

Township Welcomes New Police Chief

On December 1st, the Delaware Township Police Department will promote a new chief from within its own ranks. Sergeant Chris Cane was born and raised in Rosemont and attended Delaware Township School.

After graduating from the Trenton Police Academy, he stayed local and spent 4 years with the Hunterdon Sheriff's Department while also working part time for the Delaware Township Police Department. He moved on to the Franklin Township Police Department for several years before returning full time to Delaware Township as a patrolman in 2001.

His commitment to the Township was rewarded along the way with advancement to Sergeant and as of December 1, he will have the honor of leading the Department of 7 full time, plus two part-time officers. Cane sees the future of the Department as following the well established path of small town policing through good community relations. He welcomes the input of residents and hopes to continue the role of the police department as a service to the community.

A Delaware Township resident, in his free time, Chief Cane is interested in collecting and restoring tractors as well as spending time with his young son.

General Election Results

At the November 4, 2014 General Election, voters elected Charles Herman and Susan Lockwood to fill three-year positions on the Township Committee.

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Editorial

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans," an observation made by Allan Saunders and made famous by Beatle John Lennon, characterizes the year 2014 in Delaware Township.

The year began with the remnants of one of the toughest winters on record leaving Township roads without much needed salt to combat the snow and ice. When spring finally arrived, we had to contend with roads needing to be patched, repaired and replaced. It was costly, caused budgeting concerns, and was the biggest issue facing the Township.

Enter PennEast, a company that no one had heard of and that didn't exist in early 2014. With one simple line on a map, the face of Delaware Township could be changed forever.

Just a year ago we celebrated our 175th Anniversary and marveled at how, thanks to our predecessors' vision and determination, our Township survived all these years without serious development or destruction. Now we are faced with the troubling realization that an outside entity, with no ties to our community, may potentially take our residents' property for a pipeline.

If there is a silver lining in this threat it is that it has unified residents in the fight for our Township. Regardless of whether residents are directly affected, there is an overriding belief that a permanent scar with a natural gas pipeline across the landscape cannot be good for Delaware Township. In addition, the Township is forging new relationships with neighboring communities because they too are facing the same pipeline threat.

All New Years bring us opportunities for a fresh start. Let's hope that in 2015, life will not stray too far from our plans. From the Township Employees, Township Committee and all our committed Volunteers, we wish you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a peaceful, healthy, New Year!

— Susan Lockwood
Editor



Meet Your Neighbor: Kristin McCarthy

By Mary Coffey

Kristin McCarthy has a husband, six children, and two dogs, is a Township Committee member, and recently completed her doctorate in Public Health. She is a very busy lady.

Kristin grew up in Pelham, New York. She attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, receiving a degree in International Studies and Political Science. Moving to Manhattan, she got a job with a non-profit group which converted an old hospital into temporary living quarters for homeless families.

She went to graduate school while working full time. "These are things you can do when you're 25," she laughs. She completed a Masters Degree in Public Health at CUNY-Hunter College. Deciding to go on to the doctorate level, she was accepted into the Socio-Medical Sciences Program at Columbia University.

She met her future husband, Bill, who grew up in Yardley, at a Halloween party, and they married years later. After visiting Bill's uncle in Pennington, they loved the area and moved to Hopewell. Three kids were born in Hopewell. When they needed more space, they moved to their home on Brookville-Hollow Road. They had three more children for a total of six. "Two in college; two in high school; two in Delaware Twp school," Kristin says proudly. "They keep us really busy."

"After I got settled into the Township" Kristin says, "I wanted to get involved with the community so I joined the Environmental Commission." She also became part of a neighborhood group concerned about the quarry on Rt. 29. The quarry petitioned to expand operations onto adjoining property which they claimed was zoned commercial.

While the citizen's group became increasingly active, the Delaware Township Committee seemed unconcerned. Ultimately, the citizen's group succeeded in convincing the Board of Adjustment to declare that the property was zoned residential.

Kristin realized that she had been very upset at the Township Committee's lack of response to the quarry crisis. So she decided to run for a seat on the Township Committee. Her friends were doubtful stating, "You're a Democrat. You're from New York. You're a woman.... You'll never win" She took the plunge anyway and asked Susan Lockwood to run for the Township Committee after a two year hiatus. They both won. "People were shocked. We were, too," Kristin laughs.

That was nine years ago. When asked to name some of the outstanding projects throughout her tenure, Kristin mentions meeting the state's Affordable Housing mandates and coming up with an affordable plan.

Also, getting the new Police Station up and running, and moving the police from the cramped quarters to their new and spacious accommodations. "It was a long time coming, but it was worth it," she says.

