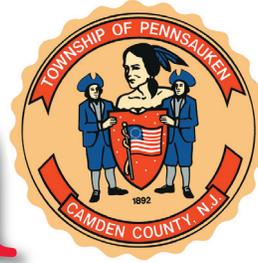


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Holiday Events Continue In Pennsauken



Santa Claus will take photos with Pennsauken residents during the town's annual tree lighting ceremony, held on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken's celebration of the holidays continues with two special events held this month: the town's annual tree lighting ceremony and parade of lights.

Tree Lighting Held On December 5

Pennsauken Township's tree lighting ceremony returns on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 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. The Philadelphia Eagles Pep Band will be on hand to provide musical entertainment. 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

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Angel Tree Program Helps Pennsauken Residents In Need

"Pennsauken residents and businesses are pitching in to help children in the community during the holiday season through the Angel Tree program, which collects new, unwrapped toys for families in need.

"The Angel Tree makes a real difference for Pennsauken families in need," says Elwood "Duke" Martz, director of Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department. "Thanks to the generosity of our community, many children who were going to wake up on Christmas morning without any presents are now going to have a gift under the tree."

Last year, over 50 Pennsauken families were helped through the Angel Tree program; the initiative for 2018 plans to support the same number of families.

The Angel Tree was started well over 25 years ago. A Christmas tree placed at the Penn Queen Diner allowed both patrons



The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a happy hour on Thursday, Dec. 13, to collect toys for this year's Angel Tree program, which annually helps dozens of Pennsauken families in need during the holidays.

and members of the community to help their neighbors in need during the holidays.

The success of that endeavor turned into

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Haddon Point Apartments Now Open For Business



Delco Development and representatives from Pennsauken Township came together earlier this week to officially cut the ribbon at the new Haddon Point Apartments. Photo credit: Last Tango Films.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

This was a ribbon cutting 15 years in the making. Last month, Township officials joined Delco Development, LLC in a celebration of the grand opening of Haddon Point Apartments, the development project at the site that once housed the well-known Pennsauken Mart. Years of false starts and untapped potential were officially removed with the snip of ceremonial scissors.

"Pennsauken is extremely excited that Haddon Point is open for business," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. "For well over a decade, there have been a lot of proposals for this site that never got off the ground, much to the frustration of our ad-

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade

The rain date for the 38th annual Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade is Saturday, Dec. 1, 1:00 p.m., along Westfield Ave. The parade starts at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Facility on Bethel Ave. and ends at 44th

St. Families are invited to bundle up, set up along the parade route, and help little ones to scoop up a variety of candied favorites. For more information, visit twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Browning Road Senior Club

The Browning Road Senior Club in-

vites 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.

is \$35 per person and includes both sessions. To sign up, visit <https://lennymud.com/products/ornament-making-class>.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. 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, Dec. 13, at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held 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 daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

Ornament Making

Lennymud, 6015 S. Crescent Blvd., is holding a class where participants can make three to five Christmas ornaments. Part I is on Wednesday, Dec. 5; Part II is held on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Both classes are held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The cost

Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. at Pennsauken High School, Room #327, 800 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting at the Administrative Office, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly "Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent" beginning at 5:00 p.m. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

The agenda for this meeting will be available on the District's website, www.pennsauken.net, on or before Dec. 17.

Board Of Health Meeting Moved To December 6

Please accept this notice in accordance with the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act" that the meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Health scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018, has been cancelled.

The rescheduled meeting will now be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 5:15 p.m.

Princess Party

Minnie's Magical Moments will be holding a princess party on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at Pennsauken Sweet Shop, 2673 Haddonfield Rd. Come take free pictures with your favorite princesses. There will be tons of ice cream, hot cocoa, and lots of sweets! Everyone is welcome to dress as their favorite Disney character. There will also be giveaways. For more information, visit "Minnie's Magical Moments" on Facebook or Instagram.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble of Concordia University, Wisconsin, under the direction of Dr. Louis A. Menchaca, will be performing in concert on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m., at Martin Luther Chapel, 4100 Terrace Ave. Free will offerings accepted. For more information, call (856) 665-0116.

