

Farmer's Market Begins New Season

With spring just around the corner, the Sergeantsville Farmer's Market is once again gearing up for another season of operation. The Market offers a wide variety of locally grown produce, delicious baked goods and quality hand-made merchandise. Specific products vary each week but typically include plants, vegetables, fruits, eggs, meat, honey, and artisan products. The Market also features on-site entertainment, including music, kids' activities and more.

Located on Route 604, across from the municipal building, the Sergeantsville Farmer's Market will run Saturdays, from 8:30 am until noon, from May 12th through the end of September. For more information, visit the market's website at www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket.com.

Property Reassessment

Tax Assessor Michelle Trivigno recommended to the Township Committee that the Township undergo a full Township-wide property reassessment. She is prepared to begin the process in 2012 for implementation in 2013.

The Township can spread the reassessment cost over five years. The Township Committee unanimously agreed to authorize Ms. Trivigno to initiate a property reassessment. The Township will hire an inspection company to inspect the interiors and exteriors of all buildings. Check the Township's website for more information as it becomes available.

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In 1624, John Donne penned: No Man is an island, Entire of its self, Each is a piece of the continent, A part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, As well as if a promontory were, As well as if a manor of thine own, Or of thine friend's were. Each Man's Death Diminishes me, For I am involved in mankind. Therefore send not to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for Thee.

We've all heard many misinterpretation of this poem. But when we hear the toll of the Church Bell we are to reflect on our missed opportunity, our loss for not being involved our missed opportunity. Never again to have the opportunity to share our thoughts, our time, our experiences.

We as a community started 2011 with a tremendous loss, Chief Bruce Mast of our police Department passed away. Truly a genuine wake up call. Each one of us has to become aware, how precious our time here on earth is, how precious our time here in Delaware Township is.

In the last few months we have made huge gains in our police facility building. We have established a memorial walkway so all can be involved in the creation of this facility. I ask that every one come together and support this with a piece of Delaware Township history. I know that 20 years from now you will want to reflect, or you'll want your family to reflect and see how you and your family help support our township police facility. Maybe they or you, will just think and smile to know that we all were a part of something grander than just a building.

As we as a community move to complete this project I know, 20 years from now, those whom are not involved now will feel a loss, diminished. The fruition of the police building relies on our community joining together and supporting our selves. I ask that no one leaves themselves out and miss the opportunity to be involved. Take heart in knowing that it is the community that supports the police department that in turn, serves and protects the community. When the roll is called for those which support, surely each and everyone wants to be included.

As I, and the entire township committee work to complete this, I want you to know, we are not just building a police building, we are insuring that no person is left without protection and support from the community we live in. No bell tolls without the realization that time and opportunity has passed. I thank you for your support and trust.

Meet Your Neighbor: Leslie Sauer

By Mary Coffey

Leslie Sauer is the stepdaughter of Donald Jones, probably the greatest conservationist and land preservationist that this Township has known. She still lives on the family compound, Brook Hollow Farms, with her mother, sister, a cousin and their families. Donald held positions on the Delaware Township Planning Board and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and by the time of his death at of 84, was serving on 32 environmental and historical organizations. Leslie is walking in his shoes.

Leslie and her sister Candace came to Delaware Township in the early 1950's when their mother married Donald Jones. Their sister Stephanie was born on the farm. Leslie quickly became "completely attached to the farm." She began first grade at Delaware Township Consolidated School and attended Sergeantsville Methodist church, where she sang in the junior choir.

Leslie and her father became interested in conservation for the first time when the Covered Bridge went down because of an overweight truck. Her father and others organized to save the old bridge instead of replacing it with a new one. Leslie was in the eighth grade and was given permission to take a petition to save the bridge around the school. Every child and teacher signed the petition, and eventually, as we all know, our Covered Bridge was restored.

