computers, monitors, and televisions; Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators (with or without Freon), and propane tanks; All types of metals; Building materials comprising no more than one half of a standard pick-up truck load and not exceeding four feet in length.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE

ACCEPTED: Household garbage; Hazardous waste (gasoline, chemicals, explosives, etc.); Animal carcasses; Concrete; Stumps.

Questions? Call Town Hall at 609-397-3240 or visit www.DelawareTwpNJ.org

175th Anniversary Committee

Delaware Township celebrates its 175th Anniversary in 2013. Members of the Historical Advisory Committee and Members of the Recreation Committee are joining together with other interested residents to plan a series of events to be held throughout the year 2013. Do you have an idea for an event or activity or would you like to join the organizing committee? If so, please contact Judy Allen at 609-397-3240 or Susan Lockwood at 609-397-4265.

Township Employees Shift Job Assignments

The faces are the same, but some Township employees have new assignments.

Tax Collector Brigid Pfenninger retired as of April 1st. The new Tax Collector, Donna Griffiths began work on May 30, 2011. Donna works Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Township Building. Ext. 203.

Assisting Donna is Deputy Tax Collector Danene Gooding who has taken on additional responsibilities in the Tax Office. Danene works Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ext. 203.

Erica DiGiovanni is now the Animal Licensing Agent and is also handling scheduling for the Dilts Farm Park. For questions regarding a dog or cat license or for park scheduling, Erica works Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ext. 207.

Landscaping at the Town Hall

When you drive past the Town Hall, you probably remark how beautifully the Building is now landscaped. Muffie Geissler started this attractive and colorful project last year with the help of local businesses that donated plants, containers and mulch. On any given morning, Muffie is hard at work planting, watering and deadheading flowers. Recently Charlie Scheaf of CJS Landscaping donated and spread mulch and added more flowers. The Township really appreciates their contributions and labor. Do you have a green thumb? Muffie still needs annuals and especially perennials. If you have extra lilies, hostas, Rudbekia, iris, etc., please contact her or call the Township. Thank you, Muffie and Charlie!

Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company Celebrates 60th Anniversary

The Sergeantsville Fire Company reached a milestone 60 years of all volunteer service. Following a push for organization in 1950, 49 men and one woman attended the first meeting on July 3, 1951. Paul Hockar was the first fire chief and has been followed by thirteen dedicated and able leaders, culminating with current chief William Powell. The all-volunteer force, currently listing 25 active members, serves most of Delaware Township and provides mutual aid to surrounding fire departments. The company belongs to the South County Tanker Task Force, LDH Strike team, and Brush Strike Force. Multiple fire apparatus are maintained by the company, including a 1997 Engine, a 2008 Rescue Engine, a 2001 Brush Truck, a 2004 Dodge Durango Command Center, and 3 trailers for generators, pumps, and educational fire prevention services. A 1989 Water Tender was recently sold to a company near Pittsburgh and a new 3000 gallon tender is on order. SVFC is funded through the Township and via private donations. It is actively recruiting members over the age of 16 for all levels of participation. Applications are available any Wednesday night after 7 pm at the firehouse on Rt. 523 just south of Sergeantsville.

Delaware Township's Agricultural Heritage

By Jim Drummond

Delaware Township has primarily been rural and agricultural from the first European settlement in the late 1600s up until very recent times; consequently, any real understanding of its history must encompass an insight into the dynamics of tilling the soil and the attendant activities connected with that enterprise. The somewhat fading agricultural heritage can still be seen very strongly today in the physical makeup of the Township, from 18th century stone fence remains to barns and other structures constructed over the past 300 years.

Most of the agricultural emphasis was on general farming for the first 150 years. The John Barber farm on Lambertville-Headquarters Road, near Dilts corner, was a good example of such a farm in 1850. It had 90 acres with six horses and mules, six milk cows, five "other cows," twenty sheep, and nine hogs. There is, even today, a pasture and hayfield on that farm which has been productive agricultural land for over 200 years and still produces hay in abundance. This kind of diversification was fairly typical of farming during that early period with many types of animals giving dairy products, meat, wool, eggs, and even transportation.

