

General Election Day

When: Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Where: Sergeantsville Vol. Fire Company, Rt. 523

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

Terms Expiring 12/31/15: Roger Locandro and Ken Novak

Local Vacancies: 2 Township Committee positions

2015 Republican Candidates: Ken Novak and Alan Johnson

2015 Democrat Candidates: John Kuhlman and Sam Thompson

October 13: Last Day to Register to Vote for November General Election

Mail-in Balloting: Anyone can vote by mail for any reason. To receive the ballot by mail, the Mail-In Ballot application must be received in the County Clerk's office by October 27th. You can vote by Mail-In Ballot in person at the County Clerk's Office at 71 Main Street in Flemington during regular office hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; on Thursday October 29th until 7 p.m.; and on Saturday October 31st 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 2nd by 3 p.m.

Voter registrations and Mail-In Ballot applications are available at the Township Building and online at www.njelections.org Under "Popular Downloads" (left side) click on Registration, Vote by Mail application, or Party Declaration form. Click on Hunterdon County, and print. 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 must complete the ballot and return it to her office by mail or in person.

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Could An ECHO Unit be in Your Future?

Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO) housing is an innovative and cost-effective solution for an older adult or adult couple who wants to live near other family members, but values their independence and privacy. An ECHO unit is a small, portable cottage which can be installed on the same lot where the primary residence is occupied by the family of the older adult(s). This type of housing can be particularly convenient and practical for families when the aging adult does not need the full services of a nursing home, but requires some assistance from other family members.

The unit may be occupied by a maximum of two people, one of whom may be a professional caregiver and at least one of whom must be 60 years of age or older and related by blood, marriage, or adoption to the owner/occupant of the principal residence. The maximum size of the unit is 720 square feet of gross floor area and it must contain a kitchen, living area, no more than one bathroom, and a maximum of two bedrooms.

ECHO units are allowed on lots containing a single family dwelling and conforming to all minimum bulk area zoning requirements. The unit may be attached to or located at least 30 feet away from the primary residence in a way that minimizes its visibility from other nearby lots. There is a limit of one ECHO unit per lot and when the unit is no longer occupied by the older adult family member, the unit must be removed and the lot restored to its original status.

One of the financial benefits of ECHO housing is that unlike a permanent addition to the home, there is no impact on property tax assessments. In addition, the unit can be connected to the existing well and septic system, making it relatively affordable to install. ECHO units may be purchased or rented, and many financing options are available. The Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services has information on ECHO unit providers and may be contacted at 908-788-1361.

Residents interested in installing an ECHO unit on their property should first apply to the County Department of Health to see if their septic system can be approved for the additional usage. If approved, the next step would be to contact the Township for approval. Installation of an ECHO unit requires a conditional use application to the Township Planning Board as well as the appropriate building and plumbing permits. For additional information on the process and requirements for installing an ECHO unit, residents may contact the Township Clerk at 609-397-3240 x205.

Meet Your Neighbor: Diana Veth

By Mary Coffey

Diana Veth is a giver. Warm, outgoing, chatty and kind, she is nonetheless known in Rosemont as a person of deeds rather than words. She also has a bit of wanderlust.

Her parents originally moved from Germany to Canada, where Diana was born in 1956, the oldest of four children. In 1965, her parents immigrated to the US. Diana went to the fifth grade in Flemington; then her father bought a house in Stockton.

Diana graduated from South Hunterdon high school and “did a little stint” at Rider College, but college wasn’t her cup of tea. By age 16, she had already been to Germany and Austria. Her dream was to travel the world. However, you need money to travel, so she had to get a job. Ironically, she got office jobs but says, “I wasn’t going to collect the gold pen; corporate wasn’t my thing.” At 21, she moved to California for two years. She returned home, did temp jobs, and went to Europe a few more times.

In 1986, Diana went to Lambertville Station and met her future husband Don, a creative, inventive man from Hopewell working in his father’s construction supply business. They married in 1989, lived in Lambertville for a time, but bought a small, old house in Rosemont and spent weekends working on it. Don’s “vision” over the years evolved into the open and airy residence they live in today. Son Tyler was born in 1993. When Tyler was little, Diana waitressed, then worked at the Cherry Valley Country Club. When her in-laws retired, Diana worked in the family business for eight years.

