

## Environmental Commission Sponsors Talk on Gardening with Wildlife, June 21st

The Township Environmental Commission is sponsoring a talk on Gardening with Wildlife on June 21st at 7:30 at the Town Hall. Instead of buying bird food, plant native plants to feed the pollinators which will in turn feed the birds.

Featured speaker Lisa Parent will focus on plants that thrive in Hunterdon County. She is a Hunterdon County Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteer, currently living on 5 acres in Readington Township. Lisa's main plant focus is native plants. If you plant natives, the insects and wildlife will come. Lisa loves sharing her story with others to expand the natural native base in the County. Lisa grew up in New Jersey, and attended Cook College at Rutgers majoring in Agricultural Sciences. While attending Cook College she spend part of her college hours in work study in greenhouse ornamental plant production, as well as two months as an exchange student at the University of Puerto Rico working with fruits native to the island. Join Ms. Parent, and the Environmental Commissioner for what is sure to be an interesting and informative evening.

## Somerset Patriots Baseball – June 17

It is Delaware Township Day at the Somerset Patriots Baseball Stadium in Bridgewater, NJ on Saturday, June 17th. The Patriots will play the Altoona Curve, with the game starting at 7p.m. Look for additional information and instructions for ordering tickets on the Township website.

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## Public Service Announcement

The New Jersey Primary Election is June 6, 2023.

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

**Terms Expiring:**  
 12/31/23: Charles Herman; Susan Lockwood  
**Local Vacancies:** Two Township Committee positions

**Township Committee Primary Election Candidates:**  
 Republican: Charles Herman and Joan Bailey  
 Democrat: Susan Lockwood and Peter R. McCrohan

**Early Voting:**  
 Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3: 10am-8pm  
 Sunday, June 4: 10am-6pm

**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

Registered Hunterdon County voters may vote at any Early Voting Center or on Election Day June 6 at their designated Polling Place. Please refer to the front of your Sample Ballot for your designated Polling Place.

Vote by Mail Ballots may be deposited in one of 12 secure drop boxes located throughout the county by 8pm on Election Day, June 6, 2023. For drop box locations, go to <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/election/2022/Primary/Earlyvotingballotreturn.pdf>

Questions regarding Early Voting and Drop Boxes — please contact the Board of Elections at (908) 788-1190.



## Meet Your Neighbor: Luke Hanson

*by Sally Gullette*

When Luke Hanson tells people where he works their first thought might be ‘frozen bodies.’ While cryogenics is occasionally used for this purpose it is more frequently used in food service and health care. For example, a small drop of liquid nitrogen is used in food packaging to remove oxygen and prevent spoiling. It is also used to remove oxygen from bottled wine during the corking process. Princeton Cryo makes cryogenic storage and equipment systems and Luke’s job pertains to maintenance of the specialized pipes.

Luke, and his wife Alaina, a special education teacher at Eden School in Princeton, have a five year old daughter. You can tell how much Luke likes being a Dad by watching how his face and eyes light up when he mentions her. Luke and Alaina love Long Beach Island.

When their daughter was born Luke suggested they name her Elbi - sound it out and yes, you have LBI - Long Beach Island and a very pretty and unique name. Luke’s creativity also found expression when planning Elbi’s April birthday party. He arranged a treasure hunt for the children in the backyard and then gave each child a geode, which he purchased online, to break open and discover the hidden crystals.

One of Luke’s hobbies may eventually earn him a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. He likes jigsaw puzzles but not your run-of-the-mill thousand piece type. He completed a 9,000 piece puzzle last winter and is now about to finish an 18,000 piece - more than 500 hours of solving. But even this is not enough. Next winter he will tackle a 48,000 piece.

How do you tackle a puzzle this size? Luke is a border first solver and then arranges the pieces by color. His Dad was a carpenter and built a special jigsaw table for him with multiple drawers. Other people are allowed to work on his puzzles but the steadfast rule is they must be absolutely sure they don’t walk out with a puzzle piece stuck on their clothing. Luke’s late Father also liked puzzles and he and Luke worked on 3-D jigsaw puzzles.

