

Editorial

As our 175th Anniversary year draws to a close, I want to thank all of the volunteers and participants who have made this year truly one to remember. The celebration began two years ago when we worked with the Delaware Township School art teacher to coordinate a t-shirt design contest. Many kids took part and we were thrilled with the results.

We moved on to the quilt project, then to the reenactment of the formation of the Township, a street festival, student essay contest, and topped it all off with a Community Day and a magnificent fireworks display that will be hard to beat! Finally, Thanksgiving in the Country made an extra effort to wrap historical homes into their 40th and final house tour.

Fate smiled on the Township this year since each event took place on a beautiful day. Hundreds of people donated time, money, and expertise, and participated in the celebration. Each event was a way to celebrate who we are, where we've come from, and the great community in which we are so fortunate to live. Although the year is ending, the community spirit lives on!

From all our volunteers, dedicated staff, and the Township Committee, I wish you all Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy 2014.

— Susan Lockwood, Editor

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Volunteers Needed in the Township

It's that time of year when Delaware Township is seeking volunteers to serve its many volunteer boards, committees, and commissions for the next year. These boards assist the Township with reviews of various development and variance applications, land preservation efforts, matters of public health, historic matters, and advise on numerous other areas of interest.

The Township would greatly appreciate your offer to serve in an area that interests you. The Committee will be making appointments in December to begin 1/1/14.

Some of the boards that support the Township are: Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Environmental Commission, Board of Health, Municipal Utilities Authority, Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, Historic Advisory Committee, Shade Tree Commission, Agricultural Advisory Committee, COAH Committee, Stormwater Management Committee, Quarry Compliance Committee, Farmers' Market Committee, Flood Hazard Mitigation Committee, and Newsletter Committee. Please go www.DelawareTwpNJ.org -- the Township's website. Under the heading "Government," click on "Forms, Permit and Licenses." Under "Office of the Clerk," click on the Citizenship Volunteer Form and send the completed form to Judy Allen at P.O. Box 500, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557 no later than December 6, 2013.

General Election Results

At the November 5, 2013 General Election, voters elected Joseph Vocke to fill a three year position on the Township Committee.



Meet Your Neighbor: Kimberly Herslow

By Mary Coffey

The competitive world of horses extends beyond galloping or trotting races, or jumping fences. There is another competition called “dressage” (French for “trained”) which is “a ballet of communication between horse and rider.” They do a series of complicated riding moves and are scored on their ability to do them perfectly. The setting is a riding ring, with a beautiful horse, and an elegantly-dressed rider, who go through a series of gaits and movements, sometimes to music.

The rider does not appear to move at all. Yet, the horse responds to invisible signals, such as a slight shift of the rider’s weight in the saddle, which may produce physically demanding moves from the horse such as pirouettes, or a prancing high-action trot. Like an Olympic figure skater, they make what they do look easy. Kim Herslow is one of these riders.

Kim grew up in Scotch Plains, NJ, one of five children. She began riding horses at an early age. When she was seven years old, her father, a chemical engineer who had grown up on a farm, asked her what she wanted to do when she grew up. She said simply that she wanted to have a horse farm. She moved to this area when she was 18, attended Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA and graduated with an Equine science degree.

She and her father shopped for the right setting, and realizing her dream, eventually opened the horse business which they named Upper Creek Farm. But her father, whom she describes as an excellent Dad, also mandated that she pay all the bills. He instilled responsibility and business acumen in her at a young age, as she worked at a job requiring a lot of energy 7 days a week. She now specializes in Dressage training but also trains Hunters and Jumpers at her farm. Kim accepts horses for full training in addition to retirees or lay-ups that need rehabilitation.

Over the last two decades her training facility, set on 52 acres, has become a top class equestrian center. Training horses requires a lot of time, patience, and ability. She has a staff whose passion is also horses, and she says she couldn’t make it work without them.

Kim also shops in the U.S. and Europe for athletic and suitable horses for her clients. On one of these trips to Germany five years ago, she found Rosmarin, a beautiful 3-year-old Hanoverian gelding who had natural talent for Dressage. She initially owned him with a partner, but recently bought him for herself. I met Rosmarin on a trip to the barn. He is an impressive 17-hand dark brown gelding.

Like most much-loved animals who have received only care and kindness, he is curious and friendly with visitors. But nothing makes him more interested

than his favorite treat, which seems a humble food for such a prodigy. “ Bananas”, Kim laughs. Kim's goal is to ride Rosmarin in the Pan American games, within the next two years, and perhaps even in the 2016 Olympics.

