

Primary Election Announcement

When: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

Time: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Terms Expiring:

12/31/22: Joseph E. Vocke

Local Vacancies: One Township Committee positions

Township Committee Primary Election Candidates:

Republican: Joseph E. Vocke

Democrat: Peter R. McCrohan

Early Voting begins Friday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 5th. Hours are Friday-Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 10am-6pm.

A registered Hunterdon County voter may vote at any Early Voting Center or at their designated Polling Place on Election Day, June 7th. Please refer to the front of your Sample Ballot for your designated Polling Place.

Early Voting Centers: North County Branch Library, 65 Halstead Street, Clinton NJ 08809; Main Library, 314 State Route 12, Bldg #3, Flemington NJ 08822; 4H Building County Fairgrounds, 1207 Route 179, Lambertville NJ 08530.

Vote by Mail Ballots may be deposited in one of 12 secure drop boxes located throughout the county by 8pm on Election Day, June 7, 2022. For drop box locations, go to <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/election/2022/Primary/Earlyvotingballotreturn.pdf>

Questions? Contact the Board of Elections at (908) 788-1190.

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Township Committee Approves 2022 Budget

At its meeting on May 9th, the Township Committee unanimously approved the 2022 budget.

While the pandemic was a consideration in the previous budgets, this year the Township had to also consider the costs associated with Hurricane Ida, and the extensive and costly road repairs that resulted. Fortunately, FEMA will cover the majority of the costs but the Township must cover costs upfront and then await FEMA reimbursement.

Despite those costs and anticipated increases due to inflation, the Township approved a budget with a modest increase of one cent per \$100 of assessed valuation. The average home in the Township is assessed at \$422,633.30 so the increase amounts to approximately \$42 for the “average” homeowner, while providing the Township with an additional \$80,000 for the year.

As in past years, the biggest portion of the budget (20.44%) is associated with providing public safety, including police protection, aid to volunteer fire companies and first aid squads, and the Office of Emergency Management. The next largest portion of the budget (16.9%) is used for public works, including road repairs and maintenance, buildings and grounds, stormwater permitting, and Shade Tree Commission functions.

The next largest portion of the budget (12.89%) pays for insurance, both for the employees and to cover the Township. Almost 11% of the budget (10.66 %) covers statutory expenditures like contributions to the State retirement systems and social security.

Another 10.14% of the budget covers the remaining township employees and the services they provide, like the Township Clerk, Tax Assessor, Township Committee, Engineering, and Legal services. The remainder of the budget (29%) is spread across all remaining functions of the Township including planning and zoning, the shared municipal court, Board of Health, utilities and bulk purchases, and parks and recreation.

Finally, Delaware Township residents are very reliable with paying their taxes. The Township has a tax collection rate of greater than 98%.

Meet Your Neighbor: Heidi Kovacs

by Sally Gullette

Heidi Kovacs had a dream. She wanted her own herd of Jersey heifers. With an amazing amount of courage, hard work and determination she made it happen. An FSA loan enabled the purchase of dairy equipment and thirty Jersey cows and in 2013 her dream became a reality. Sugar Maple Jerseys was born. Renting a farm in the beginning she finally found and purchased an abandoned 180 acre farm on Route 523 in Delaware Township. By 2019 she had made it livable for both her family and her cattle and they moved in. A large sign on some bales of hay proudly announces the presence of Sugar Maple Jerseys.

In addition to the Jersey herd, Sugar Maple Jerseys farm has grown to include chickens, pigs and beef cattle. Heidi, with the help of her girls, started a small retail business at the farm which has now expanded to a shop in Sergeantsville, directly across from the Township building.

Named "Farmers Table," this charming store sells farm-sourced cheeses, pasture-raised meats, and all natural, hand crafted jersey soaps, lotions, candles and ice cream. Her store also provides an outlet for local, independent farmers to sell their products. Heidi also sells at the Wrightstown farmers market every Saturday from 9am to 12 noon, May through November.

Sugar Maple Jerseys is committed to quality and a high standard of care for all its animals. Her cattle are primarily grass fed and pasture-based 365 days a year. Veal cattle and pigs are also treated humanely and are primarily pasture raised. Chickens are free-range. Check out Facebook and Instagram for photos of the family and the herd. Heidi also uses social media for education, nutrition, advocacy and sustainability.