Luke grew up in Ringoes and he and his wife now live in Delaware Township in what used to be his grandmother’s house.

When they are not at LBI, Luke and Alaina like to go to DC for the cherry blossom festival and in the fall to Vermont for the leaf color. He is a nature lover and a gardener. Elbi has expressed an interest in camping so when the weather warms up they will start with a tent in the back yard and soon add camping to their list of activities.

## Township Approves 2023 Budget

At its meeting on May 8th, the Township Committee unanimously approved the 2023 budget. When budgeting each year, the Township must anticipate what it will need to cover various costs. It is the unanticipated costs that make budgeting difficult.

This year, the Township had two, large unanticipated costs. The first was a significant increase in the cost of providing health benefits to our employees. The State Health Benefit plan, of which Delaware Township employees are a part, increased costs across the board by 20%. While Gov. Murphy buffered that increase by providing a State subsidy for State employees, the remaining public employees (and their employers—the Townships and Counties) experienced the entire increase. Active employees contribute \$144,000 towards their health benefits and the Township will budget an additional \$160,000 for health benefits. The second significant event was a change in Department of Environmental Protection stormwater management regulations that placed Delaware Township into a higher “Tier” requiring additional assessments and actions to control stormwater. The Township received the first \$25,000 of a \$75,000 grant to pay for it.

Based on those costs and anticipated increases due to inflation, the Township approved a \$3,774,659.80 budget reflecting an increase of two cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. On an average home assessed at \$400,000, the increase amounts to approximately \$80, while providing the Township with an additional \$160,000 for the year.

The biggest portion of the budget (26%) reflects the Township’s commitment to 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 (23.36%) is used for public works, including road repairs and maintenance, buildings and grounds, and Shade Tree Commission functions. Eighteen percent (18%) of the budget pays for insurance, both for the employees and to cover the Township, while approximately 13.6% covers statutory expenditures like contributions to the State retirement systems and social security.

The remaining roughly 20% of the budget covers all other township employees and the services they provide, including the Township CFO, Clerk, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Township Committee, Engineering, Legal services, planning and zoning, the shared municipal court, Board of Health, utilities, and parks and recreation.

It is important to note that the Township has some revenues (grant funds and State aid), accumulates money in a capital fund for large purchases (for example, road or police vehicles) and maintains a healthy surplus. All of these are necessary for keeping the Township’s finances in excellent standing with financial institutions.

The tax collection rate is greater than 98%.

## Stormwater Pollution: What Do You Think?

You may think littering is no big deal (it is). You may think that whatever runs into the storm drains gets treated before it reaches local rivers and streams (it isn't). You may think motor oil and other hazardous materials don't harm the water very much, but they do.

Pollution seeps into the ground and is carried by stormwater (rain and snow) directly to our drinking water, streams, lakes and oceans. Contaminated stormwater is the #1 cause of water pollution in New Jersey. Simple things, like proper clean-up after oneself and careful use of chemicals in the home, office and yard, are helpful ways for businesses and residents to protect the water. Keep grass, leaves and trash out of storm drains. Don't feed wildlife. Clean up after your pet. Limit use of fertilizers & pesticides. Properly handle hazardous products.

Delaware Township will be adopting ordinances aimed at reducing pollution from litter, fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, animal waste, grass clippings and other debris. Please check the Township website and future newsletters for updates later this year.

For more information on stormwater management visit [www.nj.gov/dep/dwq](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq) or [www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org).

## Shade Tree Commission Report

The Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission is proud to report that Delaware Township has maintained accreditation for 2022 with the NJ Urban and Community Forestry Division of the NJ DEP. Four Commission members volunteered to take 9 continuing education credits in topics like Invasive Woody Plants, Prominent Diseases of Trees in Urban Environments, Identification and Management of Trees, and Forest Service Grants. Five Commission members have completed Core training through the Rutgers Urban Forestry Program. The Commission issued an annual report in February covering municipal budgeting for trees, training and public education, implementation of Plan goals, and ordinances relating to trees.

