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Public Service Announcement

The New Jersey General Election is Nov. 7, 2023.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023
Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company
Time: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Last Day to Register to Vote for the November General Election: October 17.

Terms Expiring:

12/31/23: Charles Herman; Susan Lockwood

Local Vacancies: Two Township Committee positions

Township Committee General Election Candidates:

Republican: Charles Herman and Joan Bailey

Democrat: Susan Lockwood and Peter R. McCrohan

Independent: Mario M. Russo

News From The Bridge Seeks Input

News From The Bridge was created over 25 years ago to unite Township residents by providing information about community events and organizations. With a limited budget that allows only eight pages, the Newsletter Committee is seeking community input on news that you feel we might be missing.

Please email your thoughts and ideas to the Newsletter Committee via Susan Lockwood at slockwood@delawaretnj.org

Thank you!

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New Deputy Clerk: Diana Rumage

On June 20, 2023 Diana Rumage assumed the position of Deputy Clerk for Delaware Township and, according to a long-time Township employee, "you can't give her a job she can't handle." Diana is new to the Township Clerk profession and will begin taking courses at Rutgers in the fall to get her Clerk license. In the meantime, she is enjoying the challenges of the job and says everyone has been welcoming, kind and helpful. In addition to the Deputy Clerk position, Diana is also Secretary to the Board of Health.

Prior to her Deputy Clerk position, Diana worked at Delaware Township school for nine years as a substitute teacher and then as a para-professional. She was also very active in the DTS PiE, serving among other positions as President and Treasurer. Her two sons, now ages 14 and 17, also attended school there. She and her husband moved from Flemington in 2009 and they love it here.

Diana grew up in a suburb of New York where she lived until she was 18 at which time her family moved to Georgia. After graduating from Seton Hall and then the University of Georgia, where she obtained a Masters Degree, Diana worked at an ad agency in New York as an Associate Strategy Director, a job she loved. However, the long hours, travel, and commute time in addition to raising her two sons led to her decision to seek employment closer to home.

In whatever spare time she has, Diana enjoys doing crafts, especially jewelry making and tie dyeing. While working at the school she taught an after-school enrichment class in jewelry making.

We welcome Diana to the Township.

Holcombe-Jimison Events

Come visit the Farm Museum for special events.

Sep. 10: Second Annual Craft Festival and hands-on Colonial crafts.

Oct. 29: Then and Now Day

Dec 9 and 10: Christmas on the Farm

Meet Your Neighbors: Lia Nielsen, Jason Kliwinski, Mary Jane Augustine

by Sally Gullette

Having sat empty for 11 years, the historic 1744 Richard Holcombe house was put up for auction in 2017. Only one bid was offered and Mary Jane, Lia, and Jason won the on-line auction to become owners of the 3,000 square foot house.

So, who are these people who took on this monumental challenge that no one else was willing or able to assume? Lia and Jason are a married couple expecting their first child in November. Mary Jane is Lia's mother. As Jason said in his website blog, "At heart we're a bunch of old house-farm lovers." Lia was raised in the old farm, now Unionville Vineyards, which Mary Jane and her husband purchased in 1980. Jason grew up on his grandparents' micro farm in Pennington.

Jason, an architect and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Fellow, is the founder of Designs for Life LLC, a residential and commercial architectural firm that focuses on providing healthy and environmentally responsible results. Lia, a construction manager and materials specialist, graduated from Boston University and attended the Rinker School of Building Construction at the University of Florida. She is both a LEED Green Associate and a WELL (Building Standard) Accredited Professional. Mary Jane, formerly a partner in the law firm of McCarter and English, practiced construction law for 40 years. She is also both a LEED and WELL Accredited Professional. Jason and Lia started the Green Building Center in Lambertville and Lia and Mary Jane are the principals of Simply Sustainable which provides sustainable materials and interior design services.