She was preparing to run for re-election when, in August, PennEast LLC announced plans to build their pipeline. Kristin decided against running in favor of leading the fight against the pipeline.

Kristin McCarthy Coordinates PennEast Pipeline Opposition

The PennEast pipeline has become a major concern for Township residents. PennEast requested permission from the Federal government to build a 107 mile pipeline carrying fracked natural gas from Luzerne County, PA, across the Delaware River.

It will cut through the heart of Delaware Township's preserved farms (for which this Township has invested \$7 million dollars), through wetlands and fragile ecosystems, and cut 150-foot swaths through mature trees and forests.

The crux of the matter is whether PennEast will be granted permission to install their pipeline, by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and if PennEast will be granted the right of "Eminent Domain." FERC would have to make a finding that for the "common good," the rights of the "many" (the people getting the gas) trump the rights of the "few" (the landowners), thus enabling PennEast to install their pipelines on private property in spite of the owners' protests.

The irony is that even if Delaware Township accepted the pipeline, it would not provide natural gas for our residents because the gas is slated to be sold elsewhere.

The threat to safety, and destruction of natural habitats, scenery, and property values, is a scary thought. Kristin feels so strongly about the pipeline battle that she withdrew her candidacy for re-election, stating, "This is the fight for the very essence of what makes Delaware Township so special. It is a fight I must participate in, and this intense involvement means I cannot be a member of the Township Committee for the 2015 term."

She feels now is the time to convince PennEast and FERC that there is no need for this pipeline, and is gearing up for what may be the David and Goliath fight of her life. "It will be a Herculean task," Kristin says, "but the Citizens Groups which are forming are well-educated, smart people who really want to work. But we always need new helpers and new volunteers."

To Help:

If you are interested in joining the fight against the pipeline, visit the Citizens Against the Pipeline website: www.dtcap.org

Contact FERC at:

ferconline.ferc.gov.quickcomment.aspx
(docket # PF15-1-000)

Contact Federal and State Representatives:

Congressman Leonard Lance (R): www.lance.house.gov
US Senator Robert Menendez(D): www.menendez.senate.gov
US Senator Cory Booker (D) www.booker.senate.gov
Contact State Representatives:
NJ Senator Kip Bateman (R): SenBateman@njleg.org
NJ Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli (R): ASMChiattarelli@njleg.org
NJ Assemblywoman Donna Simon(R): AswSimon@njleg.org

Recreation Commission Activities

Email deltwprec@gmail.com to be added to our email list. Like us on Facebook at Delaware Township Recreation Commission to stay up-to-date on all of our latest events.

Santa at Town Hall

Santa's annual visit to Delaware Township will be held at the Township Building on Saturday, December 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your little ones, your holiday spirit, a canned good or non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food pantry, and your camera.

Holiday Decorating Contest: New Rules this Year!

NEW! This year residents who would like to enter the Holiday Decorating Contest must register their names and addresses in advance of the preliminary judging. The Recreation Commission will visit all homes that are pre-registered on the preliminary judging nights and visit the finalists on the night of final judging. Preliminary judging will be held on the weekend of December 6th and 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Final judging will take place on the evening of Tuesday, December 9th between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Please remember to have your lights turned on during these times so that your house can be judged. Grand Prize: \$100 gift certificate to Sergeantsville Inn; Second, Third and Fourth Place Prizes: \$50 Gift Certificates to Sergeantsville Inn. Call Judy Allen at the Township Building to register your home for the Contest: 609-397-3240 Ext. 205.

A Christmas Carol at South Hunterdon Regional High School

Join us at South Hunterdon Regional High School on Sunday, December 21st at 3 p.m. to see "A Christmas Carol" performed by the members of the Downtown Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 per adult/senior and \$13 per child 12 and under. You provide your own transportation. Email deltwprec@gmail.com for more information or to order tickets. Deadline: December 12th.

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 for Use of the Dilts Farm Park facilities. League teams must provide proof of insurance and name Delaware Township as an Additional Insured. The Use of Facilities forms for Residents and for Non-Residents are on the Township's website and include the maintenance fee and deposit amounts. Contact Judy Allen at the Township Building well in advance of your activity to schedule your use or event. 609-397-3240 Ext. 205.

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!

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.

Calling All Women Who Want to Play Basketball!

Adult women's basketball on Monday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the DTS cafeteria on 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2, (later dates in next newsletter)

Attendance has been low, and this program will be cancelled unless more residents take advantage of this recreational opportunity. Call your friends and shoot some hoops!