From the Hunterdon Gazette, August 8, 1838

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Hunterdon Gazette on August 8, 1838. This is the second part of the published "Rules for Wives." If there were any "rules for husbands" I did not find them! — Susan Lockwood

PRACTICAL "RULES FOR THE PROMOTION OF DOMESTIC HAPPINESS"

by M. Carey

RULES FOR WIVES (Part 2)

V. Avoid altercations or arguments leading to ill humor—and more especially before company. Few things are more disgusting than the altercations of the married, when to the company of friends or strangers.

VI. Never attempt to interfere in his business, unless he asks your advice or consent; and never attempt to control him in the management of it.

VII. Never confide to gossips any of the failings or imperfections of your husband—nor any of those little differences that occasionally arise in the married state. If you do, you may rest assured that however strong the injunction of secrecy on the one hand, or the pledge on the other, they will in a day or two become the common talk of the neighborhood.

Attention Landlords and Tenants

If 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 very simple form that is available on the Township’s website, www.DelawareTwpNJ.org. Under the “Government” heading go to “Forms, Permits and Licenses” then to “Office of the Clerk.” Click on the Registration form. Tenants – you can call the Township Building to see whether your landlord is registered.

Animal Licensing Form

Licenses are Renewed Each January

After January 1, 2014 and not before, please return form for each dog or cat, fees and proof of **current rabies vaccination** to:

Delaware Township Animal Licensing
 Attn: Deanna Higgins
 P.O. Box 101
 Sergeantsville, NJ 08557
 (609) 397-8189

(Check payable to "Delaware Township" or exact cash)

****Rabies Vaccination MUST be valid through 10/31/14
 or your forms and payment will be sent back to you****
 Application is considered incomplete (a late fee may apply, see below).

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

_____ **New Dog** _____ **Renewal**

Please check one

DOG OWNER'S 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 _____ DEBARKED YES NO
 (NJSA 4:19-15.5)

SPAYED/NEUTERED? YES / NO COLOR/MARKINGS _____ Microchip ID # _____

BREED _____ RABIES EXPIRATION DATE ___/___/___ **

Must be good through 10/31/14 (need proof attached)

* \$8.00 per spayed or neutered dog

(N.J.S.A. 8:23A 4.1)

* \$11.00 per unspayed/non-neutered dog Please provide rabies certificate information. Do not say, "On File"

Please call me or list the names of pets you NO LONGER own _____ Thank you.

CAT REGISTRATION APPLICATION- \$7.00 per household for all cats.

_____ **New Cat** _____ **Renewal**

Please check one

CAT OWNER'S NAME _____ DATE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

STREET LOCATION _____

(if different from above)

TELEPHONE _____ CELL # _____ CAT'S AGE _____

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

SPAYED/NEUTERED? YES / NO COLOR/MARKINGS _____ Microchip ID # _____

BREED _____ RABIES EXPIRATION DATE ___/___/___ (Must be good through 10/31/14)**

Beginning March 1, 2014, 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 31st of licensing period, the application is considered incomplete and your form and payment will be sent back to you. Pet owners are responsible for knowing when their pets' rabies vaccinations expire.

THE LICENSE WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014

2013 Delaware Township Employee of the Year Jim Borders

Editors' note: The following is excerpted from the remarks made by Mayor Don Scholl when announcing the Employee of the Year award at Community Day in October.

In 2007, a gentleman who had just retired from a position with the State of New Jersey, but was not yet ready to stop working, approached Committeewoman Susan Lockwood about volunteering with the Township. As luck would have it, the Township's Open Space Coordinator was relocating and what a good fit it has been for all involved.

Jim has served as the Township's Open Space Coordinator from 2007 to the present. What that means is Jim is a part time surveyor, engineer, planner and full time salesman, both with respect to persons looking to enroll their property in farmland preservation as well as the very time consuming process involved with funding and regulatory review.

Within little more than a year of commencing work, Jim assisted in preserving almost 600 acres of farmland. He has become adept at negotiating the many agencies of government that oversee approval, updating the Township's open space plan, applying for Green Acres funding and bringing millions of dollars for preservation to the Township. One look around this Township makes it clear to one and all how important farmland preservation is to Delaware Township; and we, as residents, enjoy its benefits.

Jim Borders is a person who deserves your special and particular thanks for his work. Because he makes it happen! Countless hours have been spent working with residents, non-profits, including the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and D&R Greenway on joint projects to the benefit of current residents and future generations in Delaware Township.

