

## Great Crate Race

**R**aise the checkered flag! The 24th Annual Delaware Township Great Crate Race will be celebrating its time honored tradition on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 on Lower Ferry Road.

The day starts with car registration and inspection at 7:30 a.m. The community parade begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the race events. Also, many muscle, classic and antique cars, trucks, and tractors will be on display. If you wish to display your prized vehicle, come on down, but do so before 9:00 a.m. when the road closes.

You will hear some great music. Also available: beverages and food from our thirst quenching, tastebud satisfying refreshment stand.

Our commemorative T-shirts and official program will be just as amazing as in years past. Look for our poster art advertisement made by our very own Delaware Township school students! Our event recruits the help of our Road and Police Departments, the Rescue Squad, and Delaware Township School, and receives sponsorship donations and volunteer help from our community to keep our tradition in motion.

If interested in helping our Great Crate tradition continue, call 908-246-8731 or email [tammywisz@yahoo.com](mailto:tammywisz@yahoo.com).

## Public Service Announcement Primary Election Day

**When:** Tuesday, June 5, 2012

**Where:** Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

**Time:** 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Terms Expiring:**

12/31/12: Roger Locandro and Kenneth J. Novak

Local Vacancies: Two Township Committee positions

**Township Committee Primary Election Candidates:**

**Republican:** Roger Locandro and Kenneth J. Novak

**Democrat:** No Petition Filed

Democrat and Republican County Committee Candidates running in Election Districts.

**Tuesday May 29th** is the last day to apply by mail for a Mail-in Ballot for the June Primary Election.

**May 29th – June 4th** by 3 p.m. File Civilian Mail-In Ballot Application in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office on Main Street in Flemington.

The County Clerk's office is open for voting in person on Main Street, Flemington on:

**Thursday, May 31st** until 7 p.m. and on **Saturday June 2nd** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Voter registration and Mail-In ballot applications are available at the Township Building or on the web at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us). Click on "Voter & Election Information" at top right corner, then click on "Vote by Mail application." Mail your application to the Hunterdon County Clerk. After receiving your application, the County Clerk provides you with the actual mail in ballot. After marking your choices, you mail the ballot to the County Clerk in the envelope provided or hand deliver it.

If you are voting for the first time in Delaware Township, you may be asked to show a photo ID.

Voters whose records are not in the voting books may be asked to vote by paper Provisional Ballot. The County Board of Elections will check your registration later at its office in Flemington.

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## Meet Your Neighbor: Michel Lemmerling

By Mary Coffey

**M**ichel Lemmerling lives in the white house with the red shutters near the school, an old farmhouse which has lots of antiques and remains charmingly unchanged. He is a native of Leuven in Belgium, a university town about 20 minutes from Brussels. "An old town", he recalls fondly, "with old churches and other well-maintained historical structures. A beauty."

His family endured two world wars. His grandparents, on his father's side, fled to England to survive the first world war. His father, Henri, stayed in Belgium during the second occupation, keeping the family store open and working with the underground.

The family business, a high-end specialty food store, was started in 1887 by his great-grandmother. It was subsequently owned by his grandfather, then Michel's father and, after a stint in the Belgium army, Michel. It was a specialty store known for high end, hard to find products but especially for cheeses.

Michel is one of three children: his sister married and raised a family in Belgium. His brother graduated from medical school in Leuven, and interned in the U.S. eventually moving here permanently. Michel, living and working in Belgium, would often visit his brother at his home in Princeton.

In 1988 the opportunity arose to buy a store in Princeton, known for fine gourmet foods similar to those Michel sold in Belgium. Michel was married with four children, and after several visits and much discussion, the family moved to the U.S.

The shop was named Bon Appetit. Food selections included at least 250 varieties of high quality cheese, Michel's specialty. He is a Taste Fromage, which is a member of the French Confrerie Brillat Savarine du Taste Fromage. Michel's shop also offered many other high end, hard to find items such as foie gras, caviar, smoked salmon, as well as a prepared foods for the home table.

The shop received repeated glowing reviews by the gourmet sections of many newspapers including The New York Times, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, and the Princeton Packet. Though he "rarely toots his own horn," says his wife, "he is famous in gourmet food circles."