The Delaware Township Arbor Day tradition of giving trees to all the second grade DTS students continued with the gray dogwood, *Cornus racemosa*, being chosen by the Commission for 2023. Delaware Township adopted its first Community Forestry Plan in 2001 and the current version is approved through the end of 2027. Plans were originally updated every five years, but the current plan was extended an additional five years due to COVID delays in implementation. The plan is available on the Township web site.

The Shade Tree Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of odd months. The next meeting is July 27th at the Dilts Park Pavilion.

## 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.

Race registration information and crate specifications are on the Township website. For more information contact Steve Smotrich at [stevesmotrich@gmail.com](mailto:stevesmotrich@gmail.com) or Kathleen Herman at [kah7999@hotmail.com](mailto:kah7999@hotmail.com)

## Safe Medication Disposal

Responsible medication disposal is crucial for human and environmental health. All unused or expired medications should be safely disposed of when no longer needed. Returning your unwanted medicines to a drug take-back program is the safest and most environmentally protective way to dispose of unused medication. Proper disposal of medicines protects you and the Earth by preventing poisoning of children and pets; deterring misuse by teenagers and adults; keeping medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet; and avoiding health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine, or a medicine that is too old to work well. In homes that use septic tanks, prescription and over-the-counter drugs flushed down the toilet can leach into the ground and seep into ground water.

Where residences are connected to wastewater treatment plants, prescription and over-the-counter drugs poured down the sink or flushed down the toilet can pass through the treatment system and enter rivers and lakes. This can end up polluting our waters, impacting aquatic species, and contaminating our food and water supplies.

Project Medicine Drop, a program sponsored by the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs (<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/Pages/Safety.aspx>), lets you dispose of your unused and expired household medications, safely and securely. It was developed as an important component of its effort to halt the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs, and allows consumers to dispose of unused and expired medications at "prescription drug drop boxes" located within the headquarters of participating police departments.

You can drop off your unused medication at: Delaware Township Police Department, 816 Sergeantsville Road Stockton, NJ 08559. Business Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am to 3 pm.

Before dropping off, remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the containers. For more information, please review the Project Medicine Drop Trifold brochure located on the Delaware Township web-site Environmental Commission page.

## Household Clean Up Day: June 17, 2023

**W**ondering what to do with an old window air conditioner? Well, Delaware Township clean-up day is on June 17 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

## Delaware Township Girl Scouts

**T**he Delaware Township Girl Scouts would like to thank everyone who so generously supported this year's cookie sales. Maria Rosa's Restaurant and the Bagel Barn get a special shout out for hosting cookie booths. Cookie sale proceeds stay local, funding Delaware Township troops, our Council (Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey) and our three Girl Scout camps.

Service Unit 86 would also like to honor our extraordinary adult volunteers. Recognized by GSUSA with several Adult Achievement Awards, are residents Cindy Pontecorvo, Debra Lubitz, Stacy Grady, Julie Botero, Liza Davis, Jamie Clark, Tiffany Heater, Anne May, Jen Viola, Kim Whiteman and Laura Hornby. In addition, the SU86 Management Team was presented with the President's Award, recognizing exemplary service with significant, measurable impact within the community.

In February, troops participated in Martin Luther King Day of Service litter pick-ups at Bulls Island and along the Wickecheoke Creek; girls and their Sweethearts had a great time at the Sergeantsville Firehouse annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dance organized by Seventh Grade Cadettes 80372; and Fifth Grade Juniors 80400 helped the Firehouse Volunteers serve 274 breakfasts!

Several troops and families filled over 4,000 eggs for the Recreation Commission's annual Easter Egg Hunt (a favorite activity!).

Fourth Grade Juniors 80830 hosted an International Festival to celebrate World Thinking Day of friendship.

DTAA spring sports Opening Day began with a flag ceremony led by Girl Scouts from DT troops, marching with the new Service Unit parade flag purchased through a generous fund shared from Wreaths Across America.

In service to our local VFW Post 8390, troops will be replacing flags at several DT cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day. Girls and families will also be marching in the annual Lambertville Memorial Day parade.

