

General Election Day

When: Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company, Rt. 523

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

Terms Expiring:

12/31/14: Susan D. Lockwood and Kristin McCarthy

Local Vacancies: Two Township Committee positions

2014 Democrat Candidates:

Susan D. Lockwood and Kristin McCarthy

2014 Republican Candidate:

Charles P. Herman

October 14: Last Day to Register to Vote for November General Election

Mail-in Balloting: Anyone can vote by mail. To receive the ballot by mail, the Mail-In Ballot application must be received in the County Clerk's office by October 28th.

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

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

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Community Day: Saturday, October 11th

Mark your calendars for this year's Delaware Township Community Day which will be held Saturday, October 11th from 2 to 7 p.m. at Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Road. As in previous years, a variety of rides, bands and food vendors will join representatives from local businesses, civic organizations, and government agencies to share information about their services and provide entertainment. So come join your friends and neighbors for what promises to be a fun-filled day.

The festivities kick off at 2 p.m. and will include a classic car/truck/tractor show, a baked goods contest, a radar-tracked fastball throw, and a hot air balloon launch at dusk (usually around 5:15). During the afternoon, ceremonies will be held to present awards for Employee of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. New this year will be Bingo, which will run during the afternoon with no cost to enter and prizes will include some donated treats as well as bragging rights!!

Rides, businesses, artisans and food vendors will be on hand from 2 until 5 p.m. Live music will be played by area bands such as Tastes Like Chicken (approx. 3 to 5 p.m.) and OK Jammers (approx. 5:30 to 7 p.m.). There will also be a designated area where BYO wine and beer tailgating will be permitted from 4 p.m. until dusk. If you are interested in registering for the car show, contact Steve Smotrich at 908-255-5358 or email at stevesmotrich@gmail.com. Residents interested in registering for the baking contest or if you would like more information on Community Day, please contact Julie Luster at 908-237-8181 or via email at julieautumn@yahoo.com.

In the event of rain on the 11th, Community Day will be held on October 18th. Please note that no animals, including dogs, are allowed at this event unless they are a service animal.

New Police Officer

The Delaware Township Police Department welcomed a new member to the force on July 1, Officer Colin DeVincenzo. He most recently worked for the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office as a Sheriff's Investigator. Previous to graduating from the Mercer County Police Academy, Officer DeVincenzo had a variety of work experience in the Mercer County area while pursuing an Associates Degree in Science- Criminal Justice at Mercer County Community College. He is a big supporter of community policing and looks forward to getting to know the people of Delaware Township.

Meet Your Neighbor: Dick DeVore

By Mary Coffey

Dick DeVore creates old time music, native honey, and home-made maple syrup -- three of life's sweetest offerings.

Born in Princeton to a father who was a physicist and a mother who was a medical technologist, Dick grew up in Belle Mead, NJ. As a child, he took six years of classical violin lessons. But toward the end of his high school years, Dick took up guitar and sang the music of such groups as Peter, Paul and Mary, the Kingston Trio, and Joan Baez. His musical interests continued when he entered Lehigh University, joined the Glee Club, and played with a folk group during concert intermissions. He graduated from Lehigh with a B.A. in Chemistry, earned an MS in Chemistry from Rutgers, went to work at Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton in the science department, and eventually earned an Ed.D. in science education from the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, where he taught for a decade as an adjunct faculty member. And he continued to play music.

While working at a Y camp in the late 1960's, he met Susan, and a year later, they were married. They lived in Hightstown for six years, and then in Skillman for nine years, until the traffic on Route 518 became insufferable. So Susan took their young boys, Justin and Andrew, for a drive around ETS in ever-widening circles to find a new home that would still allow Dick to get to work in around 30 minutes. They found a home in Delaware Township on Federal Twist Road.