Men's Basketball

Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the DTS cafeteria on 12/2 12/4, 12/16, 12/18, 1/6, 1/8, 1/13, 1/15, 1/20, 1/22, 1/27, 1/29, 2/3, 2/5, 2/10, 2/17, 2/19, 2/24, 2/26, 3/3, 3/5 (more dates in next newsletter).

Coed Volleyball

Adult coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria on 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 2/18, 2/25, 3/4 (later dates in next newsletter).

Teen Basketball and Volleyball

Teen (9th to 12th grade students) coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria. An evening is planned for 12/5. More dates will be added as follows if there is plenty of participation! 1/9, 1/16, 1/30, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 when program ends. Bring a friend (or two).

Snow Removal

ATownship 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 roadway when the Road Department is plowing. Thank you!

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. This year the application period is November 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. 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.

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

Animal Licensing Applications

All animal licensing is now handled at the Delaware Township Police Station Located at 816 Sergeantsville Road.

Starting January 1, 2015, there will be two separate applications: one for dogs and one for cats.

Applications can be found at the Township website, at the Police station (8am to 3pm) on Rte 523, and also at the Rabies Clinic to be held December 6 at the Road Department, 816 Sergeantsville Road between 10a.m. and 12 noon.

Please fill out the appropriate application and attach the pet's rabies certificate to the application. Make a copy of all the forms and mail it along with your check for the appropriate amount to: P.O. Box 101 Sergeantsville, NJ 08557 or drop it off at the Police Station between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is also a drop box outside the door if you wish to use it. Make sure you include a phone number on the application in case there is a question.

Licensing time is January 1st through February 28th. Any application received or post marked after February 28th will be returned and a late fee will be charged.

Note: Applications are in Word and PDF formats, which you can download and save. Then you can fill out the application, save and print, and then make changes from year to year.

Free Rabies Clinic

Delaware Township will sponsor a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 6th between 10 a.m. and Noon at the Delaware Township Garage located at 816 Sergeantsville Road (Rt. 523). 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, 2015 for the 2015 animal license/registration period.

If you cannot make the December 6th 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. On the County's website, go to Environmental Health, click on Rabies Control, and look for the free clinic dates. Should you choose to attend one of these free clinics, that municipality will send Delaware Township a certificate with the updated rabies information. For more information, please contact Deanna Higgins, Animal Licensing Agent at 609-397-8189.

New Jersey Homekeeper Program

The New Jersey HomeKeeper Program offers financial help to homeowners who are in danger of losing their home as a direct result of unemployment or underemployment. 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, get up-to-date information by going to www.njhomekeeper.gov or contact the toll-free HomeKeeper call center at 1-855-NJ-KEEP-1.

Employee of the Year

Retiring Police Chief Ed Ziolkowski

Police Chief Ed Ziolkowski's career in law enforcement began 28 years ago. At the time, he was working in home construction but knew that wasn't what he wanted to do long-term. Law enforcement seemed like a viable option, so he and some friends decided to take the State Police entrance exam, which included a written test, a physical test and a psychological test. Ed stated "I didn't expect to pass the tests, but I did."

During the testing phase Ed Hawley, who was then mayor of West Amwell, offered Ed a job with the Police Department. Having grown up in West Amwell, Ed accepted and then went to the police academy. He joined the Delaware Township Police Department in July, 1995 and was promoted to Sergeant in June, 2007. Ed was appointed Police Chief in January, 2011.

When Ed took charge of the police department it was during a very difficult time. Within a three month period, Police Chief Bruce Mast passed away, and two senior members of the Department retired. According to Township Committee member Susan Lockwood, "Ed handled the challenge skillfully."

In just a short amount of time he successfully rebuilt the Department by hiring three new police officers. Although Ed denies any credit for the new police headquarters, he provided input during the construction process, and helped the Department navigate the relocation to their new space. With plans to retire this December, he's now training his replacement as well.

Throughout his career, Ed has derived tremendous satisfaction from helping others, and finds it especially gratifying when, unexpectedly, someone goes out of their way to thank him for his efforts. However, what he appreciates most about his time in law enforcement is "the camaraderie of the guys in the Department and the brotherhood among police officers." This is also what Ed says he'll miss the most when he retires.

When he retires, Ed's first priority is to simply relax. "Being a Police Chief, you have to be accessible 24x7...it will be nice just to take it easy." Ed and his wife recently bought a new camper and he is especially looking forward to taking some trips with his twelve-year old son.

Asked how he'd like his tenure to be remembered by his Department and professional colleagues, Ed responded "if the general consensus is that 'Ed is a good guy' then everything I've done will have been worth it." Having earned the 2014 Employee of the Year award, it's clear that the general consensus is not only that Ed is a good guy, but that this year he's simply the best.

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.