Bon Appetit continued to grow. It was "a lot of hard work; seven days a week, 365 days the first two years," says Michel, "but the store became very successful." His first marriage ended in divorce. In the early 1990's, a mutual friend introduced Michel to Muffie Geissler, a horse trainer and riding coach. They raised five children together and moved from Princeton to Sergeantsville in 2000. They enjoy their children and grandchild, love to putter in the gardens, and watch their

young horses grow.

In Belgium, Michel had always been active in civic duties, so three years ago he joined the Sergeantsville Fire Company. He doesn't actually fight the fires — he says he's too old for that — but he joined the fire police and became an administrator. He enjoys being with the fire company, and responds almost every time there is a fire alarm. "Getting up at two in the morning is no fun, but that's what we do!"

Professionally, he is now involved with sustainable farming at Doublebrook Farm in Hopewell, "an opportunity I couldn't let slip by," says Michel. Already established, the farm is preparing a permanent farm market in the great old building where Malek Chevrolet was once housed. And of course, Michel will be involved with the farm's cheese. And soon, within a half mile from the market, there will be a tavern serving a fresh "farm to table" menu.

## Sandy Ridge Community Church Celebrating 200 Years of History

**T**his year, the Sandy Ridge Community Church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary. In 1812, the origins of the Sandy Ridge Community Church were established when Charles Bartolette, the pastor of what became the Flemington Baptist Church, began preaching in the Sandy Ridge area.

Historical documents indicate that Reverend Bartolette would preach in Sandy Ridge on Sunday afternoons in the summer and on weekdays during the winter months, riding from house-to-house through the countryside. In 1816, the congregation decided that they would build a church.

In a history of the Church which was "read before the Hunterdon Co. Historical Society by Dr. George H. Larison, July 30, 1890," Dr. Larison writes, "In selecting the site for the meeting house, it was for a time unsettled, quite every one wanted it located nearest to themselves."

The ridge location was chosen and was "underlaid with yellow sand and covered then with a heavy growth of the finest chestnut timber interspersed with oaks and hickory...." David Butterfoss and Parritt Vandolah sold the congregation land for the church and cemetery.

In 1818, the first church building opened for worship with 19 members. This is where Reverend Bartolette continued to serve as Pastor until 1832, splitting his time between Flemington and Sandy Ridge.

The church building was remodeled in 1839, and eventually replaced by the current structure, erected in 1866. The 1866 cost of rebuilding was \$5500.

The church continues to serve the Community today with Pastor John Valiant and 50 members.

## Planning Continues: 175th Anniversary Celebration

The subcommittee planning the Township's 175th Anniversary celebration has been finalizing plans and starting work on the various activities. The Township will be holding several activities throughout 2013 with the goal of involving as many residents as possible.

Activities have begun this year with a t-shirt design contest held with the assistance of the middle school art teacher at the Delaware Township School. The winning design will be used to produce t-shirts that will be sold at activities throughout 2013.

Also, this year, the Township Historical Society is sponsoring a friendship quilt project. For a minimal contribution, residents can have their name embroidered on a quilt block. All blocks will be assembled and a finished quilt presented to the Township in 2013. For information, please contact Susan Lockwood (609)397-4265 or visit her at the Farmer's Market.

Residents can also provide their favorite family recipe together with a family photo or anecdote about the recipe to the Historical Society for inclusion in a Community Cookbook. All recipes can be sent to Vicki Stodart, 328 Rosemont Ringoes Rd., Stockton, NJ 08559 or [vstodart@yahoo.com](mailto:vstodart@yahoo.com). The cookbook will be ready during the second half of 2013.

The first event in 2013 will be in April and will be a "re-enactment" of the Township's first Committee meeting (and/or events leading up to that meeting). Would you like to participate? Contact anyone on the Anniversary Committee.

In May and August, we're planning Historic Village walks and possibly a "fun run" in May (if we can find assistance to organize it!)

In July, as part of the parade leading to the Great Crate Race, we are planning to invite more classic vehicles.

September/October will be time for Community Day. In addition to trying to add some "old time" games and activities, we are also hoping to have fireworks if we can work out costs and details. The cookbook should also be ready for purchase at this time.