Dick worked at ETS for 28 years earning two patents for new computerized testing methodologies, and an additional 12 years as a research and development scientist for the AICPA in Ewing. Music continued to be his hobby. He took up 5-string banjo and played upright bass with a local bluegrass group. As his kids grew older, he joined a semi-professional old-time music group known as "The Jugtown Mountain String Band" and played first bass and then guitar for them. Today he continues to perform with this band, often singing lead. Over the years he has taught himself to play other instruments including the autoharp, mandolin and mandola, and is currently becoming proficient in the "clawhammer" banjo style, a traditional style used in old-time music. Dick also collects unusual stringed instruments. To date, he has 51 "gizmo" harps based on the zither, and 26 other stringed instruments - guitars, banjos, mandolins, fiddles, a bass; and a piano - some of which he plays in the band.

In 1999, Dick began another hobby when he took a course in beekeeping at Howell Living History Farm, where Susan was education coordinator. In 2006 he extracted 185 pounds of honey from just two colonies, a record output. However, the well-publicized colony collapse disorder and bee parasites soon set in, and the numbers declined. He currently has two strong colonies.

In the winter, Dick and Susan, now both retired, produce maple syrup from sap collected by tapping their own red maple trees. They tap, collect, and boil the sap in January and February. Around 60 gallons of sap must be boiled to produce one gallon of syrup. As with the honey, the syrup is bottled and distributed to (lucky) family and friends. A lot of work, but oh so sweet!

8th Grade Citizenship Essay Award: Memorials

Eighth grade students at Delaware Township School were asked to submit essays about memorials commemorating someone or an event. The members of the Delaware Township Committee selected what they determined was the best essay. Isabella Carrega was this year's winning essayist. She received a check for \$125 at the 8th Grade promotion ceremony and her name is engraved on a plaque displayed at Delaware Township School. Here is her winning essay:

by Isabella Carrega

An American Citizen. A status granted to us that entails specific rights, privileges, and duties-something millions around the world dream of, but can never obtain. We often forget just how valuable our citizenship is and the lives lost to protect it.

Many years ago, our founding fathers fought to ensure lives of liberty and happiness to those of our beautiful and blossoming country. Since then, we have done above and beyond to keep these rights granted to the people. Our military has protected our lands since the birth of nation. They risk their own lives to enable us to stand on the rights and privileges that we take for granted each and every day.

As a first generation American citizen, there are no words to describe just how thankful I am for my country and the people protecting us. "The land of the free and the home of the brave" has given my family more opportunities than ever imagined. The people ensuring my citizenship as an American are the ones who have chosen to leave their families behind and to venture out on unknown land in order to guarantee my safety. They are pure images of bravery and fortitude: true American heroes, the ones I honor the most.

I would like to commemorate and memorialize all those who have died and fought to keep my country free, and those who are currently overseas. It is because of their endless devotion and dedication that you and I are able to live the lives we live. It is because of them that we are ensured the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is because of them that our nation thrives.

As for the site of memorial, I would like it to be placed on the highest point of Sara Dilts Park in Delaware Township, New Jersey. Placing it on the highest point symbolizes just how these brave men and women have sought to protect the rolling hills and green fields of our country as guardians of the land. It should be capable of being seen by all who visit the park as a reminder to them of all the lives lost to protect our nation.

New Drop Box at Township Building

If you have a hard time getting to the Township Building during business hours, there is a new drive-up drop box in the Township Building parking lot for residents to drop off tax payments and other Township paperwork. It's quick, easy and available when you are!

Delaware Township History: Famed Musician Paul Whiteman

By Bob Schremser

Paul Whiteman purchased Walking Horse Farm on Raven Rock Road near Rosemont in 1938, where he and his fourth wife, actress Margaret Livingston, resided until Whiteman sold the property to agriculturalist and philanthropist Lloyd Westcott in 1959.