Volunteer of the Year

Delaware Township Athletic Association

For 2014, the distinction of "Volunteer of the Year" was awarded to the Delaware Township Athletic Association (DTAA), an organization that has a long-standing tradition of making a difference in our community.

Officially formed as a non-profit in 1971, the DTAA organizes athletic leagues and training for children in Delaware Township, East Amwell and Stockton. In a typical year, more than 300 families participate in recreational leagues offered by the DTAA. The leagues are open to boys and girls, grades K-8, and include softball, baseball, soccer and basketball. In addition, the Association helps maintain Dilt's Park where the outdoor practice fields are located.

The DTAA is about much more than sports. According to its by-laws, the Association's overall goal is to provide participants with a positive environment that "stresses learning and fair play, while at the same time provides them all of the life lessons that sports has to offer." In support of that goal, the DTAA emphasizes teamwork and sportsmanship, and promotes qualities such as honesty, courage, respect and responsibility. The DTAA is committed to fostering the physical, moral, mental, social, and emotional well-being of all participants.

Achieving this is no easy task. DTAA President Stephanie Dunn concurred, saying, "This could never be done by one person. It takes a huge number of hands to make an operation like this work and there is a core group of dedicated individuals that really make it all happen." For anyone interested in volunteering with the DTAA, contact Stephanie at 908-399-3291 or yourstef1@gmail.com

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.

Streetlights on the Blink?

Help JCP&L keep streetlights working by letting it know when lights are in need of repair. If you see a streetlight out, please contact us so that repairs can be made.

To report a streetlight outage, call the automated outage reporting line at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877). For faster service, use the phone number associated with your account and say "streetlight problem" after the greeting. Or, visit www.firstenergycorp.com and select your electric company. Then under "Outages," click on "Report Streetlight Problems." You'll need to provide the nearest address, pole number, problem, and other information to JCP&L.

Community Calendar

Dec. 6: 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. 6: Santa Comes to the Township Building 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your little ones and a camera.

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

Dec. 9: Holiday Decorating Contest – Final judging 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 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!

Jan. 5: Township Committee Reorganization at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Holiday – Township Offices Closed

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Feb. 16: Presidents' Day – Township Offices Closed

Township Committee: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/8, 12/29, Reorganization Monday, 1/5/14 at 7 p.m., Mondays, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9; 2/23; 3/9.

Planning Board: 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays 12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, and 3/3

Board of Health: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, and 3/2

Board of Adjustment: 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, and 3/12

Recreation Commission: 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday 12/9 – Holiday Decorating Road Trip; 7:00 p.m. on Mondays 1/5, 2/2, and 3/2

Environmental Commission: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, and 3/18

Open Space Committee: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays 12/15, 1/19, 2/16, and 3/16

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, and 3/5

Agricultural Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, and 3/3

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

Shade Tree Commission: 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays 12/18, 1/22, 2/26, and 3/26

Newsletter Committee: 6:45 p.m. on Monday January 12
Other Committees meet as needed – see Website for notice of meetings.

VFW Post #8390

Meetings held on the last Wednesday of each month at the Delaware Township Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. New members are welcome. Call Commander Charles Pierman at 609-397-2075.

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. 3: 12 p.m. Free Christmas Party at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. for members with dues paid up and who attended 3 meetings. For info and reservations, call Dorothy Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097.

Jan. 7: 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

Feb. 4: 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

Mar. 4: 1 p.m. at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

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! \$3 per class. Call Kim Karsh to register at 908-996-3548.

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.

Delaware Township School Activities

www.dtsk8.org

Dec. 16: Board of Education 7:30 p.m. DTS Performing Arts Center

Dec. 23: 1:30 p.m. Dismissal

Dec. 24: through Jan. 2 Winter recess – School Closed

Jan. 5: Classes Resume

Jan. 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School Closed

Feb. 13: Staff Development - School Closed

Feb. 16: Presidents' Day – School Closed

March 20: Early Dismissal – Conferences/In-Service

The Board of Education will set its 2015 meeting schedule at a later date. Check the DTS website for dates.

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 15, 2014, January 5, 2015 (including reorganization), January 26, February 23, March 16 (budget introduction).

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Church Corner

Amwell Church of the Brethren

Upcoming Activities at Amwell Church of the Brethren:

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

Dec. 31st: Watch Night Service: 8 p.m. Fun, food, fellowship, and inspiration.

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

Sandy Ridge Community Baptist Church

47 Sandy Ridge Road, Stockton

Worship services: Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. Child care is available.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

We are a friendly "family-sized" congregation which comes together for worship and fellowship. All are welcome to join us as we seek to serve Him together.