Jim and his wife Mary reside on Dunkard Church Road and have taken great pride in their residence. Jim's love of history, truly a labor of love, is reflected in his residence, his membership in the Township Historical Society and on the Historical Advisory Committee. He has truly been an asset to this community and it is my special privilege to present to him the Township's Employee of the Year Award.

Use of the Dilts Farm Park

Use of the Dilts Farm Park fields and Pavilion by any organized recreational team or group and for any type of party, picnic or other celebration requires submission of an application (on website) for Use of the Dilts Farm Park facilities. Info: 609-397-3240 Ext. 205.

2013 Delaware Township Volunteer of the Year: Tammy Wiszniewski

Editors' note: The following is excerpted from the remarks made by Mayor Don Scholl when announcing the Volunteer of the Year award at Community Day in October.

The 2013 Volunteer of the year is Ms. Tammy Wiszniewski. Let me speak personally for a moment because I first met "Ms. Tammy" when she arrived at the bus stop to pick up my two older children when they began school. You can tell a lot about a person by how they relate with children and with respect to my children, they were as much excited about seeing Ms. Tammy each morning, as they were about actually attending school.

We know Tammy in the Township as the person who organizes and oversees the Great Crate Race. This event coincides with our Nation's birth, July 4th and is an event unique to our Township.

Organizing volunteers, food, ordering trophies, setting up the course, arranging for the timing, Tammy is the point person and after George Hrehowesik started the event, like wine, it has only gotten better with age. It is an event that is well attended, by both participants and spectators and we congratulate Tammy on the 25th anniversary of this event this year, which coincides with the Township's 175th anniversary.

Tammy, has a special and unique gift that she has shared particularly with the children of our community and we cannot thank her enough. (As a token of our appreciation, Tammy was presented with a print of the Covered Bridge, with wishes for many more years of success).

Free Rabies Clinic

Delaware Township will sponsor a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 7th at the Delaware Township Garage located at 816 Sergeantsville Road (Rt. 523) between 10 a.m. and Noon. Bring your dogs and cats for a free vaccination. An application must be filled out for EACH pet. All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash. Remember your pets rabies vaccination must be valid through October 31, 2014 for the 2014 license/registration period.

If you cannot make the December 7th clinic, please go to the Hunterdon County Department of Health's website at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm or call at 908-788-1351 for dates and times of other free clinics in the county.

2012 Zoning Board Report

Every year, the Zoning Board is required to review the decisions made regarding applications or appeals for variances and report its findings along with any recommendations for revisions or amendments to zoning ordinances.

In 2012, the Zoning Board considered two applications for bulk variance and two applications for use variance. The Board approved a variance to the minimum rear-yard setback on an undersized lot; allowed construction of a horse riding ring; permitted a home heating fuel oil business on property historically used for commercial purposes; and approved the operation of a dog kennel in an agricultural/residential area.

For the latter two variances, the Board imposed conditions which the applicants were required to meet. In making these decisions, the board took various factors into consideration such as proven hardship, appropriateness of the site for the requested usage, historical site usage and zoning board decisions, impact on the community and the environment, and the promotion of general welfare. The Board had no recommendations for zoning amendments in 2013.

Recycling: End of an Era

Sadly, Saturday recycling at the Delaware Township Recycling Depot will be ending on November 30, 2013. However, you can recycle during regular business hours at the Township Garage, on Route 523, behind the new police station.

Look for the long red bin with a ladder in front and signs that read: ALUMINUM GLASS TIN (no plastic!) The bin openings slide and you can dump in your aluminum, glass, and tin (no plastic!)

Newspaper, junk mail, magazines, and cardboard can be placed in the other red bin inside the gated area. The gate to the west of the first red bin is open and the paper, junk mail, magazines, and cardboard bin is the first one inside. It can be a bit hard to open, so keep trying!

If you have further questions, please contact Kathy Klink at 609-397-3240, ext. 208 or at kklink@delawaretwpnj.org.

Thank you to all who have volunteered over the years and those who recycled since the time of wearing Dr. Scholl's sandals and bell bottoms, when the depot consisted of an old painted school bus, 55-gallon drums, and a sledge hammer for breaking the glass!

Clean Water NJ

Click on www.cleanwaternj.org to read an assortment of educational materials in connection with clean water.