Heidi has two daughters, Madeline and Miranda. Providing them with the lifestyle and values she enjoyed as a child played a big part in her quest to have her own dairy farm. In 2020, Heidi married Rick Denbigh.

Everyone plays a part in the running of the farm. Heidi is the "milkmaid," Rick is the crop manager and takes care of anything that breaks, Madeline sells the eggs, feeds the calves, leads farm tours and helps at the store, and Miranda manages a flock of sheep and helps feed the calves.

The farm has seasonal events at Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Private, pre-arranged tours are also available. They can be booked through the website: sugarmaplejerseys.com or you can e-mail them at info@sugarmaplejerseys.com. The Farmers Table is open Wednesday through Friday, 12 noon to 4pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

Delaware Township Girl Scouts

The eight Girl Scout troops of Delaware Township Schools are wrapping up a busy scouting year that has seen them contribute hundreds of hours of community service to Delaware Township and Hunterdon County.

This year the scouts, from the youngest kindergarten Daisies, to the soon to be graduating 8th grade Cadettes, worked on projects that included:

The completion of the DTS Learning Garden which merged a Bronze & Silver Award project for Troop 81295. As 6th graders, they organized a successful Trex recycling program which earned the girls the gazebo, raised beds and picnic tables featured in the garden they designed for their Silver Award project as eighth graders.

Troop 80372 built and managed the Community Crop Box at Town Hall last summer to earn their Bronze Award. The girls identified a need in their community and created a unique opportunity for residents to share their garden surplus.

Troops ran a successful Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Flemington Food Pantry, participated in environmental clean-ups such as the Towpath Trek, March on Litter, and a Bulls Island clean-up on Martin Luther King Day. Troops will also be helping to plant native trees and shrubs at Bulls Island, supporting the park's creation of the new Inlet Trail. Girl Scouts served on this year's DTS Green Team and Cafeteria Waste Reduction Committee. Troop 80400 collaborated with art teacher Angie Mikula to lead an Upcycle Art station at the 1st Annual DTS Sustainability Fair for Earth Day.

Over 30 DTS Girl Scouts stood as flag bearers for the VFW's annual Veteran's Day Ceremony in November, and will help replace flags at local cemeteries for Memorial Day. DTAA's Opening Day Ceremonies included a Girl Scout Honor Guard bearing the flag for the National Anthem. Parades are always a Girl Scout favorite. This year the troops will march in the Lambertville Memorial Day Parade as well as the Great Crate Race 4th of July Parade.

Girl Scout Service Unit 86 exemplifies Delaware Township Girl Scouts who are truly girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world (and their community!) a better place.

Senior Stroll at Stanton Station

Hunterdon County is sponsoring a free walk for seniors on July 6, 9:30 to 11am, at 30 Stanton Station Rd, Flemington. At this stop along the Lehigh Valley RR, a train station still stands and a general store still stands as a private home. Get some exercise and history as we meander along the South Branch of the Raritan River. Note: No restroom facilities. Type of walking surface: undulating river trail and mowed grass path, sometimes wet. Please wear the appropriate footwear.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution: A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings all end up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of the greatest threats to New Jersey's clean and plentiful water. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides. Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer. Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted. Look into alternatives for pesticides. Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer. If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products. Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints. Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated. Read labels for guidance. Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible. Recycle used motor oil.

Keep pollution out of storm drains. Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet. Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes. Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet. Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Don't litter. Place litter in trash receptacles. Recycle. Recycle. Recycle. Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly. Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. Use leaves and grass clippings for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

For more information, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org.

Township Stormwater Committee Report

This year the Township Committee reconvened the Stormwater Committee at the urging of residents and in reaction to the unprecedented flooding that occurred with Hurricane Ida in September. The Stormwater Committee has been meeting the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township building.

The Stormwater Committee decided to begin its work by focusing in the area in and around Sergeantsville since that area experienced some of the worst flooding, and because that area was the subject of a study the last time the Stormwater Committee met several years ago. Members also decided to focus on Township-owned property and took a walk around the Police Station and Road Department.

