

## Volunteers Needed!

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

If you would like to volunteer, now is the time to express your interest. Citizen boards include: Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Environmental Commission, Board of Health, Municipal Utilities Authority, Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, Historical Advisory Committee, Shade Tree Commission, Agricultural Advisory Committee, Road and Bridge Advisory Committee, COAH Committee, Stormwater Management Committee, Wastewater Management Committee, Farmers Market Committee, Flood Hazard Mitigation Committee, and Newsletter Committee. And for the Year 2013 only, the 175th Anniversary Committee.

Please visit the Township website at [www.DelawareTwpNJ.org](http://www.DelawareTwpNJ.org) for descriptions of the various boards along with current members and minutes listed under the "Government" tab. There is also a link to the volunteer form near the end of the "News and Announcements" column. Completed forms should be mailed to Judy Allen, PO Box 500, Sergeantsville NJ 08557 or hand delivered to the town Hall no later than December 8, 2012 so they may be brought to the attention of the Township Committee for appointments in December with terms starting in January.

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## Editorial

**A**ll year, the 175th Anniversary Committee has been preparing to celebrate the Township's anniversary in 2013. To that end, I spent most of my Saturday mornings from spring through fall at the Farmers Market in Sergeantsville with the Friendship Quilt Project. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. I discovered yet another group of wonderful local folks, enjoyed the music, talking to neighbors, and watching kids play with the animals that were often a part of the morning. I bought flowers and plants and my husband and I ate very well since I purchased fresh produce, eggs, pirogees, and cheese all season long. If you haven't discovered the Market yet, I encourage you to check it out next year.

As the year 2012 comes to a close, I can't help but wonder if our recent power outages are also part of the preparation for the 175th Anniversary. Being without power gave us a tiny taste of what life was like in 1838 in a rural community. Electricity wasn't common until the 1930s or 40s, so families in 1838 lived without electric lights or central heating and cooked over open fires. Communication was limited to letter-writing and news was passed by visitors and peddlers or obtained by going to "town." As we celebrate the Township throughout the next year, now and then we should stop to think of how lucky we are to live in a town with so much history, while enjoying all the amenities of the 21st Century.

From the Township Committee, the Township Employees, and all of our Volunteers, we wish you Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy 2013!

—Susan Lockwood

## General Election Results

**A**t the November 6, 2012 General Election, voters re-elected Roger Locandro and Ken Novak to fill three year positions on the Township Committee.



## Meet Your Neighbor: Robin Ashby of Plum Creek Designs

By Mary Coffey

**R**obin Ashby grew up in Chester, NJ, one of five siblings. Her mother taught mathematics at a private school, but also did a considerable amount of sewing, making "many beautiful items," such as wool coats for her children and even the nuns' habits at the school in Mendham where she worked. Although their mother never actually taught them how, Robin and her sister grew up watching their mother sew, and "something must have rubbed off" because today she and her older sister both sew prodigiously.

Robin graduated from Newark State College (now Kean University) with a degree in social work and several years later obtained her Masters Degree. She first worked at the Middlesex Welfare Board, then at the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS – the state child abuse agency) where she worked as a caseworker and supervisor before moving to DYFS Central Office. In 1995, she got a job with their computer unit and remained at DYFS for a total of 35 years, retiring in 2009.

While she was still working full-time for DYFS, Robin started crafting, taking her craftwork to shows and renting a space at an antique center in Somerville. She would work the DYFS Child Abuse Hot Line late shift until 1:00am, go to her DYFS day job at 9:00am, then go back to work the night shift at 5:30pm. When asked, "When did you sleep?" Robin says, "I can't keep still. I just want to figure out what my next adventure will be."

Robin had never been a businesswoman, but wanted to try something totally different. She took upholstery classes at Polytech and about 10 years ago bought her first embroidery machine. She was fascinated with the idea that you could program it to embroider beautiful patterns. Eventually, she came to own seven industrial sewing machines, two industrial embroidery machines, and three heat presses. She liked working with computers, and liked to sew, so she put the two together and out came embroidery.

Robin transformed her growing sewing hobby into her business "Plum Creek Designs" and moved to Cane Farm three months ago. Her showroom and workshop is equipped with all the tools of her trade: sewing and embroidering machines, hot press machines, and embossing equipment used to design and personalize a selection of shirts, mugs, hats, and other promotional items. Her showroom overflows with fabrics of every type and color and she also customizes baby blankets, bibs, and towels with embroidery. Her craft items include bunnies and bears out of vintage chenille bedspreads, each one of a kind.