Diana loves dogs. She walked around the Cane Farm pushing Tyler in a stroller with a Golden Retriever at her side. People would say “Oh, what a cute dog....and your son’s ok too.” If she was without one or the other they might say, “Where’s your dog?” or “Where’s your son?” She talked to everyone. After a while, friends would say “Diana, you could be mayor. You know everybody.”

That’s because Diana volunteers a lot – at Bucks County SPCA to walk dogs, at Hunterdon Hospice, where many of her clients were Alzheimer’s patients, and at Doylestown Hospital delivering lunches to patients.

Currently, Diana volunteers with Meals on Wheels, always taking time to chat with the patrons. She says it’s important to try putting yourself in the person’s shoes to see how they feel. “If everyone could do just one act of random kindness a day, we would be even better people.”

Diana is also proud that about 20 years ago a group of wives and mothers got together once a month for wine and cheese, a book or idea discussion, or to celebrate birthdays. They took turns hosting, got pink hoodies, pink hats, and joke that they might be in a history book of Rosemont 100 years from now. “It’s a great group of ladies,” she says, “very supportive. We’re there for each other when life throws you a curve. I am very proud to be a “Rosemont Parlor Puff.”

Visit Santa at Township Building

Santa is coming to Town Hall on Saturday, December 5th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.! Enjoy a treat and a chance to see Santa. Bring your little ones and a camera! Also please

8th Grade Citizenship Award

Editor's Note: Each year, eighth grade students at Delaware Township School submit essays to members of the Delaware Township Committee. This year, the topic was memorials commemorating someone or an event in the Township. The Township Committee selects the best essay. Caroline Herman 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. Below is her excellent essay entitled "Good Neighbors." — Susan Lockwood

Good Neighbors

By Caroline Herman

Delaware Township is a great place to live. In addition to its natural beauty, it has another great asset – its people. Our township is made up of families, friends, and neighbors. Every day, the citizens of our town do things to help and support one another. For this reason I would like Delaware Township to consider recognizing the neighborly kindness we all share. Our town should have an annual “Good Neighbor Award”.

Whether it is plowing an elderly neighbor’s driveway in the winter, helping with grocery shopping each weekend, or just stopping in to keep company, our neighbors give so much love and support to one another. They don’t do it for recognition, they do it because they care for one another.

Good neighbors also serve the community in various organizations. In Delaware Township, our neighbors serve our community in many different ways. For example, the Sergeantsville Fire Company, the School Board, and the Open Space Committee are some of the places where people demonstrate their giving back to the township.

The idea for the “Good Neighbor Award” came to me after the fire at the Sergeantsville Inn this past March. After this very sad event, our town pulled together to show support for the owner of the restaurant. They gave up their time to raise money to help make sure that the Inn can be rebuilt. It was heartwarming to see people pull together to do whatever they could to help a neighbor in need.

If the township were to adopt this idea for the award, they could ask residents to nominate a neighbor by sending the name, with an explanation of how that person best represents the “Good Neighbor” of Delaware Township. The award could be presented each year at Community Day, and a plaque could be on display at the Municipal Building listing each year’s winner.

People do not act like good neighbors to receive awards, or for recognition. They do it because they are kind and caring. If we start to acknowledge some of the good deeds that people do for each other, we would show them how much they are appreciated.

Household Clean-up Day 2015

Clean-up Day will be held Oct. 17th, 8am to 11am at the Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Rd. For fees, acceptable items, and other info, go to the Township’s website.

Recreation Commission Activities

Township Wide Yard Sale: September 12th

Sign up to participate in the Delaware Township Yard Sale on Saturday, September 12th 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Please contact Judy Allen (jallen@delawaretwpnj.org or 609-397-3240 Ext. 205) to have your address listed on the free maps provided to shoppers beginning the day of the sale at 8:00 a.m. at the Township Building and the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC). The SVFC is holding a breakfast fundraiser that morning, so eat before you shop! The Township will advertise in the Democrat. You should post a sign at your driveway to make it easier for shoppers to find you.

