

## A Memorable Year

**A** friend retired this year. Unlike the rest of us, this friend has a special gift: while the rest of us can remember important events in our lives -- our Wedding day, the birth of our children, a surprise party -- you can give him ANY date and he can instantly tell you what day of the week it was and provide personal or worldly events that happened that day.

It made me wonder what the world would be like if we all had such a gift. If we could remember every day with such clarity, would we try harder each day to make a difference? Or to make each day a happy memory (since unfortunately, he can remember every bad day as well as the good)?

This year will certainly be memorable, not only for the storms that totally disrupted our lives, but also for the acts of kindness that such events often lead to in a small community such as ours. Hopefully, as the year passes and those memories fade (for all but my friend), we'll only remember the good part of living in a small, rural community in New Jersey.

From our exceptional Township staff and our super Volunteers, to all of you: a wish for a Happy Holiday Season and nothing but good memories in 2012!

*Susan Lockwood--Editor*

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## Volunteers Needed!

**D**elaware Township needs your help. While elected officials and Township employees are the most visible face of town government, volunteers staff numerous committees that help guide the important decisions that affect the present and future of Delaware Township. The promotion of land preservation, review of various applications, and the shape, size, and scope of community activities are greatly affected by the volunteer services of Township residents. The community of Delaware Township is dependant upon the interests, talents, and expertise of its individuals.

If you would like to volunteer, now is the time to express your interest. Citizen boards include: Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Environmental Commission, Board of Health, Municipal Utilities Authority, Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, Historical Advisory Committee, Shade Tree Commission, Agricultural Advisory Committee, Road and Bridge Advisory Committee, COAH Committee, Stormwater Management Committee, Wastewater Management Committee, Farmers Market Committee, Flood Hazard Mitigation Committee and Newsletter Committee.

Please visit the Township website at [www.DelawareTwpNJ.org](http://www.DelawareTwpNJ.org). There are descriptions of the various boards along with current members and minutes listed under the "Government" tab. There is also a link to the volunteer form near the end of the "News and Announcements" column. The completed forms should be mailed to Judy Allen, PO Box 500, Sergeantsville NJ 08557 or hand delivered to the town Hall no later than December 8, 2011 so they may be brought to the attention of the Township Committee for appointments in December with terms starting in January.

## General Election Results

**A**t the November 8, 2011 General Election, voters elected Susan Lockwood and Kristin McCarthy to fill three year positions on the Township Committee.

## Meet Your Neighbor: Ken Vieth

By Mary Coffey

**K**en Vieth's 1850 house in Rosemont is a media mixture of antiques, sculpture, and art. In his living room, a 10 by 12-foot, 250-year-old, antique frame, purchased at a local yard sale, frames oils, watercolors, and photos. The house has two front doors. He gives the historical theory that one door is to the parlor, where visitors went. The other door," he says with a straight face, "is the one where the horse would come through dragging the log for the fireplace."

Ken is a teacher, artist, author, and art education consultant. His mixed media art and sculpture reside in private collections in the US, Canada, and UK. His honors include grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Princeton University, a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship, and Fulbright scholarships.

When Ken was young, his father, a graphic designer and art director, and his mother, a school secretary, moved the family from suburbia to a very old stone house in Buckingham, Pennsylvania straight out of a Courier and Ives print, which impacted how he began to look at the nature and structure of the world. Encouraged by his mother, he knew from the age of 12 that he would pursue art and education in some form.

He started teaching K-8 at Delaware Township School in 1970 and soon "met his lovely wife Joann," who also taught at the school. "I kept popping my head through the art room door to talk to her," Ken laughs.

After 10 years of teaching, he headed to England on his first Fulbright Scholarship to teach grades 6-10, where, in addition to having tea with the Queen Mother at Buckingham Palace, he realized he wanted to teach older children. He returned to teach grades 7-12 at Montgomery School in Skillman for the next 22 years.

His other Fulbright scholarship sent him to Japan to look at art educational systems in Tokyo and Kyoto, where he was wined and dined "like a diplomat." The trip gave him a high regard for Asian design, which influenced his artwork.

Ken has traveled to 25 countries to teach art education and has published over 75 articles in *School Arts Magazine*. Since retiring after teaching for 33 years, Ken has made presentations in 30 cities in 30 states as well as in Canada.