A large sign near the road introduces the public to Gaia's Way Farm (Gaia was the Greek goddess of Earth, mother of all life). The exterior of the house with its wonderful wrap-around porch and the interior have been beautifully transformed with strict adherence to historical preservation. Old photos, many supplied by former inhabitants, helped guide the restoration. Lia and Jason and their three dogs have been living and entertaining in the home for two years. Mary Jane describes it as a great party house that flows from room to room. A conservatory kitchen for Lia, a gourmet cook, was added where an old screened-in porch was attached to the house. Lia's three rescue horses happily graze in the pasture. Plans are in progress to build a home for Mary Jane on an existing foundation near the main house. It will be built to look old but the inside will be designed for people of all mobilities. Note also that the house is completely off the grid, powered by solar and batteries.

For info about this home and to see photos 'before and after,' visit Gaiaswayfarm.com.

Non-Profits Partner to Lease Land In Sergeantsville for New Farmers

In 2019, the nonprofit Foodshed Alliance launched the Sustainable Agriculture Enterprise (SAGE) program to provide low-cost, long-term land leases to growers who otherwise couldn't afford to start their own farm businesses. The SAGE program expanded when New Jersey Conservation Foundation leased a 19-acre preserved farm in Sergeantsville to the Foodshed Alliance.

While New Jersey has preserved 33% of its farmland, securing the protection of thousands of fertile acres, the state has some of the US's most expensive farmland, putting land ownership out of reach for many farmers.

Leasing farmland has drawbacks. Most leases are for one year. Farmers with short-term lease arrangements are often hesitant to invest in infrastructure like wells, equipment, and fencing – or in crops that don't immediately produce income, like orchards.

The SAGE program offers 10-year leases at below market rates as an incentive for farmers to invest in their enterprises. In exchange, the Foodshed Alliance requires SAGE farmers to use sustainable, non-chemical growing methods to improve the soil's health and help mitigate climate change. Note that SAGE is not a beginner farmer program; applicants must have prior experience farming and a viable business plan.

Akirah and Mancoba Hlatshwako became the first farmers chosen to sublet part of this property for their nonprofit farm, Ubuntu Permaculture Mission Inc. Mancoba grew up learning indigenous farming practices from his father in the African nation of Swaziland, now known as Eswatini. They are on a mission to provide healthy foods for their community, teach others how to grow their own food, and create green jobs. On their six acres, they grow vegetables, fruits, and nuts and raise livestock.

"Our vision is to be the leading pioneers in permaculture education in the world and we want to build a permaculture demonstration site in New Jersey," said Akirah. Permaculture emphasizes care of the earth, care of people and mutual benefit. "We plan to embody these permaculture principles in our lives and our work."

Ubuntu Permaculture Mission uses climate-friendly techniques to boost the ability of soil to sequester carbon from the atmosphere.

The Foodshed Alliance is in the process of interviewing other farmers to rent other sections of the farm in Sergeantsville.

For more about the SAGE program, visit the Foodshed Alliance website at foodshedalliance.org/sage

For info about preserving New Jersey's land and natural resources – including productive farmland – visit NJCFs website at www.njconservation.org

—Excerpted by permission from article by Alison Mitchell, co-executive Director NJCF

Locktown Stone Church Fall Concert Series

The Locktown Stone Church is excited to announce its 2023 Fall Concert Series at the Church. All concerts start at 4pm and last approximately one hour, with no intermission. Light refreshment is served following each performance, giving concert goers a chance to speak with the performers. Tickets are \$15 per person per performance, or \$40 per person for all three concerts.

October 1: Filament, a chamber ensemble of Philadelphia-based period-instrument soloists. Comprising a core trio of violin, viola da gamba, and keyboards, its founding members are Evan Few, Elena Kauffman, and John Walhausen. Currently entering its fifth season, Filament presents historically informed concerts. Filament's mission is to move and pique the curiosity of diverse audiences and to continue the important work of uncovering and sharing unique and extraordinary music.

October 8: Blue Jersey Band, which brings an eclectic mix of swing, gypsy jazz, and bluegrass to their performances. The Blue Jersey Band plays the Music of Django Reinhardt. Born in a gypsy caravan in 1910, Django Reinhardt blended his native gypsy music with American jazz to create a new genre of music known as gypsy jazz, man ouch or hot club. He wrote many unique and original melodies which lent themselves to improvisation. Blue Jersey Band members Ellen Ruck (guitar and vocals) and Frank Ruck (mandolin, guitar, and banjo) have been studying gypsy jazz for over 20 years. Joining them is bassist Kai Gibson, who is fluent in many genres of music including jazz, blues, bluegrass, rock, and Latin music among others.