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

On October 26th, the Sergeantsville United Methodist Church sponsored its first annual Trunk or Treat immediately following the Halloween parade and festivities at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company. There were many creative trunks including a frog, a camping scene, the yellow brick road leading to the Wizard of Oz, the three little pigs, the jungle, and of course the necessary Frozen van!

The favorite, voted on by the community trunk or treaters – was Noah's Arc! Thanks to everyone from the community who stopped by on the way back from the parade. We can't wait to do it again next year.

In the meantime, check out our web site for up to date information on weekly youth programs for children age 4 to sixth grade and monthly middle and high school youth meetings. You can visit us on the web at www.sergeantsvilleumc.com or find us on Facebook.

Blue Christmas Service: December 21 at 5 p.m. Christmas isn't an easy season for everyone. Perhaps you are grieving the loss of a loved one, struggling with an illness or loss of job. Join us in a safe place to come exactly as you are. A light soup supper will follow the service for those who would like to stay.

Christmas Eve Worship: Happy Birthday Jesus family worship service, 4 p.m. While all are welcome, this brief service will cater to children elementary school age and younger. Noise is both welcome and encouraged!!!

Traditional Candlelight Worship Service with Communion at 11 p.m.

New Youth Programs

Club 3:16: An hour packed with fun and surprises for chil-

dren age 4 to 6th grade. We meet on Thursday afternoons from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. We start off with a snack and then there are stories, games, crafts, science experiments and much more. You don't need to be a church member or attend on Sundays; you just need to want to have fun.

Suggested donation of \$3 per child, or \$5 per family to help fund costs. If possible, send Pastor Jessica an email at Jessica_Stenstrom@yahoo.com by Thursday morning so we have enough snacks and craft supplies on hand.

Ignite: This is our monthly middle and high school gathering, meeting on the first Sunday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for food, fun and games. Bring \$5 for pizza. Everyone is welcome. We just ask that R.S.V.P. by 12 noon the day of so we can order enough pizza. You can let Pastor Jessica know if you are coming by texting or calling her at (609)548-9169.

Check our website for news and activities:

www.sergeantsvilleumc.com or please contact Pastor Jessica directly by calling the church at 609-397-2333 or email her at Jessica_Stenstrom@yahoo.com.

ALL ORGANIZATIONS

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Farmer's Market Seeking Coordinator for 2015

The Delaware Township Farmer's Market, which has been a great success since its founding, is in need of a volunteer Market Coordinator for the year 2015. With the proliferation of other farmers' markets throughout our area, the Market Coordinator needs to be someone who can work behind the scenes and is proficient in the use of social media, website updates and other marketing tools to strongly promote the market, and attract more vendors and patrons.

The Market Coordinator does not have to commit to being onsite at the market every week. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this position, please contact Jack Gaskill at (908)268-3641. Please help us to keep our Market going!

Kindergarten Registration

There will be Kindergarten registration for Delaware Township children who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2015 at Delaware Township School on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Please contact School Secretary Britian Slack at DTS at 397-3179, Ext. 402 to receive a registration packet.

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DTS PiE: Partners in Education

DTS Partners in Education has been busy! The board and membership approved funding to support a great new archery club at school that will combine athletics with science and math in an extra- and co-curricular program.

DTS PiE is also supporting the purchase of a smart-board for the elementary science lab. We approved funding for an iPad for the art program to scan and upload student artworks to the DTS Artsonia website to create student portfolios. We will be supporting three Odyssey of the Mind teams at DTS, and are piloting a new after-school program called Code Club in which a parent volunteer is using Google open source programs to teach students to write computer programs. Wow! And it is only November!

DTS is a great school, and DTS PiE is proud to provide added value for our children to supplement the already strong education they receive. Our efforts are made possible by the service of our volunteers and the support of the community. Mark your Calendars for some great upcoming events:

Soup and Chili Cookoff: January 23 (snow date January 30)

Spring Fundraiser: The Auction — May 15

Like DTS Partners in Education on Facebook and check out our website at www.dtspie.webs.com

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Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year when Delaware Township representatives reach out to encourage you to serve on one of its many volunteer boards, committees and commissions. The Township relies heavily on volunteers to assist with reviews of various development and variance applications, land preservation efforts, matters of public health, historic matters, and advice on numerous other areas of interest. The Township would greatly appreciate your offer to serve in an area that interests you and now is the time to express that interest to the Township Committee.

The Committee will be making appointments in December to begin January 1, 2015. 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 to the Township's website at www.DelawareTwpNJ.org and 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 5, 2014. You may also let one of the Township Committee members know and then follow-up in writing with the Citizenship Volunteer Form.