New this year as a 'pilot' program, 20 spaces will be available at the Sergeantsville Fire House for use as a common sale area. Township residents who live "off the beaten path" have requested we try this. Sign up to use one of those spots at the Fire House is first come, first served, with preference given to those who don't live in a neighborhood or near a major road. Our thanks to the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company for giving this a try.

Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. Breakfasts

Members of the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company will host "Breakfast in Sergeantsville" on Saturday, September 12th; Sunday, October 4th; Sunday, November 15th; and Sunday, December 20th from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Santa will be a guest at the December breakfast! Guests will be seated and fill out a menu order with their table numbers. Your breakfast will be served to your table. The menu includes eggs (over easy or scrambled), bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes (regular or blueberry), toast, medallion home fries, orange juice and coffee. Price: Adults \$8, Children 5-10 \$4, under 5 free. Senior Citizens (65 and over) \$1 discount (\$7). Need a plate refill? Only \$3!

Eat breakfast the day of the Township wide yard sale on Saturday, September 12th. Maps for shoppers will be available that morning beginning at 8 a.m. at the Firehouse. There will also be up to 20 sellers at the Firehouse. The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market will also be open that morning.

Community Day: October 3rd

The Delaware Township Recreation Commission will once again host Community Day at our beautiful Sarah Dilts Park on Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 2 p.m. We hope you will join us as we honor our Employee of the Year and Volunteer of the Year and take this opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors with whom we share this wonderful community.

Lots of activities are being planned including pony rides, inflatable rides, and face painting for the kids. The always popular classic car and tractor show will be back. Please call Steve Smotrich at 908.225.5358 if you are interested in participating. We don't want to over promise, but there may be a super cool arrival of something special just after 3:00.

Check out what township businesses, civic and religious organizations and government agencies are planning as

you visit their tables. The Snack Shack will be open, and other food offerings will be available.

Although firm commitments have not been finalized, we are hoping our talented local musicians will join us for a "Delaware Township Unplugged" session as we finish the day with a little BYO picnic.

We thank every one and all organizations who participate in Community Day. The event is still being organized so if you would like to participate, please contact Jeannie Colalillo at jeanniecolalillo@gmail.com or 609-397-0373. We are hoping for a gorgeous day as no rain date is planned.

Do not bring pets to the Park during the event.

Basketball and Volleyball

The Recreation Commission requested permission from the Delaware Township School Board 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!

Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 6th through April 2016.

Adult women's basketball on Monday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria October 5th through April 2016.

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 5th.

Adult Coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 7th through April 2016.

Teen Coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 9th through April 2016.

Trip to See the Barefoot Contessa: Wednesday, October 7th

Here's a chance to see best-selling cookbook author and Food Network star Ina Garten give a charming insider's view of the world of the Barefoot Contessa, including the pleasures of good food, cooked with love and passion. On stage Garten shares her natural approach to food through tips, stories and maybe some recipes, and engages the audience in an interactive Q&A. Tickets to the October 7th 7:30 p.m. show at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center are \$89.84 each. Ten tickets are available. Tickets are left Orchestra, rows K&L. Transportation is NOT provided. Ride sharing is encouraged. Three Parking Tickets are available at \$10 each. Contact Judy Allen for reservations at 609-397-3240, Ext. 205 or via email at jallen@DelawareTwpNJ.org. Your check holds your reservation. Thank you to Jeannie Colalillo for arranging this fun opportunity!

Update on PennEast Pipeline

Despite hundreds of letters and resolutions in opposition from every township and county along the route through which the proposed pipeline is supposed to pass, PennEast told the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that it intends to submit its application in September. The Township's Pipeline subcommittee has provided comments on every official document provided by PennEast to FERC including most of the 10 resource reports that were required by this process in anticipation of the Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed pipeline route was relocated to avoid properties in Delaware Township which were preserved using Federal money since the Federal agency that funded the preservation asserted their authority to require a separate process for use of those lands. Sadly, while this removed the pipeline from some properties, it simply relocated to others within the Township.