During the period 1920 to 1934, Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra had 32 number one recordings and were arguably the most popular dance band in America. Although dubbed the "King of Jazz," Whiteman believed in a more orchestrated form and jazz purists would say his brand of jazz lacked the improvisation and spontaneity that was characteristic of the genre. However, Whiteman did not play music which could exclusively be defined as "jazz." Also, at a time when most bands consisted of six to ten players, Whiteman fronted a full orchestra and hired many of the era's best musicians to play in his orchestra, including Bix Biederbecke, Frankie Trumbauer, Joe Venuti, Eddie Lang, Jack Teagarden, and Bunny Berigan. His vocal trio, the Rhythm Boys, was fronted by a young Bing Crosby.

Whiteman initially wanted to include African American musicians as well, but his management discouraged him because of racial segregation in America at the time. Whiteman was able to cross the racial lines behind the scenes however, by employing arrangers like Fletcher Henderson, and engaging in mutually beneficial recording sessions and tours. For example, Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra backed up legendary singer and actor Paul Robeson on the 1928 recording of "Old Man River."

It was also Whiteman who commissioned George Gershwin to write his classic "Rhapsody In Blue," which the Whiteman Orchestra debuted originally in 1924. Other pieces associated with Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra included "Whispering" (1920), "My Mammy" (1921), Hot Lips (1920 - later featured in the movie *The Color Purple*), "I'll See You In My Dreams" (1924), "Washboard Blues" (1927, with Hoagy Carmichael on vocals and piano), "Mississippi Mud" (1928, with Bing Crosby and Bix Biederbecke), "Body and Soul" (1930), "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" (1931), "It's Only A Paper Moon" (1933), and "You're the Top" (1934), among many other tunes which became standards.

Whiteman was the subject of the 1930 movie *The King of Jazz*, in Technicolor, a first and technically ahead of its time. Whiteman and his Orchestra appeared in a total of four Hollywood films in the early 1930s. The popularity of Whiteman's orchestra waned with the advent of the swing era, but he continued to host several national radio programs, including Kraft Music Hall and Paul Whiteman's Musical Varieties, during the 1930s. He enjoyed a brief resurgence in the 1940s when he signed with Capitol Records and recorded songs like 1942's "The General Jumped At Dawn" and "Trav'lin Light" featuring Billie Holiday. In the early 1950s, Whiteman hosted a television series focusing on new talent, which included a young Dick Clark reading announcements for Tootsie Rolls, the program's sponsor, and he occasionally led bands up until the time of his death in 1967.

Not much information is available on Whiteman's actual life in Delaware Township, except that he rode horses on his property. Also, rumor has it that it was Whiteman who

originally persuaded the Township to pave Raven Rock Road. If there are any longtime residents who have any recollections of Paul Whiteman and his days as a Delaware Township resident, you are encouraged to write in and share your stories

Annual Free Rabies Clinic Saturday, December 6, 2014 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

The Delaware Township Board of Health will sponsor a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Delaware Township Garage located at 816 Sergeantsville Road (Rt. 523) between Sergeantsville and Stockton. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Pets must be rabies certified through October 2015 in order to obtain a 2015 Animal license. This clinic is for vaccinations only. We will not be accepting licensing information and payment at the clinic. NOTE: If you can't attend the Rabies Clinic on December 6th, other municipalities hold rabies clinics, and they are free to all NJ residents with their pets. You will receive the required proof of vaccination at other rabies clinics to attach to your Delaware Township license application. West Amwell Township is holding a rabies clinic on Saturday, November 8th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For other Rabies Clinic dates and locations, please call the Hunterdon County Health Department at 908-788-1351.

Document Shredder Day

Delaware Township is offering a free personal document shredder service to residents Saturday, September 20, 2014, Rain or Shine, 9 AM to 11 AM at the Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Road (Rte 523).