October 15: City Winds Harp and Flute Duo will play lite classical, opera, and waltz music. Crispian Fordham and Meredyth Coleman will bring to life your favorite and recognizable songs from classical music with their flute and harp duo. See the instruments up close and speak with the musicians of City Winds Trio.

The Concert Series relies on sponsors for funding. If you would like to become a sponsor, please email us at info@locktownstonechurch.org. Thank you and please join us this Fall.

HCL MakerSpace

Did you know that the Hunterdon County Library has a MakerSpace? Our MakerSpace has classes in 3D designing & printing, laser cutting & engraving, sewing & embroidery, pottery, and direct to garment printing to name a few!

Visit the website at www.hclibrary.us/makerspace for more information and updates.

Delaware Township School Partners in Education

Delaware Township School Partners in Education (DTS PiE) is the parent-teacher organization serving the families, teachers and community of DTS. The organization is a 501(c)(3) corporation and raises money through sponsorships and the contribution of program fees for each student.

Sponsorship donations support programs such as Author-in-Residence, Global Festival, after school Enrichment Programs, and Faculty Grants which help to assist with new initiatives. In 2023, for enrichment the Organization offered 23 different classes and had 276 children participate.

DTS PiE is seeking individual and business sponsors. There are three levels of sponsorship: Platinum, Gold, or Silver. As a sponsor, your name and/or logo will be advertised on DTS PiE's website, DTS PiE School Directory (which is distributed to every family at the school), and signage at DTS PiE sponsored events.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please visit the website at www.dtspie.com to obtain the sponsorship form. Donations to support the education of Delaware Township students are tax deductible. If you have questions, please contact DTS PiE at dtspie@gmail.com

Wild and Scenic Delaware River Talk

Robert McEwan from the Lower Wild and Scenic Delaware River Partnership (LDWSR) made a presentation at the Environmental Commission meeting on July 19. The LDWSR is part of the national wild and scenic river system, a partnership program between the National Park Service, state and local entities, non-profit organizations and more, along the Delaware River between the Delaware Water Gap and Washington's Crossing.

Mr. McEwan was seeking the Environmental Commission's support for the LDWSR's management plan to include expansion into smaller tributaries and streams including Delaware Township's Lockatong, Wickecheoke and Alexauken Creeks which flow into the Delaware River.

Mr. McEwan explained the tributary designation does not open private lands, through which they run, to public access, nor affect existing uses of private property.

The Environmental Commission requested a copy of the management plan, and a copy of the proposed resolution for consideration at its September 20, 2023 meeting. If approved, the resolution will move to the Township committee for its consideration.

To learn more about LDWSR visit: lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org

Household Clean Up Day: October 7, 2023

Wondering what to do with an old window air conditioner? Well, Delaware Township clean-up day is on October 7 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 best telephone contact information.

* Residents must obtain a permit for Clean-Up Day.

* 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

* Household garbage

* Animal carcasses

* Stumps and large plant/tree debris

Permit fees:

Passenger cars, Non-SUV \$10.00

Mini-vans: smaller SUVs \$20.00

Small 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 per additional foot up to 18 feet \$40.00

Tire without rim (16" diameter maximum, limit 10 per family) \$5.00 each

St. Baldrick's Fundraising Event Childhood Cancer Awareness

Most of us think of September as the month our children go back to school but September should also remind us of those children unable to return to school. While none of us like to think of children and cancer in the same thought, childhood cancer is very real. It occurs regularly, randomly and spares no ethnic group or geographic region. Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer and one in five will not survive. Of those who survive, two out of three will suffer long-term effects from their treatment. Newer, safer treatment options are needed to offer the hope of a long and healthy life for every child.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is the largest private funder of the most promising childhood cancer research. The 11th Annual St. Baldrick's Rays of Hope Head Shave and Auction will be held at Sergeantsville Firehouse on Sept. 24, 2023 between noon and 4 p.m. This event in our tiny community has made a powerful impact worldwide in the fight against childhood cancer raising over \$550,000 and playing a large part in seven new research projects!

