

Public Service Announcement

When: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Where: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company, Rt. 523

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

Terms Expiring 12/31/18: Sam Thompson, Alan Johnson

Local Vacancies: Two Township Committee positions

2018 Democrat Candidates:

Sam Thompson, Gary Brackenridge

2018 Republican Candidates:

Daniel Kwasnik, James Waltman

October 16th: Last Day to Register to Vote for November General Election.

Mail-in Balloting: Anyone can vote by mail for any reason. To receive the ballot by mail, the Mail-In Ballot application must be received in the County Clerk's office by October 30th.

You can vote by Mail-In Ballot in person at the County Clerk's Office at 71 Main Street in Flemington during regular office hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. There are extended hours for in-person voting and passport. Call (908) 788-1214 for more information. The deadline for returning a Civilian Mail-In Ballot Application in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office is Monday, November 5th by 3 p.m.

Voter registrations and Mail-In Ballot applications for both elections are available at the Township Building and online at www.njelections.org Under "Popular Downloads" (left side) click on Registration, Vote by Mail application, or Party Declaration form. When the list of counties comes up, click on Hunterdon County, and print. Mail the application to the Hunterdon County Clerk at P.O. Box 2900 Flemington, NJ 08822. Her office will mail you the actual ballot. You must complete the ballot and return it to her office by mail or in person.

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March on Litter 2018

Please join us on October 13 (second Saturday in October), rain or shine, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Delaware Township March on Litter! The March begins and ends at Dilts Park. Imagine 60 to 80 school-aged children, from grades 3 through 12 and beyond, getting up and out on a Saturday morning to pick up roadside litter. This is exactly what has happened for the last 25 years during the annual March on Litter! The students have picked up litter on different roads throughout the Township, ranging in length from 3 to 5 miles, for a total of about 20 miles.

Please join us! Adult chaperones are needed and can earn some sponsorship for their favorite organization – such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H groups, etc. Chaperones need to arrive at Dilts Park at 8:00 a.m. March on Litter shirts will be provided. Gloves and bags are also provided. Join us for a breakfast snack and pizza lunch!

If you cannot attend, but would like to clean your own road, contact us for a road kit, which includes much of the same stuff! If you have questions or want to participate. Contact: Kathy Klink, 609-397-3240, ext. 208 or kklink@delawaretwpnj.org

SVFC Events

The Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company **Breakfasts** will continue on the following Sundays from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m: October 21, November 18 and December 16 (*Breakfast with Santa*).

Fire Prevention Night: October 10th

Come out and meet your friendly Delaware Township volunteers. On Wednesday, October 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company, families can learn fire safety tips while enjoying activities, including: riding on a fire truck, touring the inside of an ambulance and meeting the search and rescue dogs!

The Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company is always looking for new members. They are seeking Firefighters, Junior Firefighters (16 & 17 years old), Fire Police, and Associate members who assist in non-firefighting functions. If you have an interest in joining in any capacity, please email chief@sergentsville.org or leave a message at 609-397-3369.

Meet Your Neighbor: Ros Westlake

by Mary Coffey

Ros Westlake is a woman of many talents. She is the youngest of four daughters born to a Canadian immigrant father and a mother from Rhode Island. The family wound up in Princeton, where Ros was born and raised. Ros majored in European Integration at American University in Washington D.C. and participated in Semester-At-Sea — four and a half months on a ship that circumnavigated the world with 11 ports of call.

After graduation, she got a job as a cook. Within six months she was head chef of the Rivers' Edge Café. Eventually, she realized that “she was not a brilliant chef, it was awfully hard work, and she would not be able to support herself on what she was earning.”

So she went back to school. She took the LSAT's and attended Rutgers School of Law in Newark, commuting to school during the day while cooking and catering at night and on weekends. After graduating, she clerked for the Hon. C. Judson Hamlin, J.S.C. and then got a job at a general practice firm in North Brunswick where she stayed for 18 years, transitioning from associate to full partner.