Throughout this process, despite misinformation and reports of alleged trespassing by the pipeline company, property owners in the Township have steadfastly exercised their right to deny access to their property for data collection and surveying. In solidarity with its residents, the Township Committee passed a second resolution (the first was in opposition to the pipeline) stating that it would not give PennEast permission to survey any of its properties. The lack of survey access has made it more difficult for PennEast to move forward. The Township Committee also sent a letter to the state Department of Environmental Protection requesting a meeting to better prepare for the application phase of the process.

The Township also continues to work with the Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline group, when appropriate, to sponsor information sessions for our residents. To volunteer to help or to make a donation, please go to www.dtcap.org for info.

Agricultural Advisory Committee Discusses Farm Services

One of the major industries in Delaware Township is farming, and agriculture industries, products and services. Many farmers already provide what consumers need and want. However, if a specific agricultural need arises it may be difficult to locate someone to fulfill that need or to provide that service.

The Delaware Township Agricultural Advisory Committee will be discussing this issue at their next regularly scheduled meeting on September 1 at 7:00pm.

The Township may be able to provide a convenient place or mechanism for use by the public when they are seeking various farm services. Or perhaps the Township can provide a website, services directory, or links to others' websites to make it easier to find farm goods and services.

If you have knowledge about this topic or any ideas to share, please join us. If you cannot make it, contact Ken Novak 732-522-2471.

Selective Service

Almost all male U.S. Citizens and male immigrants living in the United States who are 18 through 25 are required to register with the Selective Service. Some non-citizens are also required to register.

Registration is required during the period of time beginning 30 days before until 30 days after his 18th birthday (a sixty day window). He may register online at www.sss.gov. Mail-back registrations are available at any Post Office. Questions? Email: information@sss.gov.

Property Tax Programs

NOTE: Programs generally have age and/or income eligibility requirements.

Phone Numbers for Tax Relief Programs:

Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Hotline:
1-800-882-6597 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Division of Taxation Homestead Benefit Hotline:
1-888-238-1233 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Automated Tax Information System:
1-800-323-4400 available around the clock, every day.

Text Telephone Service for the Hearing Impaired:
1-800-286-6613 or 609-984-7300

Phone filing of Homestead Benefit Application:
1-877-658-2972

Web Sites for Tax Relief Programs:

Online filing of Homestead Benefit Application and general information about the Homestead Benefit, Senior Deduction, and Senior Freeze programs:

www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation

Click on "Property Tax Relief"

General Homestead Benefit information:
www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml

Pharmaceutical Assistance: PAAD

The New Jersey Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) offers financial assistance for pharmaceutical costs to certain seniors or disabled NJ residents. There are age and income requirements.

For information, call the PAAD hotline at 1-800-792-9745 or go to www.state.nj.us/humanservices. On the upper left-hand side, click on "Divisions and Offices", then click on "Division of Aging and Services (DoAS)", then click on "Services & Supports", and then click on "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (PAAD)".

March on Litter: Oct. 10

The DT Environmental Commission will hold its annual March on Litter on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 from 8:30am starting at Dilts Farm Park to 11:30am (rain or shine). Last year, 60 kids aged 9 to 15 cleaned up township roadways. Gloves, bags, lunch, and a T-shirt will be provided to every kid and chaperone. To chaperone and/or have your child participate, contact Kathy Klink, 609-397-3240, ext. 208 or kklink@delawaretpnj.org. If you'd like to clean up your own road, we will provide the T-shirt, bags, and gloves.

Free Rabies Clinic: Dec. 5

The Delaware Township Board of Health will sponsor a free rabies clinic on Saturday, December 5th 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 2016 in order to obtain a 2016 license. This clinic is for vaccinations only. We will not be accepting licensing information and payment at the clinic.

All dogs and cats MUST be licensed in Delaware Township NO LATER THAN February 28, 2016 in order to avoid late fees. It is your obligation and your responsibility to license your pets. The license form is on the Township's website www.DelawareTwpNJ.org. No form will be directly mailed to you. If you miss the clinic on Dec. 5th, you are still responsible for meeting the licensing requirements including proof of vaccination by the deadline.