Open Space Facts

The Open Space Tax helps the Township to protect the rural character of our community, providing many social, physical, and environmental benefits for area residents. In addition, there are economic benefits associated with the Open Space Tax. For example, communities with significant preserved Open Space experience slower growth in municipal taxes. For every dollar spent to preserve farmland the Township receives four dollars in contributions from the State and County, combined. Furthermore, by partnering with non-profits to use Green Acres funds from the State, the Township's contribution is often partially or fully offset by the non-profit.

The Open Space Tax is currently fixed at 6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value and can only be changed by public referendum. Prior to this year's reassessment, annual Open Space Tax revenue was approximately \$500,000; post-reassessment it is expected to be less, at around \$472,000. This decline will be somewhat offset by a \$52,000 annual savings in debt service which the Township achieved by recasting an Open Space bond.

The total Open Space fund is close to \$1.4 million, with about \$900,000 already committed to preserving an additional 256 acres. As of June 2011, the Township ranked #9 in the State and #1 in the County for farmland preservation and has approximately 7,000 acres preserved or protected from development. This represents 30% of land in the Township. Until the first bond issue is paid off in 2022, there will be minimal funds available for further preservation.

Hunterdon County 300th Anniversary

In 2014, Hunterdon County will be 300 years old. Incorporated in 1714, Hunterdon County used to include the current county plus Sussex, Warren, Morris and Mercer Counties. There are many events planned throughout the year. Kick off the year's events on January 1st, at 1:00 p.m., at the old Court House in Flemington for a presentation of the history of the County leading up to the official swearing in of the newly elected Freeholders. Then check the Anniversary website for dinner dances, lectures, art events, kids events, pub tours and more as you join in the year-long celebration. For more information go to www.hunterdon300th.org

www.DelawareTwpNJ.org

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

Community Calendar

Dec. 7 Free Rabies Clinic for Cats and Dogs from 10 a.m. to Noon at Township Garage on Rt. 523 Bring pets on leash or in carriers.

Dec. 7 Santa Comes to the Township Building 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Bring your little ones and a camera.

Dec. 7 and 8 Holiday Decorating Contest – Pre-judging 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 9 Holiday Decorating Contest – Final judging 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 24 Township Offices Close at Noon

Dec. 25 Township Offices Closed

Dec. 31 Township Offices Close at Noon

Jan. 1 Happy New Year! Township Offices Closed

Jan 6 Township Committee Reorganization at 7pm.

Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Holiday Township Offices Closed

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 17 Presidents' Day – Township Offices Closed

Township Committee: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/9, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10; 2/24; 3/10

Planning Board: 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, and 3/4

Board of Health: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3

Board of Adjustment: 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, and 3/13

Recreation Commission: 7:00 p.m. on Monday 12/9 – Holiday Decorating Road Trip; 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 1/6, 2/3, and 3/3

Environmental Commission: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays 12/18, 1/15, 2/19, and 3/19

Open Space Committee: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, and 3/17

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays 12/5, 1/2, 2/6, and 3/6

Agricultural Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, and 3/4

Historic Advisory Committee: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, and 3/5

Shade Tree Commission: 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays 12/26, 1/23, 2/27, and 3/27

Newsletter Committee: 7:00 p.m. on Monday January 13 — Other Committees meet as needed – see Website for notice of meetings.

Senior Citizens

For membership information call President Sandra Krahling at 609-397-0145. New members are welcome!

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co., Sept. through June at 1 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. All Delaware Township residents 60 years of age or older are welcome.

Dec.4 - 12 p.m. Free Christmas Party at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. for members with dues paid up and who attended 3 meetings. To make your reservation call Dorothy Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097.

Jan. 8: 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

Feb. 5: 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

Mar. 5: 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company
Contact Dottie or Dorothy for 2014 trip information.

Yoga Classes for Seniors

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers two Yoga classes at the Delaware Township Municipal Building on Monday mornings – one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Beginners are especially welcome! \$25 per 8 week session. Call Kim Karsh to register at 908-996-3548.

VFW POST #8390

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at the Delaware Township Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m. New members are welcome. Call Commander Charles Pierman at 609-397-2075.

Delaware Township Historical Society

For information about the Delaware Township Historical Society and its scheduled meetings and activities call Marilyn Cummings at 609-397-5363.

Recreation Commission Activities

Santa at Town Hall: Santa's annual visit to Delaware Township will be held at the Township Building on Saturday, December 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your little ones, your holiday spirit, and your camera.

Holiday Decorating Contest: Preliminary judging for the annual Delaware Township Holiday Decorating Contest will be held on the weekend of December 7th and 8th. Final judging will take place on the evening of Monday, December 9th. Please remember to have your lights turned on from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on all three evenings so that your house can be judged. Call Judy Allen at the Township Building if your house can not be seen from the road and you would like to be included. Prizes will be awarded to the best-decorated houses!