Later, her father got involved in saving the Prallsville Mill from condo development. The site had been a lumberyard for years and many people had little idea that there was a real mill behind all the wood. Jones saved the Mill. Leslie watched her father and mother work "incredibly hard," cleaning, fund raising, event planning, and making food until the Mill Society got off the ground.

Leslie entered the University of Pennsylvania with no thoughts of pursuing science. In those days, women got liberal arts degrees and then got married. But in the 1960's the environmental movement took off and there was a lot of activist spirit and optimism. Young people felt that the future was in their hands. When the Great Swamp near Morristown fell through as a jetport site, a jetport was proposed for Solberg, PA. Leslie wrote a report for an ecology course on the potential impact of a Solberg jetport on the surrounding area; her report was later read into the record at the State. The jetport was defeated.

Leslie started her career doing environmental impact statements and research on forest succession. During this time, she got married. After her daughter, Madeleine, was born, she and her husband and another couple started a firm which was devoted to ecological planning and design, Andropogon Associates, Ltd. which is still located in Philadelphia. She retired ten years ago. She also taught design studies and courses on native plants and forest restoration part time at the University of Pennsylvania for 20 years.

Volunteer work now fills her time. "I work with some of the same groups my father did" she says, like the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and the Delaware and Raritan Greenway where she serves as a trustee advisor. Much of her time is also devoted to seeking consensus with foresters, hunters and agencies on the management of public forest lands with the Natural Heritage Committee of the High-

lands Coalition, the Stewardship Roundtable, and the Forest Stewardship Stakeholders Committee. "There is a legitimate crisis in our forests that requires a multi-disciplinary approach to stewardship that recognizes the many values of public forest lands, from species conservation and watershed management to forestry and carbon sequestration," says Leslie.

Animal Control Shared Services Agreement

On January 30th, the Township Committee agreed to enter into a shared services agreement with West Amwell Township, East Amwell Township, and the City of Lambertville to provide Animal Control Services. The agreement took effect on February 1st. The participating municipalities hired Nathaniel Barson who is a certified Animal Control Officer. Each participating municipality will pay its pro rata share for this service. Under the terms of the agreement, residents can reach Mr. Barson with general inquiries by e-mailing him at ACISemail@gmail.com. For more immediate concerns, they must call 609-397-0911 to report problems. The 911 call center will contact Mr. Barson who will respond to appropriate calls. Animal Licensing Agent Erica DiGiovanni will continue to license dogs and register cats.

Covered Bridge Trail Association

Formed in 1995 by a group of Delaware Township horse owners, the Covered Bridge Trail Association (CBTA) develops and maintains an equestrian trail system in the Township. The group's objectives were to increase community support for preserving farms and open space, provide a recreational opportunity for residents who enjoy horseback riding, and strengthen our sense of community. Over 70 landowners agreed to allow CBTA access to their properties to establish trails. Much of the trail system was established in the Rosemont and covered bridge areas over large contiguous farms and provides 12 miles of scenic trails.

The CBTA is well known in the equestrian community for its popular hunter pace which is held in the fall. Participants enjoy nine miles of the trail system that showcases the unique beauty of the Rosemont countryside. Proceeds are donated to local causes such as the Jingle Elves, Sergeantsville Fire Dept., and Hunterdon Land Trust.

The CBTA seeks new members and is interested in expanding the trail system to other parts of the Township. For more information: www.coveredbridgetrail.com or contact Leslie Pittman Smith: lpittmansmith@gmail.com

2012 Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Hunterdon County Library will hold their 16th Annual Used Book Sale of over 120,000 items on Sat. April 21 (10am-5pm) and Sun. April 22 (10am to 3pm) at the National Guard Armory, 422 State Highway 12 in Flemington. All proceeds benefit the Hunterdon County Library system. Free parking and shuttle service from County Complex. Info: www.hclibrary.us or 908-638-4784.