Her work is represented in the Prallsville Mills Craft gallery, the Stockton and Sergeantsville farmers markets, and several annual area craft shows including the Prallsville Mills Holiday Craft Show. Robin "loves creating and experimenting with different mediums." One of her current volunteer projects is embroidering into the different-colored squares the name of each person or family who has contributed to the Delaware Township 175th Anniversary quilt, which when completed will hang in the Town Hall.

Before living here, Robin lived in Freehold but on weekends drove to Delaware Township, parked the car, and rode her bike. She loved the area and wanted to live here. In

1995, after a long search for houses and land, she found a parcel of land on Pine Hill Road and then set about designing her own house. "I really want this. I can do this," she said to herself. She read a lot about architecture, got wood from the old Sears Building in Chicago, and designed a lot of windows, French doors, and panel doors so that the rooms have a natural flow.

Robin also volunteered for the Red Cross for six years, going to Louisiana after Hurricane Floyd and again after Hurricane Katrina. After she retired, she wanted to volunteer closer to home, which lead her to the Prallsville Mills. As an active Trustee for the Delaware River Mill Society she serves on the Program Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, and the DRMS Emergency Committee.

Robin possesses a mechanical mind and likes to put things together and make them work. "I create things," she says, "and people like what I do. If people ask me to do something I haven't done before, I never say no since I love a challenge. This business is always evolving, changing, growing."

Plum Creek Designs is open by appointment, or call Robin Ashby at 908-303-5944.

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### New Jersey Home Keeper Program

**T**he New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency announced the New Jersey HomeKeeper Program funded through a grant from the U.S. Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund. The HomeKeeper Program offers financial help to homeowners who are in danger of losing their home as a direct result of unemployment or underemployment. NJ HomeKeeper provides assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan, repayable only if the homeowner sells, refinances, transfers or ceases to occupy the subject property within ten years from the date of the assistance loan. NJ HomeKeeper loan proceeds may be used to cover arrearages and/or an approved amount of the homeowner's monthly mortgage payment, including property taxes, property insurance, and mortgage insurance. Housing counseling is also provided to prospective applicants at no cost. Eligible homeowners may receive financial assistance of up to \$48,000 for a period not to exceed 24 months. If you or anyone you know may be interested in the program, please go to [www.njhomekeeper.gov](http://www.njhomekeeper.gov) or contact the toll-free HomeKeeper call center at 855-NJ-KEEP-1.

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### Free Rabies Clinic

**D**elaware Township will sponsor a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 1st at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523 between 10 a.m. and Noon. Bring your dogs and cats for a free vaccination. All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash. Remember—your pet's rabies vaccination must be valid through October 31, 2013 for the 2013 license/ registration period.

If you can not make the December 1st clinic, please go to the Hunterdon County Department of Health's website at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm) or call at 908-788-1351 for dates and times of other free clinics in the county.

# Animal Licensing Form

Must be Renewed each January

**After January 1, 2013** and not before, please return form, fees ,and proof of current rabies vaccination to:

Delaware Township Animal Licensing  
Attn: Erica DiGiovanni  
P.O. Box 500  
Sergeantsville, NJ 08557  
(609) 397-3240 x207

Exact cash or check payable to: Delaware Township

**\*\*Rabies Vaccination MUST be valid through 10/31/13 or application is incomplete your forms and payment will be sent back to you. \*\***

## **DOG LICENSE APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_ **New Dog**    \_\_\_\_ **Renewal**  
Please check one

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

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

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

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

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

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

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ RABIES EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\*\*  
(\*Must be good through 10/31/13, need certificate copy attached)

**\$8.00** per spayed or neutered dog (N.J.S.A. 8:23A 4.1)

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

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

\_\_\_\_ **New Cat**    \_\_\_\_ **Renewal**  
Please check one

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

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

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

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

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

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

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ RABIES EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Must be good through 10/31/13)\*\*

**Beginning March 1, 2013, please include an additional \$30.00 late fee PER DOG or per household in the case of cat registration. (Ordinance #2005-26BH) Only exact cash or check is accepted as payment. If proof of rabies is not included or is not valid through October 31<sup>st</sup> of licensing period, your form and payment will be sent back to you. Pet owners are responsible for knowing when their pets' rabies vaccinations expire.**