The Township's economic development centered on agriculture; but the political, social, and cultural elements of life there also focused on farming as they evolved. At times, shifts in agriculture came slowly and hardly changed for scores of years, while at other times the shifts were quick and drastic. Once one has awareness of this dynamic of change over time, the very physical environment tells a story of that evolving agricultural activity, much like reading the rings in a tree which can tell the story of climate fluctuations.

The great dairy barns of recent times still stand, as can be seen on the Bodine farm when one travels up Route 523 out of Stockton. The abundant remains of large chicken houses are evident all over the Township, as they once served the chicken and egg production of the 20th century.

Specialized, market-oriented farming began late in the 19th century as roads, railroads, and industrialization opened large, often nearby, markets for the Township's agricultural production. During the Civil War, sorghum gave way to flax and then peaches shipped out on the railroad late in the 19th century. The 20th century brought a shift to eggs and chickens and later dairy farming through mid-century. Vegetable products were also grown for the large populations of New York City and Philadelphia, as the Township lay almost exactly halfway between each of those urban monoliths. This commercialization was, of course, a blessing at times but at other times the dependence on favorable price levels led to hard times in the Township.

The Grange and Farmers Alliance groups of the late 19th and early 20th centuries were very active in the Township as they stood for farmers' rights. The Cooperative Auction Market had 200 members in and around Delaware Township in the middle 1930s and passed the million dollar mark in production of eggs and chickens at the Flemington market site after just five years of operation. Farmer members were given a brass shield, with a number on it, and these are still proudly displayed on buildings by some local farmers. One of the Township's most important farmer-citizens was the very last president of the "Egg Auction" as it ceased opera-

tions in the latter part of the 20th century.

This "local history" story is available within the environment of Delaware Township. To "read" it, keep alert to the necessarily extensive physical emplacements of that farming heritage which are all about us as we travel around the Township. But, more importantly, conduct your own "oral history" project. Talk to our current and retired farmers and to their children...they have an important and fascinating story to tell!

Township Works With County To Update Historic Sites Inventory

In preparation for the 300th anniversary of Hunterdon County in 2014, the Hunterdon Co Cultural and Heritage Commission seeks the Township's assistance in the re-inventory and digitization of its 'Historic Sites of Hunterdon County' published in 1979. Their goal is to confirm the continued existence of previously identified structures, and if possible to document these structures with digital photographs of exteriors. The updated survey will be available to the public in a format to be determined.

The project will start in the Fall with oversight from the Township Historic Advisory Committee. Volunteers are needed to help with re-documentation of properties from the 1979 County survey as well as from a Township-sponsored 1984 survey. Both surveys can be reviewed at the Township building (please see Judy Allen). Interested in volunteering? Please call Judy Allen at the Township 397-3240 x205.

Recreation Commission B-ball, V-ball

As of press time, the Recreation Commission requested permission from Delaware Township School (DTS) Board of Education to hold the following recreational activities. Approval from DTS is first required, so dates and times are tentative only.

These activities are not held when there is no school that day. DTS activities take precedence over Recreation Commission activities. These recreational activities are available to Township residents only. All skill levels are welcome! The games are friendly and lots of fun.

* **Adult men's basketball** on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 4th through April 2012.

* **Adult Coed volleyball** on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 5th through April 2012.

* **Teen Coed basketball** and/or volleyball on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 7th through April 2012.

* **Adult women's basketball** on Monday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria October 3rd through April 2012. (Note: last year, lack of participation caused cancellation of women's b-ball. If interested, come early and often).

Locktown Stone Church Concerts

The Friends of Locktown Stone Church will be sponsoring the Mimi Conklin Upmeyer 2011 Fall Concert Series. All concerts start at 4pm and last approximately one hour.