Ken and Joann have two daughters: Kyla, and Erin. Kyla is married to Dr. Philip Glassner, an orthopedic surgeon at Hunterdon Medical Center. They have three sons and live around the corner in Rosemont. Erin became a successful graphic designer, married an architect, lives in Boston, and is expecting her first baby.

Ken loves gardening, and maintains an English garden behind the house. "It's an aesthetic thing for me. It's a small garden, like English gardens, which are tiny and pretty," and he adds, "its good exercise." He also

studies Tai Chi and finds it a disciplined slow-motion exercise, channeling energy where it is needed, and, because it is a martial art, you learn to seriously defend yourself. "It makes you feel like cotton on the outside, and steel on the inside. Its great for flexibility, and for challenging you mind, and for balance," all important components of Ken's life. "I'm so fortunate" he says.

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### Township Emergency Notifications

**D**elaware Township Office of Emergency Management is utilizing a new communications service that allows us to send important community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Messages may include weather warnings as well as other relevant safety and community event information. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use for our group.

The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a quarter-mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

Additionally, Delaware Township Office of Emergency Management maintains a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DelTwpOEM](http://www.facebook.com/DelTwpOEM) with the same information that goes over the Nixle system.

During emergencies OEM also has updates on the Police Department webpage at [www.dtpd47.com](http://www.dtpd47.com), Township webpage at [www.delawaretwpnj.org](http://www.delawaretwpnj.org), and the Fire Company webpage at [www.sergeantsville.org](http://www.sergeantsville.org)

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### Free Rabies Clinic

**D**elaware Township will sponsor a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523 between 10 a.m. and Noon. All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.

If you can not make the December 3rd clinic, please go to the Hunterdon County Department of Health's website at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm) or call at 908-788-1351 for dates and times of other free clinics in the county. Anyone may go to any municipal rabies clinic in the State.

# Animal Licensing Form

Must be Renewed each January

**After January 1, 2012** and not before, please return form, fees ,and proof of current rabies vaccination to:

Delaware Township Animal Licensing  
Attn: Erica DiGiovanni  
P.O. Box 500  
Sergeantsville, NJ 08557  
(609) 397-3240 x202

Exact cash or check payable to: Delaware Township

**\*\*Rabies Vaccination MUST be valid through 10/31/12 or application is incomplete your forms and payment will be sent back to you. \*\***

## **DOG LICENSE APPLICATION**

**New Dog**     **Renewal**  
Please check one

HOME OWNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Must Provide Street Address, No P.O. Boxes STREET LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_ DOG'S AGE \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR \_\_\_\_\_  
(short, med., long)

SPAYED/NEUTERED?  YES /  NO \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR/MARKINGS \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip ID # \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ RABIES EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\*\*  
(\*Must be good through 10/31/12, need certificate copy attached)

**\$8.00** per spayed or neutered dog

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**\$11.00** per unspayed/non-neutered dog

## **CAT REGISTRATION APPLICATION - \$7.00 per household for Cats**

**New Cat**     **Renewal**  
Please check one

HOME OWNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

STREET LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ (if different from above)

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_ CAT'S AGE \_\_\_\_\_

CAT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ (short, med., long)

SPAYED/NEUTERED?  YES /  NO \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR/MARKINGS \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip ID # \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ RABIES EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Must be good through 10/31/12)\*\*

**Beginning March 1, 2012, please include an additional \$30.00 late fee PER DOG or per household in the case of cat registration. (Ordinance #2005-26BH) Only exact cash or check is accepted as payment. If proof of rabies is not included or is not valid through October 31<sup>st</sup> of licensing period, your form and payment will be sent back to you. Pet owners are responsible for knowing when their pets' rabies vaccinations expire.**

**\*\*Please call us or list the names of pets you no longer own here \_\_\_\_\_ . Thank you.**

## Delaware Township's Early Telephone System

By Jim Drummond

**T**he origins of the early telephone system in the Delaware Township area foreshadows the frenetic development of today's ever extending communication system. From the excitement of users, with devices literally coming out of their ears, to poles and towers seeming to loom everywhere, all of this was seen in a very similar way during those beginning phases of the telephone's origins in the 1890s.

