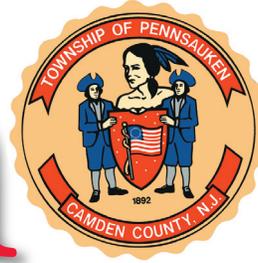


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Veterans Honored In Pennsauken This Month

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In recognition of Veterans Day, several events in Pennsauken this month honor those in our community that served our country in the armed forces.

Veterans Day Service At AMVETS Post

Members of VFW Post 1270 and AMVETS Post 101 will be holding a Veterans Day service on Monday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m., at AMVETS Post 101, located at 519 June Rd., in the Delair section of Pennsauken. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

County Veterans Day Ceremony On November 10

The Camden County Board of Freeholders, in conjunction with the Camden County Veterans Advisory Committee, cordially invite veterans and members of the community to attend a special ceremony to honor its men and women, past and present, who have faithfully served our nation.

Camden County's annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1:00 p.m., at Veterans Island at Cooper River Park on North Park Drive in Pennsauken.

For more information, contact the Office of Veterans Affairs at (856) 374-5801.

Veterans Ceremony At Pennsauken High School

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Pennsauken Celebrates The Holidays With Parade, Special Events



The arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus during Pennsauken's annual Holiday Parade, held this year on Saturday, Nov. 30, helps to officially kick off this special time of year.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A few days after Thanksgiving, Pennsauken Township kicks off the holiday season with a variety of annual traditions. A series of parades, community events, and most importantly, the town's annual initiative to help those in need during the holidays, make this a special time of year in Pennsauken.

Pennsauken's 39th Annual Holiday Parade Held November 30

The 39th annual Pennsauken Holiday Parade marches down Westfield Ave. at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30. This perennial favorite for children of all ages features fire engines, holiday-themed floats, musical entertainment, and a special visit

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Pennsauken Connects Companies And Job Seekers

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On Sept. 27, several dozen people flowed in and out of Living Faith Christian Center for Pennsauken's sixth annual job fair. The many qualified applicants who attended impressed the over two dozen local companies who were actively looking to hire.

"The companies that participated in the job fair expressed how impressed they were with the number of quality candidates they spoke with last month," explains Larry Cardwell, a member of Pennsauken Township's Economic Development Department.

Steady flows of people came in and out of one of the meeting halls at Living Faith Christian Center, speaking with compa-



Over two dozen local businesses participated in the sixth annual Pennsauken Job Fair. Many companies stated that they found quality candidates during the event.

nies like Accu Staffing Services, a full service local staffing company, as well as St. John of God Community Services, an organization serving children and adults with

special needs since 1965.

"The town's annual job fair is a great example of municipal government, commu-
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Browning Road Senior Club

The Browning Road Senior Club invites local seniors to come and meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Meetings are held at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 Route 130, Pennsauken at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments are served; there will be a short meeting followed by BINGO. For more information, call Pat at (609) 790-6760.

Half Century Jets

This senior group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia's School Hall, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. For more information, call (856) 662-2721.

Senior Stroll

Go the distance with the St. Peter Development team as they jog, run, walk, or stroll around Cooper River Park in their first annual "Senior Stroll," held Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Vista Deck at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Pre-registration is \$25 per person; \$30 on the day of the event. Proceeds from the "Senior Stroll" will benefit St. Peter Parish in Merchantville. For more information, e-mail Bobbie Bradley at stpeterseniorministry@gmail.com or call (856) 662-7577.

Hoagie Sale

AMVETS Post 101 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a hoagie sale on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 519 June Rd. in Delair. The sale be-

gins at 11:00 a.m. until all hoagies are gone. American, tuna, and turkey hoagies are available for just \$5 a piece. For more information, call (856) 663-8950.

Fall Fair

Grace Episcopal Church, 7 E. Maple Ave., Merchantville, is holding a fall fair on Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featuring large basket raffle, vendors, baked goods, deli table, Santa's secret shop with balloon twisting and face painting, train display, and more. Come have lunch and win a basket! Vendor tables are available for \$25. For more information, contact Norma Bush at (856) 630-0724.

Basket Raffle

Athene Chapter #201 O.E.S. of New Jersey is hosting a basket raffle on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Donations are \$15. A sheet of tickets and dessert buffet included with donation. For more information, call Eva at (856) 662-2118.

PASA

The Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken. PASA works to increase community

awareness about substance abuse, as well as provide prevention programs. The public is invited to attend.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., in the second floor meeting room of the Pennsauken Police Department, 4800 Bethel Ave. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daugh-

ter of a veteran are welcome to join.

Comedy Night

VFW Post 1270, 2324 Penn St., Pennsauken, is hosting a comedy night on Saturday, Nov. 16, 6:00 p.m. The event features a beef and beer dinner, followed by a 90-minute comedy show featuring the hilarious John Kensil and Mike Egan. Tickets are \$25 in advance and can be purchased by calling (856) 317-9081.

PHS All Years Alumni Lunch Get Together

PHS Alumni from all years are invited to a monthly lunch at the Penn Queen Diner, 7349 Rt. 130, Pennsauken. This month's lunch is on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Norma at (856) 220-5597.

Class Of '84 Reunion

Pennsauken High School's Class of

1984 is holding its 35th class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 30, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., at Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Had-donfield Rd. Featuring a buffet, open bar, DJ all night, and 50/50. The cost is \$75 per person. Purchase tickets by PayPal at [PAYPAL.ME/PHS1984](https://www.paypal.com/PHS1984). Checks made payable to "PHS Class of 1984" or money orders can be mailed to Jill Mor-sillo, 53 Anderson Ave., Bellmawr, N.J. 08031. Deadline for payment is Nov. 12. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

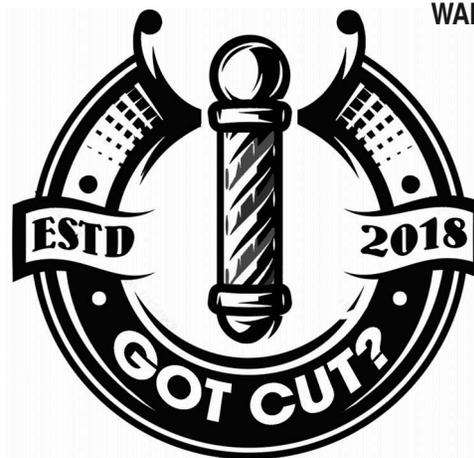
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Monday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)
Thursday, Nov. 28, and
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MAYOR'S CORNER Some Things Change And Some Things Stay The Same

CORNER



By Betsy McBride,
Mayor of
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Township

First, I want to say thank you to all the people who put together the new style Harvest Festival. This wonderful community event and celebration of the 50th anniversary of Woodstock was "groovy." I had a great picture taken there and I couldn't wait to share it as my profile picture for this month's article! I'm not going to lie; I really did want to have a VW bus back in the day. I could've scared a few kids with that costume at the Township Haunted Hayride, held at its new location at the Country Club and a "spooky" success, thanks to our great staff.

As we turn the calendar page again, I look forward to the traditions and mem-

ories that bring us home to Pennsauken to celebrate with family and friends in November. Of course, food comes to mind first. My mouth is watering for my favorite dishes and nibbles. But it's more than that, right?

November is a month to "re-member," to bring back as a "member" of the family those people and traditions we miss or disregard at other times of the year. We all have at least one person whose memory makes our heart ache. Let's get out some pictures and bring them back into the room for just a little while. They are with us and make us feel special. Some of us will visit graves; some of us will just visit a special place; but all of us should slow down and "re-member" in November.

I am trying to make it simpler this year (and every year actually) and I sug-

gest you try it too. After the Thanksgiving holiday, does anyone remember that I had a new chair? Does anyone remember what tie my son wore or if his shoes were polished? I think not. But we will remember the family watching the 39th Pennsauken Holiday Parade, all bundled up and catching candy. We will also remember the Nov. 27 Eustace/Pennsauken football game on the new field. And we will surely remember the people we wish were with us as we walk or drive around town, maybe picking up a slice or a hoagie from our favorite place in Pennsauken. Perhaps a visit to our historic homes is in order. Both Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House are holding open houses and activities this month. You can find out more on page 20 of this issue. Make sure to take pictures while you're out

and about so that you can share them with each other as you "re-member" next year.

The Pennsauken Library is closed on Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving weekend, but were you aware they have many of the old school yearbooks that you can look at while you visit? Or that you can check out books, music, and magazines for two weeks so that you'll have them on hand on the coffee table when your family visits? The library building was built in 1962 and we are hopeful for a new space or upgrades, but the new programs and activities are a free gift to us all.

Some of the changes in town make us remember the old days with nostalgia, but also create a sense of hope for the future. Our Pennsauken Mart was a destination for returning relatives and sadly,

it's gone. But it was torn down over 15 years ago and we were blamed for an empty lot that we didn't create. Haddon Point is a beautiful change... transforming an eyesore to new apartments and townhouses. Brittin Village is taking shape along Federal Street and will provide Pennsauken with new apartments across the street from an African American Civil War cemetery, while honoring Nelson Brittin, who received the Medal of Honor for his bravery in the Korean War. Fourteen units will be set aside for veterans and the long empty, dilapidated Army Reserve Center has a new life.

Yes, some things change and some stay the same. I give thanks for both and will continue to do my best to serve Pennsauken, celebrating our past and preparing for our future. Happy Thanksgiving.

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WAGSWORLD Do You Want To Carve A Snowman?

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

The older I get, the earlier I want to start Christmas. I suspect that because I'm so darn old now, I fear it might be my last one, and I want to do it right. Part of me yearns for the all Christmas music channel; and another part waits for the spirit to infect everyone around me.

I admit to watching the Hallmark movies and soaking up the sticky sweet sentiment. Plus, I love checking out everyone else's decorating ideas. This fall, I've been struck with the urge to carve a full sized snowman for the front

of the house. The problem I face is, after locating a pine stump tall enough, it will require using a chain saw to rough out the shape. I have avoided using a chainsaw all my life. I know my short comings. Attention span is short in my head. And not paying attention while in the company of a chainsaw leads to a new nickname, like "Lefty," or "Thumbless Bob." But here I am, possessor of a huge collection of chisels and mallets, with which I could, in theory, carve a snowman. Unfortunately, I learned, while carving the bear that lives in the garage, that it would take more time and energy than I have. I cheated on the bear; after three days of

chiseling and banging, I bought a device that fits on my angle grinder, and finished carving in a day. But I was a Nervous Nelly the whole time. So, I'm off to the men's toy store to buy an itty bitty chain saw, and hope for the best.

The bride, voice of reason that she is, says no decorating 'til Thanksgiving. As for the chainsaw, she vacillated a few days, then gave in, after upping my life insurance policy. She believes if she has to grieve my passing to sharp power tools, it would be best done in Key West, with room service.

Speaking of the bear, I have considered relocating him from the garage to, say, anywhere. The problem is finding some like-minded friends to tote all 5'8" and 400 plus pounds of bear out of the garage. I've offered to put it in front of Fontana's new garage, but the boys worry someone would steal it. Person-



Bob Wagner is looking for someone to take this carved, wooden bear off his hands. It's only 5'8" and weighs over 400 pounds. Should be easy, right?

ally, I'd be afraid to tangle with anyone who could lift it and move it. The bride says I'll just have to grin and bear it!

As a sign of the times, and another not so gentle reminder of my aging, I was fishing with my friend Neal, the barber. Mostly, we were swapping stories from the old days, between the occasional blue fish. One story in particular caught Neal's attention and he insisted I write it down to pass on to my faithful readers. The story was, in Neal's words, nostalgic, humorous, and moving. He thought it should be preserved for posterity. I thought about it for a moment, then agreed to do so when I got home. Well, I'm home. I'm writing. I cannot, for the life of me, remember the story. I'll call Neal, when he's back at his barber shop, if I can remember his number.

Happy Thanksgiving, all!