They determined that it would be beneficial if tree planting could be done to reduce the area that is in grass and being mowed at that facility. Trees are known to use more water and reduce runoff when compared to grass lawns. The Township Committee agreed in concept with this suggestion and the Stormwater Committee is seeking grant funding to plan and implement this project.

Free Concert Series

Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation presents the 46th Music Under the Stars Free Concert Series at Deer Path Park from 7pm to 9pm.

The Park is located at 120 West Woodschurch Rd, Flemington NJ 08822. The concerts are:

June 23: Hunterdon Symphony Orchestra performs a variety of music.

July 14: Captain Jack Band is a Billy Joel tribute band.

July 21: Hunterdon Harmonizers Men's Barbershop Chorus and Vocal Synergy: an all-voice a cappella group.

July 28: Best of Eagles is an Eagles tribute band.

August 4: Southern Steel is a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band.

Join us this summer, bring your friends & family, maybe a picnic dinner, your blanket and lawn chair and enjoy the music and the sunset! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Recreation Commission Sponsored Activities

The following events are sponsored by the Township Recreation Commission.

Somerset Patriots Baseball – June 11

It is Delaware Township Day at the Somerset Patriots Baseball Stadium in Bridgewater, NJ on Saturday, June 11th. Game starts at 7 p.m., but plan to arrive early to enjoy the pre-game fun and food. A block of seats has been reserved for Township residents, so ask for this section when purchasing your tickets at the box office.

Fireworks are tentatively scheduled post-game (weather dependent). Look for additional information on the Township website. Go to the ticket link at <https://so6.glitnirticketing.com/soticket/web/logingroup1.php> Enter Group Password - DTS Patriots. Select tickets and make payment. Tickets can be e-mailed or printed straight from the order.

Fishing Derby – June 25: 8 to 11am

The Fishing Derby for children of Delaware Township only will be held on June 25th (Rain Date 6/26) at the Copeland Pond at 439 Rosemont Ringoes Road. We are grateful to the Copeland Family for agreeing to host this fun event again. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Poles in the water at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Bring your fishing gear including bait. The pond will be heavily stocked with fish. Food! Prizes! Fun!

Great Crate Race – July 4

The Great Crate Race tradition continues on July 4th on Lower Ferry Road (aka Delaware Downs). Don't miss out on this fun-filled family-friendly event, either as a racer or a cheering spectator. Crate specifications are on the Township website. For more information contact Steve Smotrich at stevesmotrich@gmail.com or Kathleen Herman at kah7999@hotmail.com

Summer Recreation Program July 5 to July 22

The Summer Recreation Program is back! It will be held at Delaware Township School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. M-F for three weeks beginning on Tuesday July 5th and running through Friday July 22nd.

Thank you to the Board of Education for approving this use. Daily activities include arts and crafts, sports, games, and lots, lots more. Camp is held rain or shine. All Delaware Township children who are five years old by July 5th through eighth grade are invited to participate.

Check the Township's website for fees and the registration form. Please register early so the Director can order supplies and plan activities.

Kite Festival: Aug. 20: 12 noon to 4 pm

Check out this new event – a Kite Festival at the Dilts Park on August 20th from Noon to 4 p.m. Bring your own kite, or there may be a kite building clinic using kits. Prizes will be awarded. Look for more details on the Township website.

Sports Equipment Swap: Sept. 10: 9 to 11 am

A sports equipment swap will be held on September 10th from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Dilts Park pavilion. Share any sports equipment you no longer use and look for what you need.

Fall Fun Fireworks: Sept. 10: 4 to 9 pm

Fall Fun Fireworks at the Dilts Park this fall on September 10th.

Rec Questions? Contact deltwprec@gmail.com

Let's Hike!

Now that the weather is getting nicer and nature is waking up – let's get outside and explore the beautiful area that we call home. Here is a small list of local hiking trails for everyone to enjoy.