The shredder is operated from a large truck with the capacity to shred sizeable quantities of documents. It is easier than using an ordinary home shredder that has to be fed in small quantities. Assure Shred uses a Pierce-and-Tear shredding system. This system tears the paper at the fiber instead of cutting it. This results in a random and more secure shred size than standard strip-cut shredders. Certificates of destruction are issued to every client certifying that the materials have been completely destroyed. If you wish, you may also view the shredding process through a truck-mounted closed-circuit monitor. No need to remove staples, paperclips, or small fasteners. Paid for by the Township Recycling Trust Fund.

Household Clean-up Days 2014

There will be two more opportunities to rid yourself of household clutter. WHERE: Delaware Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Road (on Rte 523).

WHEN: October 18th and on November 15th. 8a.m. to 10a.m.

Go to the Township's website for information about fees and items that are accepted.

Open Space News

*By James Borders
Delaware Township Open Space Coordinator*

While land preservation sometimes seems to move slowly, several long-standing, major preservation projects have either recently closed, or will be closing in the very near future.

The preservation of the 78-acre Copeland Farm concluded this spring using a combination of State and Federal funding, and at a minimal cost to Delaware Township (the Township). The standard agricultural preservation cost share agreement is 60% State funding, 20% County funding, with the remaining 20% cost share paid by the Township. Under the cost share agreement covering the Copeland Farm, the State paid 50% with the Federal portion under the US Department of Agriculture's Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program covering the remaining 50%. The Township was only required to pay ancillary costs (appraisals and a survey) to complete the preservation.

Within the next few months, several more preservation projects will be finalized including the 44-acre Lovenberg/Higgins Farm, the 23.6-acre Cyktor Farm, and the 34.5-acre Yard Farm. By the end of the year, the Township will have added 180 acres to the list of preserved agricultural properties, giving the Township a preservation portfolio that includes more than 31% of the land area of the Township.

As for the future, Delaware Township has two new projects beginning the preservation process, including the 74-acre Reimer Farm and the 59.5-acre Ianniciello Farm. Using State Green Acres funding, the Township hopes to add an abutting portion of the Reimer Farm to the Sara Dilts Park, the Township's main park and recreation area, with the remainder going into agricultural preservation. In addition, some of the Township's State Green Acres grant will be used to partner with the NJ Conservation Foundation in the preservation of a 12-acre parcel near Rosemont.

As you have may have read, the 10-year term of the NJ Preservation Trust, the State funding source for all agricultural and Green Acres preservation, has ended. While the State Legislature may approve a ballot initiative to provide a new source of Open Space support, the future for Open Space funding is uncertain, and funds for farmland, natural habitat, and recreational preservation projects are more limited.

However, the Township encourages anyone who is interested in preserving their property to inquire about available preservation options and to file an application to preserve their land. The Township also strongly encourages those filing for preservation to also file for Federal preservation programs, so that limited Township Open Space funds may be used most efficiently. The Open Space Committee works continuously to find new and creative ways of partnering with State, Federal, County and Nonprofit Land Trust agencies to leverage as much funding from outside sources as possible.

If you are interested in Open Space preservation, or preserving your property, please join us at a monthly meeting of the Open Space Committee, the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm, at the Township Municipal Building, or call Open Space Coordinator, James Borders at 609-397-9112 for updated information.

Well Water Test Kits Available

The Delaware Township Environmental Commission and the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) are co-sponsoring a community well-testing program for homeowners to test their drinking water for chemical and biological contaminants. Water test kits will be available for purchase at Community Day, October 11 (rain date October 18) and at the Township Building from October 2 to 28.

To purchase a test kit, you must use a check (no cash) payable to the Raritan Headwaters Association and return your filled sample containers and completed paperwork to the Township Building on Wednesday, October 29 between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 am. Test results are confidential; however the Township receives a generic notice about the findings so that it can act if it appears that a public health concern exists.

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

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

Basic kits test for total and fecal coliform bacteria, and nitrate levels and cost \$60. Other tests are available for additional fees: Lead-\$25; Volatile Organics (62 chemicals)-\$95; Arsenic-\$35; Pesticides (18 chemicals)-\$135; Radon-\$75; Iron-\$15; Manganese-\$15; and Gross Alpha (radioactive contaminants)-\$75.