Sunday October 16th: City Winds Trio

Sunday October 23rd: String Trio (two cellos and violin), featuring David Bakjamian

Sunday November 6th: Anton Del Forno, guitar

Concerts are made possible in part through grants from the Large Foundation, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through funds administered by the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

The Friends of the Locktown Stone Church, Inc. is 25 years old this year. The non-profit corporation was started before the building was leased from Delaware Township. The building is available for wedding rentals and is the site of several different types of events. Visit our website at www.locktownstonechurch.org

Bruce Mast Memorial Walkway and Police Facility

You can help become part of the legacy left by Police Chief Bruce Mast by becoming part of the very foundation of the Bruce Mast Memorial Walkway leading up to our new police station by contributing for a memorial brick or paving stone.

- * Engraved center walkway bricks 12"x12" at \$1,000 each.
- * Engraved single 4"x8" edging bricks at \$300 each.
- * Single bricks with "BMMW" at \$75 each.

Engravings (12x12 and 4x8 bricks) are for up to three lines of 21 characters per line. Make checks payable to Delaware Township Memorial Police Fund. Mail to Attn. Judith Allen. P.O. Box 500, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557 501(c) (3) tax deductible (check IRS Tax Code 170)

Donations of any amount are also gratefully accepted and appreciated. For more information, contact Roger Locandro via the Town Hall.

Thank you to Saunders Jewelers in Flemington

Every year the Township Committee selects the Eighth Grade Citizenship Award winner, the Volunteer of the Year, and the Employee of the Year. Their names are engraved on plaques that are on permanent display at Delaware Township School and the Township Building.

Saunders Jewelers in Flemington generously donates their engraving services. The Township really appreciates this contribution and commitment to the community. Thank you, Saunders Family!

Winning 8th Grade Essay by Genia Simon

Police Chief Bruce Mast was a great person in Delaware Township and he should not be forgotten. Due to his kindness, dedication and service to Delaware Township a memorial should be constructed in Delaware Township in his honor.

Chief Mast was born in Glen Cove, NY on February 7, 1958 and died December 28, 2010 in Raritan Township NJ (The Times). When he was five, he moved to Delaware Township and lived his whole life here. He went to school at Hunterdon Central High school and then college. He joined the department 32 years ago and was the police chief for his last nine years.

"His passing is a great loss for the township because he was very well liked and respected. Everybody in town depended on Bruce. They took him at his word, and when he said something they knew he meant it. I never met anyone who didn't like Bruce. He treated people right," said Mayor George Hrehowesik. (Hunterdon County Democrat)

People said that whenever they had a question Chief Bruce Mast would always know the answer. He was a very trustworthy, honest and reliable person. He was known for handling problems in a respectful way, even in the hardest situations. He was admired and looked up to by many people. One reason was because he thought of police officers as a part of the community rather than above it. (HC Democrat) Another reason was that he was always fair and earned a lot of respect.

He had three daughters which all attended Delaware Township School and two attended Hunterdon Central High school (The Times). He requested immediate retirement a month prior to his death due to his illness (HC Democrat). Overall, Chief Bruce Mast was a great father, friend and policeman.

Chief Bruce Mast was known throughout the whole community and will not be forgotten. He has served 32 years in our police department so he is the perfect person to be memorialized in Delaware Township.

Once the new police station is constructed the memorial should be the United States of America flag and a plaque honoring him under it. He was proud to be an American and enjoyed his job, so whenever someone drives past the new police station they will see the flag and remember chief Bruce Mast and everything he did for our community. The plaque underneath would say:

Chief Bruce Mast
Served the Delaware Township Police Department
for 32 years
A loving father, good friend, and hard-working policeman
Born February 7, 1958
Died December 28, 2010

This plaque would make sure his name lives on in the future generations. Because of his kindness, dedication and service to Delaware Township there should be a flagpole with the United States of America flag in front of the new police station. Chief Mast served most of his life as a police officer protecting our community and kept all of us safe for 32 years. He was a great person in our community and this flagpole and plaque will ensure that he will not be forgotten.