Upcoming Recreation Events: Check Township Website for Information about a Trenton Titans game in January; Family Skate Night in February and Family Roller Skate Night in March.

Active Recreational Opportunities

It'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!

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: The Adult women's basketball program has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at the DTS cafeteria on 12/10, 12/17, 12/19, 1/2, 1/7, 1/9, 1/14, 1/16, 1/21, 1/23, 1/28, 1/30, 2/4, 2/6, 2/11, 2/18, 2/20, 2/25, 2/27, 3/4, 3/6; (later dates in next newsletter).

Adult coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5; (later dates in next newsletter)

Teen coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights, 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 1/3, 1/10, 2/28, 3/7, and 3/14 (program ends).

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.

Delaware Township School Activities

Dec. 17 Board of Education 7:30 p.m. DTS Performing Arts Center

Dec. 20 1:30 p.m. dismissal

Dec. 23 through Jan. 1 Winter recess – School closed

Jan. 2 Classes resume

Jan. 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School closed

Jan 21 Board of Education Time TBA DTS Performing Arts Center

Feb. 7 Staff Development - School closed

Feb. 13 1:30 p.m. dismissal – In-Service

Feb. 14 & 17 Presidents' Weekend – School Closed

Feb. 18 Board of Education Time TBA DTS Performing Arts Room

March 21 Early Dismissal – Conferences/In-Service

Kindergarten Registration

There will be Kindergarten registration for Delaware Township children who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2014 at Delaware Township School on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Please contact School Secretary Britian Slack at DTS at 397-3179, Ext. 402 to receive a registration packet.

Hunterdon Central Regional High School

The Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the IMC/Library at 84 Rt. 31, Flemington, NJ on December 16, 2013, January 6, 2014, January 27, 2014, February 24, 2014 (budget introduction), March 17, 2014, and March 24, 2014 (budget adoption).

Amwell Church of the Brethren

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Service: 7 p.m.

Dec. 31st – New Year's Candle Lighting Service: 8 p.m. Fun, food, fellowship, and praying in the New Year.

February 9th – Renewal of Marriage Vows.

Amwell Youth Group: Friday Nights 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten to Young Adults welcome.

Bible Study: Wednesday Nights 7:00 p.m. Come explore the Book of Matthew.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

For more information call 609-397-4842

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

The Sergeantsville United Methodist Church is celebrating its 175th Anniversary this year.

Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving Eve Service: 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 10:00 p.m.

All Organizations: Call the Township Building if you would like your Township organization's calendar of activities published in "News from the Bridge."

Delaware Township Police Building Open House, December 15th , 1:00-3:00

The Delaware Township Police Department formed in October 1968. Since then, the police have been seeking a permanent "home." At a special dedication ceremony in September, former Police Chief Ed Fleming spoke about the Police Department's history.

In the early days, the police operated out of the municipal building. That was fine unless the police arrested someone who had to be processed because then the office workers had to vacate their offices until the arrested individual was taken out of the building to another facility. In 1983, the Township obtained a trailer as a "temporary facility" for the police. Other towns joked that the Township had a mobile police facility since at that time, the trailer was still on wheels.

The search for a permanent facility has been ongoing for 30 years! If you visited the Police trailer in recent years, you would have experienced a leaky structure that cost an exorbitant amount of money to heat and cool, since there is no insulation. Many Committees had searched for a solution and when the owners of a house immediately adjacent to the police/public works facilities offered their home for sale to the Township, it fulfilled late Police Chief Bruce Mast's dream.

The building was conveniently located near the center of town and on a County Highway, had sufficient acreage for parking facilities, and had the right structural integrity to allow its conversion into a police facility. The Township purchased the home, and with the help of an architect and builders knowledgeable about State requirements, converted the home into a state of the art police facility. The new facility provides ample office space, a secure processing area, a locker room for the Officers, a kitchen, and storage space. The Township Committee and the Police Department are proud of the new facility and invite you to an open house to tour the facility on December 15th from 1:00-3:00 p.m..

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Fax: 609-397-4893
www.DelawareTwpNJ.org

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Home Heating Assistance

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 such as a job loss or illness. 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. 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

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

LIHEAP. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. This year the application period is November 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. 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 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.

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. Information about the program and on income limits is available at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/index.shtml For eligibility call 1-800-510-3102 or call the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services.