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

For more information about RHA's well testing program, please call (908) 234-1852 or e-mail to welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org.

Sergeantsville Farmer's Market 10th Season Continues

The 10th Season of the Sergeantsville Farmers' Market is in full swing. The Market is held each Saturday morning from Mothers' day weekend, through the end of October (weather permitting) from 8:30 am till noon. After a cool, wet start this season, local farms and gardens are producing loads of fresh, wholesome vegetables and fruit. You can also purchase locally grown meats and poultry, home-made gluten-free cookies, eggs, perennials, and much more!

Located across from the municipal building on Rt 604 in the center of Sergeantsville, it is a great place to come listen to music, catch up with old friends, and make new ones, while supporting local farmers. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor can contact Jack Gaskill at 908-268-3641, or visit our website at www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket.com. You can also like us on Facebook.

Homestead Property Tax Credit Delayed

Distribution of the State Homestead Property Tax Credit payments is delayed from Aug 2014 to May 2015.

Township Recreation Commission Activities

Township Wide Yard Sale: September 6th

Turn that basement clutter into cash! The Recreation Commission will host the Township-wide yard sale on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Residents interested in participating should register by calling 609-397-3240, Ext. 205 no later than September 3. There is no fee to register for the sale. Maps locating participating households by street location will be available for purchase from 8:30 a.m. to Noon on the day of the sale at the Township Building. The Township will advertise the sale in the Democrat. You may want to post a sign at your driveway to make it easier for buyers to find your house.

Basketball and Volleyball

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

Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 7th through April 2015.

Adult women's basketball on Monday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria October 6th through April 2015.

NOTE: Last year there were not enough women players to keep the program going, and DTAA took over this time slot. If you like to play basketball, call your friends now and arrange to meet and play together regularly starting October 6th.

Adult Coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 1st through April 2015.

Teen Coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 3rd through April 2015.

Christmas Comes Early to Township: Santa Visits....

The Recreation Commission invited Santa to come to the Township Building on Saturday, December 6th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and he accepted! Enjoy a treat and a chance to see Santa. Bring your little ones and a camera! Also please bring a canned good to be donated to the local food pantry.

...And Decorate Your House for the Holiday Decorating Contest

Candles in the windows, wreaths on the door, Santa and reindeer on the roof - Calling all blinking lights, lawn inflatables, mechanized deer, rooftop sleighs, and more! Show off your holiday décor and maybe win a restaurant gift certificate in the Annual Delaware Township Holiday Decorating Contest. The preliminary judging will take place on the weekend of December 6 and 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the final judging happening on the night of Tuesday, December 9th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please remember to turn on your festive lights. Please call the Township Building if your house is not visible from the road and you want it to be considered in the judging. 609-397-3240 Ext.205

Holiday Trip

The Recreation Commission may plan a holiday trip in December. The exact location, time, date and cost are still under consideration. Check the Township's website regularly for more information.

Teen Paintball

The Recreation Commission may plan a teen paintball trip this fall. The exact location, time, date and cost are still under consideration. Check the Township's website regularly for more information.

St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser Help Fight Childhood Cancer

The second annual St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser will be held at Sergeantsville Fire House on September 28th from noon until 5 p.m. The Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. The Foundation currently funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. The Foundation coordinates its worldwide signature head-shaving events where volunteers get bald to stand in solidarity with kids fighting cancer and raise money to support lifesaving childhood cancer research. Last year's event saw 52 shavees and raised in excess of \$32,000. The event is fun for the entire family with a DJ, food for purchase, bake sale, children's activities, a clown, live and silent auctions and, of course, the head shaving. Come and cheer on the Delaware Township Police, Sergeantsville Fire Company, Town of Clinton Police and Fire Company and Team "Rays of Hope" as they become bald for this worthwhile cause. Assemblyman Jack Ciattarrelli will be among the shavees for Team "Rays of Hope." Among the auction items currently listed are 4 tickets for Walt Disney World, tickets for Somerset Patriots, 1 year AAA membership, tickets for Adventure Aquarium and many others too numerous to list.

