

Community Day: October 6th

Community Day will be held on Saturday, October 6th (Rain Date October 13th) from Noon to 5 p.m. at the Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Road. As in previous years, a variety of rides, bands, and food vendors will join representatives from local businesses, civic organizations, and government agencies to share information about their services and provide entertainment.

Admission to the event is free, although there will be a nominal charge for rides. Dogs are not allowed at this event.

The festivities will also include a classic antique auto/tractor/truck/motorcycle/muscle car show, a baked goods contest, live music, radar tracked fast ball throw, a State police helicopter, and a hot air balloon launch at dusk. During the afternoon, ceremonies will be held to present the awards for Employee of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

Residents interested in registering for either the classic car show or baked goods contest should send their vehicle information or planned baked-good entry, along with their name and contact information, to Jen Gillooly at 90 Sandbrook-Headquarters Rd, Stockton, NJ 08559 or e-mail cgillooly@embarqmail.com.

There also will be a hot air balloon launch at dusk, and a designated tailgating area where BYO wine/beer will be allowed from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please note that in the case of rain the event will be moved to October 13th. For more information on Community Day, please contact Jen Gillooly at 908-782-2213.

General Election Day

When: Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company, Rt. 523

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

Terms Expiring: (12/31/12) Roger Locandro and Ken Novak

Local Vacancy: 2 Township Committee positions

2012 Republican Candidates:

Roger Locandro and Ken Novak

2012 Democrat Candidates:

Maureen Cafferty and Sam Thompson

October 16: Last Day to Register to Vote for November General Election

Mail-in Balloting: Anyone can vote by mail. To receive the ballot by mail, the Mail-In Ballot application must be received in the County Clerk's office by October 30th.

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

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

Santa's Early Visit

Santa is coming to the Township Building on Saturday, December 1st from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your little ones, a camera, and enjoy treats and seeing Santa!

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead

The Holcombe Jimison Farmstead is open on Sunday afternoons through October 28, 2012. Admission fee \$5 adults, \$3 students. www.holcombe-jimison.org

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Meet Your Neighbor: Ed Tindall

By Mary Coffey

If you have a dog or a cat, horses or cows, a parrot, or even a Siberian tiger, you may very well know Ed Tindall. Until his retirement in 2006, Ed owned the Mobile Veterinary service on Upper Creek Road, with a truck serving as his office. The truck was fully equipped for almost any situation, and very frequently did surgery on-site at the owner's home.

Later, he provided pet services to people who worked during the day, scheduling 30-minute long appointments instead of the standard 15 minutes as many other vets (and human doctors) do. He would remember your name, greet you warmly, ask about your family and perhaps your job. After he had examined and treated your animal, he would explain, in "plain-speak" (non-medical terms), what he had done and why, and what was expected of you to continue your animal's care. "An educated clientele," he says "is the key to the health of their animals."

Ed comes from Plainsboro and went to high school in Princeton. Before entering college he had no clear goal what he might want to do after graduation. Because he had always been interested in wildlife and animals, he went to a Forestry school near Saranac Lake. Then he transferred to Rutgers, majoring in Wildlife Conservation and Forestry. He earned his undergraduate degree from Rutgers and got an assistantship to do a combined Master's Degree in Wildlife and Entomology at the University of Delaware.

After completing graduate school, Ed got interested in veterinary school. Some advisors tried to discourage the idea, but Ed persisted, applied to Ohio State University, and was admitted.

While at Ohio State, Ed met Beverly, who majored in Elementary Education. He graduated in 1965; they married that June and moved to New Jersey. Their son Chadd was born, then Caleb three years later, and finally Rebekah. Today, Ed has four grandchildren.

After graduating and working for three years for pharmaceutical companies, Ed worked at the Lawrence Hospital for Animals in Princeton and finally opened up his own practice in Lambertville in 1969. The family lived above the animal hospital. When son Chad was about to begin school they moved to a stone house in Delaware Township. In the late 1980's they built their current house, which also houses the veterinary office.

In 1976, Ed decided to try a mobile practice. At that time, there were only about three small animal mobile practices in the whole country. Some studies had shown that the prospect of a mobile practice was "iffy" -- because so much time was spent on the road, it was not as cost-efficient as having the patients come to you.