White Oak Trail

Start: 2185 Daniel Bray Highway, Stockton, NJ, 08559

Level: Moderate Length: 2.2mi Elevation: 298f

Route Type: Out & Back

Delaware and Raritan Trail: Bulls Island to Lambertville

Start: 2185 Daniel Bray Highway, Stockton, NJ, 08559

Level: Easy Length: 13.8 miles Elevation: 190f

Route Type: Out & Back

Lockatong Wescott Preserve Trail — Start: 119 Raven

Rock Rosemont Road, Stockton, NJ 08559

Level: Moderate Length: 3.8mi Elevation: 377f

Route Type: Out & Back

Sarah Dilts Farm Park – Walking Trail Start: 17 Buchanan Road, Stockton, NJ 08559

Level: Easy Length: 0.97mi Elevation: 328f

Route Type: Out & Back

Household Clean Up Day: June 18, 2022

Wondering what to do with that old window air conditioner which no longer works? Well, Delaware Township clean-up day is coming from 7:30 - 10:30am at the Delaware Twp Garage at 816 Sergeantsville Road (Rt. 523).

How to Participate:

- * 50 permits will be issued for this Clean-Up Day at the Township Police Station, Sergeantsville Road (Route 523), south of Sergeantsville. Call Dee Higgins, 609-397-3530, with questions, about registering.
- * For a fee, permits will be available three weeks before each Clean Up Day. Proof of residency (e.g. driver's license, current tax bill, etc.) must be provided at the time of application, along with a description of the vehicle that will be used; plus your best telephone contact information.
- * Residents may obtain one permit for each Clean-Up Day. A new permit must be obtained for each Clean-Up Day. Contact Kathy Klink, 609-397-3240, ext. 208, if you have questions.
- * This permit must be presented at the Clean-Up Day before you will be allowed to unload your vehicle.
- * Vehicle unloading will be done by the resident AND Township personnel. Items deemed to be unacceptable will be left on vehicles. Residents are requested to separate from bulky waste: Construction and Demolition wood; electronics – separate dumpsters will be available and these are items to be unloaded by residents.

Items Accepted include, but not limited to:

- * Furniture and other household bulky waste
- * Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators (with or without Freon), and propane tanks
- * All types of metals
- * The acceptance of building materials is limited to one half of a standard pick-up truck load and may not exceed four feet in length.
- * Electronic Equipment, thanks to FREE acceptance by SAMR, Inc., Lakewood, NJ

Items NOT Accepted include:

- * Hazardous waste (gasoline, chemicals, explosives, etc.) – check County website for their dates
 - * Paint (water and/or oil based) – check Hunterdon County website for their dates
- Hunterdon County Solid Waste and recycling – 908-788-1110, www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling
- * Household garbage
 - * Animal carcasses
 - * Stumps and large plant/tree debris

Permit fees:

- Passenger cars, Non-SUV \$10.00
- Mini-vans: smaller SUVs \$20.00
- Smaller pickup trucks (up to two tons); larger SUVs \$30.00
- Larger pickup trucks; oversized vans (in length, height or width) \$35.00
- Trailer only, up to 12 feet in length with no side extensions plus \$2.00 for each additional foot up to 18 feet \$40.00
- Tire without rim (16" diameter maximum, limit 10 per family) \$5.00 each

Alternate disposal option: Hunterdon County Transfer Station – 908-236-9088 (for bulky waste disposal)

Environmental Commission Happenings

The Delaware Township Environmental Commission (EC) held its annual Free Tree Give Away April 13, 2022. Four hundred seedlings, in bundles of five were given away in about two hours. The most popular choices this year were the pink and white dogwoods.

The next event is the Household Clean Up Day, June 18, 2022 at the Delaware Twp. Garage. Pre-registration is required. It runs from 7:30- 10:30 a.m. See the article on this page.

Please see the Environmental Commission website for upcoming events: <https://www.delawaretwpnj.org/boards/environmental>

Earth Day Celebration at DTS

Delaware Township School's Green Team hosted an Earth Day Celebration on Thursday, April 14th at Delaware Township School.

There were booths with displays on honey bees, reuse and upcycling, composting, battery-powered tools, an opportunity to make your own "seed bomb" (as a means to spread wildflower seeds), the opportunity to sit in a Tesla electric car, and many other interesting and fun activities.

In addition, the learning garden was open for touring, and the school's cafeteria was serving "Dirt" while highlighting the changes it is making to reduce waste. The weather was perfect, every grade participated, and the event was a huge success, leading many to hope it becomes an annual tradition.