To donate, volunteer or sign on as a shavee please go to stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/10651/2014. For more information contact Linda Swackhamer at (908)303-4910.

Community Calendar

September 1 Labor Day. Township Offices Closed.

September 6 Township Wide Yard Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Maps for sale from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at Town Hall.

September 20 Document Shredder Day. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Township Garage. FREE!

October 2 Well test kits go on sale at Town Hall.

October 11 March on Litter Day. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Dilts Farm Park.

October 11 Community Day. 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Rd. Rain Date: Oct. 18.

October 11 Computer and Electronics Collection Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 13 Columbus Day. Township Offices Closed.

October 18 Clean Up Day. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Permit required.

October 26 Halloween Party at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company. Parade: Check with SVFC for date/time.

October 29 Drop off Well Test Kits at Township Building. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

October 31 Halloween Trick or Treating.

November 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends– Fall back!

November 4 General Election Day 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote at SVFC.

November 8 Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

November 11 Veterans Day – Township Offices Closed

November 15 Clean Up Day. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Permit required.

November 27 Thanksgiving Day – Township Offices Closed.

November 28 Township Offices Closed.

December 6 Free Rabies Clinic at Township Garage. On Rt. 523 10 a.m. to Noon.

December 6 Santa comes to Township Building. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See article.

December 6-7 Pre Judging for Holiday Decorating Contest starting 6 p.m. each night.

December 9 Holiday Decorating Contest Final Judging starting at 7 p.m.

Township Committee: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/8, 9/29, Tuesday 10/14, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, and 12/8.

Planning Board: (usually Tuesdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, on Wednesday, 11/5, 11/18 and 12/2.

Board of Health: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 9/3, 10/6, 11/3 and 12/1.

Open Space Committee: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/15, 10/20, 11/17 and 12/15.

Board of Adjustment: (usually Thursdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, and 12/11.

Recreation Commission: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/9 at 7 p.m.

Environmental Commission: (usually Wednesdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, and 12/17.

Agricultural Advisory Committee: (usually Tuesdays) 7:00 p.m. on 9/2, 10/7, on Wednesday 11/5, and 12/2.

Shade Tree Commission: (usually Thursdays) 7:00 p.m. on 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, and 12/18.

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, and 12/4.

Historic Advisory Committee: (usually Wednesdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, and 12/3.

Recycling Depot: weekdays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523.

Senior Citizens

Membership information: Sandra Krahling at 609-397-0145.

Meetings:

September 3 Covered Dish Picnic at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company at Noon.

October 1 At Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. 1 p.m.

November 5 At Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. 1 p.m.

December 3 Holiday Party for members with paid up dues and three attended meetings. Place TBA at Noon.

Senior Trips:

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

Oct. 14 Tuesday: “Moses” Sight & Sound Lancaster, PA. 12:00 p.m. lunch family style at Hershey Farm. Bus leaves Firehouse at 9:45 a.m. Arrive home around 5:30/6:00 p.m. \$22 Members, \$75 Guests.

Nov. 13 Thursday: “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dutch Apple Theatre Lancaster, PA. A buffet meal. Bus leaves Firehouse at 8:45 a.m. Arrive home around 5:30 p.m. \$48.00 Members, \$53.00 Guests.

Dec. 3 Wednesday: Free Christmas party for Members (dues paid up and attended three meetings) Place TBA 12 Noon.