Rain Gardens

by Elizabeth Ray

The cold winter weather presents a good opportunity to stay inside and plan for spring planting and landscaping projects. One project to consider is a rain garden to add beauty to a yard and to benefit the environment. A rain garden is essentially a depressed area of the ground designed to absorb rainfall and storm water runoff. It can help minimize the amount of pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, and bacteria that reaches nearby storm drains and streams by capturing water. Pollutants are then filtered out of the captured water by the underlying sediment and soil before it reaches the water table.

The latter is particularly beneficial in an area such as Delaware Township where many residents rely on well water. The area of a correctly designed rain garden will capture 30% more water than a comparable area of conventional lawn. Native plants may be planted in and around the rain garden area to enhance aesthetic appeal and minimize upkeep. Plants attract birds and butterflies, and serve as habitat for wildlife. The simple concept of the rain garden allows for a great deal of flexibility in design, so that it can be made to blend into the existing landscape or stand out as a feature.

The best location for a rain garden is determined by the topography of an area, but typically they are located near downspouts from rooftops, or in places where water runs off from a patio or driveway. A flat or gently sloped spot is best. To locate a rain garden, consider where excess water will flow in the event of heavy rain. It should not be installed near a well or septic system, nor within 10 feet of a home. A six-inch depression is generally sufficient, though the remaining dimensions of the rain garden should be determined after testing the permeability of the soil through a percolation test. Some rain gardens use a stone base rather than soil.

Selecting plants for a rain garden allows the gardener to express his or her creativity, as suitable native plants are as varied as grasses, herbs, ferns, and flowering shrubs. The benefits of a rain garden are multiplied when neighbors work together and install multiple gardens. Collections of rain gardens play an important role in storm water management programs by reducing flooding and unsightly and polluting sediment. Demonstration rain gardens have been implemented throughout New Jersey to educate the public about their benefits and to show how pleasing to the eye they can be. For information on rain gardens, visit the demonstration garden at Marion F Clawson Memorial Park in Ringoes, or visit Rutgers <http://water.rutgers.edu/main.htm> The Native Plant society at <http://www.npsnj.org> or <http://www.sustainability.uconn.edu> for details on how to perform a percolation test via the publication "Rain Gardens in Connecticut: A Guide for Homeowners."

Home Heating Assistance

Lifeline. The New Jersey Lifeline Credit Program is state funded and provides a \$225 yearly credit to qualifying electric and natural gas customers. To qualify, customers must be 65 years or older, or disabled age 18 or older who receive Social Security disability benefits. There are income guidelines for this program. For information on Lifeline, call 1-800-792-9745 or call the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services for an application at 908-788-1361.

LIHEAP. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. This year the application period is November 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and heating region. Information about the program and on income limits is available at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html Click on Energy Assistance Programs. To apply for LIHEAP, contact 1-800-510-3102 or call the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services for an application at 908-788-1361.

NOTE: The 2012 LIHEAP application is also an application for the Universal Service Fund (USF) Program. You apply for two benefit programs at the same time.

Universal Service Fund. The NJ Universal Service Fund (USF) makes energy bills more affordable for low income customers. If you are eligible, the USF can lower the amount you have to pay for natural gas and electricity. To be eligible, customers must have a total household income at or below 175% of the federal poverty level and spend more than 3 percent of their income on electric or natural gas. For electric heat homes, customers must pay more than 6 percent of the household income on electricity. Information about the program and on income limits is available at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/index.shtml For eligibility call 1-800-510-3102 or call Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services.

NJ Shares. The NJ Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (NJ SHARES) provides energy assistance to moderate and fixed-income households experiencing a financial crisis. Eligibility is based on household size and income. It applies to families and individuals who do not qualify for federal and state assistance programs due to the household's income. NJ SHARES grant amounts can be up to \$700 for heating source (gas, oil, propane and electric heat) and up to \$300 for electric services. Grants must result in continuance and/or restoration of service. NJ applicants must be experiencing a financial crisis, such as a job loss or illness. They must be behind on their energy bill or need a fuel delivery. Info: Hunterdon Helpline at 1-800-272-4630.