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MAYOR'S CORNER An Important Lesson Learned By Cleaning Gutters



By Jack Killion,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

For my last article of the year, I hope you'll indulge me if this month's article is a little more personal.

Last month, I decided to get up on the roof of my home and blow the leaves out of my gutters. While this sounds pretty innocuous, I was read the riot act by my wife and kids. I guess after having triple bypass surgery a while back, my family gets a little concerned when I try to do things that maybe I shouldn't, like get up on a tall ladder and get up on the roof to do something better suited for someone a little younger than myself.

I love my family. My kids always come over and lend a hand if Ellie and I need

one. That's not the issue. It's just that sometimes, when you get older, you don't want to be a burden on your children. And as a parent, I would rather take the risk myself than to have my kids do it. If something bad ever happened to them, especially if it was because I asked for their help, I would never, ever forgive myself. So as a result, I do try to do more things myself, even when it's not that great of an idea. And that can be a little frustrating all around.

There is an analogy there in regards to local government. Your elected officials and the municipal staff care a lot about this town and the people who live and work here. We really do try to help our residents and business owners when they have issues. But there are some things that we just can't do. In any aspect of life, there isn't a magic wand we can

wave to get things fixed. Sometimes it takes time, longer than anyone would like; other times, it's something we don't have the ability to fix, which is extremely disappointing. Our Township staff always works towards creating a win-win situation, which benefits the people involved and the town overall. Sometimes we hit a home run. Sometimes we strike out. But we'll always be aggressive at the plate, swinging for "the home town fans."

As we look back at a pretty successful 2018, I'd like to thank our great municipal staff, our hard working public works department, and our amazing first responders. You make everything run smoothly and I appreciate your dedication to our town. Thanks also to those who have partnered with us this year to help foster economic growth and community pride in Pennsauken: companies

and small businesses that have moved into town or are expanding; residents who care about their neighborhoods and get involved; and local groups who are always there to help those in need. Pennsauken would not be the same without you; and it's been a distinct honor serving as your mayor.

We look to hit the ground running in 2019. May it be an exciting year, filled with possibilities. Pennsauken deserves nothing less.

And finally, for my lovely bride, my wonderful kids, and my beautiful grandchildren, my Christmas gift to you is that I promise never to get up on the roof to blow out leaves ever again. The gutter guards are on the way.

On behalf of myself, as your mayor, my fellow colleagues on Township Committee, and every staff member of our mu-

nicipal government, I wish that you, your family, and your friends have a wonderful holiday season and one heck of a 2019.



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Merchantville - In Ground Pool!

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Merchantville - Great Investment Opportunity!

Historic Merchantville! Over 2,700 sq feet this large three story twin duplex features two bedrooms, full bath, kitchen, dining room and a spacious living room on the first floor. Also washer & dryer in the unit. Second and third floors have three bedrooms, spacious living room and dining room, large kitchen, hardwood floors, enclosed porch with lots of windows and washer and dryer in the unit. Front and back staircase. Detached garage, lots of newer windows, spacious side and back yards. \$189,500



Pennsauken - Bloomfield Section

Pride of Ownership shows in this very well maintained split level. Home features large formal living room and dining room, which are great for entertaining. Three spacious bedrooms with ample closet space. And a cozy family room with sliders leading to the fenced in back yard. The yard features a nice covered patio, shed and gazebo. Nothing to do here but move in and enjoy! \$179,900



Williamstown - Investor Alert!