Eventually, Ros decided to strike out on her own. Her areas of practice include real estate, land use and zoning, municipal court, simple estate planning and her favorite: outside in-house council. There are lots of small companies that cannot afford an attorney on staff. Ros provides general corporate and small business support, ranging from assistance with contracts, buying and selling businesses, and guidance with employment issues. She liaises with other professionals such as insurance agents, accountants, patent attorneys and litigation counsel so that the business owner can focus on business. “I speak lawyer, and I speak client. My clients don't have to talk to the lawyers; I do it for them. They are relieved to have someone they trust handle the legal issues that come up.” She met husband Steve through the local chapter of the Porsche Club of America (PCA). They became acquainted when Steve got a couple of speeding tickets, and her Porsche mechanic, who was also Steve's Porsche mechanic, told Steve: “I know this lady who's a lawyer and goes to municipal court.” Several months after she got him off the hook in court, they began dating.

Ros got her first Porsche in 1997. She joined PCA and “did a track day,” that is, drove her car out on the racing track, to learn about high performance driving. She got hooked and has driven at New Jersey Motorsports Park, Pocono Raceway, Summit Point, Lime Rock, Road Atlanta and on the Nurburgring in Germany. She does not race against anyone--just goes out on the track with others of the same skill level to learn how to best drive their cars. Steve is more serious about his car habit. He got his first Porsche in 1987 and began racing the next year. He does

“sanctioned” (amateur) racing, where there are strict rules about the cars, and you race against others with similar types of cars in 30 minute Sprint Races or 90 minute Enduro Races. “It's like a real live car race.” Ros is Steve's crew chief.

Tired of living in Princeton, they married and moved to Delaware Township in 2004. Steve has a son and daughter, from a previous marriage and Ros and Steve are now delighted grandparents to a five-year-old granddaughter and a five-month old grandson.

They live on a 13-acre property with their three cats, Zoe, Sam and Wendy. Their house, originally built around 1860, burned to the ground in 1939 but was rebuilt on the original foundation in the early 1940's. Ros and Steve have made some renovations. The kitchen, completely redone, is state-of-the-art, as befits a former chef. They also had the patio and stone retaining walls built to take advantage of the lovely view. “We used all local contractors to do the work, because we believe in supporting our community. It was worth it; they did a beautiful job.”

Ros is very involved with the community. She is Chair of both the Open Space Committee and Planning Board. Ros is also a founding member of the Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline and a Trustee of HALT—Penneast. She bakes carrot cakes and makes the Hospice Dinner desserts for the Sergeantsville Inn. When the Inn burned several years ago, she and her husband started the “Go Fund Me” page, because “You wouldn't have Sergeantsville without the Sergeantsville Inn. It had to be saved...”

Ros and Steve love it here. “We've been here 14 years now and we would never look back.”

Shredder Day: Sept. 15

On Saturday, September 15, from 8am to 11am, at the Township garage on Rte 523, Delaware Township is providing “shredder day” for Township residents. The shredder, to be made available for **residential use**, accommodates sizeable quantities of documents. Assure Shred uses a Pierce-and-Tear shredding system. This system tears the paper at the fiber instead of cutting it. This results in a random and more secure shred size than standard strip-cut shredders. Certificates of destruction are issued to every client certifying that the materials have been completely destroyed. If you wish, you may also view the shredding process through a closed-circuit monitor mounted on the truck.

NO need to removed staples, paperclips, or small fasteners. Please do not bring materials to be shredded in plastic wrap or plastic bags.

Limit: 10 boxes per vehicle.

8th Grade Citizenship Winning Essay

By Maya Fetzer

Editor's Note: The Township Committee sponsors an annual essay contest. In January, 8th graders visited the Town Hall to learn about Township government from our employees. –SDL

Before the class had traveled down to the Town Hall in January, I was unaware of the amount of effort and dedication that it takes to run our small community. From collecting taxes to designing our neighborhoods, there are so many things that the township does that I was either unaware of or didn't think were such grueling jobs.