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First Responders Welcome Home Cadet Lezcano



Last month, members of Pennsauken's police, fire department, and EMS welcomed home Junior Police Academy Cadet Amanda Lezcano, who had a prolonged hospitalization at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

PENNSAUKEN NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee
5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7
and Monday, Nov. 18

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6
and Monday, Nov. 18

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7
and Tuesday, Nov. 26

Meetings are open to the public
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Township Updates Ordinances On Tree Plantings

Information Provided By
The Pennsauken Shade Tree Commission

The role of Pennsauken's Shade Tree Commission is to develop a program of tree planting and overall beautification of our community, regulating, planning, caring, and controlling the shade and ornamental trees and shrubberies on our streets, highways, public places, parks and parkways. The Commission recently worked with the Pennsauken Township Committee to make some needed updates to the town's ordinances regarding trees. The following is a quick overview of those changes.

The Township has a recommended list

of trees for planting in our community. The Shade Tree Commission has updated this list, expanding it to include more trees, especially for smaller spaces and heights. The list now includes more native tree selections and those commonly found at local garden centers. In addition, trees recommended by the New Jersey Tree Foundation and PSE&G have also been added to the list. As curbside trees are the responsibility of the homeowner, this updated list gives residents a solid frame of reference, should they decide to plant trees on their property.

Language was also added regarding tree planting and landscaping of com-

mercial sites. This was done to ensure that developers, landlords, and business owners are aware of the benefits that plantings and shade trees can add to their properties; include plantings and trees in their development and improvement plans to continue increasing the natural beauty of Pennsauken; and

help our community retain and increase its shade canopy, which helps to beautify our town and improve our environment.

More details on Pennsauken's tree ordinances can be found at the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, and selecting the "Code Book" link, and

selecting Chapter 289: Trees. Also, the Pennsauken Shade Tree Commission holds a public meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the conference room at the Township Administration Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., generally on the second Tuesday of every month. Members of the community are invited to participate.

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United Supply Company Now Open In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

United Supply Company has been around in New Jersey since 1912, helping contractors with their HVAC and plumbing needs for almost a century. Headquartered in North Plainfield, United Supply Company has branch locations across the state. And quite recently, they opened a new branch right here in Pennsauken.

“We are very excited to be here in Pennsauken. The town has been very helpful getting us up and running,” said Fred Tamberelli, president of United Supply, who came to Pennsauken for the store’s grand opening in September. “We have a branch south of here in Blackwood and we have another location north of here in Bordentown. We felt there was a need for coverage in between.”

“Every day the traffic increases. We’re

getting more walk-in customers, which is a good thing,” added Keith Kearney, branch manager of the Pennsauken store. “The customers are happy with the good service we provide here.”

The United Supply in Pennsauken primarily focuses on heating and air conditioning. As a Ruud distributor, they carry Ruud condensers, furnaces, and all the related accessories that go with installation.

“We know that there’s a customer base that we can service very adequately out of here,” said Tamberelli. “Logistically it’s easy to get to and from here. We’re looking forward to dealing with the customers in the neighborhood.”

United Supply Company is located at 1432 Union Ave. in Pennsauken. The locations hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, visit UnitedSupplyNJ.com.



United Supply Company recently held a ribbon cutting to officially open their new location in Pennsauken.

Pennsauken Township Seeking Qualifications For Professional Services Contracts

The Township of Pennsauken solicits statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to various professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than noon, Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

Zoning And Planning Board Professional Services Contracts

The Zoning Board of Pennsauken and Planning Board of Pennsauken are soliciting statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to various professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the Board, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Planning and Zoning Officer, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than noon, Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

Rent Stabilization Board Seeks Solicitor

The Township of Pennsauken solicits statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to the Rent Stabilization Board as its solicitor. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than noon, Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

For more information on all of these professional services contract requests, visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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Jewish History Museum	

Six gift baskets worth over \$300.00 each are currently on display at the Pennsauken Library that include gift cards, merchandise and in-kind donations.

Raffle drawing is November 13th (no need to be present to win). Tickets are available at the Circulation desk of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5606 Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ. Ticket prices are \$2.00 a piece, 3 for \$5.00.

All proceeds from the Raffle support the popular Museum Pass Program available to all Pennsauken Free Public Library cardholders.

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Evening Membership Department Honors Veterans

The Woman's Club of Merchantville Evening Membership Department will be holding its annual dinner to honor local veterans on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave.

The speaker will be F. Beltran-Bell, MSgt. Ret., USAF, who will speak on the Pennsauken High School R.O.T.C. program. Accompanying him will be cadets

from the program.

If you are a veteran and would like to attend this upcoming event, or would like more information, please contact Jan at (609) 410-4650, janwh@aol.com.

The Merchantville Evening Membership Department is a social/service club and a department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville. New members are always welcome.



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Pennsauken Residents Recognized At Prominent Hispanic Awards

To commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Camden County Freeholder Board's Office of Hispanic Affairs presented the 2019 Prominent Hispanic Awards during a dinner and ceremony. Held last month, the County recognized individuals, including Pennsauken residents Ana Fernandez, Captain Alexandro Ibarra, and Jennifer Galan, whom have made a positive impact on their communities.

"We are honored to recognize these outstanding members of our Hispanic community that were nominated by their peers for their contributions and accomplishments," said Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez. "These are incredible individuals who have made a tremendous impact in their communities and in Camden County. They are truly role models for us all."

Ana Fernandez, was recognized in the senior services category. Ana fled her native Cuba in 1980, spending over 48 hours at sea to



Fernandez

avoid the further persecution of her father. Learning English and then becoming an officer of the court for the Camden County Probation Department for 28 years, she retired in 2016 and became managing partner/owner of STARS Adult Medical Day Care Center, as well as chief operating officer of Stars Banquet Hall. Ana also serves as the chairwoman for Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission and a member of the South Jersey Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

Captain Alexandro Ibarra was recognized in the law enforcement category. Beginning his career in 1998, Ibarra served in the Camden City Police Department and joined the Camden County Police Department in 2013, earning the rank of captain in 2015. He holds special certifications from several prestigious organizations including the National Drug Intelligence Center, the New Jersey Statewide Narcotics Task



Ibarra

Force, and the New Jersey State Police Training Academy. Ibarra was also a member of the U.S. Army Reserve from 1998 to 2004 and was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Iraq.

Jennifer Galan was recognized in the constituent services category. An intern

coordinator/constituent advocate for U.S. Senator Cory Booker's office, Galan has been a passionate community servant, advocating for residents in Camden



Galan

County, as well as throughout the state. In her past work at the Southern New Jersey Hispanic Family Center, serving as a family support partner in the mentorship program, she has also inspired city youth to help them see their potential.

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Fourth Annual "Back The Blue" Jeep Ride Thanks Police Officers, First Responders

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For the fourth year in a row, members of the Jeep community came together last month in a show of support to local

law enforcement and first responders. The "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride saw almost 80 Jeep owners travel to police stations in several communities to thank

officers for their dedicated service.

"We're visiting different departments, shaking the hands of officers, thanking them for what they do every day, be-

cause the really deserve our support," said Ann Marie McCusker, the organizer of the "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride. "We want to let them know that we care about them.

"Just seeing all these people come out, it really means a lot. I'm just one person who throws this event out on Facebook, share it, and try to get people to come out. To see this many people feel the same way as I do; who want to just come out and support the men and women in blue, it's absolutely amazing."

"Nationally, it's a difficult time to be in law enforcement. There's a lot of negativity," says Pennsauken Police Chief John Nettleton. "To see this many people get out of bed this morning to show their support for law enforcement means a lot to the officers. It's very uplifting."

Departing from the Cherry Hill Mall, the Jeep caravan traveled to the Township's police department. After thanking officers and firefighters for their commitment to keeping the community safe, Jeep owners were treated to coffee, bottled water, and pastries as way of saying, "thank you."

"We wanted to welcome them with open arms as they arrived today. We've been doing this for several years, so we knew there'd be a great turnout. We wanted to thank them for their support," explains Nettleton.

"This is important to us. Residents are the eyes and ears of the community; you need their support. Neighbors have to look out for neighbors. We need to have that open communication with them to be successful."



Members of the Jeep community came together in a show of support to local law enforcement and first responders during the fourth annual "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride.

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Woman's Club Of Merchantville Celebrates 125 Years

On November 13, 2019, The Woman's Club of Merchantville will be celebrating 125 years of service to the community as a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC).

Founded in 1892, members of the Half Hour Reading Club attended a convention of 150 women from 36 Clubs from around the state and became a charter member of the newly formed federation. Through the years, The Woman's Club of Merchantville was instrumental in establishing a visiting nurse in the community, as well as both the Merchantville and Pennsauken Libraries. As a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, they supported the founding of the New Jersey College for Women, now known as Douglass Residential College.

In 1964, a past president of the Woman's Club of Merchantville became the 29th president of the NJSFWC. During her administration, a building was constructed on Douglass Campus to give the organization a permanent home. Clubs donated books of green stamps in order to raise money for the

building, with over \$53,000 worth of stamps collected.

Presently, the Club sponsors high school juniors for Girls Career Institute; provides scholarships to students; and donates funds to local, state and international organizations. Our dancing Merchantville Tappers participate in the District and State Performing Arts Days; and our Silver Belle chorus entertains us at meetings. Monthly card and game parties are held to raise money for our charities, along with bus trips. The book club meets throughout the year and our walkers meet twice a week to walk. Once a month, members volunteer at the Cathedral Kitchen. New members are always welcome.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will celebrate our 125 years at a special meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13, noon, at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave., with a tea luncheon; a musical program by Maggie Mustico; and special guests. If you would like to attend, please contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.

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SENIORCORNER Tips For Seniors To Prepare For Winter Weather

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

Winter is right around the corner and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If you haven't already, here are some simple steps you can take to be

ready for when winter weather arrives:

- Check your heater to make sure that it's running well; also, buy inexpensive heater filters and replace them each month
- Have a three-day supply of non-perishable food for each person in the

house

- In case of a power outage, have candles, matches, flashlights, and fresh batteries handy
- Have salt and fertilizer to use on steps and walkways to melt icy patches
- Make sure that your cell phone is

charged at 100 percent prior to any forecast of winter weather; also, be sure to stay in touch with family and friends so that they know you're okay

If you drive:

- Check your car's battery to make sure that it's working properly
- Have plenty of gas in the tank
- Make sure your cell phone is fully

charged and with you while on the road

- Keep items like blankets and flashlights handy in case of an emergency

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"A lot of businesses in Pennsauken and Merchantville look forward to this time of year to boost sales and end the year on a high note," says Frank Sinatra, editor, All Around Pennsauken. "As a community newspaper, it's important for us to help support the folks that have their businesses here."

Businesses based in Pennsauken and Merchantville are eligible to participate. In order to receive an online listing, the business must have a special offer, sale, etc. that runs on Saturday, Nov. 30. Businesses must provide specific details about the promotion and include important information such as:

- Address of business
- Hours of operation
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GRAYMATTERS Celebrating All Of The Thanksgivings Throughout The Year

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

As I sit here writing my Thanksgiving column, I suddenly realize it's the 11th Thanksgiving article that I've written here this year. Let me clear that one up for you.

As I see it, every day gives me another opportunity to embrace thanks and gratitude.

Of course, the fourth Thursday in November makes it all "official." It's a wonderful remembrance of the hope and gratefulness that the first Thanksgiving gave to us. But, I like my other 364 Thanksgiving meals too.

I enjoy sharing a quiet Sunday breakfast at home with Andrew and our four fur kids: Sophie, Mookie, Lucky, and Miss Holly.

I have fun and lots of laughs with my dear friends, "Evie Nicks," Bobbie Bechtel, and Bobbi Stagliano, chatting away during lunchtime at The Penn Queen

Diner, or at The Blue Monkey.

I've had a fulfilling conversation over a peanut butter and jelly sandwich when I was making stops to feed the homeless on the streets of Camden and Philadelphia.

I've enjoyed meals, and goodies, and other assorted culinary delights with some of the nicest people I have been fortunate and blessed to know: Lisa, Ed, Maryann, Craig, The Sinatra Family, Betsy, Harris, Mallory, Nancy, Tim, Jim, Beth, and Andrew... and the list is even longer than that!