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

## Delaware Township's Historical "Safety Nets"

By Jim Drummond

**H**istorically, Delaware Township as a political and social body made strong attempts to provide for those in need. Perhaps this focus has roots in the close family and religious nature of the earliest settlers. This can be seen in the German Brethren who established a congregation here in 1733 and met in houses for almost a hundred years where they carried over from Europe a strong emphasis on the well-being of the community. The later Baptists and Methodists coming with the Second Great Awakening of the late 1700s also had a decided emphasis on helping the "down and out."

At the first Delaware Township meeting held on April 9, 1838 in the "house of Henry Wagner" (then an inn and presently the town hall in Sergeantsville), an "overseer of the poor" was appointed by the newly formed Township Committee. The Committee was to "ascertain the amount to be raised for the poor." This was necessary because Amwell Township, from which Delaware was separated, had funded several "poor houses" and the funds and responsibilities had to be divested upon separation of Amwell into three separate communities. This, along with \$1000 "for making and repairing roads," was one of the prime focuses of that very first organizational meeting.

Further evidence of this concern for those in need can still be seen in certain remaining artifacts as we come up the hill from Lambertville along Lambertville-Headquarters Road. About a mile from the Delaware River on each side of a driveway are pillars that remain from the 19th century National Home and Orphanage of the Patriotic Order of Americans. This organization had a several hundred-acre farm with large barns and a commodious house/dormitory made of brick and stone, all of which still stands about a quarter of a mile off the road toward the southeast. It appears that this facility processed large amounts of wheat grown on the farm, which provided food for the institution's residents as well as employment and farming experience for Delaware Township citizens. Even though this enterprise is little known today, many local people still refer to "the orphanage" or "the poor house" as a place when giving directions.

That giving spirit of outreach can be seen strongly to this very day in Delaware Township's annual "Thanksgiving in the Country" held in early November for the past 38 years. A fleet of school buses can be seen plying the roads of the township as up to 2000 people visit from the northeast region to tour the township's historic homes and view the countryside in fall splendor. A group of local volunteers has expended great effort and labor to organize visits to over 350 houses and has raised over \$600,000 that has been donated to The Chil-

dren's Hospital of Philadelphia for children's facial reconstruction. The medical people of that great institution have been unstinting in their praise and thankfulness to Delaware Township for this outreach of charity.

The great historian and philosopher George Santayana wisely stated, "those who forget the lessons of the past are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past." In this modern time of "me generation" emphasis, let us not forget Delaware Township's strong humanitarian heritage of outreach to all those who are in need of a lift up.

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### 175th Anniversary Preparations

**D**elaware Township's 175th Anniversary is fast approaching. The Anniversary Committee is comprised of Tracy Wright and Kristin Devlin (Recreation Committee), Marilyn Cummings (Historical Society), and Don Scholl and Susan Lockwood from the Township Committee. Additional volunteers are welcomed. Here are some ways you can get involved:

**Friendship Quilt.** The Friendship Quilt still has room for you and/or your family's name. There are no center blocks left but each quilt block has four sides with plenty of space for family names. We will only be accepting names until December 15th so that the project can be completed in time for its unveiling in April. Look for forms at the Town Hall or for more information, call Susan Lockwood at (609) 397-4265 or e-mail lockwood@voicenet.com

**Community Cookbook.** The Community Cookbook needs your special family or favorite recipe. It does not need to be a "historic recipe"! Look for forms at the Town Hall to submit recipes or for more information, call Susan Lockwood (609)397-4265 or e-mail lockwood@voicenet.com

**Historic District Walks.** We are planning several walks throughout the year. We will have a schedule of walks in the next newsletter and will be posting them on the Township website. If you'd like to help organize or lead a walk, please contact Marilyn Cummings.

**T-Shirts.** We plan to have anniversary t-shirts available next year at all events. Look for more info in the next newsletter or contact Tracy Wright.

**5-K Race.** We're planning a 5-K race (date yet to be determined). If you'd like to help, please contact Tracy Wright.

**Old-Fashioned Games at Community Day.** We'd like to have some olde-time games at Community Day. If you would like to help organize that effort, please contact any member of the Anniversary or Recreation Committees.