We're also planning to have a display of Delaware Township History at a nearby venue (either the Holcombe Jimison Farm or the Prallsville Mill). Do you have something you'd like to exhibit?

If you'd like to help with any of the above activities or join our Committee, please contact any of the members of the 175th Anniversary Committee: Don Scholl, Susan Lockwood, Marilyn Cummings, Tracy Wright, and Kristin Devlin.



## Sergeantsville Farmer's Market

May 12th marked the kick-off of the seventh season for The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market located on the Village Green in the center of Sergeantsville. Local farmers offer everything from locally grown vegetables, flowers and herbs, free-range eggs, meats, and pastries, to live animals including Alpacas, and pony rides. Also, hand-crafted items are offered for your enjoyment. The Sergeantsville Market is one of the earliest opening seasonal markets in the area.

The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market is a producers' market, meaning that all products are grown, raised, or produced by the vendor. There are no mass-produced products sold and no reselling is allowed.

The number of vendors will increase as the season progresses and more produce comes into season, to include tomatoes, sweet corn, zucchini, and plenty of other crops.

The Market strives to provide a convenient location for residents to purchase healthy, nutritious, locally grown food and visit with their neighbors in the center of the township. Any one interested can contact Jack Gaskill, Market Coordinator at 908-268-3641

So mark your calendars for every Saturday morning from 8:30 until noon through the end of September. Come to the center of Sergeantsville, catch up with friends and neighbors, and support local farms and business!

## Seniors Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

Hunterdon County residents, 60 years of age or older with low income, are invited to participate in the New Jersey Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program sponsored by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. The program runs from June 1st to September 30th. Participants will receive four checks valued at \$5 each to be redeemed at participating farm stands for fresh produce and herbs. Farmers are not allowed to give change, so each \$5 check must be used in its entirety. Checks can be obtained from one of the following locations:

Division of Senior Services, Flemington  
North Hunterdon Senior Center  
Readington Township Administration Building  
Fisherman's Mark Food Bank, Lambertville

Checks must be picked up in person and signed for. If a senior is housebound, arrangements can be made for his/her representative to pick up checks. To obtain information on income limits, to get answers to your questions, and to find out the locations of State approved farm markets, please contact the Division of Senior Services at 908-788-1361.

## Rosemont-Raven Rock Bridge

To follow-up on the Fall 2011 meeting with the County engineer, the Township received a set of final rehabilitation design plans for the bridge. Public review and comments are welcome.

## Delaware Township: American Theme

By Jim Drummond

As we come to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Delaware Township next year, it is very instructive to see how strongly life here, and in New Jersey proper, helped set the patterns for the later settlement of America across the whole continent.

Frederick Jackson Turner's *The Frontier*, developed in 1892, is the core of most conceptions concerning the historical development of America. Turner noted four stages of settlement as Americans moved into what had been Native American territory. The first people entering a new territory were the "frontiersmen," the hunters/trappers and explorers of the Daniel Boone type, followed by "backwoods" or subsistence farmers, who in turn evolved into "settled farmers," who with the development of transportation began trading to the outside world. The "self-sufficient"/"can do," democratic and inventive spirit of America came, according to Turner, from this long gestation of Americans on the frontier.

The cutting edge of European society meeting the Native American culture lasted almost 200 years in New Jersey because the great territorial expanse of America beyond the Appalachian Mountains only opened to settlement after the 1780s. Beyond the Appalachians, each frontier "stage" lasted only about 30 years as the frontier line moved westward, but in Delaware Township from the early 1600s to the late 1700s the Native Americans were located at the farthest, around the Delaware Water Gap.

Delaware Township's geographic placement puts the township squarely in the center of that early, 200-year long settlement dynamic that made America. What does this all mean to us in the township today? One thing I would emphasize is that we must have sufficient awe and respect for our founders, who created this great culture and physical environment we enjoy today! They persevered against great odds over a very long period and left us a strong heritage today; but even more importantly, they created a cultural template that was followed in many ways, all across America as those "pioneers" pressed westward in settling America.

A "frontiersman," Alex Hawkins (after whom the Alexauken Creek is named) was among the first to open this area to settlement in the early 1600s. It is so important to not stereotype our origins around the fictional movie legends of Hollywood cowboys, instead understanding that cattle drives originated in Delaware Township and NJ area with the Drovers, moving their livestock to market in Philadelphia and NY.

