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1ST EDITION

We are excited to welcome you to our first newsletter!

The aim of this newsletter is to give residents in our community up to date information on the services that the Delaware Township Trustee's Office provides, upcoming events, food pantry needs, and any other pertinent local news.

We hope that you find this newsletter useful! Feel free to email us with any news or community events that you think we might like to include in our next edition. Email your suggestions to: kaylee@delawaretownship.net.

OUR VISION

The Vision of the Delaware Township Trustee is to: provide a place for the community of Delaware Township to congregate at no or nominal cost for the purpose of promoting family, economic development and the fostering of social good will; administer township & pantry assistance in a timely, dignified and courteous manner; offer good public service with a staff that is efficient and courteous and willing to go the extra distance to see the needs of the public are met; care for all township property through wise, efficient and conservative use of tax dollars; develop programs & services to meet changing needs of the citizens of Delaware Township; and to present this office as an example of why grassroots government should continue.

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TRUSTEE DEBBIE DRISKELL RECEIVES THE SAGAMORE OF THE WABASH



Pictured: Delaware Township Trustee's Office Staff, Trustee Debbie Driskell and her family.

At the start of this year, Delaware Township Trustee Debbie Driskell received the Sagamore of the Wabash on February 7th, 2023. The Sagamore of the Wabash is the "highest honor bestowed by a sitting Governor of Indiana. It is a personal tribute usually presented to persons who have rendered a distinguished service to the State or the sitting governor."

Debbie Driskell has served as the Delaware Township Trustee since 1991 and is the Executive Director of the Indiana Township Association. During her time in office, she has made great strides and advocated for the necessity of grassroots government.

'PACK SANTA'S SLEIGH' FOOD DRIVE 2022

In December 2022, the Trustee's Office hosted a holiday food drive that ran from December 1st until December 22nd. The community donated 4,477 pounds, which is 477 pounds more than in December of 2021! Regency Windsor Management had the largest donation; 841 pounds. The Trustee's Office was pleased to present them with an award to commemorate this achievement and recognize Regency Windsor Management as an 'Outstanding Community Partner' and the winner of our 'Pack Santa's Sleigh' Holiday Food Drive. With this donation and others, the food pantry served 375 people in December.



Pictured: (left to right) Sara White, Marie Feil, Sheena Cummings, Trustee Debbie Driskell, and Kaylee Edwards

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MOST NEEDED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

Our office accepts donations Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm.

Our food pantry always needs:

- **Any nonperishable items**
 - peanut butter & jelly
 - canned meats
 - rice, canned beans, dried beans
 - pasta & pasta sauce
 - oats, oatmeal, pancake mix
 - canned fruit & vegetables
 - canned meals
 - personal hygiene items
 - canned fruit, snacks, crackers

See regularly updated food pantry needs on our website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

Donate using our Amazon Wishlist!



INTERESTED IN HOLDING A FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR PANTRY?

Call or email us for more information. We would love to partner with you!

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2022 FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS

We have a donation based food pantry that serves residents of HSE School District (Delaware, Fall Creek, Wayne township)

In 2022, our pantry usage increased by 66%. We served more than 200 families and provided over 91,000 pounds of food to people in need!

During 2022, you donated 44,462 lbs of food compared to 26,463 lbs in 2021! With your continued donations, we can keep serving our community in 2023!



PB & J FOOD DRIVE

April 2nd is National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day. To celebrate, the whole month of April, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. Our pantry is currently running low on jelly especially. Our food pantry is available for use by all HSE school district residents. On average, we serve 30 - 40 families per week! With inflation costs, the number of people in need keeps increasing. Actively help a fellow member of your community by donating today!

Help us combat food insecurity in 2023!

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UPCOMING MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES

For more dates, go to: gsnlive.org

**APR
5th**

Fishers

Date: Wednesday, April 5th

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Grace Fishers Church, 12450 Olio Rd. Fishers, IN 46037

**APR
6th**

Sheridan

Date: Thursday, April 6th

Time: 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: 1545 W. 226th St, Sheridan, IN 46069

**APR
12th**

Fishers

Date: Wednesday, April 12th

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Northview Church Fishers Campus, 14842 E. 136th St, Fishers, IN 46037

**APR
19th**

Fishers

Date: Wednesday, April 19th

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Grace Fishers Church, 12450 Olio Rd. Fishers, IN 46037

**APR
21st**

Carmel

Date: Friday, April 21st

Time: 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Location: 621 S. Rangeline Rd, Carmel, IN 46032

**APR
26th**

Fishers

Date: Wednesday, April 26th

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Northview Church Fishers Campus, 14842 E. 136th St, Fishers, IN 46037

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VIRTUAL TOUR AND PHOTOS

Delaware Township's website now has a virtual tour of the community center as well as updated pictures that were taken this past summer. Go to the 'Virtual Tour' tab under the 'Facility Rental' page on Delaware Township's website to check out this cool new feature!

To see the new community center photos, go to 'Facility Rental' then click 'Photo Gallery' to see all the amenities the community center has to offer!