Community Calendar

Township Calendar

Township Offices closed:

Monday June 20 - Juneteenth
Monday July 4 - Independence Day
Monday Sept. 5 - Labor Day

All residents are invited to attend any and all Township meetings. Your participation and input are very important.

Township Committee: 7:30 p.m. 2nd Monday - 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12

Planning Board: 7:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday - 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6

Board of Health: 7:30 p.m. - 6/8, 8/1, 9/5

Open Space Committee: 7:30 p.m. 3rd Monday - 6/21, 7/18, 8/15

Agricultural Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m. 1st Tuesday - 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6

Board of Adjustment: 7:30 p.m. 2nd Thursday - 6/9, 7/14, 8/11

Recreation Commission: 7:00 p.m. 1st Monday - 6/6, 7/5, 8/1, 9/7

Environmental Commission: 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday - 6/15, 7/20, 8/17

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday - 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1

Stormwater Advisory Committee: 7:30 p.m. 4th Wednesday - 6/22, 7/27, 8/24

Shade Tree Commission: 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday - 7/28

Historic Advisory Committee: 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday - 6/8, 7/13, 8/10

Newsletter Committee: Quarterly

Recycling Depot: Open every weekday from 8 am to 3 pm at the Township Garage on Rt. 523. Call Recycling Coordinator Kathy Klink at 609-397-3240 Ext. 208 with any questions.

County Information About COVID: Free Covid Testing

Hunterdon County's Health Department, in conjunction with Vault Medical Services, is providing a walk in, no appointment necessary, free Covid-19 test clinic for both rapid antigen and/or PCR testing at the Hunterdon Shopping Center, 39 Reaville Avenue, in Flemington (former Pier1 store) and will operate weekly, as follows:

Important Tax Information

by Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer Danene Gooding

Residents entitled to the Homestead Benefit Credit (for 2018) will have the credit applied to the May 2022 tax quarter. An adjusted bill will be sent out. Please call 1-888-238-1233 for questions about this benefit.

Tax Bills go out every July. There are 4 stubs on the bottom with due dates listed. Please detach the stub and send in with your payment. If your bank pays your taxes you will still receive a bill marked "advice only." Save this for your records.

Seniors wishing to apply for the Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement can call 1-800-882-6597 to receive the application

Bill Powell and Deanna Higgins Share Employee of the Year Award

The Township Committee recognized Bill Powell and Deanna Higgins with the Employee of the Year award for 2021 at its meeting on May 9th.

While both Employees have previously received this award for excellent service to our Community, Mr. Powell, Deputy Office of Emergency Management coordinator, and Ms. Higgins, Administrative Assistant to Public Works, are being recognized for their diligent effort to complete the documentation for FEMA reimbursement for the damage from Hurricane Ida.

According to Mr. Powell, the paperwork required after this declared disaster is far more detailed than that required previously. For example, when requesting reimbursement for road materials, the dimensions of the road had to be provided to justify the amount being requested. That has necessitated extensive field and other work to collect and document the required information.

Thanks to the hard work of Ms. Higgins and Mr. Powell, the Township will literally obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars in reimbursements from the Federal government. A grateful community thanks them.

Tuesday and Wednesday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sundays and Mondays: Closed.

Hunterdon County's website dealing with COVID information, including vaccinations, is at: <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/coronavirus.html>

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Church Corner

Amwell Church of the Brethren

40 Sandbrook Headquarters Rd, Stockton, NJ

Tel: 908-705-1208

Web: www.amwell.org

Facebook: [facebook.com/amwellchurchofthebrethren](https://www.facebook.com/amwellchurchofthebrethren)

Worship Service at 10am, live streaming on YouTube

Wednesday night Bible study: 7:30 pm

Friday night youth group: 7:00 pm

July 11-15 Vacation Bible School: 9am-11:45am

Zoomerang, returning to the value of life. To register children age 4 through High School please call Tanya Drake at 908-303-5721.

Nov. 5 Busy Bee Holiday Bazaar: Vendor Inquiries: Call Estelle at 908-782-4548 or Sue at 908-996-2267.