Large duplex on Main Street with unlimited potential. Each unit has 1/2, kit, 2 bds, bath, lots of parking in rear... Also 20x60 2 story detached barn. Property is in "AS IS" condition. Easy to show. Owner not responsible for C.O or any mortgage or township repairs. \$79,900



Somerdale - Great Investment

Great property one bedroom home in a great little neighborhood, convenient location to almost anything. Shopping, restaurants, public transportation. Would make a great rental or just make it great little family home by just changing the layout. Home is an estate sale is an "As-Is" Sale. \$49,900



Pennsauken - Chadwyck

This 2 story colonial is situated on one of the largest lots in the neighborhood featuring: 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths newly remodeled kitchen, dining room, newer gas hot water heater, about 11 years old energy efficient Lennox gas heater, roof and central air. Partially finished basement with separate laundry area. Outside the exterior has been freshly garden areas for you to enjoy. 3 storage shed! Don't miss seeing this home today! This one won't last long. It's a great house for a good price. Short sale. Being sold AS-IS, buyer is responsible for any lender & municipal requirements. \$119,900



Pennsauken - "Move-In Ready!"

Just listed three bedroom one and a half bath two story colonial in Pennsauken! This home features a formal LR & D/R, eat in kitchen, family room leading out to the back deck, powder room and large pantry on the first floor. Upstairs we have three nice sized bedrooms and a full bathroom, spacious hall and a storage attic with pull down steps. Additional amenities include a front porch, carport, fenced in back yard, basement and gas heat, located close to the Cherry Hill Mall, Historic Merchantville and Main Street Maple Shade. \$139,900



Merchantville - Cattell Tract!

This beautiful 3 bdrm Bungalow (circa 1920), features LR w/hdwd floors, large windows and decorative fireplace. D/R w/hdwd floors, new kitchen that includes granite counter tops and glass back splash, stainless steel five burner gas stove, built in dishwasher, microwave and refrigerator, pantry, recessed lighting and replacement windows. First floor laundry room, spacious master suite and new full bath with heated porcelain floor! Upstairs we have an additional room with lots of closet space, great for a bedroom or family room. Additional space on the upper level with huge closet and even more storage spaces \$269,900



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WAGSWORLD Thinking About The “Stuff” That Comes With The Holidays

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

The family has had it with my whining. No one wanted to hear me complain about the quality of my Christmas presents. Led in an attack by the bride, the kids ganged up on me for my failure to tell them what I want for Christmas. They have turned the tables on me and forced me into a corner. I am, for once, speechless.

Here I sit, contemplating the upcoming holidays; and I admit to having not

one clue. As all my readers know, I have a ton of “stuff.” Coming up with a list of more “stuff” forces me to admit that I have reached all limits. I have too much already. Needed stuff is filled. Wanted stuff is right behind. I am stymied.

I just found a gift certificate in my wallet to the wood carving store from last Christmas. I have given up asking for world peace. I can't get peace at the dining room table. At my 50th birthday, I told all gathered that I wanted or needed nothing more, except that I wanted one of the children to arrange for me to play

a few songs with either Willie Nelson or Eric Clapton. Not on stage, or even on camera; just off in a quiet corner or a trailer somewhere. That ship has sailed, I suppose, as 20 years have passed and I haven't had a call yet.

The bride tells me that I should be happy to have this problem. Then she tells me this is the motivation I need to clean out my various drawers, chests, boxes, and my entire garage. I cannot argue a good case against, but try anyway, as any cranky old curmudgeon should.

My biggest problem is that as soon as I find something I really want, I go and get it. I'm not good at putting off gratification 'til the holidays. Then, sometimes the “want” I get is something I thought I couldn't live without and now sits under boxes in the basement, next to the fast

cook pressure cooker from last year.

After taking a break and fixing a nice pre-holiday hot toddy, I have thought of two silly things I might want for this Christmas. First, I can't find the shift knob that came with the '63 VW. It is white, ceramic, and put away for safe keeping. It is, apparently, still safe. At full retail, it is about 6 bucks. The second is a replacement for the 1943 Randall knife I gave away 50 years ago to a Special Forces sergeant from Wildwood, N.J. I won the knife in a poker game, and having no emotional attachment, gave it to a new friend who was staying in 'Nam, while I headed home to N.J. I recently saw two Randall fighters for sale on eBay, for about \$1,500. And after some more thought, I could use a can of black shoe polish.

I thank all that is holy that I still get a

bigger kick out of giving than getting. The kids may be right about me being a big pain in the butt. However, I will not admit it within hearing range of any of them.