NORWESCAP Inc. This program provides funds to assist eligible Hunterdon County residents meet their heating and cooling costs. Assistance payments are made directly to the fuel vendor or utility company on behalf of the eligible applicant. The Housing and Energy Services that NORWESCAP offers include: LIHEAP, NJ Shares, weatherization, and other programs to assist low income individuals and families with their heating and cooling costs. NORWESCAP Energy Services at 1-888-454-4778. See NORWESCAP's website at www.norwescap.org

Delaware Township's Early Phases

By Jim Drummond

A look at the early origins of Delaware Township is in order as we prepare to celebrate the 175th year of the Township in 2013. Long before Delaware Township was incorporated, the area that became the Township was explored by early frontiersmen much in the mold of that later known explorer, Daniel Boone.

Those adventurers everywhere in America advanced into the "howling wilderness," as one commentator particularly called early Hunterdon County, well before any pioneering settlements. In Hunterdon County there is a continuing tradition that Alexauken Creek is named after Alex Hawkins, "a legendary hunter and trapper," who moved up and down that body of water as he plied his trade in the heart of what amounted to the very first frontier, right here in Delaware Township. Such enterprise by those early adventurers made them virtual pathfinders who opened the way for the surveyors and land agents who came soon after those frontiersmen pointed the way and only then did the pioneer farmers follow.

There were no roads during those earliest days in the late 1600s and early 1700s, and it struck me years ago that the more ancient roads at times literally curve around some of the earliest houses. The oldest house in Hunterdon County, currently known as the Holcombe-Jimison House, is in Delaware Township and was originally called a "plantation." It was built along the Alexauken Creek (which had a much greater flow in those days) and was used for transit, very similar to those better-known southern plantations which relied on rivers for movement.

The first major road between New York and Philadelphia, the Old York Road, ran through a part of Delaware Township, and the early traffic of the mid-continent soon passed by and through the Township. In a following article I would like to tell the quite fascinating story of what appear to be "stations" along that road right here in Delaware Township. This aspect of Delaware Township's physical placement, so strategically in this "crossroads" of early America, led to quite significant growth of population in the 1700s and was ultimately the impetus for breaking off from the larger Amwell Township in the early 1800s. These elements, in many ways, set the scene for the official start of the township in the 1830s. By then there was a well-connected lawyer who would become the first mayor (magistrate) and, along with others, prepared to assume a very vital role in building roads, feeding the poor, and producing offspring who would literally provide the heart of what Max Weber, the German sociologist of the 19th century, called the "Protestant Ethic," from which the modern economy was born.

Historic Murals at Township Building

What does the Delaware Township Municipal Building have in common with the Diplomatic Reception Room in The White House? Murals. More technically, panoramic wallpaper or tableaux-tentures. The artwork adorning various rooms at the Township Building are fine examples of French wallpaper created in the mid 1800's and are similar to those installed in the White House. The series was created by Jean Zuber & Co. of Rixham, Alsace, France. The panels in the White House were produced in 1834 and are entitled "Views of North America." In 1852 they were reissued as "American Revolution" with the addition of superimposed military figures. It is probable that the Delaware Township panels are a later reprint of the 1852 version.

Delaware Township Historical Society

The Delaware Township Historical Society (DTHS) continues its research regarding the 18th C and early 19th C historic structures of the township. If you have an early house, barn, or outbuilding that you would like more information about, please contact: Marilyn Cummings 609-397-5363.

DTHS is also working with the 175th Anniversary Committee on preparations for the Township's anniversary celebration in 2013. DTHS is coordinating:

Community Cookbook. All residents are invited to submit for the community cookbook your favorite recipe, recipes surrounded by family tradition, old recipes still used that were hand-written by a family member, or a recipe that is easy or fun. You are also welcomed to submit, with your recipe, special stories, family photos, or drawings about your recipe. Please submit all recipes to: Vicki Stodart, 328 Rosemont Ringoes Rd, Stockton 08559 or vstodart@yahoo.com. The cookbook will be completed and ready for sale throughout our Anniversary year of 2013.