This year's event will be the last head shave and auction in Sergeantsville. With the probability of the Sergeantsville Post Office being re-located to the Firehouse Banquet Hall before September 2024, we will have to initiate other avenues to raise much needed funding for childhood cancer research and continue our quest to raise awareness. If you have never attended one of our events, please don't miss this one! It is a powerful, moving experience! There will be laughter, tears, good times and some awesome auction items. If you ever wanted to shave your head or to volunteer, this is the year! Children currently fighting cancer and survivors need you, they need HOPE.

To register to shave, volunteer, or to make a donation please visit: www.StBaldricks.org/events/RaysofHope23. If you own a business and can donate an item or gift card for the auction, have questions about St. Baldrick's or this event, please reach out to me at grams-wack@gmail.com. My heartfelt thanks to all who have shaved, volunteered, donated and attended over the years and helped in any way to make this success possible.

HCL Amateur Photography Show

Calling all photographers! The Hunterdon County Library System's Annual Amateur Photography Show is accepting entries through September 23rd. All entries will be on display in the Gallery at the Headquarters branch for the month of October, with winners announced during the Awards Reception on October 10th at 6:30 pm. For a registration form and full details, visit www.hclibrary.us

Well Water Testing

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 at a reduced cost.

Water test kits are available for purchase on Wednesday, September 20th from 5:00-7:00 pm and on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Delaware Township Municipal Building.

You can pre-order your test kits by visiting www.TestMyWell.org.

Sample containers and completed paperwork must be returned to the Township Department of Public Works Garage (816 Sergeantsville Rd.) on Monday, September 25th between 7:00-9:30 am.

When was the last time you had your well water tested? Public health authorities recommend annual testing. If your well has not been tested for several years, now is the time to test. Unlike public drinking water systems, private wells are not checked for contamination before the water is sent to the tap. Households that use private wells must take special precautions to ensure the safety of their drinking water supplies.

Safe drinking water is essential to good health. Testing your well water for chemical and biological contamination is important since many contaminants can be harmful, even though they are tasteless and odorless. 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.

For a complete listing of the available tests and the associated prices, please see "What Should I Test My Well Water For?" and for help in determining what you should sample for, refer to the "Water Testing Decision Guide" on the Township's website (www.DelawareTwpNJ.org)

For more information about RHA's well-testing program or with questions on what you should test your well water for, please email Samantha LaRocca at welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org or call (908) 234-1852 ext. 401.

Please note that the sample results cannot be used to satisfy the Private Well Testing Act if you are selling or renting your home. The sample results from the community well-testing program should be used for your information to assess your drinking water quality.

Delaware Township History

Delaware Township has many historic sites. You probably drive past, over, or through some of them every day. Individually registered historic properties include: the Green-Sergeants Covered Bridge, Locktown Baptist Church, and many of our stone or metal-truss bridges. We also have designated "Historic Districts" (HD). They include: the Covered Bridge HD; Delaware & Raritan Canal HD; Headquarters HD; Raven Rock HD; Sand Brook HD; Sergeantsville HD; Rosemont Rural Agricultural District HD, and our multi-property "Historic Bridges of Delaware Township" which now contains 26 bridges!

It's important to note that a "Historic District" designation is a way to express the community's pride and interest in preserving the historic nature of a feature, place, or area. It is important to understand that this title only restricts the activities of government agencies working in a district, not individual owners. For example, such a designation would make it difficult for the County to widen Route 523 or 604 as they traverse several historic districts.

Nominating a property for the State & National Registers of Historic Places involves compiling detailed historical research. Anyone can nominate a property, but it is usually done by historic preservation professionals because of the specialized work involved. Nominations are submitted to the NJ Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) for the State Register, and ultimately to the National Park Service, which is the official repository for the National Register.