From the start of the town, the people working in the Town Hall have been able to keep the town running and growing, but one of their most important jobs is to stop the town from growing. Before going down to the Town Hall, I had never heard of open space, and now after the trip, I understand its importance and how protecting it helps our community in many different ways.

When we went down to the Town Hall, there were many different things that we were taught, but the main thing I learned about was open space. Before going down to the Town Hall, I had always known that we had large amounts of fields and open, grassy spaces in our community, but I never knew why nothing was being done with them. I always had thought that we should be building houses on those spaces because that would be the best thing for our community. Then, we went down to the Town Hall and were taught about open space. I learned that Delaware Township protects open space for many different reasons. First, it is good for the environment to have open spaces without houses on them. The more houses there are, the more pollution there will be. Next, the more houses we build, the more our taxes will go up.

The first time I heard this, it didn't make sense. If we had more people, it would make sense for our taxes to be less, but the more people that come in make more people in our schools. The taxes that they pay do not outbalance that. Susan D. Lockwood explained that cows don't go to school, people do, and that's why open space is better than building houses. After traveling down to the Town Hall, I now know many different things about Delaware Township. Before, I thought it didn't take much to run our small town, but now I know that it takes lots of planning and decision making to allow a town, even one that is small like ours, to function properly. The Town Hall and the people who work there do many things. They collect taxes, design our neighborhoods, manage our recycling, plan recreational events, and organize and execute everything else that needs to be done to make sure that our town is in the best condition it can be. One of the main jobs that the Town Hall has that I learned about was managing open space. Without open space and the work that the people at the Town Hall put in every day, Delaware Township would not be the quaint, historic, picturesque place that we can all call home.

Pipeline Update

Over the summer, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) posted a public notice asking for comments on its review process for pipelines. The Township's Pipeline Subcommittee compiled a list of several concerns resulting from its experience with the review of the PennEast pipeline.

The Subcommittee commented on the way that pipeline need is assessed without consideration for actual energy need within the State; the fact that FERC allows the pipeline applicant to compile its own environmental impact statement (EIS) and also to select the review company for the EIS; the fact that many materials, including important maps, are not made readily available to residents, although FERC's rules say they should be; the concern that many comments on crucial issues like the possible contamination of residents' wells do not receive adequate responses, and a response to a concern of such magnitude should not be easily dismissed by FERC; and that public hearing opportunities should not be limited by the size of the hearing venue nor should they be conducted behind closed doors by commenters talking into a tape recorder.

It is unclear what may result from the comments, but the Subcommittee felt it is important to take every opportunity to express dissatisfaction with the pipeline review process.

Additionally, the Township, other municipalities, Hunterdon County, and State of NJ continue the legal fight against PennEast's proposed eminent domain seizure of local property.

Updates on Township Initiatives

The long overdue refresh of the Township website is nearing completion. As an additional benefit, website support costs will decrease from \$4000 per year to less than \$1500 per year.

The new website will contain Township ordinances integrated into one, cross-referenced document in a searchable format providing residents with more transparency about the rules that govern the Township.

Regular road maintenance is back on track. Maintaining approximately 16 miles of roads each year ensures that all 80 miles of Township roads will receive routine maintenance every 5 years.

Finally, while the Township had hoped to complete the last section of sidewalk in Sergeantsville for the Delaware Township School evacuation route, because Sergeantsville is a Historic District, the proposed sidewalk needs review by multiple state agencies, which is taking longer than anticipated.

Thanks to those residents who contacted the Township with suggestions, advice, and requests.

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church Celebrates 200 Years

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church, located at 47 Sandy Ridge Road will be celebrating its bicentennial on October 20th and 21st. Periodically we must take a look back to rediscover how our church came into being, what its early ministry was like, and how it has grown and changed over the years. Our celebration will give individual members and community the opportunity to tell and hear stories of the past and present days of the church and what the future might hold.

The congregation dates its beginnings to 1812. The Reverend Charles Bartolette was the first pastor. In the early years services were held in individual homes. The congregation increased in numbers and in 1817 it was decided to build a building. In selecting the site for the meeting house, it was for a time unsettled; everyone wanted it located nearest to them.