This aspect of Delaware Township history is strongly documented in local, state, and national histories. The heritage of Delaware Township itself shines quite brightly in its original, unadorned clarity. Until the 1960s professional historians tended to "write off" and ignore local history as being "antiquarian;" i.e., dominated by an almost stereotypical focus on houses and furniture to the exclusion of other important aspects of American life; today historians have major focus on those very factors that we call "local history." Hence, as we look at Delaware Township's origins almost 175 years ago in our celebration of our founding as a township, we are not in some side issue but rather in the very core of America's founding.

## Historic Murals: Part 2

By Robert Hornby

The wallpaper panels throughout the municipal building, titled "American Revolution", were produced in 1852 by Jean Zuber & Co. of Rixham, Alsace, France. The scenes were created by superimposing military figures onto original 1834 panels entitled "Views of North America."

The panels are vertically hung strips of wallpaper 8 to 12 feet long typically produced in sets of 5 to 25 strips, 18 to 26 inches wide. When hung in series, a full set creates a panoramic scene around the perimeter of a room. The set typically contained several individual scenes which could be aligned around architectural features such as doors and windows. The foreground scenes are contained within the lower two thirds of the paper, reserving the upper third for sky which could be used as filler above doorways and windows. The manufacture of the paper was a complex process, frequently involving large numbers of artisans over the course of years to produce an issue of 20 to 30 sets of a single design. The artistry involved transferring a design to hundreds or even thousands of wood blocks, complex hand painting of the background and sky, and various steps dealing with the paper itself. The complexity of the process and the popularity of the product gave rise to the reissue of backgrounds with different foreground images, such as the addition of military figures to the earlier Views of North America.

The panels currently hanging in Delaware Township were hung around 1920 in the Hotel Harrington in Washington, DC. Committeeman Howard Sample and his wife Alice frequently stayed there when visiting. Prior to the Harrington being torn down, the panels were offered to the Samples by Mr. R. Vance Bryce, the manager of the hotel. The Samples arranged for removal and transportation to Sergeantsville. They were aided by an anonymous gift of \$3,000 and the efforts of Mr. Brunson McCutchen, a stockholder in the hotel. They were framed and installed in Sergeantsville in 1974 as part of the renovation of the Municipal Building.

The Delaware Township installation divided the original set into several scenes in different rooms. The upstairs Meeting Room contains on the right, the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, October, 19, 1781; and on the left, the Battle of Bunker Hill, May 25, 1775. In the stairwell hangs the Battle of Natural Bridge, Virginia, a real place though perhaps more of a skirmish between British Dragoons and local detachments. General Washington's Entrance into New York is divided into two sections, with the left half in the upstairs hallway and the right half in the Assessor's Office. The Battle of Niagara Falls, more accurately a part of the War of 1812, resides in the CFO Office.

## Recreation Commission Events: Summer Recreation

**T**he Delaware Township Recreation Commission will hold a Summer Recreation Program beginning Monday, July 16, 2012 through Friday, July 27, 2012. It will run daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Delaware Township School. An exciting program of arts, crafts, sports, games, assorted activities, and field trips have been planned. All children who are residents of Delaware Township and who have completed kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate, and we encourage them to attend the program. A calendar of fun events will be handed out to the campers on their first day.

This year the registration fee has been set at \$70 for one child, \$90 for two children, and \$110 for three or more children. Children who qualify for the federal school lunch program should contact Township Clerk Judy Allen for scholarship assistance. The cost for any fieldtrip is in addition to the registration fee. Your child does not have to attend the program every day. However, the registration fee is for two weeks, and it cannot be prorated for shorter periods. Also, be aware that there will be a late fee of \$20.00 per child or \$30 per family for registration forms handed in after June 22, 2012.

Forms are available at the Township Building and at the school. They are also available on the Township website (three pages). For more information, please contact Laura Darby (609-397-5932).

### Adult and Your Tennis Programs

The Delaware Township Recreation Commission will be offering Summer Tennis classes for all ages at the Dilts Farm Park Tennis Courts.