The NJHPO has a robust website with many useful links. [Search NJHPO.] For local history, check out the wealth of information at goodspeedhistories.com or historymapping.org

On the Township website, under 'Boards, Commissions, and Committees - All Committees', you can find the Historic Advisory Committee page where we have posted the paperwork that was used to nominate the existing districts listed above. In addition, there are other documents and links. As part of our outreach goal, we will be adding content to *News From The Bridge*.

The Historic Advisory Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 on the 2nd floor of the municipal building. All are welcome, and we are seeking new members. Anyone can join, and if you have interest or experience in archaeology or historic architecture, we especially encourage you to contact Chairperson Liza Davis at dthistoricadvisorycommittee@gmail.com.



Community Calendar

Township Calendar

Township Offices closed:

- Labor Day - 9/4
- Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day - 10/9
- Thanksgiving - 11/23

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 - 9/11, 10/9, 11/13
- Planning Board:** 7:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday - 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5
- Board of Health:** 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday - 9/5, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4
- Open Space Committee:** 7:30 p.m. 3rd Monday - 9/18, 10/16, 11/20
- Agricultural Advisory Committee:** 7:00 p.m. 1st Tuesday - 9/5, 10/3 11/7, 12/5
- Board of Adjustment:** 7:30 p.m. 2nd Thursday - 9/14, 10/12, 11/9
- Recreation Commission:** 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday - 9/5, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4
- Environmental Commission:** 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday - 9/20, 10/18, 11/15
- D.T.M.U.A.:** 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday - 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7
- Shade Tree Commission:** 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday alternate months - 9/28, 11/24
- Historic Advisory Committee:** 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday - 9/13, 10/11, 11/8
- Newsletter Committee:** Quarterly

Recycling Depot: Open every weekday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Township Garage on Rt. 523. Call the Township 609-397-3240 with any questions.

Tax Bill Breakdown

When the Township approved a \$3,774,659.80 budget, it required a tax increase of two cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. When you receive a higher tax bill, understand how the money is divided.

On your tax bill, you'll find a breakdown of where your taxes go. For every dollar, the municipality keeps 19.6 cents, the Township school keeps 41.11 cents, the regional high school keeps 21.2 cents, and the County keeps 17.96 cents (in total rounding to \$1.00).

Recreation Commission Fall Calendar

We have some wonderful events coming up this Fall in the Township. Please join us to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

September 9: Town-wide yard sale from 9am to 3pm. There will be an online form on the Township website for participants to register. The address list will be posted to the website a couple days before the 9th and paper copies of the list will be left at the municipal building the morning of the event.

September 9: Fall Fun Fireworks at Dilts Farm Park. Families and friends should pack a picnic dinner and plenty of snacks for the show. The fireworks will start after the sun sets around 7:15pm. Rain date will be 9/16.

October 7: Block Party from 4-7pm at the Village Green and Municipal Building parking lot. There will be food, music, and fun. Note that there is no rain date for this event.

December 2: Tractor Parade and Tree Lighting from 4-7pm. The parade begins at Delaware Township School and end at the Village Green. Anyone interested in driving their tractor in the parade should contact Jes Stahl at jes.stahl@gmail.com or 908-256-4469.

Holiday Decorating Contest: Do you like to decorate for the holidays? If so, please sign up for the contest. Registration will be available on the Township website. The judging will be done by the Recreation Commission members from 12/11 – 12/15. Winners will be selected on 12/18.

As always, visit www.delawaretwpnj.org for more event information and updates.

Seniors Group's Christmas Trip

The Senior Citizens Group is scheduling a trip to the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 to see the Christmas Show. They will also have lunch at the Shady Maple in East Earl, PA. The trip (including transportation, the show and lunch) is \$67.00 for members and \$72.00 for guests. The group will meet at the Sergeantsville Fire House for departure at 7:45 a.m. and the show is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at 1:30 p.m. The group anticipates returning to Sergeantsville between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marian Herman at (908)782-4977 or Dottie Kurzenberger at (908) 782-0635 by September 6, 2023. Please note that no food, drinks or smoking are allowed on the bus and prices and times may change.

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

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Wed Night Bible study: 7:30 p.m.

Friday Night Youth Group: 7:00 p.m.

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: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: All ages beginning at 9:15 a.m.