I've been on the receiving end of much wisdom, smiles, and kindness, from the Senior Meeting members of St. Peter's Church on Maple Ave., while enjoying a beautifully prepared lunch by church volunteers.

And, I have been lifted from the depths of despair over the loss of my son, Jon, by the kindness, love, and caring words from members of The Compassionate Friends organization, over a

plate of donuts, homemade cookies, and a nice hot cup of tea.

See what I mean?

That said, I'm still all in for a traditional Thanksgiving meal! Particularly for those of us who have to do the shopping, prepping, and the cooking, because at some point, there comes that glorious moment, in between feasting on the main course and the pumpkin pie, when



By Mary Anne McFarland,
Pennsauken Lions Club

The Pennsauken Lions Club was recognized by the Camden County Freeholders at their October meeting, held at the Boathouse on Cooper River. The Lions have served the Pennsauken/Merchantville community for over 77 years. The following are a few of the initiatives the Lions Club accomplished this year.

Well known for their eye screenings, this year, the Lions broke their old record of 678 children screened. In a three-week period last month, the Club

visited all of Pennsauken's elementary schools, screening students from pre-k to second grade. They also held screenings at Merchantville Elementary, St. Cecilia's School, and Little Angel Day Care.

The Lions would be happy to do screenings for other private schools, home-schoolers, and day care facilities. If interested, contact PennsaukenLionsClub@comcast.net or call (856) 441-5992.

In that same vein, the Lions have collected over 1,000 pair of glasses in the white refurbished mailbox at the entrance to the Municipal Complex on

Merchantville Ave. In May of this year, they gave the Pennsauken Police a check for \$1,000 in support of their Junior Police Academy, held over the summer.

The Club also supported the F.W. Grigg American Legion Post 68 and their Auxiliary by sending a boy and a girl to their respective All State programs, which are among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. Participants

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Pennsauken Lions Receive County Community Award

Merchantville Ave.

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Phifer Holds Successful Back To School Night



Parents had an opportunity to meet with their children's teachers during Phifer's annual Back to School Night.

In September, Phifer Middle School held its Back to School Night. This event was standing room only, as parents and families came out to support their children's education and met with their child's teachers.

Parents, staff, and community members also came out to support one of Phifer's fundraisers for this year. In

collaboration with Ford Motor Company, parents and staff test drove various Ford vehicles at the Park Avenue Campus. This fundraiser allowed the Ford to donate \$20 per test drive back to Phifer Middle School.

The Back to School Night was enjoyed by everyone!

Franklin Students Choose Clubs As Part Of STEP Initiative

As part of our building's S.T.E.P. initiative, Franklin third graders have the opportunity to participate in weekly clubs this year. Students helped select which clubs would be offered and then filled out a Google form to choose which clubs they would like to participate in. Clubs will run for one marking period, then students will be assigned to another club of their choice. Students are enjoying interacting with students and adults from other classes while practicing something they already love, or learning something new!

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Enjoying Apple Pie In A Cup



Kindergartners at Franklin enjoyed making – and eating – apple pie in a cup!

Ms. Bowman's kindergarten class learned all about apples. Their final apple activity was to make apple pie in a cup after reading "Amelia Bedelia's First Apple Pie" by Herman Parish. The students did a great job following the recipe!

First, we crushed the cookies and put them at the bottom of the cup. Then, we added the apple pie filling. Next, we topped it with whipped cream. Finally, we ate it! Each student was able to share their opinion about our apple pie in a cup.



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A New And Improved Baldwin Early Childhood Center

Preschool students were greeted back to Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center by more than smiling teachers and excited friends this year. While most of us were enjoying the summer sun and fun, the school building has undergone the first phase of a makeover.

In addition to a new security vestibule, each classroom has new windows, a new bathroom, new interactive smartboards, whiteboards and bulletin boards, topped off with a bright new coat of paint! Thanks to all the maintenance and construction crews for working hard all summer to make sure we were a go for the well-attended Meet and Greet in August and for the exciting first day of school.

Stay tuned for completion of the second phase of our makeover, which will add four brand new classrooms to the school!

In addition to our returning staff, Baldwin welcomes new staff to school as well. We are thrilled to have the following teacher additions to our faculty: Jacqelyn Brown, Christina Dilks, Kate Dunn, Dawn Hall, Yareem Ali, Christine



Work is now underway to add four brand new classrooms to Baldwin Early Childhood Center.

Mitchell, Gail Randolph, Chloe Weissman, and music teacher Andrea Boucher. Welcome to the Baldwin Family! We look

forward to creating lots of learning and memories with you!

Baldwin Students Collaborate On Mural



All the students at Baldwin helped create an interactive collaborative mural in Mrs. Hall's art class! Each student contributed a painting to the mural. After the mural was complete, each student became a part of the art work!

The Return Of Spirit Week At PHS

By Angela Nguyen,
Editor-In-Chief, Pennidian

Spirit Week has returned! The week of school pride will take place on Nov. 1 to Nov. 6. The highly anticipated Homecoming Game is Friday, Nov. 1; and the Homecoming Dance is Saturday, Nov. 2.

Other events and activities include Powderpuff Football and Class Color Day.

"It's exciting and I hope it lives up to what the movies show. I hope a lot more people participate, since that makes Spirit Week what it is," says sophomore Hannah Dahl.

PHS Alumni Host First Family Fun Day

A great time was had by all at the Pennsauken High School Alumni Association's first annual Family Fun Day, held in celebration of the high school's 60th anniversary.





FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Pennsauken Public Schools Have A Lot To Be Thankful For

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, MEd², M.S., M.B.S., M.A.², Ed.D., Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools

The first two months of our school year have gotten off to a wonderful start. I'd like to express a heartfelt thank you to our teachers, staff, and administrators for creating a welcoming environment that encourages learning. I would also like to thank our students for bringing positive energy and enthusiasm into our schools. To our parents, guardians, and caregivers: thank you for encouraging your children to meet the educational challenges set before them.

As we begin another November at Pennsauken Public Schools, we truly have a lot to be thankful for. We are experiencing unprecedented growth in our District, resulting not only from the passed bond referendum, but from the efforts of both our dedicated staff and the students themselves.

We've made amazing progress with our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, which are an extremely important part of our comprehensive school district. I was honored to be able to speak about our CTE programs during the recent New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop. These educational

opportunities are essential to help offer students who may not be headed to college a pathway to success in the workforce. I strongly believe that more districts must offer CTE programs in order to help meet the increasing demands for skilled workers. We are helping create the next generation of automotive technicians, beauticians, carpenters, chefs, electricians, welders, and more. Last month, we held several open houses, where our stakeholders in Pennsauken could tour our brand new facilities, much of which was made possible thanks to the bond referendum; met with our experienced CTE instructors; and learned firsthand about the potential of these programs. If you haven't had this opportunity already, please keep an eye out for upcoming tours in the months to come.

We're also very thankful for the opportunities offered to our college-bound students. Thanks to our dual credit programs, our high school students have an opportunity to graduate with an Associate's Degree at a fraction of the cost of what it would take going away to a college or university. Our brand new senior year option allows seniors to leave the high school and attend Rowan College of Burlington County to earn up to 60

college credits before graduating.

We continue to see how the bond referendum is shaping the Pennsauken School District. Completed security vestibules, upgraded facilities, and new construction have been seen throughout our schools. More is to come. We are truly thankful for the benefits to our students and staff that these changes offer.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and gratefully break bread with family and friends, I once again thank the Pennsauken community for their support of our public schools. Only by working together can we truly achieve our goal: to provide the best opportunities for our children to learn, to grow, and to be prepared for future success, wherever their paths take them.

Spend Time With The Super

Please join me each month for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," which takes place on Thursdays before Board of Education meetings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the main office of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. During this time, parents and residents can see me directly for an informal meeting and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

Carson Third Graders Use The Engineering Process



Third graders in Mrs. Brennan's class used the engineering process to create backscratchers.

Third grade students in Mrs. Brennan's class are off to a great start this school year! The students have been working hard learning how to multiply in math, writing a personal narrative by following the writing process in language arts, and learning the engineering process in science.

Recently, the students were given a

challenge to create a backscratcher using only a few products. The students worked together with their groups to follow the engineering process. All groups were successful in building their backscratchers, even though they were all different. The students learned a lot about being engineers and working together as a team to solve a problem.

Pennsauken School District Receives Grant To Address Mental Health

The Pennsauken School District was chosen as one of the 27 school districts nationwide to receive a special grant, offered through the U.S. Department of Education, to address the issue of mental health.

Over the course of the next five years, Pennsauken will have the opportunity to allocate \$1.6 million dollars towards assessing the current state of services, as well as collaborating with local and na-

tional agencies to maximize student mental health interventions and supports. In addition, Rowan University will play an integral role in coordinating an increase of counseling services, as well as connect future mental health providers, such as psychologists and counselors, with an opportunity to utilize evidenced-based training with designated support personnel. The grant began October 1, 2019 and will conclude September 30, 2024.

The Mental Health Demonstration Grant Program provides \$11 million to 27 state education agencies and school districts to support innovative partnerships to train and deploy school-based mental health service providers in schools. The purpose is to expand the pipeline of high quality, trained professionals to address shortages of mental health services in high need schools and to provide supports that encompass social and emotional learning, mental wellness, resilience, and positive connections between students and adults.

Tricks Or Treats Event A Scary Success



The Pennsauken community enjoyed a day of spooky fun last month, courtesy of the Pennsauken Education Association and the Board of Education.

Pennsauken Education Association Hosts Fall Book Club

The Pennsauken Education Association's Family and Schools Together (F.A.S.T.) committee will be hosting a fall book club, in which the Pennsauken community is invited to participate.

The book selected is "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson, which tells the story of young attorney Bryan Stevenson, who founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship — and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

"Just Mercy" will be discussed on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at

the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd.

The F.A.S.T. through Pennsauken PRIDE fall book club event is one of many PRIDE in Public Education activities to be carried out by the Pennsauken Education Association this year.

The Pennsauken Education Association is an affiliate of the New Jersey Education Association and represents the teachers, nurses, librarians, guidance counselors, child study team members, and student assistance coordinators of the Pennsauken School District.

Pennsauken PRIDE is an ongoing campaign created to share the education successes of the Pennsauken School District with all Pennsauken residents, while building strong community support and involvement in our great public schools.

Visit us on Facebook at "Pride in Pennsauken Education Association" to learn more about the mission of Pennsauken Education Association!



By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Diane Johnson, Vice President; Michael Bortnowski; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Samer John Jarbough-Rafah; Scott La Vine; Orlando Viera; and JoAnn Young

Since 1914, the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) has been providing local school boards across the state with valuable resources, such as training, advocacy, and direct services. These resources help school boards function at the highest level, providing the most efficient governance over a school district. Each year in Atlantic City, the Pennsauken Board of Education joins the largest professional development workshop event for school board members to learn about the current state of New Jersey education and gain important tools to be a more effective leader in a rapidly changing environment. The Pennsauken Board of Education values continuing education and recognizes that in order to keep Pennsauken Public Schools moving in the right direction, skills of elected board members must be kept current,

Learning Best Practices

and strong. Below, you will find a variety of professional development subjects Pennsauken Board members participated in during the NJSBA Workshop 2019.

Current Issues In School Law

NJSBA staff attorneys presented the most recent legal decisions and legislative developments affecting boards of education and charter schools. The session provided valuable insight into significant recent developments in public education school law. There was also a Q&A session for currently serving board members to clarify legal practices.

Communications During Negotiations

Communicating with the public is an essential job function of a school board member; but communicating during negotiations is a completely different practice. This session focused on best practices of communication during the negotiation process, as well as strategies to meet mutual agreement that best serves the interest of the school district.

Eight Characteristics Of Effective School Boards

According to the Center for Public Research, there is a consistent body of research examining the characteristics and practices of effective school boards. It is clear that school boards in high-

achieving districts exhibit approaches and characteristics that are markedly different from boards in low-achieving districts. This program helped local boards in establishing a culture that is focused on improving student success.

Board Governance I And II

This is a mandated training for all board members serving in their first and second years. Within this training workshop, members received the tools on how to properly set a fiscally responsible budget, while adhering to the mission, vision, and values of the school districts they serve.