Friendship Quilt. Residents are invited to have their name or family names embroidered as part of the 175th Anniversary friendship quilt. For a minimal donation, the quilt has 48 blocks which will be embroidered with residents' names in the centers and along the edges. To participate, please pick up a form at the Town Hall, from the Historical Society, or from Susan Lockwood (609) 397-4265. First come, first served, so don't delay!

175th Anniversary Committee

The Township's 175 Anniversary Committee is in the process of evaluating all suggested activities to celebrate the Township's Anniversary in 2013. Those activities may include fireworks, a parade, t-shirts designed through a Delaware Township School art contest, a re-enactment of the first Township Committee meeting, a community cookbook, historical markers, and a friendship quilt, among others. If you are interested in helping to coordinate these are other anniversary activities, please contact Susan Lockwood at (609)397-4265 or at lockwood@voicenet.com

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 the greatest threats to New Jersey's 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 including 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 enact and enforce local pet-waste rules including 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 un-wrapped in a toilet. Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't Feed Wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas. Many municipalities and other public agencies enact and enforce rules that prohibit feeding wildlife in public areas.

Don't Litter: Place litter in trash receptacles. 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 for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn. For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org or, www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps; or New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Non-point Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program 609-633-7021

Sandbrook Meadow Farm: Community Supported Agriculture

This spring marks the second year that Sandbrook Meadow Farm is offering fresh produce to area residents who purchase harvest shares. Last year's growing season was a tremendous success, with members enjoying a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. This year, strawberries will be a new addition to the planned crops. Harvests will start the first week of June and go until the last week of October. Shareholders may collect their produce at the farm on either Tuesday or Friday, 2:00 – 7:00 pm, and will have "u-pick" opportunities as well.

The Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model provides an opportunity for individuals to reconnect with the land, local farmers, and the food. Memberships cost \$685 for a full share or \$380 for a half share. Shares include volunteer hours during the season, allowing members to participate in the growing process. For more information, contact the farm at 908-782-0074 or visit their website at www.sandbrookmeadowfarm.com.

2012 Delaware Township Officials

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Committee Member (12/31/14)

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Community Calendar

March 10: Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. No electronics, tanks, air conditioners, tires, etc. Info: 908-788-1110 or email hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us

March 10/11: Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring ahead!)

March 15: Recreation Comm Family Roller Skating Night 6–8 p.m.

March 31: Dilts Farm Park Clean Up Day 9 a.m.

March 31: Recycling Depot at Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

April 6: Township Offices Closed

April 7: Egg Hunt at Dilts Farm 1 p.m. Rain or Shine

April 14: Computer and Electronics Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. Info: 908-788-1110 or email:

hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us Electronic devices cannot be disposed of in your household trash.

April 28: Rec Comm Fishing Derby 7 a.m. to Noon at the Copeland Farm

April 28: Recycling Depot at Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

May 1: Summer Office Hours begin at Township Hall 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 5: Opening Day – Sergeantsville Farmers' Market 8:30 a.m. to Noon

May 13: Mother's Day

May 26: Recycling Depot at Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

May 28: Memorial Day – DTS and Township Offices closed

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

Township Committee: 8 p.m. on 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/30, 5/14, Tuesday 5/29, and 6/11

Planning Board: 8 p.m. on 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, and Wednesday 6/6

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

Board of Adjust.: 7:30 p.m. on 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14

Recreation Comm.: 7:30 p.m. on 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12

Environ. Comm.: 7:30 p.m. on 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20

Historic Advisory Committee: 7:30 p.m. on 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, and 6/13

Open Space Comm.: 7:30 p.m. 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18

Agricultural Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m. on 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, and 6/19

Shade Tree Commission: 7:00 p.m. on 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, and 6/28

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, and 6/7

Newsletter Committee: 7:00 p.m. on 4/9

Recycling Depot: Teens looking for service hours are welcome to help at the Depot. Saturdays: 3/31, 4/28, 5/26, and 6/30 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523 between Sergeantsville and Stockton.