Sixth Grade Cadettes 80270 is busy putting the final touches on every scout's favorite tradition – Spring Camporee! This year, the girls will be "Reaching For the Stars" during an astronomy themed weekend at Camp Canadensis in the Poconos.

DTS troops welcome new girls at every level, and a troop for incoming Kindergarteners is beginning to form. For more information, email [gshnjsu86@gmail.com](mailto:gshnjsu86@gmail.com).

## Fall Fun Fireworks

**F**all Fun Fireworks at the Dilts Park on September 9, from 5 pm-10pm. Contact [REC@delawaretwpnj.org](mailto:REC@delawaretwpnj.org)

## Creating a Rain Garden

**A** Rain Garden is a shallow depression you create in your yard that is planted with native wildflowers and grasses to collect rain water that runs off your roof-top or is discharged by your sump pump. Rain Gardens can provide food and habitat for birds and butterflies.

Stormwater runoff is a major cause of water pollution in our streams and rivers. Installing a Rain Garden captures stormwater runoff, allowing it to infiltrate into the ground, recharging groundwater and naturally filtering pollutants. Rain Gardens make beautiful, low-maintenance landscape features because they are planted with native, perennial wildflowers and grasses.

### Rain Garden Design and Construction

**STEP 1.** Size your Rain Garden. Measure the area of your house; this is known as the footprint. Do NOT take the slope of the roof into account. Depending on soil type, the garden should be 20 to 30 percent of the roof area that will drain into the garden. The depth should be 3 to 12 inches. If you have poorly drained soils, plan on creating a shallow depression, 3 to 6 inches deep, that covers 30% of the drainage area. For well drained soils, the depression can be deeper, 6 to 12 inches, and cover only 20% of the total drainage area.

Sizing example: 30' x 30' home = 900 sq.ft. rooftop. One quarter of this area ( $900 \text{ sq.ft.} / 4 = 225 \text{ sq.ft.}$ ) drains to one downspout. For sandier, well drained soils, 20% of 225 sq.ft. = 45 sq.ft. For clay, poorly drained soils, 30% of 225 sq.ft. = 67.5 sq.ft. The SAMPLE rain garden should be between 45 and 67.5 sq.ft.

**STEP 2.** Select a Location and Test the Soil. Choose a spot at least 10 feet away from your house to which you can direct your downspout or sump pump. Pick an area with full or partial sun; do not place the garden under a tree. Your Rain Garden should receive a minimum of a half-day of sunlight. You should be able to maintain a minimum of a 1 percent slope from your downspout to your garden. Dig a 6 x 6 inch hole and fill it with water. If it takes longer than 24 hours for the water to soak in, then the drainage is not adequate. Additional preparations will need to be made.

**STEP 3.** Dig In! Be aware of service lines and utilities! Use a string to outline the perimeter of the garden. A kidney or teardrop shape works best. Dig the depression 3 to 12 inches deep. Gradually slope the sides. Make sure the bottom is level to ensure that the water is evenly distributed throughout the garden. Create a berm around the downhill edge of the garden to keep water from flowing out. Compact the berm to prevent erosion.

**STEP 4.** Plant your Rain Garden. Choose plants that are both drought tolerant and can withstand wet soils for up to 24 hours. Select a variety of native wild-

flowers, grasses and shrubs. Combine plants with alternating heights, bloom times, and textures. Don't use seeds, select plants from the nursery. Apply top soil as needed. Apply mulch over the bed. Water frequently until plants are well established. Avoid fertilizer. Fertilizer will promote weed growth without benefitting your native plants.

**Additional Tips:** Don't worry about mosquitoes. Your Rain Garden should not retain water long enough for mosquitoes to breed. Direct your downspout or sump pump to the rain garden by digging a shallow swale or by routing it through a drain pipe. In the winter, leave dead or dormant plants standing; cut back in the spring. If your soil lacks organic material you may dig the depression an additional 2 to 3 inches and fill in with peat or compost.

### Summer Recreation Program July 5 to July 21

**T**he 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 21st.

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.