Eliminate Tracking And Raise Student Achievement

This workshop went into detail on special education, digital learning, and student achievement. Board members learned progressive and highly effective instructional strategies, coupled with technology-infused formative assessments that can be leveraged to eliminate tracking, which is separating students by academic ability into groups, and raise student achievement for all students.

Information for this article was taken from NJSBA's workshop agenda guide. The Pennsauken Board of Education values feedback from the community. If you have any additional questions regarding Pennsauken School District's operations, please contact administration at (856) 662-8505.

Carson School Celebrates Week Of Respect



October 7-11, 2019 is the Week of Respect. Classrooms at Carson focused on being respectful, having manners, and being kind. Teachers and our counselor lead discussions about the importance of being kind to one another. We wrapped up the week with a kindness pledge that the entire school recited.



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Phifer Sixth Graders Tour Lincoln Financial Field

In October, Phifer sixth grade students and staff had a wonderful trip to the Lincoln Financial Field, home of the Philadelphia Eagles! Students and staff were taken on a tour around the stadium and discussed the impact of recycling and becoming environmentally conscious.

During this tour, students had the opportunity to visit the field, players' locker room, post-game interview room, press box, broadcast booth and suite.

Students and staff had a wonderful time during this trip! E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES!



Last month, Phifer sixth graders and staff visited Lincoln Financial Field, home of the Philadelphia Eagles!

A Great Time At Zimmerman's Country Market



Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center had a great time at Zimmerman's Country Market! Students got to pick a pumpkin and visit the witch's house to receive a mask. The students then got to play on the farm themed playground before it was time to go back to school. What a great time! Miss Schott's and Mrs. Lukasiak's class enjoyed taking a picture in the witch's house!

Baldwin students got to wear fun masks during their trip to Zimmerman's Country Market!

Celebrating Franklin's Summer Readers

On Sept. 20, students at Ben Franklin were rewarded for their participation in Pennsauken's Summer Reading Program.

Students gathered at the playground for a "Picnic and Park" event. Snacks, music, and outdoor seating areas were a treat for these students! They enjoyed singing and dancing to the music, playing at the park, and munching on yummy snacks.

Thank you to all of the families and students who took the time over their break to continue reading!

Franklin Elementary rewarded their summer readers with a special "Picnic and Park" event.



Wellness Week At Baldwin



Mrs. Hall and Ms. Warren helped Baldwin students celebrate "Wellness Week."

Mrs. Hall and Ms. Warren helped the students of Baldwin celebrate "Wellness Week." Each day had a themed activity, such as nutrition matching, heart healthy gross motor games, and calming sensory play for social emotional health. Stu-

dents learned the importance of physical, emotional, and mental health and practiced making healthy choices all week through color recognition! Students learned how to make colorful healthy good choices!

Carson First Graders Are Enjoying School

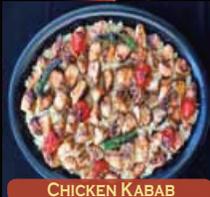


Carson School principal, Mrs. Joyce, reads a story to Mrs. Mozee's first grade class. "School's First Day of School" was such a great story to start the school year off right! The first graders are excited to be learning to read!

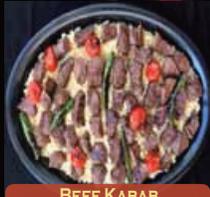
A Great Night Of Skating For Carson Students



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Proactively Preparing For The Months Ahead

By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

Fall has arrived! We know that this time of year brings its own set of challenges when it comes to the preservation of a vacant property. We've taken a proactive approach for taking care of these properties in the coming months.

First, we have begun addressing the vacant properties with the worst overgrowth. These properties that have things like dead trees; trees with low hanging branches that will snap with the first snow fall; large overgrown shrubs; and weeds blocking sidewalks or obstructing the view of pedestrians and drivers. These are real safety hazards and are being addressed before the weather breaks.

We are getting the partnership of the property maintenance companies to get dead trees removed or trees with large overhangs trimmed, in an effort to minimize the potential for a buildup of debris on roofs and in gutters. At the same time, they are working to address any gutters and downspouts that may need to be replaced, repaired, or cleaned out and cleared of all debris that may be blocking the flow of water right now.

The Township is reviewing the possibility of a snow removal program for vacant properties. This program would be for the removal of snow on sidewalks in front of

any vacant property to ensure the safety of our residents to the best of our ability.

As a precautionary measure, we are reviewing our records from last year to re-inspect vacant properties for any type of easy access: unsecured doors and windows, or places where vermin may gain easy access. Once we get through those properties, we will review any remaining property that has received a violation for unauthorized access this season, to make sure that the property is locked up and secured going forward.

Lastly, any vacant property that received a stagnant water or pool violation will be inspected to confirm they are emptied, properly covered, and secured for coming months.

As always, the help and information from all of our concerned citizens is requested and appreciated. We depend on the information that our residents provide. There are many more of you than there are inspectors, so anything you can share with us is appreciated. We will do everything we can to get to the property and get the noted issues resolved as quickly as possible.

Here is where we stand and what is

coming up for vacant properties. To date, 1,022 properties identified as foreclosed/vacant or abandoned have been sold. Currently, 87 foreclosed/vacant properties and 364 foreclosed/occupied properties are obligated to register with the Township. There are 113 vacant properties being actively sold by real estate companies. These are properties that banks have turned over to a real estate office to sell on their behalf. Technically, because these properties are being actively sold, they cannot be considered vacant. However, that does not mean that we don't continue to monitor their property conditions and hold them accountable to their responsibilities.

As always, it's important to remember that every department in the Township has participated in getting us where we are right now with this initiative. We know we still have work to do to get where we want to be. This number will never be at "zero," simply because foreclosures will continue to occur. But we know based on our results today, utilizing the tools available to us, and continually challenging ourselves, we are headed in the right direction.

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By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

In a month to remember, Pennsauken Historical Society offers local history, rural history, women's history, and holiday cheer in November and into December for neighbors and friends.

Our traditional "First Sundays" open house on Nov. 3 will see both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House ready to receive visitors for free tours and free-ranging history talk with docents and volunteers. The November First Sunday is also the perfect time to find out about volunteer opportunities to get involved in telling the stories of our township and our nation! The First Sunday open houses will run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1:00 p.m., Pennsauken Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at Griffith Morgan House, welcoming Richard Keiser, Ph.D., a retired instructor from the Community College of Philadelphia, who will offer a presentation on the women's suffrage movement in the United States in the 19th and early 20th centuries, tracing the setbacks as well as the victories that finally assured women the right to vote, only 100 years ago. Dr. Keiser, who holds his degree from Oxford University, will draw lessons from the struggle for social change that are strikingly relevant to this day. The public is welcome and invited to attend this free program, which will follow a very brief election of officers for the year 2020.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, two great traditions of the season return to Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House from noon to 4:00 p.m. At Griffith Morgan House the end of the harvest is celebrated by "Frost on the Pumpkin," featuring the historic household in its preparation for the coming of winter. The

hearth will be ablaze, as foods of the season are prepared and the domestic tasks needed to light the darkness and warm the chill and feed the hungry during the coming winter months beckon. Also, since our forebearers were not alone in having to adjust to the approach of icy winter, some of our furry or feathered friends will visit Griffith Morgan House courtesy of Freedom Center for Wildlife! Meanwhile, historic Burrough-Dover House will be decked-out for a holiday celebration from its colonial kitchen to its Federalist parlor, offering tours, refreshments and holiday lore for visitors to this perfect seasonal kick-off.

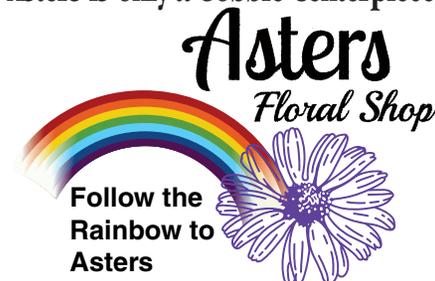
The docents and officers of Pennsauken Historical Society will also display their holiday spirits on Saturday, Nov. 30, while marching in the Township Holiday Parade on Westfield Ave. Join the cheering throng and exchange the wishes of the season with our community founders!

Watch for the announcement of the evening visit of the jolly old elf in red suit and white beard, when he comes to Burrough-Dover House and receives small visitors before the warmth of the fireplace to end our season at Pennsauken's homes for history—and remember to bring the camera!

Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Rt. 73. Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Haddonfield Rd. opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details or directions; or leave a message at (856) 486-9561 or e-mail pennsauken-historical.society@gmail.com for more information.

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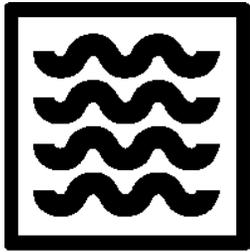


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As always, the MPWC is happy

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A Reminder To Our Senior And Disabled Customers

With the end of the year quickly approaching, remember to submit your enrollment form for your 2020 discount! **Please note that even if you are currently receiving a discount, you must apply EACH year to continue receiving your discount. Now is a good time to collect any information you may need for your application.** Stop by our administrative headquarters on Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken to pick up an application. You may also print a copy of the enrollment form by visiting our website at www.mpwc.com. Our customer support representatives will be happy to assist you in completing your enrollment form. Your enrollment form requires your block and lot number, so please bring along a copy of your tax bill.

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For members of the community directly affected by water main breaks, we provide messages via our Reverse 9-1-1 notification system. To stay informed of all water emergencies that may occur within our service area, visit MPWC.com/swift911 to sign up for Reverse 9-1-1!

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

These meetings are open to the public and are held at 6751 Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken.

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from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Holiday Parade begins at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Facility on Bethel Ave. and ends at 44th St. Pennsauken families are invited to bundle up, set up along the parade route, and help little ones to scoop up a variety of candied favorites.

"Join us as we kick off the Christmas season while we walk off some of our Thanksgiving goodies," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride.

For the third year in a row, Pennsauken natives who have moved out of the area and others unable to attend can watch streaming video of the Holiday Parade via Facebook Live on the "Pennsauken Television" page.

Community groups are encouraged to participate in the parade. Their involvement will go a long way to bringing joy and hope to Pennsauken families during this festive season.

For more information about the Holiday Parade, or to learn how to participate, contact Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000, ext. 151 or emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us. You can also visit "Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade" on Facebook.

Tree Lighting Held On December 4

Pennsauken Township's tree lighting

ceremony returns on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Township Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The evergreen tree outside of the Municipal Building will be ornately decorated for the holidays; and several food trucks will be on hand for attendees to enjoy something to eat during the event. There will be costumed characters and Santa Claus will arrive via fire engine at 6:00 p.m. to light the tree. Residents are encouraged to bring their phones and cameras, as Santa will be available for photos with children after the tree lighting. A trackless train will shuttle attendees to visit Saint Nicholas. There is no rain date for this event.

"The tree lighting at the Municipal Building, with our songs, hot chocolate, and special guest, is another great treat for our youngest residents," says Mayor McBride.

For more information, call (856) 665-1000 x151.

Breakfast With Santa On December 7

Another annual tradition is for children to have an opportunity to join Santa Claus for breakfast, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at the PYAA Field House at Park and Elm avenues. There will also be face painting, music,

balloon sculpting and gifts. Tickets are \$6 for children and \$9 for adults. The event is sponsored in part by the Pennsauken Education Association.

"Families are treated to a great breakfast and plenty of holiday-related entertainment," says Elwood Martz, director of Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation. "Kids also get a chance to sit on Santa's lap and share their holiday wish lists."

All tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

Annual Parade Of Lights On December 13

The Township's second annual Parade of Lights will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, at 7:00 p.m. Fire trucks, emergency service vehicles, and more will be decorated with bright lights and festive decorations as they ride along Township streets, beginning at the Pennsauken-School District's Park Avenue Campus, then making a right on Union Ave. and ending up on Wyndam Rd. In addition, Santa Claus is sure to make an appearance, riding a fire engine at the end of the parade, which should take roughly an hour from start to finish.

"Our annual parade is a great event," says Martz. "We hope that the entire

Pennsauken community joins us for this special holiday celebration."