The following materials are currently accepted: Co-mingled glass, aluminum and bi-metal cans, and newspapers that have been tied securely with twine. If you would like to volunteer your help at the Depot, please call Recycling Coordinator Gloria Schellhorn at 609-397-1682. Thank you very much for recycling!

Delaware Township Historical Society: 8:00 p.m. on 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, and 6/21

VFW: 8:00 p.m. on 3/28, 4/25, 5/30 and 6/27

Senior Citizens

Delaware Township Seniors meet monthly and are planning the following trips:

March 29, Thursday: "Wally's Café" Hunterdon Hills Playhouse; Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. Members \$50.50 Guests \$50.50

April 25, Wednesday: "Jonah" Sight and Sound Theatre; Lancaster County, PA Dinner Family Style at Hershey Farms Restaurant; Bus departs 9:30 a.m.; Show at 1 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. Dinner. Members \$62.00 Guests \$67.00

May 22nd, Tuesday: "Butterflies are Free" Hunterdon Hills Playhouse; Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. Members \$50.50 Guests \$50.50

For membership information call President Sandra Krahling at 609-397-0145. For trip information call Dottie Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde 609-397-2097.

Senior Citizen Meetings:

March 7, April 4, May 2: Regular Monthly Meeting at 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

June 6: Covered Dish Lunch at Noon at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company



All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Seniors' Yoga Class

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers yoga classes at the Township Building. Two classes are offered each Friday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 for an eight week session. Call Kim at 732-690-4000 for more information.

Delaware Township School Activities

March 16 Early Dismissal: Conferences/In-Service
March 27 Board of Education: 7:00 p.m. DTS Perf. Arts Rm
April 5 Early Dismissal: Conferences/In-Service
April 6-April 15 School closed: Spring Recess
April 16 Classes Resume
April 24 Board of Education: 7:00 p.m. in DTS Perf. Arts Rm
May 22 Board of Education: 7:30 p.m. in DTS Perf. Arts Rm
May 25 School Closed: Staff Development
May 28 Memorial Day: School closed
June 15 Early Dismissal: In Service
June 18 Early Dismissal: Last School Day

Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Board Meetings: All meetings start at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library — March 19: Budget Introduction; March 26: Budget Adoption; April 16, April 30, May 21, and June 18.

Amwell Church of the Brethren

March 15: Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner 6 p.m. Donations—Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Reservations required: call 908-782-6206 or 908-782-4548.
April 6: Good Friday Evening Service 7 p.m.
April 8: Easter Dawn Service 6 a.m. Breakfast to follow. Second Service at 9 a.m.
April 20 and 21: Rummage Sale 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. Luncheon available. Questions? Call 908-782-6206.
May 7: National Day of Prayer Service 7 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Questions call 609-397-4842.

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

February 22: Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
April 5: Holy Thursday Communion Serv. at 7:30 p.m.
April 6: Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m. 7 Last Words
April 8: Easter Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
April 14th: Auction. Browsing starts at 10 a.m. and bidding starts at 11 a.m. Lunch available. Good quality items can be donated between now and April 10th at the church M-F 11-2 or call 609-397-2333.
May 5th: Italian Buffer Dinner 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call Betty Emery at 609-397-3550.

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

Morning Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
March 17: Flea Market 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Light lunch available with homemade soups and baked goods for sale. Vendor tables \$18
April 5: Holy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 p.m.
April 8: Easter Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. 609-397-0371; John Valiant Jr., Pastor 215-297-0236

Recreation Commission Activities

PLEASE NOTE: DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT RECREATION COMMISSION SPONSORED EVENTS

March 15: Family Skate Night will be held at the Frenchtown Roller Rink on Rt. 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person. Additional \$2 for skate rental or \$3 for inline skates. Fun for the whole family. Refreshments are available for purchase.