Sergeantsville, interestingly, was in the very forefront of those early phases of telephone development. According to the Hunterdon County Democrat in 1901, William Strouse, "our energetic creamery man," obtained a franchise to run a line from Frenchtown through Sergeantsville and on to Flemington in 1901. That line was then also run from Henry Wright's store in Sergeantsville to Stockton where it connected with the Western Union Telephone Company that enabled the line to reach telephones throughout the US.

Constructing the local system had begun when the first pole in this area was placed in 1884. A Flemington technical "wizard," Asa Reading, an electric line-man, used his knowledge to develop an early system around Flemington, funded by Hiram E. Deats. The towns required the poles to be painted and were obtained from local sawmills. Their installation did not follow a straight line, zigzagging across the countryside. Where the land dipped into a hollow, the poles on either side would sometimes pull the lower poles up, necessitating longer and longer poles in the middle. One pole near Flemington reached a height of 56 feet.

A "telephone war" actually took place in those early years with competing companies cutting down the poles of their competitors as well as slicing through their wires. They also strung wires on their competition's poles and illegally placed poles with no franchise.

Stringing the wire at times necessitated creative solutions with barbed wire fences often serving as a conductor of the electrical impulse carrying the voice. Connecting the villages of Delaware Township took place in early 1900 with a line running through Rosemont, Stockton, Sergeantsville, and Sandy Ridge with Lambertville, New Hope, and Center Bridge as well as "several other towns" being on the line as well.

Using the equipment took some getting used to; one man in 1899 got quite angry when he could not get a response on the phone until a bystander informed him that he was talking into the earpiece. The multiple party lines continued into very recent times with the telephone "operator" controlling the connections. In talking to some longtime Delaware Township residents, they vividly remembered the "party line" system.

In 1898 a Hightstown, NJ, paper stated, "There

is no doubt" the area around Flemington had "the best local telephone service" in the State. The line that connected Sergeantsville to the whole United States in the early 1900s placed Delaware Township among the top rank within the early national telephone grid. This is consistent with what I have found in my research of Delaware Township's past; in such areas as fashion or in farming technology, the Township's location between two of the largest cities in the United States has served to nearly always put it in the forefront of development.

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### Township's 175th Anniversary

**P**lanning will continue in 2012 in anticipation of the Townships 175th Anniversary celebration in 2013. The actual date of Delaware Township incorporation was April 23, 1838. Currently, the subcommittee is considering holding activities throughout the year.

The following suggestions have been made and are under consideration: a re-enactment of the first meeting of the Township; a recipe book of Township-family recipes; a parade with costumes of the era; an essay contest for Delaware Township school children with an anniversary theme (perhaps the 8th grade or Locktown Stone Church essay contests themed for the 175th); anniversary t-shirts created through a school logo design contest, township-wide design contest or other means; incorporation of historical-themed events and/or children's games as part of Community Day; a landmarks tour (or tours) of historical buildings throughout the Township; a joint event with the Amwells and Raritan Township since all were part of "Amwell" before the split; and the completion of a friendship quilt. If these ideas interest you or you have additional suggestions, please join our subcommittee or contact Susan Lockwood at (609) 397-4265 or at lockwood@voicenet.com

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### Congratulations to Local Photographers

**A**t this year's Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair photography show and competition, Jessica Rountree from Delaware Township won two best of show, two first place, two third place, four excellent, seven very good, and two very good awards for photos entered in Division I.

In Division II, Sara Rountree of Delaware Township won one best of show, two first place, one honorable mention, three excellent, six very good, and three good for her photo entrees.

Both women also had a photo selected for the 2012 4-H Calendar.

## Employee of the Year: Bill Powell

**H**ard-working, reliable, and dedicated to excellence. These are just a few of the words one might use to describe Bill Powell, Delaware Township's 2011 Employee of Year. Bill received this distinction for his outstanding service to the Township as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. In this role, Bill ensures that the Township Emergency Operations Plan is kept up-to-date and that all appropriate paperwork is filed with the County Office of Emergency Management. In times of emergencies, he is responsible for notifying residents of impending threats and coordinating with the County and State Offices of Emergency Management. Bill also coordinates with FEMA to help both residents and the Township recover from disasters. He is currently working to get the Township reimbursed for repairing all the road damage that resulted from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

In addition to his job as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Bill is employed full-time as a 9-1-1 telecommunicator for the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety. Bill may also be familiar to Township residents for the many hours he spends volunteering with Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company, where he currently serves as Fire Chief. Bill has been involved with fire and rescue services for more than 20 years, and has been a member of Sergeantsville's fire company since 2001.