**Display of Delaware Township History.** We are planning to have a display of pictures and/or "artifacts" at a local venue (either Holcombe Jimison Farm or the Prallsville Mill). If you have something that you'd like to display, please contact any member of the Anniversary Committee.

Stay tuned. 2013 is almost here!

## Employee of the Year: Kevin Casavant Volunteer of the Year: Muffie Geissler

*Editor's Note: The Employee of the Year 2012 Award was presented to Kevin Casavant and the Volunteer of the Year 2012 Award was presented to Muffie Geissler. Here are excerpted remarks from Mayor Roger Locandro in presenting the awards:*

### Employee

**E**ach year, the Township Committee is charged with choosing one...one employee and one volunteer to thank for their service and help. We all know Delaware Township has a lot to offer, spacious farms, wide open views, clean air, freshwater...but without the people of the community, we cannot be "something bigger." The past 14 months, weather has taken its toll on our roads, our streams, our lifestyle. And yet the Public Works Department has managed to keep the roads clear, the streams back, the storms at bay. During this time, the Community has enjoyed open roads, rapid repairs, a park like this (Dilts Farm) to enjoy. Many of you will notice the large pile of fill that graced the field on the top side of the park is gone and has been replaced with a new multi-purpose field which is now growing in for us and future generations to enjoy. During the construction of the field it did begin to feel like it was "something bigger." During the storms, the repairs of the equipment could have seemed like "something bigger." This year, Delaware Township would like to recognize Kevin Casavant for his work and the skills and knowledge he brings to our Public Works Department.

### Volunteer

**W**here would we be without volunteers? This year Delaware Township acknowledges one person's dream of making a great first impression for our Township building. A few years ago, one person started a project, to clean up the first impression of our Township building tirelessly working to get additional help with plant and material donations and coordinating heavy projects with the Department of Public Works. Planting, mulching, weeding and feeding the landscape around the front of the Township Building. And then, giving us the opportunity to be the first, and I believe so far, the only one in New Jersey to be part of an international network of "Free Little Public Libraries." Creating an opportunity here to recycle and reuse books, by becoming part of "something bigger. This year's volunteer of the year award goes to Muffie Geissler.

### Community Day Wrap Up

**C**ommunity Day was a great success. Lee Troutman was the owner of the favorite classic car winning honors for him 1932, five-window Ford remake. The first place baking contest winner was Christine Scholl for her apple pie. Second place went to a chocolate walnut tart baked by Anne Fredericks and third place to a chocolate chip banana bread baked by Tony Baslock. Thanks to everyone who came!

## Home Heating Assistance

**Lifeline.** The New Jersey Lifeline Credit Program is a state funded program that provides a 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) is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. 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/index.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/index.shtml) 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 2013 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) is a program to make 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% of their income on electric or natural gas. For electric heat homes, customers must pay more than 6% 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](http://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 can be 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. Call the Hunterdon Helpline at 1-800-272-4630 for information.

**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](http://www.norwescap.org)

## Community Calendar

**Dec. 1** Free Rabies Clinic for Cats and Dogs from 10am to noon at Township Garage on Rt. 523 Bring pets on leash or in carriers.

**Dec. 1** Santa Comes to the Township Building 11 a.m. to 12:30pm.

**Dec. 8-9** Holiday Decorating Contest – Preliminary Judging 6pm to 9pm.

**Dec. 12** Holiday Decorating Contest – Final Judging 6pm to 9pm.

**Dec. 16** Evening at Bucks County Playhouse sponsored by Rec Commission (see article)

**Dec. 24 & 25** Township Offices Closed

**Dec. 31 & Jan. 1** Township Offices Closed

**Jan. 2** Township Committee Reorganization at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

**Jan. 20** Trenton Titans hockey game at Sun Center in Trenton sponsored by Rec Commission (see article)

**Jan. 21** Martin Luther King Holiday – Township Offices Closed

**Feb. 10** Family ice-skating at Aspen Ice in Flemington sponsored by Rec Commission (see article)

**Feb. 14** Valentine's Day

**Feb. 18** Presidents' Day – Township Offices Closed

**Township Committee:** 8pm on Monday 12/10 and Thur. 12/27; Reorganization on Wed 1/2/13 at 7pm.; Mondays at 8pm on 1/14, 1/28, 2/11; 2/25; 3/11