The town's Parade of Lights will be shared via Facebook Live on the "Pennsauken Television" Facebook page.

For more information, contact Elwood Martz at (856) 665-1000 x151 or emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Angel Tree Program

Once again, Pennsauken residents and businesses are preparing to pitch in to help children in the community during the holiday season through the Angel Tree program.

Last year, dozens of Pennsauken families were helped through the Angel Tree program; the initiative for 2019 hopes to

support the same number of families.

"Each and every year, the Pennsauken community really steps up for the Angel Tree program," says Martz. "A lot of residents, businesses, and organizations are extremely generous with a variety of donations."

Individuals can purchase a new, unwrapped toy and leave it at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave., from Nov. 25 through 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer for the Angel Tree program, contact Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000, ext. 151.



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- Performs filing or shelving tasks involving the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification System and alphabetical

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- Locates required publications primarily based on call number.
- Performs searches for publications in immediate vicinity of its proper location.
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- Prepares library materials for circulation.
- Will be required to learn to utilize various types of electronic and/or manual recording and information systems used by the agency, office, or related units.

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions:

- Ability to lift, transport and/or move

objects weighing up to 30 pounds. Anything greater will require a two person assist.

- Must be able to reach or bend to retrieve materials on low or high shelves.
- Must be proficient in the use of the computer keyboard.
- Specific vision abilities required by this job are close vision and the ability to adjust focus.

Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform essential duties of the position. Applicants must be a Pennsauken Township resident.

Minimum qualifications include a strong commitment to public service; the ability to work well with a diverse pa-

tronage; and a successful demonstrated ability to work as part of a team.

Preferred qualifications include a background of working in libraries or knowledge of literature and library collections; the ability to read, write, speak, understand, or communicate in Spanish and English; and knowledge of common computer software, such as MS Office.

Compensation is an hourly range between \$10 and \$14. This is a full time position with health benefits, paid vacation, personal time and sick leave. This is a Civil Service non-competitive position. Full job descriptions can be found on the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission website.

Job requirements are 35 hours per week with the following schedule: Sundays, 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.; Monday through

Thursday, 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

To apply, please e-mail your resume in PDF format to Martha Vega at mvega@pennsaukenlibrary.org. Make sure to add "Library Assistant" to the subject line.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

For more information, call (856) 665-5959.

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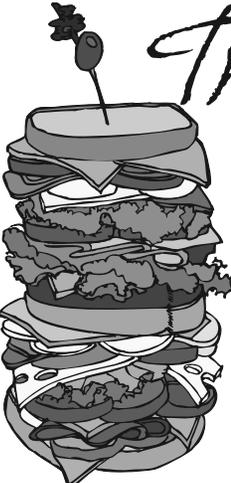
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- Veterans Day Program – Saturday, Nov. 9; 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn about and honor the contributions of America's veterans. Speakers include Emilio Roman, author of "101 Ways to Thank a Veteran," and Bernie Kofoet, from F.W. Grigg American Legion Post 68. Featuring card writing to veterans, medal pinning ceremony, POW-MIA memorial table, and more.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, Nov. 25; 6:00 p.m. Each month, board members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend.
- Luncheon Documentary – Tuesday, Nov. 26; noon. Watch an Academy Award-winning documentary where a professional rock climber attempts to climb the first free solo climb of El Capitan's famously challenging 900-meter vertical rock face at Yosemite National Park.

November Library Events

National Park.

EVENTS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

- Drop In And Write – Monday, Nov. 4; 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. In celebration of National Novel Writing Month, tweens and teens are invited to work on their writing and get some feedback. Bring something you're already working on, or start something new. Writing prompts and snacks will be provided.
- Movie Screening And Gaming – Thursday, Nov. 7; noon to 4:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy a screening of a popular Pixar movie. Afterwards, board games and card games will be available for free play.
- Gaming Craft – Friday, Nov. 8; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Make a game-related craft in the Youth Services area in celebration of International Games Week.
- Craft And Movie Screening – Sunday,

Nov. 17; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Make your own "Forky" craft and enjoy a screening of the most recent installment of a certain popular, toy-related movie.

- Drop In And Write – Monday, Nov. 18; 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. This event will feature local teen author M' Kai Williams, who will read from his latest "Tales of Konas Dyatar" novel, and discuss his inspiration and writing process. Snacks will be provided.
- Tail Waggin' Tutors – Thursday, Nov. 21; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Practice reading skills in a relaxed environment with a certified therapy dog. Registration is required. Contact the Youth Services department at (856) 665-5959 ext. 6, e-mail pennsaukenyslibrarian@gmail.com, or stop by the Youth Services desk to register.

Library Holds Events For International Games Week

International Games Week is Nov. 3-9. The Pennsauken Free Public Library will be hosting several gaming events and activities during this week. Join us and thousands of libraries around the world, as we celebrate the power of games, play, and learning.

Check out the list of events and activities below.

Roblox Free Play – Friday, Nov. 8; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For teens. Light refreshments will be offered.

Spades After Hours – Friday, Nov. 8; 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. For teens and adults.

Whether you're an old pro or a rookie at this game, come join us for a fun evening of spades. Cards, tables, and snacks provided. Please call the Library to register: (856) 665.5959, ext. 114.

Games Day – Saturday, Nov. 9, noon to 4:00 p.m. We're going to end the week of celebrations with a special Games Day at your Library. The Library will offer special gaming programs, such as board games, Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, and a virtual reality challenge: it's all fun for the whole family! This program is for all ages.

Brookover Joins Pennsauken Library Staff



Sophie Brookover is the newest member of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, Brookover joining us as our program and outreach coordinator.

Brookover previously worked for LibraryLinkNJ – the New Jersey Library Cooperative as its program coordinator and social media manager, as well as several New Jersey public and school libraries.

Welcome aboard!



GOING GREEN

Celebrating Harvest, Family And Plants

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

Thanksgiving is traditionally about celebrating harvest and family. Harvesting is done, so my attention turns to tropical houseplants. There is always a last minute rush to get plants that have summered outside back inside before first frost. Nightly newscast weather predictions sparks something I refer to as "The Annual Fall Panic." It's first initiated when the last heat wave of the season breaks; intensifies when nightly temperatures reach the low 50s; and panic sets in with the first frost warning.

Since I have a LOT of houseplants, it takes literally weeks to get them all settled back indoors. The first plants moved are carefully transplanted; groomed to remove dead leaves and weeds that have taken root in the pots; and inspected for pests hiding out on leaves or in the soil. By the time fall panic sets in, it's grab and run. DEFCON 1. All hands on deck! No matter how early this process is started, it always ends the same. Frost threatens to kill my green babies; old favorites, new favorites, plants that have grown so much over the summer, that it's difficult to find a place to put them.

Somehow, I get swept up in trending plants each year; new varieties, new colors, and exciting patterns. While it's summer, there's always room for more plants to place around the yard, front porch, and back patio. Aren't they pretty?

This year, aroids are all the rage. Large leaf philodendrons, anthuriums, pothos, scindapsus, alocasia, colocasia, and mon-

steras in every shape, size, and color pattern. People who drive these trends even develop new words to describe old things. For example, a stripper pole now means a plant support wrapped in moss for large leaf climbing plants like monstera to anchor their roots into, so they develop larger, more dramatic leaves.

Some of the most popular plants are going for huge sums of money. So, what is a plant addict who absolutely must have the latest plant craze going to do? Budget is a critical path dependency for most of us, including me. After all, there's the boring bills like the mortgage, car payment, and food, which doesn't leave much disposable income. Creative solution? Propagate what you have and share with other like-minded plant people. Either trade what you have for pieces of what you want, or sell divisions of what you have, and put the proceeds towards the new plant that has somehow become a must have. Which brings us to propagation.

Aroids are native to warm, humid, tropical rain forests, climbing up trees, roots in leaf litter on the forest floor. Dividing these plants and growing them successfully means imitating their native environment. Accomplishing that in our dry winter homes isn't as challenging as it sounds. Using a clean, disinfected cutting tool, cut off a stem leaving at least three nodes on the new plant. Nodes are where the leaf joins the stem, and is the spot where new roots will grow. Take the cuttings, wrap them in moist, but not sopping wet sphagnum moss. Place this clump into a pot with drainage holes in

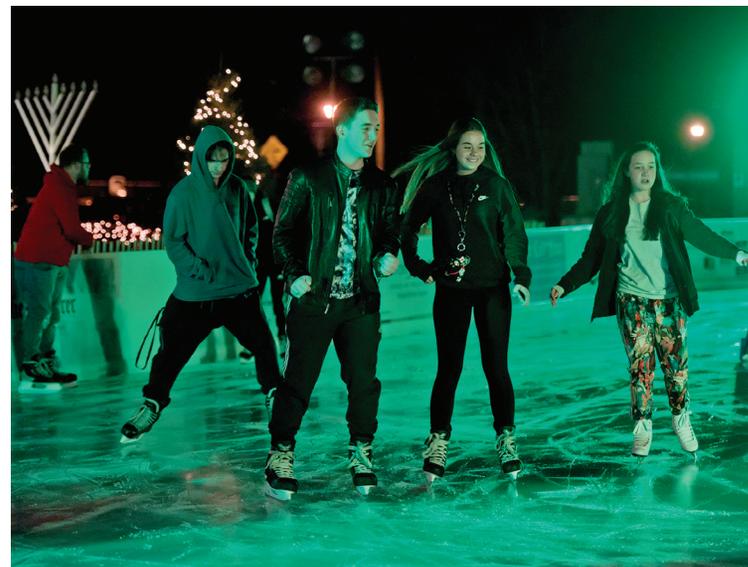
the bottom. Air circulation around the entire plant is very important to prevent plant pathogens from attacking the newly cut section. If your plants are growing on a windowsill, put unrooted cuttings in a warm place, out of direct sun, until they have developed roots. If the growing area is dry, either add a humidifier, or place a sandwich baggie over the top of the new stems to increase humidity around each individual plant. Monitor plants for new roots. When roots have developed, plant into a loose, well-drained mixture like bark, ProMix, and perlite. Water with rain water or distilled water, as water must be very clean and chemical free for these plants.

Once your plants have been propagated, share them with family as Christmas presents, or trade with others who have plants that you simply must have in your collection. One of the best ways to ensure that you will continue to have your favorite plant is to propagate it and give it to a friend. If yours dies, you can ask for a piece back.

So, at the start of this season of giving thanks and gifts to loved ones, spread the love of something living. It will bring you, your family and friends, joy; will filter the air in your home; and provide your space with additional oxygen.

Happy Thanksgiving!

WinterFest Returns To Cooper River Park



WinterFest Ice Skating at Cooper River Park has returned for another season of fun. Photo credit: Camden County.

Cooper River Park has once again transformed into a winter wonderland with tasty treats and family fun! WinterFest Ice Skating at Cooper River is open Thursday through Sunday, beginning Friday, Nov. 29 through Friday, Feb. 17. WinterFest Ice Skating at Cooper River is presented by the Camden County Board of Freeholders.

New this year, WinterFest will include more family fun, with arcade games in the heated tent and outdoor games for families to enjoy when they are off the ice.

WinterFest is located in Cooper River Park on the corner of Cuthbert Blvd. and Park Drive, behind the Crown Plaza Hotel. Hours of operation are Thursdays, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Fridays, 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 10:00 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 9:00 p.m. For closures due to inclement weather, please visit Facebook.com/SkateWinterFest. For pricing, upcoming events, and more information, visit Camden County.com/WinterFest.



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Where Oh Where Has My Pet Gone?

By Nancy Welsh, Pennsauken Township Animal Control Officer

There is nothing worse than the panic you feel when you call your dog in from the back yard and find nothing but an open gate. What do you do next to find your dog?

Immediately jumping in the car to look or walking around the neighborhood calling your dog's name may work if the dog just got out of the yard. Stop people walking and ask them if they have seen your dog. Make sure you have a current picture of your pet.

If you don't find your pet within the first hour or two, you will need to spread the word quickly and to as many people in the area as possible. For our area, there is a Facebook page called "Lost and Found Pets - Pennsauken, Merchantville." Be sure to post a picture of your pet; the date and time the pet went missing; the area they're missing from and your contact information. Check the post frequently in case someone responds.