When he's not performing emergency management or fire and rescue services, Bill enjoys spending time with his wife and two teenage sons, and looks forward to their annual vacation to Maine. Congratulations to Bill on his well-deserved recognition as the Township's 2011 Employee of the year.

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## Got Branches?

**T**he Road Dept will chip fallen branches from the Oct. 29 snowstorm when it is not otherwise busy with other Autumn maintenance. Branches must be at roadside with cut edge facing the road and branches must be off the road surface. It may take weeks to get to all the branches.

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## Attention Landlords and Tenants

**I**f you are a residential landlord in Delaware Township, you are required to register your rental property every year with the Township by filing a Landlord and Tenant Registration Statement. The form is available on the Township's website, [www.DelawareTwpNJ.org](http://www.DelawareTwpNJ.org). Tenants – call the Township Building to see whether your landlord is registered.

## Volunteer of the Year Awards: Jim Dowd; Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

**T**his year the Township Committee broke from tradition and awarded more than one Volunteer of the Year Award.

**Jim Dowd:** Jim has been a resident of Delaware Township since 1998. He was first appointed to the Planning Board in 2007 and continues on that Board. He is a member of the Zoning Review Subcommittee and over the past several years spent a lot of time and effort working with Township Planners to assist with reviews and changes to zoning including the Open Lands Subdivision Ordinance approved by the Township Committee this year. In addition to the Planning Board, Jim has been an member of the Open Space Committee since 2009, serving as the Chairperson in 2010 and 2011. As the Chair of the Open Space Committee, Jim has been working with the Open Space Coordinator, attending monthly County Agriculture Development Board Meetings, and most recently working with another Planner to complete the Township's Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Application. The Township was required by the Department of Agriculture to file a new PIG application in order to continue to qualify for State grant funding that has been used extensively in the Township to preserve farms.

**Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company:** The SVFC was also awarded the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award. The Township recognizes that every year the volunteers of the SVFC provide a valuable service to our residents. This year, that service was magnified by severe weather events. The day before Hurricane Irene, the SVFC prepared the Fire Department for use as an emergency shelter. For the ensuing three days, the firehouse was manned with cots and food for anyone in need. The Fire Company lent its portable generator to the Municipal Water Supply Authority so that residents in that area could maintain water while the power was out. In the wake of Irene, they pumped out 35 basements and responded to two serious fires. The volunteers of the SVFC selflessly provide their services when all other Township residents are safely retreating inside their homes to ride out storms and power-outages with their families.

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## Affordable Housing

**D**elaware Township is in the process of creating Accessory Apartments by private property owners for occupancy by moderate income tenants as required by the State of New Jersey. If interested, go to [www.delawaretwpnj.org](http://www.delawaretwpnj.org) for an application and for a copy of the regulations.

# Community Calendar

**Dec. 3** Free Rabies Clinic for Cats and Dogs from 10 a.m. to Noon at Township Garage on Rt. 523 Bring pets on leash or in carriers.

**Dec. 3** Santa Comes to the Township Building 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Please bring canned goods for the Food Pantry

**Dec. 4** Holiday Trip to the Grounds for Sculpture

**Dec. 23** Township Offices Close at Noon

**Dec. 26** Township Offices Closed

**Dec. 30** Township Offices Close at Noon

**Jan. 2** Township Offices Closed Happy New Year!

**Jan 3** Township Committee Reorganization at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

**Jan. 16** Martin Luther King Holiday – Township Offices Closed

**Feb. 14** Valentine's Day

**Feb. 20** Presidents' Day – Township Offices Closed

**Feb. 29** Leap Year Day!!!

**Township Committee:** 8 p.m. on Monday 12/12; Tuesday 12/27; Reorganization on 1/3/12 at 7 p.m.; Monday, 1/9, Mondays, 1/30, 2/13; 2/27; 3/12

**Planning Board:** 8 p.m. on Tuesdays 12/6, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, 2/7, 2/21, and 3/6

**Board of Health:** 7:30 p.m. on Monday 12/5, Wednesday 1/4, Mondays 2/6, and 3/5

**Board of Adjustment:** 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, and 3/8

**Recreation Commission:** Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. on 1/10, 2/14, and 3/13

**Holiday Decorating Road Trip:** Tues, 12/13, 7:00 pm

**Environmental Commission:** 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays 12/21, 1/18, 2/15, and 3/21

**Open Space Committee:** 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, and 3/19

**D.T.M.U.A.:** 7:30 p.m. on Thurs 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, and 3/1

**Agricultural Advisory Committee:** 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays 12/20, 1/17, 2/21, and 3/20