**Planning Board:** 8pm on Tuesdays 12/4, 12/18, Wednesday 1/2, Tuesdays 1/15, 2/5, 2/19, and 3/5

**Board of Health:** 7:30pm on Mondays 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, and 3/4

**Board of Adjustment:** 7:30pm on Thursdays 12/13, 1/10, 2/14, and 3/14

**Recreation Commission:** on Wednesday 12/12 beginning at 6:00pm.– Holiday Decorating Road Trip; Tuesdays 7:30pm on 1/8, 2/12, and 3/12

**Environmental Commission:** 7:30 pm on Wednesdays 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, and 3/20

**Open Space Committee:** 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, and 3/18

**D.T.M.U.A.:** 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays 12/6, 1/3, 2/7, and 3/7

**Agricultural Advisory Committee:** 7:00pm on Tuesdays 12/18, 1/15, 2/19, and 3/19

**Historical Advisory Committee:** 7:30 pm on Wednesdays 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, and 3/13

**Shade Tree Commission:** 7:00pm on Thursdays 12/27, 1/24, 2/28, and 3/28

**Newsletter Committee:** 7:00pm on Monday January 14

**Recycling Depot:** Saturdays–12/29, 1/26, 2/23, and 3/30 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### Senior Citizens

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

Dec.5-12 p.m. Christmas Party at SVFC for members (dues paid up and attended three meetings).

Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, and April 3 — all at 1pm.

For 2013 trip information, contact Dottie Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097.

### VFW

Meetings: Wednesdays at the Delaware Township Municipal Building on: 12/26, 1/30, and 2/27 at 8:00pm.

New members are welcome! Call Commander Charles Pierman at 609-397-2075.

### Delaware Township Historical Society

Meetings: 8:00pm on the Third Thursday of every month at the Delaware Township Municipal Building. The schedule is subject to change. Call Marilyn Cummings at 609-397-5363.

### Delaware Township School Activities

**Dec. 18** Board of Education 7:30pm. DTS Performing Arts Center

**Dec. 21** Early dismissal

**Dec. 24 - Jan. 1** Winter recess – School closed

**Jan. 2** Classes resume

**Jan. 21** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School closed

**Feb. 8** Staff Development - School closed

**Feb. 14** Early dismissal – In-Service

**Feb. 15 & 18** Presidents' Weekend – School Closed

NOTE: Check [www.dtsk8.org](http://www.dtsk8.org) for information on any adjustment to school calendar in 2013 due to Hurricane Sandy.

As of newsletter press time the Board of Education meeting schedule for 2013 had not yet been determined.

### Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Board of Education meets at 7pm in the IMC/Library at 84 Rt. 31, Flemington, NJ on 12/17/12, 1/7/13 (Reorganization), 1/28, 2/25 (with budget intro), and 3/18.

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

## Recreation Commission Activities

### Santa at Town Hall

**S**anta's annual visit to Delaware Township will be held at the Township Hall on Saturday, December 1st from 11am to 12:30pm. Bring your holiday spirit and your camera!

### Holiday Decorating Contest

**T**he annual Delaware Township Holiday Decorating Contest preliminary judging will be held the weekend of December 8-9 from 6pm to 9pm. Final judging will take place the evening of Wednesday, December 12th. Please remember to have your lights turned on from 6-9 p.m. on those three evenings so that your house can be judged. Call Judy Allen 609-397-3240 if your house cannot be seen from the road and you would like to be included. Prizes awarded to the best-decorated houses!

### Delaware Township Holiday Trip

**E**njoy an evening of theater at the recently refurbished Bucks County Playhouse, just across the river in New Hope, PA, on Sunday, December 16th at 6 p.m. for a presentation of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." This beloved American holiday classic will be performed as a 1940's live radio broadcast with the help of an ensemble that brings over two dozen characters to the stage. Tickets are for mid-orchestra seating and cost \$31/ticket. Transportation will not be provided for this event. E-mail deltwprec@gmail.com or call Tracy Wright at 609-397-3848 by Sunday, December 2nd to reserve your tickets. Limited tickets available.