If you have questions or you no longer own a previously licensed dog or cat, please call Animal Licensing Agent Deanna Higgins at the Township Police Headquarters at 609-483-2665 Ext. 201. Dog licensing and cat registration are handled at the Police Department located at 816 Sergeantsville Road.

NOTE: If you are not available to go to the Rabies Clinic on December 5th, 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 14th from 1 pm to 3 pm at its Township Building. For other Rabies Clinic dates and locations, please call the Hunterdon County Health Department at 908-788-1351.

Shredder Day: Sep. 12

Take advantage of free personal document shredding on Saturday, Sep. 12, 2015 8am to 10am at the Township Garage 816 Sergeantsville Rd. Rain or Shine!

Assure Shred uses a truck-mounted Pierce-and-Tear shredding system. Certificates of destruction are issued to every client certifying that the materials have been completely destroyed. NO need to remove staples, paperclips, or small fasteners. Paid for by the Township Recycling Trust Fund.

St. Baldrick Fundraiser: Sep. 27th

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and with it comes the third annual St. Baldrick's Head-shaving Event and Auction at Sergeantsville Fire House on September 27th from noon until 5 p.m. to benefit cancer research. Last year's local event resulted in 75 bald heads and raised more than \$53,000 for childhood cancer research.

This fun community event features a DJ, food sales, children's activities, fire truck rides, DTS coloring and poster contest winner announcements, DTS teacher Pie-in-the-Face contest and, of course, the head-shaving. Our live auction takes place at 2 p.m. and the silent auction ends at 3:30. For more info: stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/10651/2015 or contact Event Organizer Linda Swackhamer at 908-303-4910. Make this the year we conquer childhood cancer.

The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market

The Sergeantsville Farmers' Market operates on Saturdays on the "Village Green" in Sergeantsville from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. It continues through the fall until products are no longer available. www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket.com has weekly updates.

Locktown Stone Church Fall Concert Series

The Friends of the Locktown Stone Church is pleased to announce its Fall 2015 Mimi Conklin Upmeyer Concert Series. The three concerts are on Sundays at 4 p.m. and typically last one hour with no intermission. Following each concert, light refreshments are served, and the audience has a chance to interact with the performers.

Sunday, Oct. 18: Broadway Chamber Players String Trio
Sunday, Oct. 25: Jesse Freedman, Classical Guitar
Sunday, Nov. 8: Baroque flute, cello and harpsichord trio

For more detailed information regarding the concert series including ticket prices or to be put on our e-mail list, please visit our website, www.locktownstonechurch.org, email flsconcerts@gmail.com, or call (908) 996-3087.

County Waste Collection Days

The Hunterdon County Solid Waste and Recycling Services Dept. is sponsoring free collection days to dispose of Household Hazardous, Electronics, and Other Waste at the Hunterdon County Complex on Rt. 12 between 9am and 1pm:
Sep. 26th: Paint, Used Motor Oil, Propane Tanks, and Smoke Detectors only.

Oct. 10th: Household Computer and Electronics - up to ten items containing electronic circuit boards including computers, monitors, and TV. No air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or anything with freon.

Nov. 14th: Household Hazardous Waste - Dispose of items such as motor oil, pesticides, insecticides, gasoline, kerosene, and car and household batteries.

For more information e-mail swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us or telephone 908-788-1110.

Community Calendar

Sep. 7: Labor Day. Township Offices Closed.

Sep. 12: Document Shredder Day. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Township Garage.

Sep. 12: Township Wide Yard Sale. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free maps from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Township Building AND

Sep. 12: Breakfast at SVFC 7:30 a.m. to Noon.

Sep. 24– Oct 13: Well test kits go on sale at Town Hall

Sep. 26: Paint, Used Motor Oil, LP Tanks, and Smoke Detector Collection Day at Hunterdon County Complex 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oct. 3: Community Day. 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Rd. NO RAIN DATE

Oct. 4: Breakfast at SVFC 7:30 a.m. to Noon.

Oct. 10: March on Litter Day. 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meet at Dilts Farm Park.

Oct. 10: Computer and Electronics Collection Day at County Complex 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oct. 12: Columbus Day. Township Offices Closed.

Oct. 14: Drop off Well Test Kits at Township Building. 7am to 9am.