Cornerstone Christian Church

226 Locktown-Sergeantsville Rd, Stockton, NJ

Tel: 908-237-5227

Web: www.ccc-hc.org

Email: pastor-keith@ccc.hc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cornerstonechristianchurchofhunterdoncounty

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30am and available streaming live on Facebook

Sunday School for all ages beginning at 9:15am

Sandy Ridge Church

47 Sandy Ridge Road Stockton NJ 08559

Tel: 609-397-0371

Email: sandyridgechurchnj@gmail.com

Facebook: Sandy Ridge Community American Baptist Church

Web: <https://sandyridgechurch.wixsite.com/srbc>

Worship: Sunday mornings at 11am.

Summer worship hours June 12 – August 28, 10am

Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 11:00 am (10am during summer)

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

624 Rosemont Ringoes Rd., Stockton, NJ

Tel: (609) 397-2333

Web: www.sergeantsvilleumc.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sergeantsvilleumc

Worship: Sundays at 10am

Vacation Bible School: June 27th-28th from 5:30pm-7:45pm. The theme this year is Treasured: Discovering You are a Treasure to God. For ages 4-12. A light supper is provided.

Summer Food Drive: To benefit the Flemington Area Food Pantry. Please pick up as many non-perishable foods as you can and drop them off at SUMC on July 9th from 10am-12 noon.

Locktown Stone Church Fundraising

When parishioners of the Lower Baptist Church attended services between 1819 until the closure of its operations as a place of worship, comfort facilities most likely consisted of nearby privy. To be sure, comfort wasn't a main priority for those who participated in the nearly two-hour services. Unfortunately, it remained this way for nearly 200 years, long after services ended and the historical site became the property of Delaware Township.

Now, the Friends of the Locktown Stone Church (FoLSC) have kicked off an effort to change that with the Wagon Shed Restroom Project. The project will provide new permanent facilities that will help increase utilization of the historic structure, providing comfort for public and private events, and improving public access.

The design of the facilities is inspired by a former wagon shed that once stood on the property and has long since been dismantled. The environmentally-sensitive closed system prevents any potential impact on the nearby Wickecheokee Creek.

The fundraising goal of \$240,000 is being sought through a combination of public and private grants and donations. The FoLSC hosted an initial kickoff event in May for donors and potential donors, with additional events being planned, such as the return of the Mimi Upmeyer Concert Series. The church is also available to host other public or private events. To donate or to inquire about renting the church for a wedding or other event, please visit www.locktownstonechurch.org or send an email to info@locktownstonechurch.org.

Summer at the Hunterdon County Library

The Hunterdon County Library System has a jam-packed summer program schedule! Our popular outdoor concert series is back, with concerts at Headquarters Library on Tuesdays (July 12-August 16) and Wednesdays at North County Branch Library (July 13-August 3).

There will be fun programs at HQ all summer, including : a Juggling Workshop, a Tie Dye party, Paint Parties, and more. Join us for a Summer Reading Kickoff Luau on Thursday, June 30th, where we'll announce the full lineup of events and activities for the whole family!

The popular Museum Pass program is coming back! After a two-year hiatus, we're returning with even more museums than before. Visit www.hclibrary.us for news and updates and don't forget to follow us on social media.

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Sergeantsville, NJ 08557**

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Township Addresses

The following are street addresses for Township facilities.

Township Building:
570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd
Sergeantsville, NJ 08557

Sergeantsville Village Green:
563 Rosemont Ringoes Rd.
Sergeantsville, NJ 08557

Dilts Park:
17 Buchanan Rd.
Stockton, NJ 08559

Township Contact Information:

Phone: 609-397-3240

Fax: 609-397-4893

Web: www.DelawareTwpNJ.org

The Newsletter Committee

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Spring Word Find: Time to Start Planting!

How many familiar words can you build using the letters in the word – **Planting**

Rules: Using just the letters in the word “planting”, solution words must be at least four letters long and may not include proper names or hyphenated words. An example of a correct word is “pant.” Give yourself one point for each word you find.

Scoring: 8 = Good, 16 = Excellent, 24+ = Expert

Answers: align, alit, anti, anting, aping, gain, gait, giant, gilt, glint, gnat, inapt, lain, lapin, ling, lint, nail, pail, pain, paint, paling, pang, pant, panting, ping, pint, pita, plain, plaint, plait, plan, planing, plant, plat, plating, pliant, tail, tali, tang, taping, ting.

If you found any words not on this list, give yourself an extra point!