But mobile practice fitted Ed's way of life. He could spend time with his kids, do his practice's paperwork, and his schedule was more flexible. In the 70's and 80's he could drive to an owner's house, do any necessary surgery on-site, wait until the animal came out of the anesthesia, then leave the care of the animal to the owner. "Times have changed," he says. "More people today do not feel comfortable being responsible for an animal just out of anesthesia and to monitor this, you really do need a fixed facility. But," he adds, "you

can additionally run a mobile service. Now there is on-site surgery only for large animals."

Ed was a veterinarian for 47 years. "It's a fascinating field," he observes. "You get challenged. There are general personalities within breeds of animals, but each animal has variations on how they are going to act. Some animals can be placid and easygoing. Or, you can get a renegade horse, or a dog that bites, or a cat which doesn't want to be handled. Fortunately, unlike the old days, there are now many analgesics and anesthetics available which can be used to quiet down a nervous animal."

Ed said that initially he had no clue that Chadd would walk in his footsteps, though he always loved animals and had a large number of them. After Chadd made his decision and graduated from veterinary school, they worked together for several years. Ed retired in 2006. Chadd currently has the mobile and stationery practices at 39 Upper Creek Road, and is also in partnership with Casey Weiss, DVM at the facility on Route 202 in Flemington, Voorhees Corner Veterinary Clinic.

Since retiring, Ed reads "voluminously," does wood-working, and restores old cars. He's dismantling and repainting a 1939 Plymouth four door sedan convertible, identical to the car which he had in high school and Rutgers. He had vowed that if he ever had the chance, he would get that car again, and now he has. "I wish I had retired when I was 21," he laughs.

New Township Assignments

On May 29th, the Delaware Township Committee appointed Danene Gooding, CTC as the Delaware Township Tax Collector replacing Donna Griffiths who now serves as the Deputy Tax Collector. Danene took the required courses for the position of Certified Tax Collector and sat for the State-wide exam on April 4th. She learned on May 16th that she passed the exam and gained certification. Danene can be reached at Ext. 203. Danene's office hours are Mon-Thur, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. plus additional hours during the busy tax seasons.

After 12 years as the Delaware Township Zoning Officer, Bob Miller decided to retire from Delaware Township to spend more time with his recently born twin granddaughters. We wish him the best, but are sad to see him go since he was such an asset to the Wednesday evening Office Team. The Township Committee hired Mike Mullin to serve as the new Zoning Officer and Flood Plain Administrator effective July 18th. He will have office hours every Wednesday evening. Mike comes to Delaware Township with over 19 years of municipal zoning experience.

The Township Committee hired Hugo John Borst as the Plumbing Subcode Official as well as the mechanical and plumbing inspector effective July 9th. He also holds a building inspector's license and will be filling in as needed. John has many years of experience as a licensed NJ Plumber. John will do inspections on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

8th Grade Citizenship Essay Award

Alex Van Orden won the eighth grade Citizenship essay contest, which asked students to suggest a memorial for the Township. Delaware Township Mayor Roger Locandro presented Alex with a \$125 award and Alex's name was engraved on a plaque displayed at Delaware Township School. Read his essay below.

There have been many proposals for a new memorial in Delaware Township. One possible option for the Delaware Township Committee would be to commemorate the previous inhabitants of our Township in a monument. The monument should be about the Lenape Native Americans, be put on Bull's Island, and consist of a statue of two Native Americans.

We should commemorate the Lenape Native Americans in a monument because they were the first people to live in our township. They were some of the first Native Americans encountered by white settlers and were also uniquely run by women, making their tribe a matriarchal society. They lived peacefully with each other and in harmony with nature and they were an agrarian culture, our townships first farmers. However, like many Native Americans they were pushed out by Europeans, decimated by European diseases, and have moved as far away as Oklahoma and Wisconsin. I believe that we should commemorate them in a monument to preserve the memory of our original natives, one of the few aspects of this land that has been eliminated.

The monument for the Lenape Native Americans should be put by the Delaware River on Bull's Island. The Lenape could be found in all parts of Delaware Township, but they were primarily located by the Delaware River. Bull's Island itself is a good candidate for a monument because it is well visited and is already a natural park.