Finally it was agreed upon to build it on a beautiful ridge in New Jersey between the towns of Sergeantsville and Stockton, in what is now Delaware Township. David Butterfoss and Parritt Vandolah furnished grounds for church and cemetery purposes, for nominal sums. Parritt Vandolah with his own hands dug the first grave in the cemetery for Rebecca Doyle.

The first primitive meeting house was erected in the summer of 1817 and opened for worship in January, 1818. On October 24th, 1818 a church was formed with 19 members from other churches and became Sandy Ridge Baptist Church. Two people Samuel R. Hunt and Joseph Britain were baptized on October 25th, 1818. Father Bartolette preached every other Sunday until 1832. The building served its purpose until 1866 when it was taken down and the present house erected in its place. It was dedicated on November 27, 1867. From Rev. Charles Bartolette to current Pastor John Valiant, 34 men have served as Pastors.

Sandy Ridge is a rural church situated near a wooded area and away from towns. The exquisite rock exterior is still as beautiful and grand today as it was when it was built nearly 200 years ago. Northwest of the church is the cemetery where many loved ones are buried. The church has been home for generations of families that have worshipped here.

On October 20/21st an event will commemorate 200 years of service to the community. Follow us on Facebook @ SandyRidgeCommunityAmericanBaptistChurch.

The Ice Rink Cometh!

Stay tuned for information on the Township's portable ice rink when temperatures cooperate!

For updates on all Township activities, check the website: www.delawaretwpnj.org

Well Water Test Kits Available

The Delaware Township Environmental Commission and the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) are co-sponsoring a community well-testing program for homeowners to test their drinking water for chemical and biological contaminants. Water test kits will be available for purchase at the Town hall from September 10th to September 18th.

To purchase a test kit, you must use a check (no cash) payable to the Raritan Headwaters Association and return your filled sample containers and completed paperwork to the Township Building on Wednesday, September 19th between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 am. Test results are confidential; however the Township receives a generic notice about the findings so that it can act if it appears that a public health concern exists.

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

Basic kits test for total and fecal coliform bacteria, and nitrate levels and cost \$60. Other tests are available for additional fees: Lead-\$25; Volatile Organics (62 chemicals)-\$95; Arsenic-\$35; Pesticides (18 chemicals)-\$135; Radon-\$50; Iron-\$15; Manganese-\$15; and Gross Alpha (radioactive contaminants)-\$80.

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

For more information about RHA's well test program, please call Mara Tippet from the Raritan Headwaters Association at (908) 234-1852 ext. 401 or e-mail to welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org.

Dog/Cat License Renewals

The license renewal period runs January 1, 2019 thru February 28, 2019.

Applications must be received between Jan. 1st and postmarked before Feb. 28TH. (NOT BEFORE JANUARY 1ST). There is also a drop off box at the police station next to brick walkway available 24/7 before Feb. 28th. Applications can be found on the Township website, the Police station (8am to 3pm), and at the free rabies clinic December 1st, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Township garage. March 1, 2019 late charges will be added. No exceptions.

If you have tenants on your property please let them know their dogs and cats need licenses.

For more information on joining the Lambertville-New Hope Ambulance and Rescue Squad or banquet rental inquiries, please call (609) 397-0945 or visit www.lnhars.org

St. Baldrick's Fund Raiser

On September 30, 2018 Sergeantsville Fire Company will host the 6th Annual St. Baldrick's Head-Shaving Event and Auction from noon to 5 p.m. Six years ago when asked about our goal for our first event, I prayed that we would be able to raise a much needed \$5,000 for lifesaving childhood cancer research. Today, I am proud to announce that with great support from Delaware Township residents and our surrounding community, our annual events have raised in excess of \$272,000 and have funded four promising new research projects. We are making a difference in the lives of children battling cancer! But we are not done yet. A child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes and one in every five in the U.S. will not survive. In a six hour school day, 36 children are lost and the lives of 36 families will never be the same.