**Adults:** In June, there will be four sessions available for adults to come out and learn to play the game. Classes will be from 6–7 pm and the cost will be \$30 per session. Session 1 is June 4-6; Session 2 is June 11–13; Session 3 is June 18-20; and Session 4 is June 25-27.

**New This Year:** There will be an Adult Monday Night Clinic running July 9th to August 27th at \$10 per session.

**Youths:** The Youth Tennis Program will be held for six one-week morning and evening sessions. Cost is \$50 per session., for children ages 4 through high school.

Session 1 is June 25–June 29; Session 2 is July 9–July 13; Session 3 is July 16–July 20, Session 4 is July 23–July 27; Session 5 is July 30–Aug. 3; and Session 6 is Aug. 6–Aug. 10

Please note that during July 16–July 27 (Summer Recreation Program) the morning sessions are held from 7:45 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

#### Morning Session Hours and Grade Levels:

8–9 a.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades K-4  
9-10 a.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades 5-8

#### Afternoon Session Hours and Grade Levels:

3-4 p.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades K-4  
4-5 p.m. Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades 5-8  
5-6 p.m. Teen Tennis – Beginner and Advanced Beginner

All forms are available at the Delaware Township Building, Delaware Township School, and on the Website: [www.DelawareTwpNJ.org](http://www.DelawareTwpNJ.org) For more information please contact Laura Darby 609-397-5932.

### Township Wide Yard Sale

**September 8th.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or Shine. Please call the Township Building to register beginning August 1st. There is no fee to register. Information on the different sale locations is available on the day of the sale only at the Township Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. \$3 for map.

### Township Community Day

**October 6th.** Rain Date October 13th. Save the Dates! To be held at the Dilts Farm Park from Noon to 5 p.m. Details in next newsletter.

Information about Delaware Township Recreation and applications to use Dilts Farm Park, Summer Recreation, adult tennis, and youth tennis can be found on the Delaware Township website [www.DelawareTwpNJ.org](http://www.DelawareTwpNJ.org) under Recreation or can be obtained at the Township Building.

### Headquarters Historic District Approved

**T**he Headquarters Historic District was placed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places in 2011. The District comprises the Headquarters Farm, owned by Roger Byrom, and what was the general store and post office in the 1800's, now the residence of Mike and Kathy Barca.

Byrom paid historical consultant Dennis Bertrand to provide the documentation needed to create a historic district. Having been residents of Delaware Township for several years, Byrom and the Barcas noted they wanted the wonderful historic nature of the area acknowledged on State and National Registers. Barca also noted that Headquarters was a bustling place back in the 19th century.

The two properties in the Headquarters Historic District met all eligibility criteria for listing. John Opdycke was the builder and owner of the structures up to about 1765. The farmhouse is from 1758 while the out (or summer) kitchen was probably constructed in the first half of the 19th century. Although renovated, it is one of the few left standing. Headquarters Mill was constructed in 1735. It was enlarged substantially in 1754 and 1877.

The Barca's home is c.1800-1840. The east wing (what everyone remembers as the store) was probably added later. It was first used as a shoemaker's shop in the late 1800s and then as a store through the mid-1900s.

Barca notes that the historic designation will not affect anything they want to do with their home, but will force government entities to consider the district's history in all decision making processes.

## Community Calendar

**June** Summer Office Hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

**June 16** Mini Clean Up Day – Purchase permit at Township Building

**June 17** Fathers' Day

**June 30** Recycling Depot 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at DT Garage

**July 4** Great Crate Race

**July 4** Township Offices closed

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

**July 28** Recycling Depot 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at DT Garage

**August 18** Mini Clean Up Day – Purchase permit at Township Building

**August 25** Recycling Depot 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at DT Garage

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

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

**September 22** Shredder Day at Township Garage 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**September 29** Recycling Depot 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at DT Garage

**October 6** Community Day at Dilts Farm Park Noon to 5 p.m. (Volunteers needed!)

**October 13** Community Day Rain Date

**October 13** Computer/Monitors/Televisions/Electronics & Propane Tank Collection Day at Hunterdon County Library 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 908-788-1110 for information

**Township Committee:** Mondays: 8 p.m. on 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27, and 9/10.

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

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

**Open Space Committee:** Mondays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, and 9/17.

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

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

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

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

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

**Shade Tree Commission:** Thursdays: 7:00 p.m. on 6/28, 7/26, 8/23, and 9/27.

**Historic Advisory Committee:** Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. on 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, and 9/12.