The monument should contain two Lenape Native American women, one old the other young, maybe a child. This is because in a Lenape family, the grandparents held higher respect in the family than the parents. The two Native Americans should be women because the Lenape women had higher social standing than men. One should be holding some maize as that was mainly what they cultivated and traded to some of the first white settlers.

A monument about the Lenape Native Americans, to be put on Bull's Island, and consisting of a statue of two Native Americans would be an excellent choice for the Township committee. Commemorating the Lenape would not only preserve them in our minds but remind us of how much of our own heritage and survival depended on these original inhabitants. My hope is that this monument would remind the citizens of Delaware Township of our history, as well as affording the Lenape the respect and appreciation they so well deserve.

Township Website

Be sure to check the Township's website for information about Delaware Township, board and committee agendas and minutes, and special notices and announcements.
www.DelawareTwpNJ.org

Township Yard Sale: September 8th

Are you a hoarder? Does your basement qualify for a television series? Maybe you just want to be able to close your closet doors? Clean out your clutter and make some money! The Recreation Commission will host the Township-wide yard sale on Saturday, September 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine.

Residents interested in participating should register by calling 609-397-3240, Ext. 205 no later than September 4. There is no fee to register. Maps locating participating homes by street location will be available for purchase from 8:30 a.m. to Noon on the day of the sale at the Township Building. The Township will advertise the sale in the Democrat. You may want to post a sign at your driveway to make it easier for buyers to find your house.

Well Water Test Kits Available

The Delaware Township Environmental Commission and the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) (formerly the South Branch Watershed Association) co-sponsor a home well-testing program every year. The program allows homeowners to collect a sample of drinking water in their homes. The RHA coordinates the sample analysis and provides homeowners with the results.

Water test kits will be available for Township residents to purchase at Community Day, October 6th (raindate October 13th) and from September 24th to October 25th at the Township Building.

Testing your well for chemical and biological contamination is important since many contaminants can be harmful, even though they are tasteless and odorless. Public health authorities recommend annual testing. If your well has not been tested for several years, now is the time to test.

Note that the test kits are not as comprehensive as the testing required by the Private Well Testing Act and cannot be used for this purpose if you are selling your home.

Test results are strictly confidential between the RHA and the homeowners who submit the samples. The Township receives generic notice about the findings so that it can act if it appears that there may be a public health concern.

The kits must be purchased using a check payable to the Raritan Headwaters Association. Cash is not accepted. Filled sample containers must be returned to the Township Building on Friday, October 26th between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Residents should strictly follow the instructions that come with the sample kits and drop off the kits and the completed paperwork.

We strongly recommend that you read the detailed instructions a day ahead of the drop off date and complete the paperwork as indicated.

Basic kits (coliform bacteria with fecal coliform confirmation and nitrate levels) cost \$60. Additional tests carry additional fees: Lead-\$25; Volatile Organics-\$95; Arsenic-\$35; Pesticides-\$135; Radon-\$60; Iron-\$15; Manganese-\$15; Gross Alpha (radioactive contaminants)-\$75; Copper-\$20; and Herbicides-\$190.

There will be a detailed description of the available tests on the Township's website. www.DelawareTwpNJ.org.

Delaware Township: Early African-American Culture

By Jim Drummond

Until the 1860s, many of the Township's African-American citizens were slaves, but a good share were also free Blacks.

The 1790 census showed 1301 slaves in a total Hunterdon County population of 20,153. By 1840, slavery had almost ended in Hunterdon County, primarily because of the influence of Quakers in the area.

The primary occupation of Black slaves was farming with their owners generally having two to three male slaves. Dr. Bowne (of Bowne Station Road) left quite extensive records after 1800 in which he indicated he treated (by bleeding) the slaves of farmers in his vicinity. One owner in a 1781 account calls his slave a "complete farmer" with his wife noted as "a good dairy woman" who could "wash, iron and cook very well." Female slaves were primarily general helpers with the men also doing odd jobs to maintain the household.