March 31: Clean Up Day at the Dilts' Farm Park at 9 a.m. Please come and help prepare the Park for spring fun! Bring gloves.

April 7: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 7 at 1 p.m. sharp (this event never starts late)! Rain or shine at the Dilts Farm Park. Bring a bag or basket. The hunt is open to children ages Toddlers through 5th grade. There will be prizes for special eggs. If you can donate one or two dozen new LARGE colored plastic eggs, we would appreciate it. You can drop them off at the Township Building.

April 28 (Tentative Date): 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 Copelands for the use of their pond.

Cleanup Days for 2012: 4/21, 6/16, 8/18

The Township Cleanup Day process will continue for 2012. Cleanup Days are held at the Delaware Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Road (Route 523).

- * 50 permits will be issued and must be obtained in advance from the Township Municipal Building for each bi-monthly clean-up day -- there is a fee. See fee schedule below.
- * Permits will be available three weeks before each Clean Up Day. Proof of residency (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 to bring materials for disposal.
- * Residents may obtain one permit bi-monthly. A new permit must be obtained for each clean-up day.
- * The 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, although Township personnel will be available for assistance with heavy or bulky items.

The following items will be accepted:

- * 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 limited to 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

2012 Permit Fees: Passenger car: \$10; Pick-up truck: \$30; Trailer only (may be no larger than truck bed and no side extensions): \$30; Tires without rim (16" diameter maximum, limit 10 per family): \$5.00

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School Election Change

On Jan. 17, 2012, Gov. Christie signed a law establishing procedures for moving the date of a school district's annual school election from April to the General Election in November. Districts that move their school board member election to November no longer have to submit their operating budgets for voter approval if they stay within the levy cap requirements. Only proposed school budgets that exceed the levy cap will have to receive voter approval and would be on the November ballot. The Hunterdon Central Regional High School and Delaware Township School Boards of Education both approved resolutions to move School Board Elections to November 6th, the General Election. At the General Election, voters will vote on School Board candidates and any proposed cap over-ride referendum, if applicable.

Voter Registration

If you are a new Delaware Township resident or have never registered to vote and are eighteen years of age or older, please remember to register to vote at least 21 days before an election. According to State law, you must include your driver's license number. If you do not have a driver's license, you must include the last four digits of your Social Security number. Primary Election Day is June 5, and General Election Day is November 6. All voting is held at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company on Rt. 523. Voter Registration and Vote by Mail Ballot forms and deadlines are available at the Township Building or at www.njelections.org

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Auction at the Mill: May 18, 2012

Join the Delaware Township School Partners in Education (DTS PiE) on Friday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. for its annual Auction at the Prallsville Mill. Tickets will be available in April. All proceeds go to enrich the academic experience of DTS students. Contact Jeannie Colalillo at 609-397-0373.

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead

The Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead is a museum of agriculture and life in Delaware Township and is located on Rt. 29 near Lambertville. It is a great place to visit and bring the family. The Farmstead is open every Sunday afternoon beginning May 6th through the end of October from 1 to 4 p.m. Special activities are scheduled throughout the year including Philadelphia Blacksmiths and the Annual Herb Sale (both in May) and the 12th Annual Civil War Re-enactor Weekend in June. Info and event details at www.holcombe-jimison.org

The Great Crate Race

The Great Crate Race will celebrate its 24th anniversary on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. No Rain Date). There will again be an antique car and tractor display. For more details or design requirements, or to volunteer your help or vehicle, or if you have a used crate looking for a new home, please call Tammy Wiszniewski at 908-246-8731. Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall or "backpacked" home through DTS by request.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The Delaware Township Recreation Commission would like to congratulate the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest. They did a spectacular job of decorating, as did many other residents. The Grand Prize went to the Bello Family. The Bellos received a \$100 gift certificate to the Sergeantsville Inn. Other winners were: The Hanley Family, the Wallace Family, and the Engler Family. They received \$50 restaurant gift certificates.