Oct. 17: Clean Up Day. 8:00am to 11:00am Permit required.

Oct. 31: Halloween Trick or Treating.

Nov. 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall back!

Nov. 3: General Election Day 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote at SVFC.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day – Township Offices Closed

Nov. 14: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at County Complex 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nov. 15: Breakfast at SVFC 7:30 a.m. to Noon.

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day – Township Offices Closed.

Nov. 27: Township Offices Closed.

Dec. 5: Free Rabies Clinic at Township Garage. Rt. 523 10 a.m. to Noon.

Dec. 5: Santa comes to Township Building. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 13: Judging for Holiday Decorating Contest 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 14: Judging for Holiday Decorating Contest 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Township Committee (usually Mondays): 7:30 p.m. on 9/14, 9/28, Tuesday 10/13, 10/26, 11/9, 11/30, and 12/14.

Planning Board (usually Tuesdays): 7:30 p.m. on 9/1, 10/6, on Wednesday, 11/4, and 12/1.

Board of Health (usually Mondays): 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 9/2, 10/5, 11/2 and 12/7.

Open Space Committee (usually Mondays): 7:30 p.m. on 9/21, 10/19, 11/16 and 12/21.

Board of Adjustment (usually Thursdays): 7:30 p.m. on 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, and 12/10.

Recreation Commission (usually Mondays): 7:30 p.m. on 9/14, 10/5, 11/2, and 12/14 at 7 p.m.

Environmental Commission (usually Wednesdays): 7:30 p.m. on 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, and 12/16.

Agricultural Advisory Committee (usually Tuesdays): 7:00 p.m. on 9/1, 10/6, on Wednesday 11/4, and 12/1.

Shade Tree Commission (usually Thursdays): 7:00 p.m. on 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, and 12/17.

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, and 12/3.

Historic Advisory Committee (usually Wednesdays): 7:30 p.m. on 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, and 12/9.

Recycling Depot: Weekdays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Delaware Township Garage 819 Rt. 523.

Delaware Township Senior Citizens

Membership information call Sandra Krahling at 609-397-0145. Meetings at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company.

Sep. 2: 1 p.m. Medicare Fraud by Senior Services

Oct. 7: 1 p.m. Fall Prevention by Senior Services

Nov. 4: 1 p.m. Floral Arranging by Gilded Lily. Arrangements will be raffled off for \$5 for 3 tickets.

Dec. 2: Noon. Holiday Party and entertainment.

NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH DUE TO WEATHER CONCERNS.

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. 5 Monday: “Octoberfest (Ach der Lieber)” Ligreci Staaten – Staten Island. One hour open bar. German and American food. GB’s Bavarian Band. Bus leaves Firehouse at 9:15 a.m. Arrive home around 5:30/6:00 p.m. \$50 Members; \$55 Guests.

Nov. 5 Thursday: “Playhouse Christmas 2015.” Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. \$62.00 Members \$62.00 Guests.

Dec. 2: Noon. Christmas party and entertainment.

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 on Mondays, 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. You must call 732-690-4000 to register.

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.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline

Visit the web site: www.dtcap.org

Delaware Township School Calendar

September 1: Staff reports
September 2: Students report
September 4: School Closed – Labor Day Weekend
September 7: School Closed – Labor Day Weekend
September 23: School Closed. Faculty/Staff Development
November 4: School Closed - Conferences
November 5-6: School Closed NJEA Convention.
November 25: Early Dismissal.
November 26-27: School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess

DTS Board of Education – Meets in Performing Arts Room Center at 7:30 p.m. on 9/22, 10/20, 11/24, and 12/15.

Hunterdon Central Regional H.S. Board of Education – Meets in the IMC/Library at 7 p.m. on 9/21, 10/19, 11/16 and 12/21.

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead

The Holcombe Jimison Farmstead is open on Sunday afternoons through October from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission donation \$5 adults. www.holcombe-jimison.org

Comedy Night is Back!

Back by popular demand, The Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co. announces the return of one of our most popular fundraising events — Comedy Night!

Join us on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Sergeantsville Firehouse Ballroom for a fun-filled evening with three top-notch New York comedians, a fabulous buffet dinner provided by Mastori's of Bordentown, complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle --- while you support your local fire company.