Slaves also worked as ferrymen, ran stills, worked in iron furnaces, and were trained in various trades as skilled artisans. They were often hired out as laborers to help in the cost of their upkeep during down times for their owners. That continuing cost was one other reason that slavery died fairly early in Hunterdon County.

Black slaves were represented at local community parties ("frolics") with two or three Black fiddlers playing at every dance including a circle of Black observers. In some cases Black servants were treated as respected members of the family. Such accounts seem to gild the circumstances, but personal influence was the primary factor used to control the slaves in Delaware Township.

A major burial ground for Black slaves was near Dilts Corner; a local deed indicates that slaves were buried around the walls of the Barber Cemetery on Lambertville-Headquarters Road. Dr. Bowne, who lived nearby, had a Black woman maid and indicated that he treated Black and white patients alike. He also kept a freedman, Daniel Williams, as a handyman who split wood and built rail fences.

One account in 1817 gives a striking picture of the cross currents of life under slavery in the area. It seems that a Pennsylvania slave named Dehoney, originally from Guinea in Africa, who lived four miles west of New Hope along the Delaware, was liked by everyone who knew him. He would cross the Delaware around Bulls Island at night to visit his girlfriend, Chloe, a maid for the Emanuel Coryell family. A local constable (who was not liked by the locals) caught Dehoney one night and gave him "an all-fired lickin" and claimed a reward the next day. A few nights later local whites in Delaware Township waited for the constable at Chloe's, took his whip, "flogged" him, and threatened him with tar and feathers, making him promise to leave the area within twenty-four hours (which he did).

This glimpse of life under slavery in Delaware Township is consistent with research over the last 40 years by a good number of prominent historians that indicates strongly that even under the adversity of slavery Black people built a viable community. For example, the premier American historian, Herbert Gutman in his 1970s study, *The Black Family Under Slavery and Freedom*, found that between 1830 and

1860 in Mississippi, 70% of the Black families had a male and female head of household.

The importance of understanding that slavery did indeed exist in New Jersey (some have erroneously denied that) is to be ignorant of the very strong community that evolved, not only under slavery, but afterward in the many strong, stable Black communities that were built by free Blacks. These communities were classically built around the family and the Black church. New Jersey has these old communities throughout the state; for example, in Lambertville (across from the school), in Westfield, in Summit, and in many other old, established communities. These were begun and built upon the roots of such elements as we have seen in what is essentially a historic tragedy and yet bore the seeds of later growth into community.

Sergeantsville Farmers' Market: Harvest Festival October 6th

The 8th Season of the Sergeantsville Farmers' Market is in full swing and is better than ever before! The Market is held each Saturday morning from 8:30 till noon on the Village Green across from the Municipal building through the end of October. The number of vendors varies from week to week, but there are routinely 10-15 vendors each week offering locally grown or produced vegetables, fruits, beef, pork, chicken, eggs, yogurt, cheese, bread, pierogies, muffins, cookies, pet treats, perennials, annuals, and much more! There are pony rides for the kids, and special events including live music, a 4-H petting zoo, face painting, and a Harvest Festival planned for October 6th.

The Market is a producers market and all products are produced or grown by the vendor. By patronizing the Market, you are supporting local farmers and artisans. The Market also supports pet adoption groups like Greyhound Rescue and others.

New vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Jack Gaskill at 908-268-3641, or visit our website at www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket.com. Like us on Facebook. See you on the Green!

Household Clean-up Day November 17th.

The last Township Household Clean-up Day of 2012 will be on November 17th at the Delaware Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Road. As with all previous Clean-up days this year, a permit must be obtained in advance and there is a fee.

For more information about obtaining a permit and what materials are accepted, please see the Township Website. Additional Clean-up Days will be scheduled for 2013.

Household Computer and Electronics Collection Day

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority is sponsoring a household electronics collection day on October 13th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. Residents can dispose of up to ten items containing electronic circuit boards including computers, monitors, and televisions. No air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, propane tank or hazardous wastes will be accepted. Take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of these items safely. For more information email hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us or telephone 908-788-1110.

Household Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day

The Hunterdon County Utilities Authority is sponsoring a household hazardous waste clean up day on November 10, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12. Dispose of items such as motor oil, pesticides, insecticides, gasoline and kerosene, oil-based paint, and car and household batteries. Take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of these items safely. The county will not accept electronics, tires, air conditioners, refrigerators, computers, monitors and propane tanks on this date. For more information email hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us or telephone 908-788-1110.