Classes for Seniors

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

Seniors' Yoga Class

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers yoga classes at the Township Building. The cost is \$3 per class. There is a class at 9:30 a.m. and a second class at 11 a.m. You need a mat and comfortable clothing. Kim Karsh is a certified personal trainer and registered yoga teacher. Call her at 732-690-4000 to register.

DTS Board of Education

Meets in Performing Arts Room Center at 7:30 p.m. on 9/23, 10/28, 11/25, and 12/16.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Delaware Township School Calendar

September 2 Faculty and Staff report
September 3 Students first day of school
September 25 School Closed. Faculty/Staff Development
November 4 Early Dismissal – PM and Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 5 Early Dismissal – PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 6-7 School Closed. NJEA Convention.
November 26 Early Dismissal.
November 27-28 School Closed– Thanksgiving Recess

Hunterdon Central Regional H.S. Board of Education

Meets in the IMC/Library at 7 p.m. on 9/15, 10/20, 11/17 and 12/15.

Delaware Township Historical Society

The Delaware Township Historical Society meets regularly. Contact Marilyn Cummings at 609-397-5363 for information. New members are always welcome.

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead

The Holcombe Jimison Farmstead is open on Sunday afternoons through October 26, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission donation \$5 adults. Children under 5 are free. For more information: www.holcombe-jimison.org

Locktown Stone Church Fall 2014 Concert Series

The Friends of the Locktown Stone Church has planned its Fall 2014 concert series. The series opens on Sunday October 19, with The Fine Companions (harp & flute duo). On Sunday October 26 the Broadway Chamber Players (oboe/flute/viola) will perform. The series will close on November 2nd with the vocal performance of Stephen & Kristin Sands (soprano & tenor duo).

All concerts begin at 4 PM and typically last one hour, with no intermission. Light refreshments are served after the concert, giving the concertgoers and performers a chance to interact. Tickets are \$15 per person per concert, \$40 per person for the series of 3 concerts, and \$5 per student (with I.D.).

For more information regarding the concerts, please email flsconcerts@gmail.com, or call (908) 996-3087

Computer, Electronics, and Hazardous Waste Collection Days

The Hunterdon County Solid Waste and Recycling Services Department is sponsoring:

October 11th, 9am to 1pm: Household computer and electronics collection day. Up to 10 items, including computers, monitors, and televisions, with restrictions.

November 8th, 9am to 1pm: Household hazardous waste, such as motor oil, pesticides, insecticides, gasoline and kerosene, oil-based paint, and batteries. Restrictions apply.

Both Days at the Hunterdon County Complex on Rt.12. Info: swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call 908-788-1110.

Church Corner

Amwell Church of the Brethren

40 Sandbrook Headquarters Rd., Stockton, NJ 08559. Phone 609-397-4842 Fax 609-397-9445 www.amwell.com
 Services broadcast on WDVR– 89.7 FM

September 7: Return to regular hours. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

October 26: Friends' Day Honoring Thanksgiving in the Country Volunteers

November 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 p.m.

November: Busy Bee soup sale. Date TBA

Every Friday 7p.m. Youth Group: Fall events planned: Laser tag and hayride. Kindergarten to young adults welcome.

Cornerstone Christian Church Harvestfest

Come join our Harvestfest at The Cornerstone Christian Church, 226 Locktown Sergeantsville Rd., Locktown, on Saturday October 4th from 11am to 5pm. This will be a wonderful day of fun for the whole family and everything is FREE, including food, a roaming magician, horse rides, kids train ride, bounce house, games, crafts, and more. There will also be a car show with prizes awarded. All car enthusiasts welcome. We are excited to share this day with our community.

For more information, call 908-237-5227 or check out our website at www.ccc-hc.org. We are an independent Bible believing church. Worship services on Sundays at 10:30 am, preceded by Sunday School for all ages at 9:25 am.

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

Saturday, Sept. 6th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – We will be participating in the town-wide yard sale this year. Make sure you stop by to visit us and see what goodies we have to offer. We will also have fresh baked goods and coffee/tea up for sale if you need a snack.