Always make sure your pet has a collar on with an identification tag that has your pet's name and your cell phone number. Microchipping is an excellent form of identification. An I.D. tag for the microchip is included. So even if a neighbor

finds your dog, they can call the microchip company and receive your information.

Call Pennsauken's Animal Control at (856) 663-3058 and give a lost report. We will be the first ones called by the police if your dog is found. We will be able to let you know your dog is safe and when you can pick them up. You can give the same information to the Pennsauken Police, but information may not get to every officer.

If your dog is still missing, make a flyer with your dog's picture, name, breed, a brief description, and contact information. Let people know things such as, "don't approach," if your dog is skittish or may bite if scared. Keep it simple. "Lost Dog" should be indicated on the flyer. Having your dog's name on the flyer may make it easier for a person to call your dog over to them and make him feel more comfortable. You can purchase plastic sleeves for the flyers at Staple's and post the flyers on telephone poles (never trees). Hand them out to people walking and to neighbors. Make sure your telephone number is prominent.

The more people who know you have a lost pet and that you are desperately trying to find them, the more people will call you if they see an animal. Ask people to check their garages and sheds to see if the pet have gotten in. Enlist family

and friends to help canvas the area. Make sure they have treats to entice. Don't try to predict where your pet could be or would have gone. You never know. The best time to call for your pet can be early morning or in the evening. It is quieter and there is less traffic. If you are calling from your car, drive slowly roll down all the windows and listen.

Even the friendliest and most social pet may quickly become terrified out of their normal environment. Don't chase after a lost pet. They are much faster and you will only scare them more. Instead, sit on the ground; talk in normal tones, repeating their name and familiar phrases over and over again. A frightened animal will usually stick around and after a few minutes or hours will come closer and closer. Treats may help also.

In some cases, you may need to rent a humane trap and set it to capture a terrified lost pet. Please contact Animal Control for assistance. We have been through this process many times and there are proven methods on how to do this.

Sometimes, people will pick up a dog they find and drive it a distance away to a veterinary clinic to have the dog scanned for a microchip. If you find a lost dog, don't do that. That diminishes the owner's ability to find their dog. The dog should

remain in the area to make sure it goes to the correct shelter, so the owner can find it. Again, always check with Animal Control first. If we find your dog late in the day or in the middle of the night, we will hold the dog in Pennsauken in hopes we have a lost report or you will call to tell us you are looking for the dog. The shelter for Pennsauken is Homeward Bound Animal Shelter in Blackwood, (856) 401-1300. Call there to give them a lost report. It is always a good policy to go there and look

for your dog. Sometimes when a description is given verbally a person may perceive it differently in their mind. A resident may have picked up your dog and taken it to Homeward Bound Animal Shelter without notifying Animal Control. It's best to check everywhere.

Don't give up! Be aggressive in your search, get lots of help, and get the word out right away. The same advice mentioned above applies for cats too!

Lions Receive County Community Award

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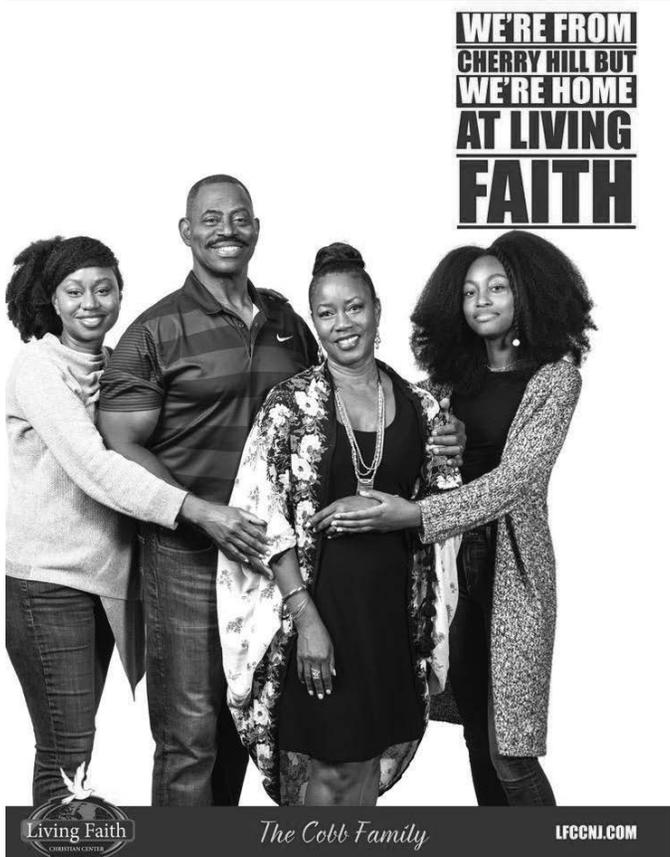
learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses, and recreational programs.

The Lions are looking forward to helping Santa arrive at both Pennsauken and Merchantville's annual holiday parades. On the first Sunday of December, Pennsauken and Haddonfield's Lions and Leos will join together to help blind children holiday shop for their families. Each child is given a \$50 gift card; the Leos walk around with them to pick out the presents.

Once paid for, the gifts are brought to the employee break room, where more volunteers wrap the presents, while the children get to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and have snacks. It's been an annual event for many years and the Lions and Leos look forward to this terrific event.

These activities can't be continued without members to help with them. If you are interested in joining the Lions for these activities, they meet the first and third Mondays, October to June. In July and August, the Club has a fun event rather than a business meeting. You can contact them at PennsaukenLionsClub@comcast.net or call (856) 441-5992.

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Sixth Annual Pennsauken Job Fair Connects Companies With Job Seekers

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nity organizations, and local businesses all working together for the good of our residents," added Cardwell. "We're excited that this event created a positive reaction from both job seekers and local businesses."

"We were able to hire two new employees from last year's Job Fair. They were great candidates," says Keshia Martinez, talent services specialist, South Jersey Federal Credit Union. "The current market is definitely an employee market. We are always looking for a quality candidate that fits our culture. We've had such a great experience with the Pennsauken Job Fair; that's why we're back."

The planners of the Pennsauken Job Fair wished to thank the following companies for their participation in September's event: Aion Management; Albert's Limo; Alliance Cares; Avenues to Independent Living; Beckers School Supply; DIY Media Group; Dunkin Donuts; Farmers Insurance; GEM Home Maintenance; Maximum Research, Inc.; Microcision; New Jersey Department of Corrections; North Philadelphia Health Systems; Parker Group; Pennsauken McDonald's Rt. 73; Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce; Pepsi; Primerica; Protemp of America; Quality Management Associates; Roosevelt Paper; Safety Bus; Service Master Commercial Cleaning by Alliance; Source 4 Teachers; South Jersey Federal Credit Union; and St. John of God Com-

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"We want the opportunities provided for our residents and for people in the region to find those of you who have positions open," said Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride, who addressed the employers just before the start of the event. "This is an opportunity to have people in the same room for a common goal: good jobs for good people."

"We can't just rely on Indeed. You need to look at somebody and say, 'This would be a good person for my team.' They need to look at you and feel, 'Wow, I can work with you.' I think that's the beauty of job fairs. It allows person-to-person connection and you can make a really good choice."

"Father, we ask you to bless this day, so that it may be successful for all who are involved," added Pastor Connie McLean of Living Faith Christian Center, who offered a word of prayer at the Job Fair. "We ask that you match the right company with the right people, so that their lives will be blessed."

Job seekers that were unable to attend the event are still able to upload their résumés for the new electronic Pennsauken Job Bank. By visiting www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-job-fair-2019, individuals searching for work in Pennsauken can be added to the list that the Township's Department of Economic Development will be sharing with local companies looking to add new hires.

Concord Wellness Institute Hosts Diabetic Boot Camp



Dr. Gary Knight
DC, PT, CFMP

Concord Wellness Institute, an integrated health care facility based in Pennsauken, is offering a "Diabetic Boot Camp," designed to help those with Type II Diabetes.

"At the Diabetic Boot Camp, we share how we help dozens of Type II Diabetic patients lower their A1C, balance their blood sugar levels, and decrease or eliminate their medications," says Dr. Gary Knight, DC, PT, CFMP. "This 12-week program is designed to teach, guide, and help individuals understand and implement the process of monitoring and regulating blood sugars, developing life-saving methods to win the battle over Diabetes."

The Diabetic Boot Camp focuses on uncover underlying causes for a patient's diabetic condition. Through natural supplementation, dietary changes, and stress reduction, the patient works to eliminate those causes to bring better health and vitality back into their lives.

"The methods used at the Diabetic Boot Camp are safe, effective, natural, and specifically developed for each individual's needs," adds Dr. Knight. "Patients receive important information on how to fight and win the battle over their weight, resist bad food cravings, and reduce their blood sugar levels, learning how to rest, relax, and restore their health to its God-given potential."

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

When I sit down to write this article each month, I typically peruse last year's article to see if anything other than season-specific topics were covered. For 2018, I mentioned the following: "In previous articles, I've mentioned about 'contaminated' recycling debris and the crack down on plastic bags being removed from recycling buckets. We ask that you make a concerted effort to wash out that ketchup bottle or pasta sauce jar before tossing it into your recycling bucket. The

Leaf Collection, National Recycling Day And Retirements

plastic bags clog up the sorting machines, which increase costs to recycle. If you're unsure, give Rachael at our office a call!"

If I only knew what a nightmare recycling would turn into over the next several months! Nothing has changed, folks. We still need your help spreading the word about keeping all plastic bags out of your recycling.

Fittingly, Tuesday, Nov. 15, is "National Recycling Day." I'm sure many of you cannot wait for me to stop writing about this rather dull topic. I don't believe this day gets the attention that "National Pet Day" or "National Donut Day" receives, but it's a truly important one for the

home we call "Earth." So, in the spirit of National Recycling Day, let's keep the momentum going to keep cleaning up our recycling.

Now for an exciting topic you have been waiting all year for: leaf collection! To start, I've decided to change it up this year and make your three disposal options simple:

Yard Debris Collection Day On Every Wednesday

The best way to eliminate leaves, and my personal choice for leaf collection, is to bag them or place them loose in a trash can and have them collected each Wednesday during our regular "yard waste" collection by South Jersey Sanitation. This schedule lets me do yard work whenever I choose and I know that the leaves will disappear on Wednesday by the time I get home. It also eliminates any leaves from blowing back onto the lawn or around the neighborhood.

These are areas that produce an exorbitant amount of leaves where front end loaders filling countless dump trucks are needed. We do not post a set schedule, as we have crews working in every section of town daily, working their way up and down every street. If you are hosting Thanksgiving dinner, it is unlikely that your pile of leaves will be picked up exactly when you wish. I recommend bagging leaves that week and South Jersey Sanitation will collect on Wednesday.

"Leaf" Them Be

This goes against my upbringing, but there is merit to the thought. You may recall my mentioning of "grass-cycling," where you cut your grass without bagging the clippings, allowing them to provide natural nutrients to your lawn. The same process works for leaves. If your lawnmower is equipped with a "mulching blade," as most new ones are, simply running them over will chop them

into fine pieces that will also break down. No need for bags or to rake leaves! Depending on your amount of leaves, this may not be an option.

For those that chose to place leaves at the curb, know that we pass through each neighborhood at least twice during the collection season. We have never left a pile of leaves behind. This is primarily because we will perform final "spot" checks the week before and after Christmas, stopping leaf collection on New Year's Eve. Provided we do not receive an early snow fall, this is always the plan. Residents that choose to put off raking leaves until after New Year's will be required to bag their leaves and place them out for Wednesday's yard waste collection, regardless of the amount of leaves. It is at this time that we switch over the trucks for snow preparation and begin winter projects in between snow storms.

We will be posting our weekend routes

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Curbside Leaf Pile Collection By Public Works

Beginning the weekend after Election Day, Department of Public Works crews begin curbside leaf pile pickup. There are several sections of town where bagging leaves is simply not possible due to the

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Trash and recycling pickup regularly scheduled for that day moves to Friday, Nov. 29. Friday's trash and recycling pickup is moved to Saturday, Nov. 30. Trash and recycling pickup prior to Thursday, Nov. 28, as well as yard waste and white goods collection, remains on a regular schedule for that week.