March on Litter Day-October 13th

The Environmental Commission's annual March on Litter is returning to its regular schedule—the second Saturday in October. This year, the March will be held on October 13, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Rain or Shine. It begins and ends at the Dilts Farm Park. All are invited to attend and help maintain the beauty of Delaware Township. All participants will be provided with gloves, garbage bags, and the annual tee-shirt. Lunch will be provided.

Adult volunteers are needed to accompany our many young volunteers — kindergarten through 8th Grade participate in this event, so adult assistance is really needed. See you at the Park and remember, PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN ON OUR ROADS!

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

Township Document Shredding Day

Delaware Township is offering free document shredding for residents on Saturday, September 22, 2012 (rain or shine) 8am to 11am at the Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Road. Dispose of personal and sensitive materials safely. The shredder is operated from a large truck. Certificates of destruction issued. You will NOT need to remove staples, paperclips, or small fasteners. View the shredding process through a closed-circuit monitor. Paid for by the Township Recycling Trust Fund.

Master Plan Re-examination

The Delaware Township Planning Board just completed a draft of the State-required Master Plan Reexamination and will hold a public hearing on the draft September 4th at 8 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Township Building.

A Master Plan Reexamination considers all issues raised in the previous Reexamination as well as the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. Further, the document must describe what actions have been taken to resolve the identified issues, or if appropriate to modify the goals based upon current conditions. Issues that remain unchanged and that continue to be deemed valid, provide a blueprint for future action by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board is seeking your input on these issues at the September 4th hearing. Copies of the Draft Reexamination Report are available on the Township's website and at the Township Building.

Locktown Stone Church Fall Concert Series

The Friends of Locktown Stone Church kicks off its Fall season with a 25th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception, as part of its Capital Campaign, on September 23rd at 4 p.m., featuring the Dryden Ensemble. The Dryden Ensemble, established in 1994, is a non-profit organization dedicated to performing music of the 17th and 18th centuries on period instruments. Musicians include Jane McKinley (oboeist & artistic director), Daniel Swenberg (lute), Lisa Terry (viola ad gamba and violoncello), and Vita Wallace (violin). Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served immediately following the concert. Tickets for this Gala Concert are \$75.00 and must be purchased in advance. Please call (908) 996-3087 for more information.

The Mimi Conklin Upmeyer Fall 2012 Concert Series includes three concerts, all on Sundays at 4pm and lasting one hour. Tickets are \$15.00 per person for each concert, or \$40.00 per person for all 3 concerts, and \$5.00 for students with I.D. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information on the concert series, please call (908)996-3087.

The first concert is on Oct. 14th and features Celeste Siciliano, Soprano, with Valerie Siciliano, as accompanist.

The trio, Le Meslange des Plaisirs, will perform on Oct. 21st, with James Day (violin/viola), Cheryl Dungan Cunningham (harp), and Kathleen Scheide, (pianoforte).

Our Fall Series concludes on Nov. 4th with Crosswinds Trio, with Lawrence Kursar (horn), Gary Ross (trumpet), and Michael Toth (keyboard).

This program is made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through funds administered by the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission and the Large Foundation.

First Time Homebuyers

For information on special new, fixed interest rate mortgages of 3.5% from the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, go to www.njhousing.gov

Community Calendar

September 3 Labor Day-Township Offices Closed
September 8 Township Wide Yard Sale 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Maps for sale from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Town Hall
September 22 Document Shredder Day 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Township Garage — FREE to residents!
October 6 Community Day Noon to 5 p.m. at Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Rd.
October 8 Columbus Day–Township Offices Closed
October 13 Community Day Raindate Noon to 5 p.m. at Dilts Farm Park
October 13 Computer and Electronics Collection Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. County Complex, Rte 12.
October 13 March on Litter Day 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Dilts Farm Park
October 26 Drop off Well Test Kits at Township Building 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
October 28 Halloween Party at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company Parade
November 3&4 Thanksgiving in the Country Annual House Tour
November 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends–Fall back!
November 6 Election Day 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co.
November 10 Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day County Complex, Rte 12.
November 12 Veterans Day – Township Offices Closed
November 22 Thanksgiving Day – Township Offices Closed
November 23 Township Offices Closed
December 1 Free Rabies Clinic at Township Garage, Rt. 523 10 a.m. to Noon