### Trenton Titans Ice Hockey Game

**I**t's sure to be an exciting afternoon of action on the ice as the Trenton Titans take on the Cincinnati Cyclones at the Sun Center in Trenton, NJ. The Delaware Township Recreation Commission is offering group rate tickets to this event on Sunday, January 20th. The game starts at 3:05 pm. Transportation will not be provided for this event. Pricing is as follows:

Upper Level Seating: \$9/person—adults & children  
Lower Level Seating: \$12/person—adults & children  
Premium Level Seating: \$17/adult, \$13/child

Please email deltwprec@gmail.com or call Tracy Wright at 609-397-3848 by Sunday, January 6th to reserve your tickets.

### Ice Skating Event at Aspen Ice

**B**ring the family for a fun afternoon of ice-skating at Aspen Ice in Flemington, NJ on Sunday, February 10th from 3:45-5:00 p.m. Admission will be discounted

to \$6/adult and \$4/child for Delaware Township residents. Skate rentals are \$3/person. No reservations are required. Contact Tracy Wright at 609-397-3848 or deltwprec@gmail.com for more information.

### Active Recreational Opportunities

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

**Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 12/11, 12/18, 1/3, 1/8, 1/10, 1/15, 1/17, 1/22, 1/24, 1/29, 1/31, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/21, 2/26, 2/28, 3/5, 3/7. (later dates in next newsletter).**

**Adult women's basketball on Monday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4 (later dates in next newsletter)**

**Adult coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 12/12, 12/19, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 (later dates in next newsletter)**

**Teen coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights, 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 1/4, 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8 (last night)**

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

### Amwell Church of the Brethren

**Dec 24th** — Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

**Dec. 31st** – Watch Night Service: 8 p.m. Pot luck meal followed by a fun filled social time.

At 11:30 p.m. all will assemble in the sanctuary for a worship service to bring in the New Year with a candle light service. Contact: 609-397-4842

### Sandbrook Historic District Approved

**O**n Tuesday, November 13th, Sandbrook was approved as a Historic District at a meeting of the State Historic Sites Council. Historic consultant Dennis Bertland prepared the application and presented it to the Council which voted unanimously to approve the District. Several residents were in attendance and took the opportunity to tell the Council of their love and appreciation for their neighborhood. The Council members expressed interest in some day visiting Sandbrook.

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### Locktown Stone Church Update

**R**estoration of the historic Locktown Stone Church has continued this summer. The pews and the exterior of the windows have been painted.

This fall a gala concert, in addition to the annual fall concert series, was held in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of the Friends of the Locktown Stone Church. The event was a success and the many attendees were able to enjoy fine food, wine and music while raising funds for the church. The concert also drew new members from the community, an important part of the mission of the Friends.

The Friends of the Locktown Stone Church are now focusing their attention on projects to further protect the building. The removal of the stucco on the church though esthetically pleasing, has resulted in an increased humidity inside the church. Various solutions to the problems are being discussed so as to preserve the interior materials and integrity of the structure. In addition to the building, the stone wall on the property requires waterproofing.

As always the support of the generous donations of supporters of the Locktown Stone Church and the many concertgoers, are making it possible to maintain this historically valuable building.

### The Newsletter Committee

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### Snow Removal

**A** Township ordinance prohibits the placement of snow on roads. When you plow or shovel snow, please keep it off Township, county and State roads. It creates additional hazards for motorists and pedestrians. Also – please keep your garbage cans and recycling cans off of the road cartway when the Road Department is plowing. Thank you!

### Yoga Classes for Seniors

**T**he Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services offers two Yoga classes at the Delaware Township Municipal Building on Friday mornings. Classes run between 1 and 1½ hours. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Beginners are especially welcome! \$25 per 8 week session. Call Kim Karsh to register at 908-996-3548.

### Kindergarten Registration

**K**indergarten registration for Delaware Township children who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2013 will be held at Delaware Township School on February 26, 2013. Please contact School Secretary Britian Slack at DTS at 397-3179, Ext. 402 to receive a registration packet.

### Attention Landlords and Tenants

**I**f you are a residential landlord in Delaware Township, you are required to register your rental property every year with the Township by filing a Landlord and Tenant Registration Statement. It is a simple form that is available on the Township's website, www.DelawareTwpNJ.org. Please mail or drop off the form. Tenants – you can call the Township Building to see whether your landlord is registered.

### Clean Water NJ

**C**lick on www.cleanwaternj.org to read an assortment of educational materials in connection with clean water and water conservation, including gardening, pet waste, car washing, etc..