**Newsletter Committee:** Monday, July 9th at 7 p.m.

All residents are invited to attend any and all Township meetings. Your participation and input are important.

**Recycling Depot:** Last Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Township Garage on Rt. 523. 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, and 9/24. Volunteers are needed. This is a great service opportunity. Call Recycling Coordinator Gloria Schellhorn at 609-397-1682 or Kathy Klink at 609-397-3240 Ext. 208.

### Township Building Office Hours

Beginning June 4, 2012 and continuing through Friday, August 31, 2012, the Delaware Township Municipal Building will usually open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. Take advantage of the extra hour each morning to conduct Township business on your way into work.

### Amwell Church of the Brethren

**July 9-13** Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Program Friday Night July 13th 7 p.m. Activities: Bible lesson, music, crafts, games and more. Ages 4 years through high school. Register by June 17. Contact Barbara at 908-782-6206 or Pastor Bob at 609-397-4842. www.amwell.org

**July 14** – Tent Revival – A community event! Come and enjoy a message, music and refreshments. For more information call 609-397-4842.

### Senior Citizens

Meetings:

**June 6–12** Noon. Pot Luck Lunch and regular monthly meeting at the Sergeantsville Vol. Fire Company.

No meetings in July and August.

**September 5-12** Noon. Pot Luck Lunch and regular monthly meeting at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company.

**Trip: September 18th** – “River Lady Lunch Cruise” Riverboat Tours, Inc. Toms River, NJ. Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. \$33.00 for members, \$38.00 for guests.

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

### The Hunterdon County Office on Aging

Offers interesting recreational and educational opportunities to county senior citizens. There are shopping services, health fairs, classes, and recreational activities throughout the year. Call 908-788-1361 for information.

### Seniors' Yoga Class

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers yoga classes at the Township Building. The cost is \$25 for 8 sessions. You need a mat and comfortable clothing. Call Kim at 732-690-4000 to register for the next session.

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

## Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc.

Meals on Wheels delivers hot noontime meals to homebound elderly and/or disabled clients in Hunterdon on a short-term or long-term basis. Contact Meals on Wheels at 908-284-0735 for information. If you can find one or two hours once each month to deliver meals, please call 908-284-0735 to volunteer.

## Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead, Inc

**June 3rd**—Colonial Caper with HCHS 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No regular Sunday tours that day—a \$50 per person fundraiser is scheduled. [www.holcombe-jimison.org](http://www.holcombe-jimison.org)

**June 9th and June 10th**—Lambertville Civil War Re-enactors -\$10 admission fee, children under 12 free. Sat. June 9th—10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun. June 10th - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go to [www.lambertvillecivilwarreenactment.com](http://www.lambertvillecivilwarreenactment.com) for more information.

**June 24th**—Annual Meeting. Election of Trustees and Celebration of the Farmers Chosen for the Farmers Honor Roll. Light refreshments after meeting.

## Delaware Township School Activities

[www.dtsk8.org](http://www.dtsk8.org)

**June 8th** – Elementary School Field Day

**June 8th** – 8th Grade Washington, DC trip

**June 14th** – Middle School Field Day

**June 14th** - Early Dismissal

**June 15th** – Early Dismissal – Last Day of School  
DTS Promotion 6:00 p.m. in Gymnasium

## Delaware Township School Board of Education Meetings:

6/19, 8/14, and 9/25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room

## Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Board of Education Meetings at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library. June 18th.

## Township Shredder Day

On Saturday, September 22, 2012, the Delaware Township Environmental Commission with funding from the New Jersey Clean Communities Program will host a free document shredder day for Township residents. The Shredder Truck will be parked at the Township Garage 816 Sergeantsville Road between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

You may bring your paper documents in cardboard boxes. Please remove paper clips, binder clips, rubber bands, and any plastic covers. Staples are permitted. You will be able to view your documents being shredded, if desired. All shredded paper will be recycled.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to dispose safely of outdated, confidential and personal files.