Township Committee: (usually Mondays) 8 p.m. on 9/10, 9/24, Tuesday 10/9, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26, and 12/10.
Planning Board: (usually Tuesdays) 8 p.m. on 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, Wednesday, 11/7, 11/20 and 12/4.
Board of Health: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 9/5, 10/1, 11/5 and 12/3.
Open Space Committee: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 and 12/17.
Board of Adjustment: (usually Thursdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, and 12/13.
Recreation Commission: (usually Tuesdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, and 12/11.
Environmental Commission: (usually Wednesdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, and 12/19.
Agricultural Advisory Committee: (usually Tuesdays) 7:00 p.m. on 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, and 12/18.
Shade Tree Commission: (usually Thursdays) 7:00 p.m. on 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, and 12/27.

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, and 12/6.

Recycling Depot: Saturdays– 9/29, 10/27, 11/24 and 12/29 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523.

Delaware Township Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens – For membership information call Jeanette Smith at 609-397-3472.
Meetings (at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co.):

September 5 Covered Dish Picnic at Noon.

October 3: At 1 p.m.

November 7 At p.m.

Senior Trips:

All activities require a reservation by calling Dorothy Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097. Please make all checks payable to "Delaware Township Seniors Group." Bus leaves from Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company in Sergeantsville.

September 18 Tuesday- "River Lady Lunch Cruise" Riverboat Tours, Inc. Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Bus departs 8:00 a.m. Boarding boat 10:30 a.m. \$33.00 Members \$38 Guests

November 13 Tuesday – "Christmas in Paradise" Rainbow Dinner Theatre Paradise, PA Famous buffet and show. Bus departs 8:45 a.m. Arrive home 5-5:30 p.m. \$42.00-Members \$47.00-Guests.

December 5 Wednesday - Free Christmas Party for Members (dues paid up and attended three meetings). Place to be announced. 12 Noon

Classes for Seniors

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

Seniors Yoga Class

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



All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

AARP Defensive Driving Schedule

Day classes run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays: September 14, October 12 and November 9. \$12 fee for AARP members. \$14 for all others. Classes are available for all drivers, not just senior citizens. Call Rich for reservations and information at 908-806-5509 at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services.

Delaware Township School Calendar

September 4 Staff reports

September 5 Students report for first day of 2012-2013 school year

September 26 School Closed-Staff Development

October 17 Early Dismissal-Evening Conferences

October 18 Delayed Opening-AM Conferences

October 19 Early Dismissal-PM Conferences

October 21 Delayed Opening-A.M. Conferences

November 7 Early Dismissal-In-service

November 8-9 School Closed- NJEA Convention

November 21 Early Dismissal

November 22-23 School Closed-Thanksgiving Recess

DTS Board of Education – Meets in Performing Arts Room Center at 7:30 p.m. on 9/25, 10/23, 11/27, and 12/18.

Hunterdon Central Regional H.S. Board of Education – Meets in the IMC/Library at 7 p.m. on 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 and 12/17.

Delaware Township Historical Society

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

Amwell Church of the Brethren

40 Sandbrook Headquarters Rd., Stockton, NJ 08559

Phone 609-397-4842 Fax 609-397-9445

www.amwell.com

Services broadcast on WDVR – 89.7 FM Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

September 9 Return to regular hours. Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

September 28 Rummage Sale. One day only. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food available. For more information call 908-782-6206.

October 28 Friends' Day. Come join us in remembering and honoring former Hagedorn employees. For more information call 609-397-4842.

November 21 Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission Events

Holiday Decorating Contest

Calling all blinking lights, lawn inflatables, mechanized deer, rooftop sleighs, and more! Show off your holiday décor and maybe win a restaurant gift certificate in the Annual Delaware Township Holiday Decorating Contest. The preliminary judging will take place on the weekend of December 8 and 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the final judging happening on the night of Wednesday, December 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please remember to turn your festive lights on. Call the Township Building if your house is not visible from the road and you want it to be considered in the judging.