Community Calendar

September 5: Labor Day - Township Offices Closed

September 10: Township Wide Yard Sale 9 a.m. – Noon
Maps for sale at 8:30 a.m. at Township Building

September 14: Open Space Preservation Outreach Meeting
8 p.m.

October 1: Community Day 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Dilts Farm
Park on Buchanan Rd.

October 8: Computer and Electronics Collection Day

October 10: Columbus Day – Township Offices Closed

October 15: March on Litter Day 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Dilts
Farm Park

October 15: Township Clean-Up Day 8-10am Twn Garage

October 30: Halloween Party at Sergeantsville Volunteer
Fire Company Parade starts at Delaware Township School at
2 p.m.

November 5-6: Thanksgiving in the Country Annual House
Tour

November 6: Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall back!

November 8: Election Day 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote at
Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co.

November 11: Veterans Day – Township Offices Closed

November 12: Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day

November 19: Township Clean-Up Day 8-10am Twn Garage

November 24: Thanksgiving Day – Township Offices Closed

November 25: Township Offices Closed

December 3: Free Rabies Clinic at Township Garage, Rt.
523 10 a.m. to Noon

December 3: Kids visit with Santa, 11am-1pm, Town Hall

Township Committee: (usually Mondays) 8 p.m. on 9/12,
9/26, Tuesday 10/11, 10/31, 11/14, 11/28, and 12/12.

Planning Board: (usually Tuesdays) 8 p.m. on 9/6, 9/20,
10/4, 10/18, 11/1 11/15 and 12/6.

Board of Health: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on Wednes-
day 9/7, 10/3, 11/7 and 12/5.

Open Space Committee: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on
9/19, 10/17, 11/21 and 12/19.

Board of Adjustment: (usually Thursdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/8,
10/13, 11/10, and 12/8.

Recreation Commission: (usually Tuesdays) 7:30 p.m. on
9/13, 10/11, 11/8, and 12/13.

Environmental Commission: (usually Wednesdays) 7:30
p.m. on 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, and 12/21.

Agricultural Advisory Committee: (usually Tuesdays) 7:00
p.m. on 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, and 12/20.

Shade Tree Commission: (usually Thursdays) 7:00 p.m. on
9/22, 10/27, 11/17, and 12/22.

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

Recycling Depot: Saturdays – 9/24, 10/29, and 11/26 from
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Delaware Township Garage Rt. 523.

DTS Board of Education – Meets in Performing Arts Room
Center at 7:30 p.m. on 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, and 12/13.

Hunterdon Central Regional H.S. Board of Education –
Meets in the IMC/Library at 7 p.m. on 9/19, 10/17, 11/21 and
12/19.

Delaware Township Senior Citizens

For membership info call Jeanette Smith at 609-397-3472.

Meetings (at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company):

September 7: Covered Dish Picnic at Noon.

October 5: At 1 p.m.

November 2: At 1 p.m.

December 7: Holiday Party for members with paid up dues
and three attended meetings. At YMAC in Lambertville (not
SVFC) at Noon.

Senior Trips:

All activities require a reservation by calling Dorothy Kurzen-
berger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097.

Please make all checks payable to “Delaware Township Sen-
iors Group.” Bus leaves from Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire
Company in Sergeantsville.

September 13 Tuesday - “The Odd Couple” Hunterdon
Hills Playhouse. Choice of Menu provided when signing up.
Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11
a.m. \$50.50 each.

October 11 Tuesday - “German Festival” The Royal Manor
Garfield, NJ. One hour OMPA Band. Luncheon Family
Style. Bus departs 9:30 a.m. Arrive home 5:30 – 6 p.m. \$45
for Members, \$50 for Guests.

November 16 Wednesday – “A Playhouse Christmas” Hun-
terdon Hills Playhouse. Choice of menu provided when sign-
ing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins
at 11 a.m. \$58.50 each.