## Household Clean-Up Days in 2012 Pre-Registration Required

**WHERE:** Delaware Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Road (Route 523)

**WHEN:** 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on June 16, August 18 and November 17, 2012

### How to Participate:

- \* 50 permits will be issued for each bi-monthly clean-up day at the Township Municipal Building, See fee schedule.
- \* Permits will be available three weeks before each Clean Up Day. 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.

### Items Accepted Include:

- \* All electronics such as computers, monitors, and televisions
- \* Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators (with or without Freon), and propane tanks
- \* All types of metals
- \* The acceptance of building materials is limited to one half of a standard pick-up truck load and may not exceed four feet in length

### Items Not Accepted Include:

- \* Household garbage
- \* Hazardous waste (gasoline, chemicals, explosives, etc.)
- \* Animal carcasses

### 2012 Permit Fees

Passenger car-\$10.00

Pick-up truck-\$30.00

Trailer only (may be no larger than truck bed and no side extensions)-\$30.00

Tire without rim (16" diameter maximum, limit 10 per family)-\$5.00

## Police Station Update

After a 25-year stay in "temporary" housing, the new home of the Delaware Township Police Department is well on its way through the planning stages. The township has purchased the neighboring property to the Public Works Department fronting Rt. 523 south of Sergeantsville. An architect has been retained for the renovation of the house into a police station and for the surrounding site work. Plans are available for review. Bids have been put out for construction.

The Delaware Township Department of Public Works will do the majority of the site work and stormwater management, including a walking path dedicated to the late Police Chief Bruce Mast. Renovation is expected to begin within the next six weeks and finish within six months.

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## Locktown Stone Church

**T**he Locktown Stone Church is a wonderful example of federal style architecture built in 1819. The Friends of the Locktown Stone Church are celebrating the 25th anniversary of their mission to preserve and maintain the Church.

The annual cleanup day was held on April 21st with a good turnout of trustees and advisors to give the church and grounds a thorough spring cleaning. The church's neighbor and advisor Ray Schenk has been keeping the property looking great with a very generous donation of his time. The interior will get an added improvement when the pews get painted in May.

The May meeting at the church included presentation of awards for the annual essay contest, open to Delaware Township students, and the subject this year was mills. Two local mill tours were organized by the essay contest committee. For the first time, this year's contest included submissions of photo essays in addition to written essays.

Coming in September will be our first Benefit Concert fundraiser. The Dryden Quartet is scheduled to perform, with refreshments and a silent auction. October and November bring the popular Fall Concert series. The acoustics in the church are extraordinary, so we hope that all who have not yet experienced music being performed at the Stone Church make a point of attending one or more of these events. For more info, log on to [www.LocktownStoneChurch.org](http://www.LocktownStoneChurch.org) or visit our Facebook page.

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## Pennsylvania Black Fly Suppression Program: Aerial Spraying

**T**he Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection notified the Township that it will be spraying this season for black flies, commonly known as gnats. Treatments are conducted in this area by the State of Pennsylvania DEP via helicopter application throughout the warm season along the Delaware River.

Treatments only occur at riffle areas along the Delaware River. Treatments are determined by larval black fly populations in the river, rainfall, temperature, wind, adult black fly numbers, and other factors.

Pennsylvania uses Vectobac, an insecticide product recommended for black fly control in New Jersey by Rutgers. It contains the soil bacterium "Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti), evaluated by the USEPA to be very slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people when used properly as part of a complete mosquito control program. Vectobac acts on the larval or immature stage of the black fly in water before the flying adult emerges. Spraying for adult black flies is not effective.

Follow common-sense actions to reduce possible exposure risk. Limit outside activities during times of possible pesticide treatment. Avoid direct contact with water bodies that have been treated. Move children's toys out of application areas. Move animals and their food and water dishes out of application areas. Stay away from application equipment, whether or not it is in use.

For more information on Pennsylvania DEP's official Black Fly Suppression Program go to [www.depweb.state.pa.us/blackfly](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/blackfly). Note: The State of New Jersey has not funded any money for black fly spraying in many, many years. Thanks to Pennsylvania, Delaware Township residents can enjoy their back yards in the summer.