Basketball and VolleyBall

As of press time, the Recreation Commission requested permission from Delaware Township School Board of Education to hold the following recreational activities. Approval from DTS is first required. These dates and times are tentative only. These activities are not held when there is no school that day. DTS activities take precedence over Recreation Commission activities. These recreational activities are available to Township residents only. All skill levels are welcome! The games are friendly and lots of fun. Come once or come every time.

Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 2nd through April 2013.

Adult women's basketball on Monday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria October 1st through April 2013.

NOTE: Last year there were not enough women players to keep the program going, and DTAA took over this time slot. If you like to play basketball, call your friends now and arrange to meet and play together regularly.

Adult Coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria — October 3rd through April 2013.

Teen Coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 5th through April 2013.

Holiday Trip

The Recreation Commission is planning a holiday trip in December. The exact location, time, date, and cost are still under consideration, but the details will be finalized this fall. Check the Township's website or call the Township Building for more information.

Anniversary Year: 2013

The Township's 175th Anniversary Committee continues planning for 2013 activities: T-shirt art contest through the School (see the art teacher), Friendship Quilt (centers of squares sold out, but edges still available -- call Susan Lockwood 609-397-4265), and family recipe cookbook (e-mail Vicki Stodart: vstodart@yahoo.com).

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Free Rabies Clinic: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012

The Delaware Township Board of Health will sponsor a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Delaware Township Garage located at 816 Sergeantsville Road. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Pets must be rabies certified through October 2013 in order to obtain a 2013 license. This clinic is for vaccinations only. We will not be accepting licensing information and payment at the clinic.

ALL DOGS AND CATS must be licensed in Delaware Township NO LATER THAN February 28, 2013 in order to avoid late fees. It is your obligation and your responsibility to license your pets. There will be a license form on the Township's website www.DelawareTwpNJ.org and in the next newsletter. No form will be directly mailed to you. You are responsible for meeting the licensing requirements including proof of vaccination by the deadline. Fines for late registration are hefty! If you have questions or you no longer own a previously licensed dog or cat, please call Erica DiGiovanni at 609-397-3240, Ext. 207.

NOTE: If you cannot attend our Rabies Clinic on Dec. 1, other municipalities hold free rabies clinics for all NJ residents with pets. You will receive the required proof of vaccination at other rabies clinics to attach to your Delaware Township license application. For other Rabies Clinic dates and locations, please call the Hunterdon County Health Department at 908-788-1351.

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Thanksgiving in the Country

The annual Thanksgiving in the Country House Tour will take place on Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 3rd/4th, 2012. Established in 1973, proceeds from the tour benefit the Facial Reconstruction Unit of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This year's event includes house tours, luncheon, crafting demonstrations, complimentary tea, and a quilt raffle.

Advance house tour tickets go on sale after October 1st at \$22 for adults and \$6 for children under twelve. Send a check or money order to: Thanksgiving in the Country, P.O. Box #267, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557. Advanced purchase tickets must be received before October 29th. Tickets will not be mailed to you, but may be picked up at the Municipal Building on the tour weekend. Tickets may also be purchased at the Municipal Building on tour days from 9am-2pm at \$27.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Please bring cash or a check, as credit cards will not be accepted. Ticket Information is available by calling Barbara Newbaker (609)397-0460 or emailing: laura@chamberswalk.com.

House tours start at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, where buses will run every 15-20 minutes beginning at 9:00 a.m. All homes close at 5:00 p.m. so participants are advised to start before 1:00 p.m. in order to enjoy the complete tour. Walking is required and high heels will not be allowed in the homes.

Lunch is available for purchase at the Sergeantsville Methodist Church from 11 am to 3pm. Tea with home-baked cookies will be served at the historic Prallsville Mills, where area artisans and crafters will showcase their wares.

As in previous years, Thanksgiving in the Country is also sponsoring a quilt raffle. The quilt will be displayed at the Municipal Building over the tour weekend and raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 apiece. The drawing will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m. but you do not need to be present to win.

For more information, visit www.ThanksgivingintheCountry.com