BUILDING INFORMATION

The Delaware Township Community Center was built in 2009. The idea to build a community center came from Trustee Debbie Driskell; she wanted to build a place for the community to congregate at no or nominal cost for the purpose of promoting family, economic development and the fostering of social good will.

The building is a fully accessible facility with space suitable for wedding receptions, reunions, club or business meetings, conferences, or workshops. The 4600 sq. ft. banquet room can be subdivided, allowing usage of one, two, or all three spaces. The spacious lobby may be reserved for pre-function activities. Tables and chairs, public Wi-Fi, ample parking and a residential-grade kitchen are provided for your use. There are no restrictions on catering. Alcohol is allowed with permission and agreement of our written policy.

There is a large catering kitchen available for rental, equipped with warming ovens, as well as a commercial refrigerator and ice machine. Please contact our office for additional information and a rate quote which is dependent upon your needs.

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT NEED A SPACE TO MEET?

Delaware Township Community Center is dedicated to providing local nonprofits with a space to meet. If your nonprofit needs a space to host a fundraiser, have training etc., call or email us to inquire about renting our community center.

Our community center regularly hosts several nonprofit groups, including: Versiti, Heart & Soul Mobile Clinic, Youth Mentoring and Fishers Youth Assistance Program, to name a few.

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MEDICAL MUTTS OUR FEATURED NONPROFIT FOR APRIL

Medical Mutts is a nonprofit dedicated to training rescue dogs as service dogs. They do not breed service dogs but get their dogs from local shelters. This is part of their mission to show that shelter dogs can make excellent service dogs.

On December 13th, 2022 and February 20th, 2023 Medical Mutts utilized Delaware Township Community Center to hold three separate Service Dog Graduation Celebrations.

UPCOMING GRADUATION

The next group of service dogs will be graduating on April 18th at 6:00 pm at Delaware Township Community Center. Learn how these dogs went from rescue dog to service dog, see a demonstration of their skills, and help cheer on their new service dog teams.

The graduation is free of charge and open to the public.

This is an event you won't want to miss!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you want to help Medical Mutts mission, they are looking for people to volunteer, foster, and adopt. Medical Mutts also accepts donations.

One in four dogs that Medical Mutts pulls from a shelter becomes a service dog. The other dogs are adopted out. Check out their Petfinder page to learn more about the wonderful dogs they have up for adoption: <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/in/indianapolis/medical-mutts-in713/>

Contact sandi@medicalmutts.com if you are interested in helping Medical Mutts or want more information.



*You're
Invited*

**SERVICE DOG
GRADUATION**

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Delaware Township
Community Center
9094 E. 131st St.
Fishers, IN

No charge!
Light refreshments provided

Sponsored by Delaware Township Trustee,
Hoosier Beard Alliance, Geico, GJ Insurance,
Rubyloo, and Tito's

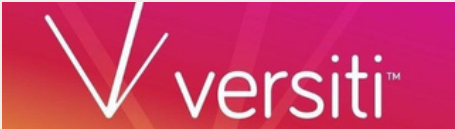
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SENIOR EUCHRE

Every Friday at 1pm, Delaware Township Government Center hosts a senior euchre group. It only costs one dollar to join and all seniors are welcome! No need to sign up or register.

Come join a friendly group, they are always looking for new members!



VERSITI JOB FAIR

On April 20th, Versiti is hosting a job fair at Delaware Township Community Center. The Associate Talent Acquisition Recruiter from Versiti said the following regarding the job fair, "No phlebotomy experience required; we train! Walk in's welcome, registration encouraged —apply via Versiti.org/careers. Come prepared with your resume and dress to impress! Offers will be made SAME DAY!".

For further information, please contact Versiti directly.

FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSES

Delaware Township Trustee's Office is partnering with North Point Community Credit Union to provide financial literacy courses at Delaware Township Government Center. A financial advisor will give information on how to manage your money and offer the option to work with an advisor to assist in making a budget that works for you and your expenses. The date has not been set for this class yet.

To show your interest and get put on the sign-up list, email beth@delawaretownship.net, or call Delaware Township Trustee's Office.

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HEART & SOUL MOBILE CLINIC

Heart & Soul Mobile Clinic is a free health clinic that provides medical care for individuals without health insurance or who are underinsured in Hamilton county and the surrounding areas. The mobile clinic comes to the Delaware Township Community Center parking lot once per month during Spring to Autumn.

The clinic will next be at Delaware Township Community Center on April 17th, 2023. Most of the clinics are by appointment only. For more dates or to schedule an appointment, call (317) 804-5782 or go to heartandsoulclinic.org.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

[Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer with our food pantry?](#)

The Delaware Township food pantry participates in the annual National Association of Letter Carrier's postal food drive which requires 33,000 bags to be folded and stapled. Spend a couple of hours at the Trustee's office folding or stapling to get your volunteer hours!

Call or email Delaware Township Trustee's Office to arrange a time or for more information!



Uninsured

Need to see a doctor?

Heart & Soul Mobile Clinic

coming to

Fishers

April 17th, May 15th, June 19th and July 10th

Call 317-804-5782
to schedule appointment

sponsored by Delaware Township Trustee
Questions email beth@delawaretownship.net