### Speed Limits on Local Roads

**N**early every Township Committee meeting a resident requests that the speed limit on their road be reduced. They cite narrow, winding roads, and concerns about safety when walking or exiting driveways. There are several steps involved in lowering the speed limit.

Before determining to undertake these steps for a particular road, the Mayor is inviting anyone who thinks that the speed limit on their road should be reduced to contact him, or the Township Committee so that the determination regarding lowering speed limits can be done more efficiently.

The Mayor can be reached at [cherman@delawaretpnj.org](mailto:cherman@delawaretpnj.org)

Please note, when the police patrol our roads for speeders they report that the majority of those who are speeding are Township residents. You can help keep our roads safe by slowing down.

## Community Calendar

### Township Calendar

#### Township Offices closed:

Friday June 16 - Juneteenth

Monday May 29 - Memorial 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 6/12, 7/10, 8/14

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

**Board of Health:** 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday 6/5, 8/7, 9/4

**Open Space Committee (remote):** 7:30 p.m. 3rd Monday 6/19, 7/17, 8/21

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

**Board of Adjustment:** 7:30 p.m. 2nd Thursday 6/8, 7/13, 8/10

**Recreation Commission:** 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4

**Environmental Commission:** 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday 6/21, 7/19, 8/16

**D.T.M.U.A.:** 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7

**Shade Tree Commission:** 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday 6/22, 7/27, 8/24

**Historic Advisory Committee:** 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday 6/14, 7/12, 8/9

**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 at 609-397-3240 with any questions

### Tickets Available for Senior Citizens Trip

Please join the Senior Citizens Group on their trip to Penn's Peak for the Everly Brothers Experience on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Tickets are \$52.00 and include family style lunch and transportation to and from the event. Attendees will leave the Township at 8:45 a.m. and arrive home around 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact Marian Herman (908) 782-4977 or Dottie Kurzenberger (908) 782-0635.

### Holcombe Jimison Farmstead Museum

Discover one of Delaware Township's treasures - the Holcombe Jimison Farmstead Museum located on Route 29 just North of Lambertville where the old railroad tracks cross the highway.

The museum is dedicated to the preservation of Hunterdon County's agricultural heritage from the 18th into the 20th century. It is housed in an 18th century three story bank barn on property that includes a post office, general store, blacksmith's shop, carriage shed and print shop.

Special events with live music are held monthly from 1-4. Coming on June 4 - Dairy Month Kick Off (music to be announced); July 9 - Tractors, Trucks and Engines with the Bakersfield Band; August 6 - Corn Fest with Lambertville Brass Band; September 10 - Craft Fair from 9 to 4; and October 29 - Then and Now with Long Hill String Band.

If you are interested in volunteering stop into the Museum any Wednesday morning between 9 and 12 or email [holcombe.jimisonnj@gmail.com](mailto:holcombe.jimisonnj@gmail.com). Group tours can be arranged by calling 609-397-2752. For more detailed information, visit [holcombe-jimison.org](http://holcombe-jimison.org)

### Friends of Delaware Township

A new organization, Friends of Delaware Township has just been formed for the purpose of establishing a process to identify and honor Township residents (after their passing) who have provided exemplary community service to Delaware Township.

The organization has applied for 501C-3 status with the IRS and will be accepting donations to facilitate recognition of those resident(s). Friends of Delaware Township will collaborate with the municipal government to acknowledge and preserve the important contributions of its townspeople. More information about the organization, its goals and processes will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

### Hunterdon County Library Concerts

The popular outdoor concert series starts June 24th and runs thru August 11th, with concerts at Headquarters Library on Tuesdays and at North County Library on Wednesdays.

Info: [www.hclibrary.us](http://www.hclibrary.us)

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](http://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.