I hope this is the year that you get involved in our quest to take childhood back from cancer. We need volunteers to shave their heads and seek donations from family, friends and co-workers. Those who "brave the shave" stand in solidarity with children in treatment who typically lose their hair. Children shouldn't have to fight cancer alone. Hair is not important! But if shaving is not for you there are many other ways to show your support. Each year our family-friendly event hosts live and silent auctions. If you own a business, please consider donating an item for auction.

If life has been good, please consider making a monetary donation to someone who is shaving or to the event in general. If you believe in the cause but not in baldness, register as a volunteer and fundraise for St. Baldrick's. And if nothing else, please mark your calendar, attend the event, and bid on our amazing auction items. The event includes children's activities, lunch counter, bake sale, fire truck rides, the auctions, a DJ, speakers and the opportunity to meet some of our brave little heroes and hear the stories of their battles. Their stories are truly inspiring and your involvement will inspire them. Events like ours deliver fun and unforgettable moments, but its true value is hope.

To register to shave or volunteer or to donate using credit card please visit www.StBaldricks.org/events/SVFC. For answers to questions about St. Baldrick's and our local event or to arrange pick up of donations for the auction, please contact Event Organizer, Linda Swackhamer at 908.303.4910 or email at gramswack@gmail.com.

For more information on joining the Flemington-Raritan First Aid and Rescue Squad please call (908) 782-6103 or visit www.frfars.org

Locktown Stone Church Concert Series

The Friends of the Locktown Stone Church is pleased to announce its Fall 2018 Mimi Conklin Upmeyer Concert Series. The Fall concert series is a wonderful way to showcase the beautiful acoustics of the Locktown Stone Church as well as the wonderful job that is being done in preserving this gem in the middle of Delaware Township. Proceeds from the concert series as well as donations go to further fund preservation efforts.

Built in 1819 by the Old School Baptist Congregation of Hunterdon County, the church is a fine example of Federal vernacular architecture that has earned it a place on the National Register of Historic Places. The former church is available to groups and individuals for meetings and appropriate events such as weddings, poetry readings, and concerts.

Sunday October 21: We welcome back a baroque trio we had at the Locktown Stone Church several years ago, Ensemble Sebastian. This ensemble features Eve Friedman (baroque Flute), Eve Miller (baroque cello), and Marcia Kravis (harpsichord).

Sunday October 28: We will have City Winds Trio joining us again, after 7 years. This award-winning ensemble, formed in 2001, has performed in more than 100 chamber music series on the East Coast. The Trio features Crispian Fordham (flute), Meredyth Coleman (oboe), and Yuki Highashi (bassoon).

Sunday November 4th: We welcome Matt King (keyboard) and Bill Ware (Vibraphone) Jazz Duo. This is Bill & Matt's first time performing at the Locktown Stone Church.

Our concerts are at 4:00pm on Sundays, and typically last one hour. Light refreshments are served after each concert, during which time attendees may speak with the artists. Tickets are \$15 per person per concert, or \$40 per person for all 3 concerts. Student admission is \$5 per concert with I.D. card. For further information, please email flsconcerts@gmail.com, or call (908) 996-3087.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through funds administered by the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission. Funding has also been received from the Large Foundation.

Community Day: Oct.6

The Township will be holding Community Day on the afternoon of Saturday Oct. 6 at Dilts Park. See the Township website for more information.



Community Calendar

Township Offices closed:

September 3 - Labor Day
October 8 - Columbus Day
November 22 - Thanksgiving Day

Township Committee: 7:30 p.m. 2nd & last Monday - 9/10, 9/24, 10/9, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26

Planning Board: 7:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday - 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4

Board of Health: 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday - 9/5, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3

Open Space Committee: 7:30 p.m. 3rd Monday - 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17

Agricultural Advisory Committee: 7:00 p.m. 1st Tuesday - 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4

Board of Adjustment: 7:30 p.m. 2nd Thursday - 9/13, 10/11, 11/8

Recreation Commission: 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday - 9/10, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3

Environmental Commission: 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday - 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday - 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6

Shade Tree Commission: 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday - 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 12/27

Historic Advisory Committee: 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday - 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

Newsletter Committee: Quarterly

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

Free Rabies Clinic: Dec. 1st 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

Location: Public Works Department 816 Sergeantsville Road.

Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Three (3) year rabies vaccination for pets 1 year old and over, 1-year vaccination for pets under a year old.

PLEASE check your rabies certificates to see if your pet needs a vaccination. In order to be licensed, rabies certificates cannot expire before Nov. 1, 2019. (For example, if your rabies certificate expires 8/16/19 your pet needs to be vaccinated before you can receive the license). If you cannot attend the December 1st Clinic, contact the Hunterdon County Health Department at 908-788-1351 or visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/rabiesclinics.html> to learn about free clinic dates offered by other municipalities.

Recreation Commission Activities

Adult and Teen Recreation

Pending Delaware Township Board of Education approval, beginning October 2nd in the DTS cafeteria and/or gym and continuing through March 2019, Delaware Township residents will have the following recreational opportunities for adults only on adult nights and for teens on teen nights:

Adult Co-Ed soccer: Monday nights 7 to 10 p.m.

Adult Men's basketball: Tuesday and Thursday nights 7 to 10 p.m.

Adult Co-Ed volleyball: Wednesday nights 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Teen Co-Ed volleyball or basketball: Friday nights 7 to 9 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome! There are no activities when school functions are scheduled and/or when school is closed for holidays, early dismissals, or inclement weather. Check www.dtsk8.org for a calendar of scheduled closings.

Each adult sport group should provide two contact names and phone numbers for notification in the case of a cancelled activity. Parents of participating teens must take turns chaperoning teen activities. If there are no chaperones, this activity will be cancelled. Please send contact names and phone numbers for adult activities and teen chaperone names and phone numbers to Brian Sulewski at 908-500-8981. Chaperone info must be provided prior to scheduled Friday nights.

Holiday Decorating Contest

This year's Holiday Decorating Contest is back by popular demand! Restaurant gift certificates are awarded to the Grand Prize winner and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishers. Entrants must register no later than December 10th by calling 609-397-3240 Ext. 205 or emailing deltwprec@gmail.com.

Judging will take place on Monday, December 17th. If inclement weather is forecast for that night, judging will instead take place on Sunday, December 16th. Turn on lights between 6 and 9 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Senior Citizens

Meetings are at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company. For membership info, call President Sandra Krahling at 609-397-0145. For trip information call Dotie Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097. **Meetings:** All meetings (except December) start at 1:00. September 5, October 3, November 7 and include the following special features:

Sept 5: Speaker from the U.S. Post Inspector's office to talk about mail fraud.

October 3: Pete Becker on guitar and vocals

November 7: Hunterdon Seniors Chorus

December 5: Meet at **12:00 Noon** for Christmas Party with Frankie M.

Trip: Tuesday, October 9: To Penn's Peak Theater in Jim Thorpe, Penn, to see The Four Freshmen. Bus departs at 9am, arriving at 11:30am for lunch and the show. Bus arrives home at about 5:00pm to 5:30pm. \$46 for Delaware Township Senior Group members and \$51 for guests.

Nature Notes: Bamboo Too, Two...

by Prof. Roger R. Locandro

I wrote recently about the bamboo problem in our township. Another Delaware Township resident plant is not a real bamboo but is sometimes called by that name. You have all seen it. Pull into the parking lot of St. Agnes Church and the old school in Stockton and you will see it straight ahead. It is *Polygonum cuspidatum*, also known as knotweed or Japanese bamboo (and more recently given the Latin name *Fallopia japonica*). Fully grown, the stalks resemble sugar cane or corn but they are not related.

Japanese bamboo ranks as one of the most persistent, pervasive, complex, invasive plants in North America. It arrived around 1890 from Japan. Nurserymen and beekeepers helped it spread rapidly across the northern half of the U.S. and throughout Canada partly because of its high nectar secretion. It is highly evolved, with separate female and male plants. The dioecious plant blooms in the fall. The flowers on the male plants stand up; those on the female plants drape down.