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Advocates, Officials Urge Support For NJDEP Category One Protection Of Cooper River



Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride lent her support to having the NJDEP designate Cooper River with Category One protection status.

On the 47th anniversary of the passage of the Clean Water Act, advocates, elected officials and Camden County officials joined together on the banks of the Cooper River at Gateway Park, showing public support for the first ever designation of an urban waterway to Category One protection status by the NJDEP. The proposal was sparked by improving water quality, which led to the discovery of an endangered species, the Eastern Pond Mussel. A two-mile portion of the tidal section of the Cooper River that runs just downstream of Gateway Park, from Route 30 to the Delaware River, is

proposed for a Category One upgrade by NJDEP under the Surface Water Quality Standards. This upgrade would provide important safeguards against pollution, ensuring the current level of water quality in the Cooper River cannot be measurably degraded.

"The Cooper River is a poster child for why we passed the Clean Water Act and how the Act has succeeded. In a generation, we have gone from the river serving as a dead zone to being a living part of Camden County communities," said Doug O'Malley, director of Environment New Jersey Research & Policy

Center. "The proposed designation of the Cooper River to be a Category One waterway by NJDEP is historic, as it will be the first urban waterway to receive this protection. If mussels and bald eagles are coming back to the Cooper, so should the public. We urge NJDEP to finalize these protections and expand protections to more waterways that provide real recreational value to their communities."

"There are many reasons why this is a great day for celebration in Pennsauken," said Mayor Betsy McBride in her remarks during the press conference. "We have such [environmental] momentum in Camden County right now. In all the excitement that I have and all the momentum that I see, it's all in appreciation for people like Fred Stein of Delaware River Keepers; Justin Dennis from New Jersey Conservation Foundation; and my colleague Jim Cummings from Urban Promise. They're helping to

teach people about the ecology of Cooper River. That's one of the reasons we're here. If you expose people to the attributes of the river, they'll want to save it."

This section of the Cooper River is part of a larger proposal calling for 749 miles of waterways across the state to receive these upgrades. This is the first time in more than 10 years that NJDEP is has proposed waterways for increased protections under the Surface Water Quality Standards. Category One status is granted to waterways with high water quality for a variety of reasons, including exceptional ecological significance and exceptional recreational significance. The proposals are under review and a final decision is expected early next year.

This upgrade would be particularly meaningful here on the Cooper River, given its history of water pollution and the role it plays in the community today. Just 30 years ago, this section of the

Cooper River faced major pollution issues, including a massive amount of discharges of raw sewage after major rain events. Camden City, Camden County and the surrounding communities have worked hard to clean up the Cooper and make it a resource to its residents.

Fred Stine, Citizen Action Coordinator at the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, concluded the celebration by urging people across the state to connect with the rivers in their areas ready for a C1 upgrade: "The recommendation to raise the water quality standards of 749 waterways to Category One is something that the residents throughout New Jersey should celebrate. What better way is there to celebrate healthier rivers than to go outside and enjoy them. There is a Category One, or 'C1' waterway, near you. So go, go outside today and celebrate all the state's 'C1's' by going out to 'see one'."

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EDITOR'S TALKING TURKEY: My Favorite Thanksgiving Guest

DESK



By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

Let's face it. There are some people who just enjoy eating. If I didn't put myself in that category, I would be lying. Is it healthy? It can be, but what's the fun in that? My blood pressure, however, does beg to differ.

My son can give me a run for my money in the eating category. Ever since he was little, we've said he has a black hole for a mouth. Cereal, snacks, small celestial bodies. If it gets too close, the gravitational pull of my son's pie hole sucks it

in, never to see the light of day again.

On Thursday, Nov. 28, family and friends gather together and give thanks for the many blessings we have. It's a sentimental holiday, one that tugs at your heart strings. You see that theme expressed on Facebook and the 'Gram. You watch it on those annoying ads between funny cat videos on YouTube. And for people who still send cards, you'll find it there too.

You know where you won't find it? This article. We're talking turkey here. Peter Griffin was right: the bird is the word.

For enthusiastic eaters, this is our

Super Bowl. If you were a Hobbit, it's like breakfast, second breakfast, elevenses, luncheon, afternoon tea, supper, and dinner were all thrown together and smothered in mashed potatoes and gravy. The goal? To eat enough tryptophan-infused turkey to stop a raging bull elephant. And then have pie. It's only polite.

Food Network only exacerbates the issue. A few hours watching that channel and you'll be dreaming of cranberry demi-glace and caramelized sweet potato compote. How do you live up to that? It's tough enough getting the bird in the oven at the perfect time, let alone making homemade

cornbread stuffing with accents of red bell pepper and raisins. Gordon Ramsay may have stopped in New Jersey recently, but he hasn't popped into my kitchen to lend a hand or express a well-chosen expletive.

All this talk of the Thanksgiving feast reminds me of story. When I was much younger – and a lot thinner – Mom took my brother and I to Meadowbrook Food Store to pick up lunch meat. From behind the counter, Bobby asks Mom if she would like to buy a very large turkey. While I'd like to tell you the exact weight of this item, I am unable to do so. Not necessarily be-

cause I've forgotten, but more due to the fact that my entire family has continue to exponentially exaggerate the size of this mythical flightless bird. On more than one occasion, one of us will shout out, "Hey Diane? Want to buy a 325-lb. turkey?" Regardless of the turkey's actual weight, Mom had it cut in half and bought the whole thing. Double the turkey, double the fun.

So whether you bake it or grill it – don't fry it; the fire department frowns on that – enjoy all the tasty turkiness that Thanksgiving provides. Be sure to wear your stretchy pants.

Village Of Morrisville Celebrates A Tight Knit Community

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On the corner of Westfield and Derousse avenues, you'll see a large wooden sign that says, "Welcome to the Historic Village of Morrisville, Circa 1700, Pennsauken's First Settlement." And while that sign is located in an empty field, the community of Morrisville is anything but that. The neighborhood that predates the formation of Pennsauken Township is filled with residents whose families have lived in this community for generations. And it's that strong sense of cohesiveness that's celebrated on an annual basis at Wesley Gaines Park with food, music, and family.

"The Village of Morrisville holds an annual community day," says Reverend Roy "Pete" Bundy, executive director of the Concerned Citizens of Morrisville, Inc. and tribal leader of the Powhatan Renape Nation. "We gather once a year to celebrate this community and its



Each year, members of the historic Village of Morrisville gather together to celebrate their community and its longevity.

longevity.

"We are the first settlement in Pennsauken. Before there was a Pennsauken, there was a Morrisville."

Bundy explained that in the beginning, the majority of Morrisvillians were related to each other in one way or another. Their heritage was also rooted from various Native American people, including the Powhatan Renape Nation and the

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation.

"We're many different nations, but we come together as members of this community."

Pete went on to say that there's something quite special about Morrisville and its residents. It's an extremely close knit community.

"I actually live in the house my dad built with his own hands. I can sit and look across the street and see my aunt's house. It's no longer in the family, but I remember some of the good memories of being in her presence," explains Bundy. "My wife's the same way. She grew up on Forrest Ave. We knew each other as kids. There's a connection here on so many levels.

"Most people when they grow up, they can't wait to leave. It's the opposite in this community. We have doctors and lawyers, teachers and professors. They can live anywhere they choose to live. They choose to live here. It's something almost magical."

Residents of Morrisville are also very actively engaged, regularly showing up at Township Committee and Board of Education meetings.

"We like to participate in what's going on in our Township," added Bundy. "We have a keen sense of when something's not going right in our community and we're not being represented in the way we think we should be. We had members of Township Committee come out to a community meeting and they're following up on some things that we suggested they look at. That's a good thing."

In the years to come, new residents will move into this historic part of town and join in on what Pete describes as the "Morrisville way of life," a quiet, neighborly existence that has real staying power. Something special that's worth celebrating with an annual community day.

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on the Township's and All Around Pennsauken's Facebook accounts. You can also call in to the office to see where we're headed on a given week.

Public Works Employees Retire

I want to wish two of our dedicated Public Works employees a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Bob Fitzgerald, a mechanic from our vehicle repair garage, retired last month after working for the Township for 30 years. Bob's mechanical skill kept many a Township vehicle, particularly police cars, on the road, supporting that department's mission of public safety. He was our go-to guy for setting and maintaining the floating docks down at the Pennsauken Boat Ramp at the end of Derousse Ave. Do you know when someone is destined to be great at something? That applies to Bob and his ability to fix anything. He's just one of those guys. I am not allotted enough room in this article to cover the broad contributions that Bob has made to the Public Works department and to Pennsauken over the course of his career.

Michael Mignogna, our sanitation inspector, also retired in October. For years, Mike was the voice of Public Works, answering the phones and returning phone

calls. He oversaw the tree crew, the in-house sanitation truck, and street sweepers; at the same time, he was enforcing trash guidelines to keep our town clean on trash days. It is a position that pulls in many directions and Mike always handled it gracefully, professionally, and without complaint. Through Mike's work, he embodied an important goal of our daily operations: to educate and assist our residents if we can and when we can. We are constantly approached to "help" residents to do things we are not allowed to do, like empty an entire house's worth of belongings for trash. Mike would figure out how the resident could dispose of this trash over a couple weeks to be inside of the trash guidelines. He is a good guy that did a lot of good for our town over his 18-year career.

Although he was not in the chain of command of the Public Works' structure, we also wish an "honorary Public Works teammate" and outgoing Township Engineer, Dennis O'Rourke, a happy retirement after 30 years of service. Engineering and Public Works collaborate together on many fronts, including property maintenance, road maintenance, stormwater system maintenance, and physical plant improvements. His main connection with Public Works will always be his hands on involvement with the road



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patch crew. He would be out there, sweating and raking asphalt with our crew, on multiple occasions throughout each year. The most recent example is the brand new asphalt walk path that was just installed at "The Pit." There isn't a Township property that has not been improved due to his involvement, wisely spending tax dollars where the greatest needs were.

It was a pleasure to work with these gentlemen during my short tenure, and I hope they know my appreciation for their efforts in making Pennsauken a better place to live.

On behalf of the staff of Pennsauken's Department of Public Works, we would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178 or e-mail at publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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Slabs and Crabs is now open for takeout and catering at 1100 Rt. 73 North in Pennsauken.

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

Malcolm J. Lee Jr., a plumber by trade, and his cousin, Alvin D. Williams, are young entrepreneurs hailing from Burlington County. Years ago, Malcolm became the happy owner of a beautiful smoker and began taking the steps to

hone his BBQ skills until he created Slabhouse, a mobile roadside barbecue specializing in ribs, chicken, brisket, and pulled pork. Through Slabhouse, this family food team met amazing people and served at incredible events; so earlier this year, they decided they wanted to expand. And they chose Pennsauken to do it.

At 1100 Rt. 73 North in Pennsauken, you'll find Malcolm and Alvin's brain-child, Slabs and Crabs. This brick and mortar spot offers all the delicious food from Slabhouse and now includes crabs! It's the perfect duo.

The full list includes crabs, ribs, chicken, brisket, pulled pork, and sides. Malcolm says the pulled pork is the biggest hit with customers. The crabs are prepared with a special Southern Maryland seasoning.

Malcolm added that Slabs and Crabs are looking to have a full "opening" in the new year, but they still offer catering and platters from their shop right now.

They are focusing mainly on takeout for now. They are also part of the Uber Eats program and will do deliveries.

I asked Malcolm why he chose Pennsauken and their new location. He explained that had seen the location before and liked the traffic that went by, because it offered better opportunity for everyone, owners and customers. He knew he and his family could offer something different than other BBQ places in the area.

"We do different things," explained Lee. "We are looking to have contests for free food and to make it fun. We are also looking to sponsor anyone from sports teams to fundraisers."