**Vacation Bible school:** July 10-14 - 9:00-11:45 a.m.

Ages 4yrs. through High School welcome! Helpers welcome! Register at [amwell.org](http://amwell.org) .or call Jean D @908-705-1207 or Sue P@908-996-2267

### Cornerstone Christian Church

226 Locktown-Sergeantsville Rd, Stockton, NJ

Tel: 908-237-5227

**Web:** [www.ccc-hc.org](http://www.ccc-hc.org)

**Email:** [pastor-keith@ccc.hc.org](mailto:pastor-keith@ccc.hc.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/cornerstonechristianchurchofhunterdoncounty](http://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](mailto: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

### Sergeantsville United Methodist Church

624 Rosemont Ringoes Rd., Stockton, NJ

Tel: (609) 397-2333

**Web:** [www.sergeantsvilleumc.com](http://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.

**Vacation Bible School:** June 26-June 28, 5:30-7:45 p.m. check website for details and registration.

## Hunterdon County Library Teen Events

The new Teen Underground space is open, with programs exclusively designed for teens. And our Makers Space has classes in 3D designing & printing, laser cutting & engraving, sewing & embroidery, and direct to garment printing to name a few!

Info: [www.hclibrary.us](http://www.hclibrary.us)

## Mapping Trails and Publicly Accessible Open Spaces

The Environmental Commission and the Open Space Committee are working to create a comprehensive interactive digital map of all publicly accessible space for the Township's website. Over 2,500 of Delaware Township's approximately 24,000 acres are public or private green spaces.

It will contain the properties' historical information, trail features and geographical information, parking and other facilities. It will enable Delaware Township to identify new areas for preservation, better assess recreation needs and improve public access, all while simultaneously updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan element of the Township's Master Plan.

The initial plan entails identifying properties, contacting owners and listing facilities and their amenities. The joint committee is working on a list of amenities and the histories of the spaces.

### On our list:

- \* What is the name, location and GPS coordinates of the park, trail, or preserve?
- \* Is there a website link, brochure, or flyer?
- \* What is the history of the park/preserve?
- \* What are the dates and hours for public access?
- \* Are there any trails, and if so, what is the length, surface, and difficulty of trails?
- \* Is there a trail map available? On the property's website? At the trailhead?
- \* What are the features, flora, and fauna of interest?
- \* Are bicycles, dogs, or horses allowed?
- \* Is hunting allowed?
- \* Is parking available? Is there handicap accessible parking?
- \* Are there restrooms or porta-potties?
- \* Are there trash and recycling cans?
- \* Is there potable water?
- \* Are there picnic tables? Grills? A pavilion?
- \* Other: Playground, Sports fields, Tennis courts, Basketball courts, pickle-ball courts, boat launches and are there any rental/use fees?

Have we missed anything? If so, please submit your feedback via email to [EC@delawaretpnj.org](mailto:EC@delawaretpnj.org) or by a note addressed to the "Environmental Commission" and placed in the drop box located at the Delaware Township Municipal Building.





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Sergeantsville, NJ 08557**

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**Township Contact Information:**

**Phone: 609-397-3240**

**Fax: 609-397-4893**

**Web: [www.DelawareTwpNJ.org](http://www.DelawareTwpNJ.org)**

**Native Plants**

The importance of incorporating native plantings into your landscape for the benefit of birds and bees as well as a myriad of other creatures can't be understated. And the good news is there is still plenty of time to do that. Whether you are looking for plants, shrubs or trees there are a number of places in the area where you can find plant treasures for your garden. Many of the local nurseries and non-profits carry some native plants but best to inquire if you are not sure. Also, [jerseyyards.org](http://jerseyyards.org) has a listing by county of nurseries in New Jersey that sell native plants. If you have native plantings to share, arrange a swap with friends or neighbors or just give them away.

**The Newsletter Committee**

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Hidden in the puzzle below are fifteen fun activities sponsored by the Delaware Township Recreation Commission. Did you find them all?

SOLUTION:

CHILI BOWL, BINGO, EGG HUNT, SPORTS GEAR SWAP, KITE FEST, FISHING DERBY, PLANT SWAP, YARD SALE, PATRIOTS GAME, GREAT CRATE RACE, FIRE WORKS, BLOCK PARTY, TRACTOR PARADE, TREE LIGHTING, HOLIDAY DECORATING