Japanese bamboo honey is prized by some. In the early spring the young shoots are edible, tasting good as part of a rhubarb pie. The plant is related to rhubarb as well as buckwheat. Pie might be the only effective way to get rid of it. The plant has the ability to deactivate some herbicides, and excavation is sometimes self-defeating, just stimulating further growth. I've also seen it bore through four inches of asphalt. Let us know if and when you find a good way to eradicate or even control it --

Church Corner

Amwell Church of the Brethren

40 Sandbrook Headquarters Rd, Stockton, NJ

Tel: 609-397-4842

Web: www.amwell.org

Sunday School at 9:15 am; Worship service at 10:15 am

Sept.: Wednesday night bible study resumes at 7:00 pm: we continue through the book of Acts.

Sept.: Friday night youth group resumes at 7:00 pm, always something new happening!

Sept. 28-29: Busy Bee Fall rummage sale, 9 am-1 pm. Bag day on Saturday.

Oct. 28: We will be celebrating our 285th anniversary! Our church was founded in 1733!

Nov. 21: Join us for our Thanksgiving eve service @7:00 pm. Come and count your blessings!

Visit us on the web at www.amwell.org and listen on Sunday morning @ 7:30 am on WDVR89.7fm to a previous week's message. Questions? Call 609-397-4842

Cornerstone Christian Church

226 Locktown-Sergeantsville Rd, Stockton, NJ

Tel: 908-237-5227

Web: www.ccc-hc.org

Email: pastor-keith@ccc.hc.org

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

47 Sandy Ridge Road, Stockton, NJ

Tel: 609-397-0371

Email: sandyridgechurchnj@gmail.com

Facebook: Sandy Ridge Community American Baptist Church Sunday

Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School will start up again Sept. 9th. All ages welcome during the worship service.

Bible Study starting Sept 19th and then every Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 20: Sandy Ridge Church 200th Anniversary at 1:00 p.m. Anyone with memories or photos they'd like to add to our celebration please contact the church. See our Facebook page for updates. Kira Ministries will be our Saturday evening entertainment.

Trunk or Treat

The Recreation Commission will host, on the Sergeantsville Green, a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 28th following the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company parade and party. To enter a decorated or themed vehicle, email deltwprec@gmail.com or call 609-397-3240 Ext. 205. All welcome – come in costume!

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Word Find: What's in a Name? Answers

How many words can you build using the letters in our township name – Delaware?

Scoring: 15 = Good, 22 = Excellent, 30 or more = Expert

Answers: alar, alder, alee, area, award, aware, awed, dale, dare, deal, dealer, dear, deer, dele, draw, drawee, drawl, drew, eared, earl, elder, ewer, lade, lard, lead, leader, leer, leeward, lewd, rale, read, real, reed, reel, wade, wader, wale, ward, ware, wear, weed, weld, welder, were.

Give yourself a point for any additional words you may have found.

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The Newsletter Committee

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2015 Homestead Benefit Credit

Tax Collector Danene Gooding announced that the 2015 Homestead Benefit Credit (second half) will be credited on the 4th quarter Nov. 2018 tax bills. An adjusted bill will be sent out.

Please call 1-888-238-1233 for questions about the benefit. Only residents who were entitled to this benefit will get adjusted bills. Thank you.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. is a local, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency serving Hunterdon County residents 60 years of age and older. Donations from participants in the programs are combined with federal, state, and local funding to provide services. All donations are confidential and voluntary. No eligible person will be denied service due to the inability to make a donation.

Home Delivered Nutrition: Delivers a nutritionally-based meal (one-third of the Recommended Daily Allowance) and an assurance check each weekday (M-F) between the hours of 11:00 am to 1:00pm to the homebound seniors of Hunterdon County.

Weekend Home Delivered Meals: Offers two nutritionally balanced cold meals for weekend consumption delivered on Fridays between the hours of 11: am to 1:00 pm to the homebound senior of Hunterdon County.

To register for programs in Delaware Township, call 908-284-0735 or email info@mowih.org