Classes for Seniors

Call 908-788-1359 for information about upcoming senior
citizens’ activities and classes in Hunterdon County or go to
www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging.

Seniors’ Yoga Class

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers
yoga classes at the Township Building. The cost is \$25 for 8
sessions. Classes start Sep 9 and run every Friday for eight
weeks. First class at 9:30 a.m. and a second class at 11 a.m.
You need a mat and comfortable clothing. Kim Karsh is a
certified personal trainer and registered yoga teacher. Call her
at 732-690-4000 to register for the next session.

Delaware Township School Calendar

September 1: Staff reports

September 6: Students report for first day of 2011-2012
school year

September 29: School Closed — Staff Development

October 19: Early Dismissal – P.M. Conferences

October 20: Early Dismissal – Evening Conferences

October 21: Delayed Opening – A.M. Conferences

November 9: Early Dismissal – In-service

November 10-11: School Closed. NJEA Convention

November 23: Early Dismissal

November 24-25: School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Amwell Church of the Brethren

40 Sandbrook Headquarters Rd., Stockton, NJ 08559 Phone 609-397-4842 Fax 609-397-9445 www.amwell.com Services broadcast on WDVR – 89.7 FM Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

November 19 Saturday – Holiday Bazaar and bake sale. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Luncheon available. Info: call 609-397-8290
November 23 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service. Questions? Call Blanche Carl – 908-996-4086

Well Water Test Kits Available

Each year, the Delaware Township Environmental Commission and the South Branch Watershed Association (SBWA) co-sponsor a home well-testing program. The program allows homeowners to collect a sample of drinking water in their homes and to have them analyzed through the SBWA. The SBWA provides homeowners with the results.

Water test kits will be available for purchase by Township residents at Community Day, October 1st, and from September 21st to October 5th at the Township Building. The kits must be purchased by a check payable to the SBWA. Cash is not accepted. The filled sample containers must be returned to the Township Building between **7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** on Friday, October 7th. Residents should strictly follow the instructions that come with the sample kits and drop off the kits and the completed paperwork. We recommend that you read the detailed instructions a day ahead of the drop off date and complete the paperwork as indicated.

Testing your well for chemical and biological contamination is important since many contaminants can be harmful, although tasteless and odorless. Public health authorities recommend annual testing. If your well has not been tested for the past several years, now is the time to test. Please note that the test kits are not as comprehensive as the testing required by the Private Well Testing Act. They can not be used for this purpose if you are selling your home.

Test results are strictly confidential between the SBWA and the homeowners who submit the samples. The Township only receives generic notice about the findings so that it can act in the event of a public health concern.

Basic kits (coliform bacteria with fecal coliform confirmation and nitrate levels) cost \$50. Additional tests carry additional fees: Lead: \$25; Volatile Organics: \$90; Arsenic: \$35; Pesticides: \$130; Radon: \$75; Iron: \$15; Manganese: \$15; and Gross Alpha (radioactive contaminants): \$75.

For a detailed description of the available tests go to: www.DelawareTwpNJ.org.

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead

The Holcombe Jimison Farmstead is open on Sunday afternoons until October 30, 2011. Admission fee \$5 adults, \$3 students.

September 24th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Farm Festival – with wonderful crafters and events. \$5 per person or \$10 per car. Check the website for more information:

www.holcombe-jimison.org

Delaware Township Historical Society

The Delaware Township Historical Society usually meets on the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Delaware Township Municipal Building. New members are always welcome.

DTHS Friendship Quilt

The Delaware Township Historical Society is sponsoring a Friendship Quilt to commemorate and raise money for activities associated with the Township's 175th Anniversary celebrations. According to "Herstory: Quilts of Hunterdon County, New Jersey 1820 to 1950" by Veronica Mitchell, signature quilts became popular in the 1830's and there were two types: Friendship quilts which "came from the scrap bag, was a repeated block and one which anyone could make" and album quilts which were more formal. The author goes on to state, "Both types of quilts share the characteristics of having blocks with names inscribed on them."