Sunday, Sept. 21st from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Come meet our new pastor! Stop by anytime between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 624 Rosemont-Ringoes Rd. to meet Jessica and her son Micah. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome, including children of all ages. Jessica is excited to be a part of the community and looks forward to meeting many of you.

Sunday, Oct. 5th 2 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals Service in the field behind the church. All animals are welcome to come and be blessed by Pastor Jessica and others from the church.

If your animal is too large to come to us, we'd love to come to you. Just give us a call. You are also invited to bring pet food which will be donated to the Flemington Food Pantry for families having difficulty feeding their pets.

Sunday, Oct. 26th 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Trunk or Treat – Stop by after the parade in Sergeantsville for our first annual Trunk or Treating event. You are invited to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy or just bring your kids by for the fun. There will be prizes for the most creatively decorated trunk! All are welcome to join us for this family friendly fun day.

Additional info: www.sergeantsvilleumc.com or contact Pastor Jessica at Jessica_Stenstrom@yahoo.com or 609-397-2333. Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. Our 11 a.m. service has a Sunday School program during the school year. We are also in the process of planning other fall fun, including rummage sale, weekly midweek program for elementary aged children, meetings, and more.

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Summer Recreation Roundup

This year the Recreation Committee added an additional week to the summer rec program making it 3 weeks of fun instead of two. In addition, parents had the option to sign their children up for one week, two weeks, or all three depending on their own vacation schedules. This strategy worked well considering over the course of three weeks 175 campers joined in the summer fun. The daily schedule consisted of arts and crafts, sports and games, outdoor fun, computer time, and library. Special days included yoga with Sandra Constable, archery with Mr. Deneka, craft and design with Mrs. Joyce, pottery and mosaics with Hunterdon County Recreation Department, Salsa and Flavored Water using natural ingredients with nutritionist Sue L. from Shoprite, Bike Safety with Ryan Fisher from HART, and Garage Sale Know How with Mrs. Ventimiglia.

Students ages 5-14 saw their friends and met new students who will be entering school in September. Each day from 9-12 students filled classrooms, and playgrounds to participate in daily planned activities with experienced summer rec counselors. A reading challenge program that connected Delaware Township School's summer reading initiative allowed students to select books from the school's library and chart the number of books or hours read for raffle tickets. An end of summer raffle awarded prizes of gift cards from "5 Below" and various other novelties.

Two field trips and a field day at Dilts Park rounded

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out the fun. Seeing the live performance Aladdin at the outdoor theatre at Washington State Park with our own starlet Emmie Herman was a big hit during week one of camp. Outdoor field day and water fun at Health Quest was a perfect treat on a hot summer day. A family picnic which included a bike rodeo (compliments of HART), water balloon races with PE teacher Mr. Morales, and an open children's garage sale and raffle for reading, created a big finale to the summer rec program.

Special thanks to all summer rec counselors, volunteers Garrett Knappe, Caroline Herman, and Brendan Falk for their tireless enthusiasm each day. In addition, special thanks to the Delaware Township Board of Education for accommodating so many students over a longer period of time and making it safe and sound for the summer rec program.

Based on feedback, the Township Rec Committee will determine whether it will run the program for two or three weeks next summer. Please feel free to submit your comments to the Committee or to the Director Eileen Ventimiglia.

March on Litter Day: Oct. 11

The Environmental Commission's annual March on Litter will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Rain or Shine. It begins and ends at the Dilts Farm Park. All are invited to attend and help maintain the beauty of Delaware Township. All participants will be provided with gloves, garbage bags, and the annual tee-shirt. The tee-shirt color is ALWAYS a surprise! Lunch provided.

Adult volunteers are needed to accompany our many children volunteers (K through 8) who participate in this event. Sponsored by the NJDEP Clean Communities Program and the Delaware Township Environmental Commission.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN ON OUR ROADS!