I'd say these great folks are just what Pennsauken needs. If you want to check out more information on Slabs and Crabs call them at (856) 330-4213, e-mail slabsncrabs@gmail.com, or fax in orders at (856) 330-4857. Also, visit their Facebook page, Facebook.com/SlabsAndCrabs, to follow daily specials. You can also join my

Facebook group, "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures," and follow along on my food journey.

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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES Tips For Breast Cancer Prevention

By Suzette Price, RN, ASN, IKCN,
Pennsauken Township Board of Health
According to the American Institute

for Cancer Research, 33 percent of breast cancer cases could have been prevented, if women just avoided alcohol, stayed lean, and exercised. Embracing a healthier lifestyle can go a long way to help reduce your overall risk.

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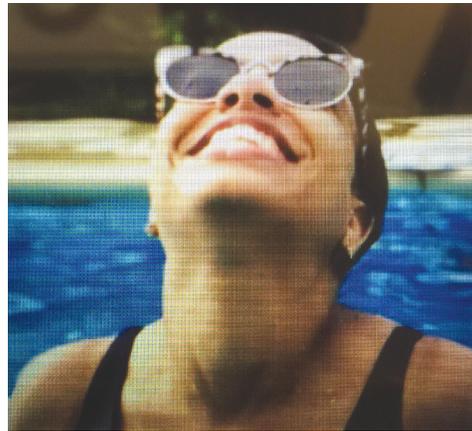
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Obesity can raise the risk of getting breast cancer. Try to avoid gaining weight over time and maintain a body-mass index under 25. There is an increased risk of breast cancer for menopausal women.

Eat a healthy diet high in fiber: vegetables and fruit. Decrease sugared drinks, refined carbohydrates, and fatty foods. Eat lean protein, such as fish or chicken breast; and eat small amounts of red meat, if at all. Eat whole grains. Choose vegetable oils over animal fats.

Stay physically active. Research suggests that increased physical activity, even when begun later in life, reduces overall breast-cancer risk anywhere from 10 to 30 percent. Moderate exercise, like a 30-minute walk five days a week, can help.

Reduce your alcohol intake. The more you drink, the more your risk of breast cancer increases. The recommended limit is no more than one drink per day, regardless of the type of alcohol.

Limit the duration of any hormone replacement therapy. Menopausal hor-

more therapy increases your risk for breast cancer. If you must take hormones to manage menopausal symptoms, limit their use; be sure to discuss with your doctor the best time frame for you.

Don't smoke. Research suggests that long-term smoking is associated with increased risk of breast cancer in some women, especially those who are premenopausal.

Breastfeed your babies for as long as possible. Women who breastfeed their babies for at least a year in total have a reduced risk of developing breast cancer later.

Do self breast exams MONTHLY; have your partner check you. If you notice any changes in your breasts, such as a new lump or skin changes, don't delay consulting your doctor. Ask your doctor when to begin mammograms and other screenings based on your personal history.

For more information about breast cancer and reducing your risks, visit <https://amp.cancer.org/cancer/breastcancer.html>.

Battle Of The Badges Game Benefits Med13L Foundation



The Pennsauken Fire Department and Pennsauken Police Department played nine innings of softball to benefit the Med13L Foundation in the name of the Sexton family. Friends, families and residents turned out to raise \$3,000 for the charity.

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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Friends Of The Library Raffle Drawing Held November 13

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Did you remember to buy yourself some raffle tickets for this year's fabulous drawing to take place on Nov. 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library? You don't have to be present to win, but having a few tickets entered will make your chances of winning sooooo much better!

Six incredible baskets filled with merchandise accompanied by some surprise treats, like a voucher for 12 bottles (six red, six white) of wine from Moore Brothers (a \$185 value); a gift certificate for a two-hour bowling party for up to 10 people at Pinsetters (a \$145 value); or

gift cards to some great local restaurants, are on display right now in the Library. These are prizes you won't want to pass up! See any Friends member for your tickets, or visit the Circulation Desk before the 13th to stock up at \$2 each or three for \$5. If you are a member of the Friends, show your card and get a free ticket when you buy three!

Our next gathering of the Munch and a Movie crew happens on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Come over to the Community Room, bring your lunch and a friend or two, and get set to relax and watch a top-rated movie, compliments of the Friends. We'll even give you snacks and

a beverage to go along with the movie.

We're still putting together some dates and times for adult exercise classes we'll hold later this year and early next to get you ready for the holidays and their aftermath. Adult Zumba, adult yoga and chair yoga are currently being considered, and we'll let you know when everything is finalized.

We want to thank everyone who

donated books and tech items to our sale last month, as well as bakers who brought in goodies for us to sell at the bake sale. Thanks, too, to all of you who bought bags of books, DVDs, CDs and baked goods to help the cause and replenish your bookshelves and devices, as well as satisfy your sweet tooth. More thanks as well to all the fine businesses and vendors in the area who were so

generous with their donations to our raffle baskets. Remember that everything The Friends organization sponsors benefits the Pennsauken Free Public Library, and we appreciate your support helping us support the library.

Our next Friends meeting takes place Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's Community Room. We'll look for you!

inTown Peace, Love, And Fun At The Harvest Festival



A groovy time was had by all at the sixth annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival, which in part celebrated the 50th anniversary of Woodstock.

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CLERKS**CORNER****Polling Places In Pennsauken For General Election**

By Pam Forman, Acting Township Clerk

The 2019 New Jersey General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Below is a list of polling locations for the upcoming election. Should residents have any questions, please feel

free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 x122 or x124.

*Please note that Districts 13 and 18 will continue to vote at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., for this year's General Election.

Polling Location

Polling Location	Street Address	District #s
Pennsauken Fire Company #2	2215 Merchantville Ave.	1 & 24
Riverview Village Community Center	407 Riverview Rd.	2
Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Martin Luther School	4106 Terrace Ave.	4 & 16
Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Free Public Library	5605 N. Rt. 130	7
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
St. Mathews United Methodist Church	1665 Drousse Ave.	9 & 14
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 North Route #130	11
Macaro's Catering	6225 Westfield Ave.	12
PYAA Field House	3501 Elm Ave.	13 & 18
Faith Worship Center	550 49th St.	15
Pennsauken United Methodist Church	3541 Pennsylvania Ave.	17
Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Comm.	6751 Westfield Ave.	19
Circle of Hope Church	3800 Marlton Pike	20
Stonegate Apartments	5105 Stonegate Dr.	21
Cooper River Plaza	2400 McClellan Dr.	22

Veterans Honored In Pennsauken*continued from page 1*

Hylton Rd., will hold a special ceremony for veterans on Monday, Nov. 11, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. In addition to a complimentary breakfast, the event features student essays about "What Veterans Day Means To Me;" and Mr. Bernie Henderson, a Vietnam veteran, will be the guest speaker. There will also be a special ceremony at the school's Veterans Memorial. Area veterans and their spouses are invited to attend. For more information, or to RSVP for the event, contact Bridget Zino at (856) 662-8500 x5286.

Information On Local Veterans Groups

Gross-Hollinshed VFW Post 1270 is located at 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken. There are three qualifiers for membership in the VFW: U.S. Citizenship, honorable service in the armed forces, and having served in a "war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters." Post meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m. Auxiliary meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://vfw1270.org>.

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 is one of the original posts in the American Legion Department of New Jersey. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served



Camden County's annual Veterans Day Ceremony, held on Nov. 10 at Cooper River Park, is just one of several events this month that honor those that served in the armed forces.

during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post also has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join. The post has a very active Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fwgriggpost68americanlegion.

AMVETS Post #101 in Delair is located at 519 June Rd. Membership is open to all who served honorably in the military of the United States. The post's monthly meeting is on the second Sunday at 11:00 a.m. They can be contacted by calling (856) 663-8950 or e-mailing Amvets101@gmail.com.

Online Wall Of Honor

Located on Pennsauken Township's web site, Pennsauken's online Wall of Honor recognizes Township residents, past or present, living or deceased, that proudly served in our nation's armed forces.

This is not a complete list and will be periodically updated. If individuals know of a past or present resident, living or dead, who has served in the military that is currently not included on the Wall of Honor, they can submit the name via an easy-to-use online form.

To view the list or to submit a name, visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-wall-honor.

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By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In 1987, a young Ronnie Gordon bought his first skateboard from Action Wheels, originally located in downtown Woodbury. From that moment, he was hooked.

"Skateboarding means a lot to me. It's a great hobby," said Gordon, who competes as a professional skateboarder. "It keeps you out of trouble."

To share his love of the sport, he began hosting a contest in Moorestown in the early 2000s. But when Pennsauken Township built its skatepark along Westfield Ave. in 2006, the event was moved there. Thirteen years later, the contest is a perennial favorite for local skaters.

"It's something people look forward to every year," explained Gordon. "As a kid, I always found local contests to be so fun."

Gordon always holds the skateboarding contest in October with a fun, Halloween theme, which strikes a chord with participants. The event is broken down into several categories, from "Grom," which is another word for beginners; to masters, skaters age 30 and older. The majority of divisions are judged on the best score out of two, one-minute runs. The advanced and sponsor divisions compete in a combined, 10-minute jam session, with all skaters doing as many tricks as possible within that time frame.

"I do my best to get good prizes from skateboard companies," added Ronnie.

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Skate Contest Celebrates Thirteen Years In Pennsauken



For thirteen years, professional skateboarder Ronnie Gordon has held a Halloween-themed skateboarding contest at the Pennsauken Skatepark on Westfield Ave.

"I'm also a woodworker, so I make the trophies each year."

Gordon stated that the event wouldn't be possible without the help of Pat Brennan and Shawn Flemming, the owner's of Curbside Skate Shop on Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken; and A.J. Kohn from the Skateboard Academy of Philadelphia. He is also extremely grateful that the Township has maintained a great skatepark for so many years.

"It's really nice that Pennsauken's provided something for the youth. When I was kid, there weren't a lot of skate

parks," said Gordon. "Skateboarding is a great way to channel all that youthful energy of kids and teens. And with skateboarding added as an Olympic sport, it's going to get event more popular."

Elite Eight Volleyball Tournament Held On November 5

The Pennsauken Public School District will be hosting a community wide volleyball tournament on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Pennsauken High School's main gymnasium, 800 Hylton Rd.

This special event will feature teachers from all buildings, principals, transportation, maintenance, food service workers, and coaches, as well as Pennsauken's first responders and special guest teams.

This will be a fun, family-friendly event and all of Pennsauken is welcome!

"Coach Howard" Hits Hole-In-One At Country Club



Last month, Luther Howard, known as "Coach Howard" at the Pennsauken Country Club, used his pitching wedge to hit a hole-in-one on the 11th!

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PYAA Basketball, Wrestling Registration Continues

PYAA Basketball registration will be held Nov. 4-8. Registration is held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., Pennsauken. For more information, visit PYAA.net.

PYAA Wrestling is open to girls and boys ages 4-14. PYAA Wrestling offers a two-week trial for girls interested in joining the wrestling team. Visit PYAA.net or Facebook.com/pyaawrestling for more information.



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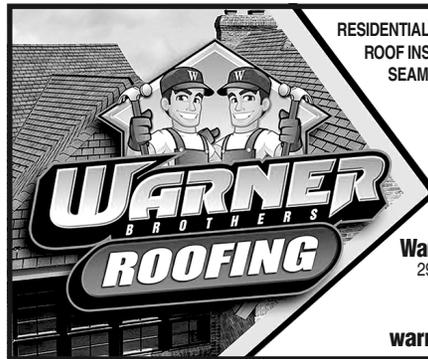
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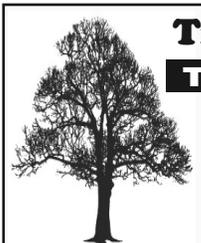
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Does the VA pay anything towards a funeral?

The VA will pay \$300 toward funeral or burial expenses when a veteran is collecting a VA Pension or VA disability. Although burial in a national cemetery is free to these veterans and spouses, the \$300 interment allowance applies when burial is in other than a national cemetery.

QUESTION:

What benefits are available for Veteran's selecting cremation?

All of the same with traditional burial, many of the national and state cemeteries offer cremation graves and above ground mausoleum niches. The directors at Inglesby & Sons can assist you with any questions you may have about veteran benefits and cremation options.

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