Friendship quilts were often used as fundraisers by churches and schools and several have been documented here in Hunterdon County from the mid 1800's through the early 1900's. The church or school would sell a "subscription" which would entitle the purchaser to having their name written or embroidered on a quilt block. The resulting quilts have become artistic records of historical people and events.

The Historical Society will be making a 21st Century version of a Friendship Quilt. Look for more information (and a quilt sample) at Community Day on October 1st or call Susan Lockwood at (609) 397-4265.

March on Litter Day

The Environmental Commission's annual March on Litter is scheduled for October 15, 2011 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Rain or Shine. The March starts and ends at the Dilts Farm Park. All participants will be provided with gloves and garbage bags. As a token of appreciation, you will receive an official March on Litter tee-shirt and lunch.

Adult volunteers are needed to accompany our many young volunteers. Children from Kindergarten to 8th Grade participate in this event, so adult assistance is really needed.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN ON OUR ROADS!

Sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Clean Community Program and the Delaware Township Environmental Commission.

Property Tax Programs

The NJ Division of Taxation mailed out 2010 Homestead Benefit application packets to all eligible homeowners. Filing deadline is Oct. 31. Filing deadline for 2010 PTR (Property Tax Reimbursement) aka "Senior Freeze" application has been extended to October 31st.

Check the taxation website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation or call the PTR Hotline at 1-800-882-6597.

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Household Computer and Electronics Collection Day

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority is sponsoring a household electronics collection day on October 8th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. Residents can dispose of up to ten items containing electronic circuit boards including computers, monitors, and televisions. No air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, propane tank or hazardous wastes will be accepted. Take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of these items safely.

For more info: email hcu@co.hunterdon.nj.us or telephone 908-788-1110.

Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority is sponsoring a household hazardous waste clean up day on November 12, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. Dispose of items such as motor oil, pesticides, insecticides, gasoline and kerosene, oil-based paint, and car and household batteries. The County will NOT accept electronics, tires, air conditioners, refrigerators, computers, monitors and propane tanks on this date. For more information email hcu@co.hunterdon.nj.us or telephone 908-788-1110.

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Thanksgiving in the Country

The 38th annual Thanksgiving in the Country House Tour takes place on Saturday and Sunday, November 5th and 6th, 2011. This event includes house tours, a luncheon, crafting demonstrations, a complimentary tea, and a quilt raffle.

Advance house tour tickets go on sale from October 1st through October 31st at \$22 for adults and \$6 for children under twelve. Send a check or money order to: Thanksgiving in the Country, P.O. Box #267, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557.

Advanced purchase tickets will not be mailed to you, but may be picked up at the Municipal Building on the tour weekend. Tickets may also be purchased at the Municipal Building on tour days from 9am - 2pm at \$27.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Please bring cash or a check, as credit cards will not be accepted. Ticket Information is available by calling Ann at (908)782-2639 or emailing: laura@chamberswalk.com

House tours start at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, where buses will run every 15-20 minutes beginning at 9am. All homes close at 5pm so tour-goers are advised to start before 1pm. Walking is required and high heels will NOT be allowed in the homes.

Lunch is available from 11 am to 3pm at the Sergeantsville Methodist Church, for a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children; and tea with home-baked cookies will be served at the historic Prallsville Mills. Many area artisans and local crafters will also show their wares at the Mills.

Thanksgiving in the Country is also sponsoring a quilt raffle. The quilt will be displayed at the Municipal Building over the tour weekend. The drawing will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 4pm and you need not be present to win. Quilt Raffle tickets cost \$1.

Established in 1973, proceeds from the house tour and raffle benefit the Facial Reconstruction Unit of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Over the years, Thanksgiving in the Country has donated more than \$500,000 to this worthy cause. To volunteer, e-mail laura@chamberswalk.com. More info is at www.ThanksgivingintheCountry.com.