The cost is \$40 per person and you must be 18 years or older.

To order tickets, send name, address, telephone number, e-mail and a check for \$40 per ticket to Comedy Night -- Sergeantsville VFC, PO Box 87, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557. More info: E-mail comedynight@sergeantsville.org or call 609-397-3369 x808.

NJ SNAP

NJ SNAP is the nutrition assistance program to help low-income individuals and families buy the groceries needed to eat healthy.

Who is eligible? Low-income working families and individuals; individuals that just lost their unemployment benefits; unemployed or part-time workers; and seniors and people with disabilities and/or living on low or fixed incomes. For more NJ SNAP information visit www.njsnap.org or call 1-800-687-9512.

Church Corner

Cornerstone Christian Church

October 3: Harvest Fest 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 225 Locktown Sergeantsville Road Free fun for all!

Amwell Church of the Brethren

September: Regular hours resume on Sept. 13th, Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 10:45 a.m.

October: Join us for Friends Day on October 25th. Special service to honor our friends.

November: Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 p.m. Give thanks for all our blessings!

Wednesday Night Bible Study: At 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group every Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about any of our events, call 609-397-4842.

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

Family Fun Day: Saturday, Sept. 19th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – complete with a bounce house and pony rides. All are welcome. Your ticket to the fun is either an item for Operation Christmas Child or a non-perishable item for the food pantry.

Elementary Youth Club 3:16: Our elementary youth group meets on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. All are welcome to join us for weekly fun and games. We will begin meeting weekly again starting September 17th.

Middle School & High School Youth Club: First Friday of the Month (Starting in October): 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Open Mic Night: Bring your friends along and share your talents whether it be singing, a musical instrument, poetry, comedy or whatever else you can dream up. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. All youth grade 6 and up are welcome.

Third Friday of the Month: 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. – Game Night: Bring your friends along for a night of fun. You are welcome to bring your own games or play one of ours. Each month there will also be a different game system game set up for play. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. All youth grade 6 & up are welcome.

If you would like additional information about any of these events visit us online at 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. Make sure you check our website or find us on Facebook for our most up-to-date news and calendar. You are also welcome to join us in worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. There is a nursery available year round during the 11 a.m. service and a Sunday School program during the school year.

Chrysanthemum Sale

The Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company will hold a Chrysanthemum sale on Saturday, September 12th between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to benefit the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company. The plants are locally grown and reasonably priced.

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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 on October 3rd and at the Township Building from September 24th to October 13th.

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 14th 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.

Basic test kits 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.

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.

For info: visit www.DelawareTwpNJ.org or for RHA's program, call Margaret Logreira call (908) 234-1852 x401 or e-mail mlogreira@raritanheadwaters.org

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Know Your Numbers: Community Well Testing Program

While many of us know our blood pressure, cholesterol and sugar levels, do you know the levels of coliform bacteria, arsenic and other contaminants in your drinking water? When was the last time you had your well water tested? Safe drinking water is essential to good health, and testing well water at a certified lab is the only way to know whether water from a private well is safe. Testing your well water for chemical and biological contamination is important since many contaminants can be harmful, even though they are tasteless and odorless. Both human-caused and naturally occurring contaminants are often found in private wells.

Nitrates and bacteria, which can lead to immediate and serious health conditions, may be found in well water as a result of a poorly performing septic system or a nearby agricultural source. Two naturally occurring elements, arsenic and radon, are also commonly found in well water in northwestern New Jersey. Scientific studies associate long-term exposure to arsenic and radon with cancer and other health effects.

Public health authorities recommend annual testing. If your well has not been tested for several years, now is the time to test.

You can sample your well water as part of this year's Community Well Testing Program. Sample kits can be picked up at Town Hall from September 24th through October 13th. Sample drop off is October 14th between 7 and 9 AM at town hall.

If you cannot make this year's Community event but still wish to sample your well water, please contact Margaret Logreira from the Raritan Headwaters Assn at (908) 234-1852 ext. 401 or e-mail to mlogreira@raritanheadwaters.org to make arrangements.