**Historical Advisory Committee:** 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, and 3/14

**Shade Tree Commission:** 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays 12/22, 1/26, 2/23, and 3/22

**Newsletter Committee:** 7:00 p.m. on Mon January 9  
Other Committees meet as needed – see bulletin board for notice of meetings.

**Recycling Depot:** Saturdays – 12/31, 1/28, 2/25, and 3/31 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## Senior Citizens

For membership information call President Sandra Krahling at 609-397-0145. New members are welcome! Meetings: at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. unless otherwise indicated.

**Dec.7:** 12 p.m. Christmas Party for members (dues paid up and attended 3 meetings). Eat at 12 p.m. Noon YMAC in Lambertville

**Jan.4:** 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

**Feb.2:** 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

**Mar.7:** 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Comp.

Contact Dottie Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097 for 2012 trip information.

## Yoga Classes for Seniors

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services offers two Yoga classes at the Delaware Township Municipal Building on Friday mornings. Classes run between 1 and 1½ hours.

Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Beginners are especially welcome! \$25 per 8 week session. Call Kim Karsh to register at 908-996-3548.

## VFW

Meetings: Wednesdays at the Delaware Township Municipal Building on: 12/28, 1/25, and 2/29 at 8:00 p.m. New members are welcome! Call Commander Charles Pierman at 609-397-2075.

## Delaware Township Historical Society

Meetings: 8:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Delaware Township Municipal Building. 1/19, 2/16, and 3/15. Call Marilyn Cummings at 609-397-5363.

## Kindergarten Registration

There will be Kindergarten registration for Delaware Township children who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2012 at Delaware Township School on February 22, 2012. Please contact School Secretary Britian Slack at DTS at 397-3179, Ext. 402 to receive a registration packet.



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

## Delaware Township School Activities

**Dec. 13** Board of Education 7:30 p.m. DTS Performing Arts Center

**Dec. 23** 1:30 p.m. dismissal

**Dec. 24 through Jan. 2** Winter recess – School closed

**Jan. 3** Classes resume

**Jan. 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School closed

**Jan 24** Board of Education 7:00 p.m. DTS Performing Arts Center

**Feb. 3** Staff Development - School closed

**Feb. 16** 1:30 p.m. dismissal – In-Service

**Feb. 17 & 20** Presidents' Weekend – School Closed

**Feb. 28** Board of Education 7:00 p.m. DTS Performing Arts Room

**March 16** Early Dismissal – Conferences/In-Service

## Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library at 84 Rt. 31, Flemington, NJ on December 19, 2011, Jan. 23, 2012, and Feb. 27, 2012 budget introduction).

### Amwell Church of the Brethren

**New** – Amwell Youth Group: Grades 1 through High School. Upcoming events: Dec. 2nd – a Trip to Peddlers' Village 7 p.m. Dec. 11th Tree trimming and Christmas Caroling (after services). Info: Sherry 908-581-8341 or email: Sherry\_Ferello@hotmail.com

**Dec. 24th** – Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m. Come and count your blessings.

**Dec. 31st** – Watch Night Service: 8 p.m. Pot luck meal and fun-filled social time. 11:30 p.m. – Candlelight worship service for New Year. Info: 609-397-4842.

## Holiday Trip

**J**oin us for a Holiday Trip to Grounds For Sculpture on Sunday, December 4th. The Holiday Trip will depart from Delaware Township Town Hall at 12:00pm and arrive back at 5:00pm. Cost of the trip is \$16.50/person and includes school bus transportation and admission to the park. Grounds For Sculpture is a 42-acre public sculpture park, arboretum, special exhibit buildings, Peacock cafe, Rat's Restaurant (reservations recommended; call 609-584-7800) and gift shop in nearby Hamilton, NJ. A Holiday Origami Demonstration will be held from 1-3pm. ([www.groundsforsculpture.org](http://www.groundsforsculpture.org))

For more info or to reserve your seat: contact Tracy Wright at [deltwprec@gmail.com](mailto:deltwprec@gmail.com) or (609)397-3848. Checks should be made payable to Delaware Township Recreation Commission and sent to Tracy Wright at 9 Bowne Station Rd., Stockton, NJ 08559.