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 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Sunday mornings 11:00 a.m., 5-12 year olds

Good News Home for Women: Oct 8th. Playing Bells.

Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

624 Rosemont Ringoes Rd., Stockton, NJ
Tel: (609) 397-2333

Web: www.sergeantsvilleumc.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sergeantsvilleumc>

Worship: Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Food Drive: June 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Club 3:16: Youth group for children ages 5-12 on Thursdays 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Shredder Day: Sept. 16

The Township is sponsoring a Shredder Day for paper documents that will occur rain or shine on Sept. 16 at the Township Garage at 816 Sergeantsville Road from 8:00am to 11:00am, or until the truck is full.

Bring the paper in a cardboard box or a paper bag. Do not bring materials in any type of plastic bag or with plastic covers.

NO more than 10 boxes per vehicle. NO need to remove staples or paper clips. NO plastic. NO carbon paper. Info: Diana Ramage: 609-397-3240 x205

2023 March on Litter: Oct. 14

Join the Delaware Township School's Green Team in keeping our community clean on Saturday, October 14th, from 8:30 to 11:30 am, RAIN OR SHINE, for the 32nd annual March on Litter. We will meet at the Dilts Park Pavilion. Grades K-3 will stay at the park to clean up litter and plant flower bulbs. Older children will be taken by bus to the litter pick-up starting point. Depending on the route, they will either walk back or be transported back to the park by bus. Each group will have at least one chaperone. Chaperones earn sponsorship money for their favorite charity.

Students wishing to participate will be required to register. Forms will be sent home with DTS students. For students not at DTS, check the Township website. All participants will be provided with gloves, garbage bags, an official March on Litter t-shirt, drawstring bag, and a breakfast snack. Bring your own water bottle and dress appropriately in long pants and sturdy shoes.

We will need adult chaperones and volunteers. If you would like to join us, please e-mail jes.stahl@gmail.com.

March on Litter is sponsored by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection – Clean Communities Program.

Delaware Township Awarded a Sustainability Grant

The Delaware Township Green Team, Environmental Commission, and Open Space Committee were awarded a \$2000 Sustainable Jersey grant funded by the PSEG Foundation. Grants were distributed to recipients across 17 New Jersey counties. The Delaware Township proposal, "Inventory and Mapping of Public Accessible Open Spaces," will help the community get outside and enjoy the many trails and wonders of the Township through easy access to information.

"The sustainability projects will strengthen New Jersey by helping local communities become more livable, environmentally friendly, and prosperous. Congratulations to grant recipients; thank you for taking steps to improve health, boost recycling efforts, as well as cutting greenhouse gas emissions," said Randall Solomon, executive Director for Sustainable Jersey, during the awards presentation May 22, 2023.



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Web: www.DelawareTwpNJ.org

Friends of Delaware Township

Friends of Delaware Township, a newly approved 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will identify and honor passed Township residents who have provided exemplary community service to Delaware Township.

The first nominees are Virginia Hook and James McCue and the Township Committee approved the purchase of benches by our organization, to honor them. The benches will be placed in the Sergeantsville Green.

If you wish to contribute, please mail your tax-deductible contribution to Friends of Delaware Township, 33 Rittenhouse Road, Stockton, NJ 08559.

The Newsletter Committee

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Volunteers Welcome: Call Susan Lockwood 609-397-4265

Acrostic Puzzle

Solve the eleven clues below. Enter the solution letters in the grid using the corresponding numbered squares to reveal a fall-themed quotation. Black squares indicate the end of a word. The first letters of the solved clues will spell the name of the quotation's author.

- 1 Enthusiastic _ _ _ _
- 2 Mute, Dampen _ _ _ _
- 3 Sign, Tattoo _ _ _ _
- 4 Much, Tons _ _ _ _
- 5 Round tent _ _ _ _
- 6 Baffle, Confuse _ _ _ _
- 7 Pays a bill, Sends _ _ _ _
- 8 Chooses, Selects _ _ _ _
- 9 Church section _ _ _ _
- 10 Danger, Warning _ _ _ _
- 11 North pole worker _ _ _ _

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