## Santa at Town Hall

**S**anta's annual visit to Delaware Township will be held at the Township Hall on Saturday, December 3rd from 11AM-1PM. Bring your holiday spirit, your camera, and donations of nonperishable goods for the food pantry! The Recreation Commission and Girl Scouts will be assisting Santa.

## Holiday Decorating Contest

**T**he annual Delaware Township Holiday Decorating Contest will be held the weekend of December 10-11, with final judging to take place the evening of Wednesday, December 14th. Please remember to have your lights turned on from 6-9PM on those three evenings so that your house can be judged. Call Judy Allen at the Township Hall if your house cannot be seen from the road and you would like to be included. Prizes will be awarded to the best-decorated houses!

## Active Recreational Opportunities

**I**t's not too late to join the group of residents who are playing basketball and volleyball. Adult and teen recreational activities continue at Delaware Township School. They are looking for additional players. Thank you to the Delaware Township Board of Education for scheduling time for these opportunities. Play began in October and will continue through March. New players of all levels are welcome! (Later dates in next newsletter).

**Adult men's basketball** on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 12/1, 12/13, 12/20, 12/22, 1/3, 1/5, 1/10, 1/12, 1/17, 1/19, 1/24, 1/26, 1/31, 2/2, 2/7, 2/9, 2/14, 2/21, 2/23, 2/28, 3/1, 3/6.

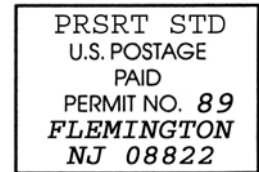
**Adult women's basketball** on 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/5

**Adult coed volleyball** on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 12/14, 12/21, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 3/7

**Teen coed basketball and/or volleyball** on Friday nights, 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 12/2, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, and 3/23 (last night)

When school is closed due to inclement weather, early dismissals or holidays, the facilities are not available during these dates and times. Date may be changed or deleted due to the scheduling of the facilities for school functions.

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## Susan and Chelsea Makara Foundation Makes Local Contributions

**T**he Susan and Chelsea Makara Foundation, in partnership with Girls on the Run, held the 5th annual Run-of-the-Mill 5K race at the Prallsville Mills in Stockton and it was another huge success! Over the past five years we have raised more than \$100,000 with this annual fund raiser. The Foundation is committed to developing, supporting, and funding activities and programs that center on self-respect, academic excellence, and athletic achievement.

The Foundation was instrumental in bringing the Girls on the Run program to the Hunterdon County area. The local chapter of this program began at the Delaware Township School, and over the past five years has expanded to 18 locations in Hunterdon, Bucks, and Warren County schools. The program focuses on building self-esteem and improving the emotional and physical health of young girls. We are proud to be the Founding Sponsor of this extremely worthwhile program. For more information: [www.gotrhunterdon.org](http://www.gotrhunterdon.org)

This year we expanded our donation recipients to include the SAFE in Hunterdon organization, The Flemington Area Food Pantry, and the Jingle Elves program right here in Delaware Township. We have continued our financial support of the Access Education pro-

gram at the Delaware Township School which certifies our middle school children in babysitting and first aid so they can watch younger children to allow their parents to attend school meetings and functions. In 2008, we donated money to Hunterdon Central Regional High School to buy the equipment necessary to expand their Project Adventure curriculum to meet the needs of challenged students. For the past two years, we have offered two \$1,000 college scholarships at the high school and plan to continue this endeavor for years to come.

It was a privilege to donate to the Delaware Township Recreation Commission funding to assist in the completion of the playground at Dilts Park which honors the memory of Cynthia Sulewski, who was dedicated to giving her time and energy to the children of this community. Additional funds were donated for the creation of a new soccer/lacrosse field at Dilts Park.

The Foundation exists to honor the memories of Susan and Chelsea Makara. Please visit our website at [www.runofthemill.org](http://www.runofthemill.org) if you would like more information. Thank you from The Susan and Chelsea Makara Foundation Board of Trustees: Stan Makara, Stephanie McCue, Roz Dunn, Joanna Makara, Mary Bernard, Nora Mathews.

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