I hope all your problems are just as silly this fine holiday season. Merry Christmas!

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PMAC Hosts Angel Tree Happy Hour On December 13

The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a holiday happy hour to help add to this year's Angel Tree donations on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Marco's at Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The event features a complimentary buffet, drink specials, holiday music, and pictures with Santa. All attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Angel Tree program. To RSVP for the event, e-mail pmaclteam@gmail.com or call (856) 438-0833.

Security Consultant To Speak At January 9 Luncheon

Corey Jones, owner and founder of

Safetyman Security Consulting, will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (P.M.A.C.) networking luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

A retired police sergeant, Jones will be discussing ways to address safety/security issues in the workplace.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 9, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmaclteam@gmail.com by Monday, Jan. 7.



Tip of the Month

Beware of “Package Pirates” during the holidays! Many thieves follow UPS or FedEx trucks to steal packages right off of porches. Have your packages delivered to a location where they can be received in person, such as with a neighbor or a relative's house. You can even have it sent to your work, if your employer allows it. Another option is to request that the delivery company hold your package at the closest pick-up facility until you can pick it up in person.

These simple steps can keep your home and family safe!

PENNSAUKEN DECEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee

5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 6 and 20

Zoning Board of Adjustment

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 and 19

Planning Board

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 and 18

Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building 5605 Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue)

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What's In Your Personal Letter To Santa Claus?

By Jolly Old Saint Nicholas,
AKA Santa Claus

We get a lot of mail at the North Pole from boys and girls all over the world. They talk about how they've been trying to be good by listening to their parents, trying not to fight with their siblings, and studying hard at school. They also include a wish list: a new doll; the hottest video game; the toy they really hope winds up in their stocking. It's always great to hear from my fans. As kids get older, they ask for different things. The list gets a little longer, the presents more ambitious. I do my best to make sure there's plenty of smiles around the tree come Christmas.

I don't often get letters from adults. When I do, their wish list is much different than the ones I get from the kids. They ask to be happy; for more time with their loved ones; for peace of mind. The funny thing is, folks really don't have to ask Santa Claus for these. They're very capable of doing it for themselves.

So while you take time to enjoy the holidays, think about what would be in your letter to Santa. Not the fancy, high ticket items that come and go each and every year, but the important things you can't put a price on. You'll soon realize that the best things in life aren't things. That what's really of value is something that doesn't go on sale or is cheaper online. And often

times, these items on your wish list aren't just for you; they're shared with family and friends. And that's a truly special gift.

If the items on your wish list are something you really want, take a long look to see what it would take to give these gifts to yourself; and then work to make it happen. Not only will that get you on the

nice list, you don't even have to gift wrap these very special presents to yourself. And you definitely don't need to wait until December 25 to open it.

So while the little ones can't wait to write their letters to me, or visit me at a mall or a local event to tell me what's on their wish list, there's no long line for

making a commitment to get what's really important.

On behalf of myself, Mrs. Claus, the elves, Rudolph and all of the reindeer, as well as Yukon Cornelius – that guy is a real hoot – I wish you and yours a joyous holiday season, a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous start to 2019.

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Pennsauken Holds Second Annual Holiday Lights Contest

Pennsauken Township would like to recognize the very best in holiday decorations throughout town. As you get ready to do your best Clark Griswold impersonations, there could be a reward for your efforts this year!

A team of light seekers will be dispatched in their Rudolph-drawn sleighs to locate the most impressive expressions of Christmas spirit the town has to offer. To have your decorated home considered for this year's contest, complete the online form located at twp.pennsauken.nj.us by Friday, Dec. 14, and your home will be added to the list.

Official judging will occur between the hours of 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Dec. 17 and 18. Each judging team will perform "street view" evaluations of your home for creativity, holiday spirit, and general appeal. If you don't have the brightest house in town, don't worry; all types of décor will be considered, from nostalgic to Griswold or religious to detailed. All entries are welcome. A first, second, and third place winner will be chosen, as well as up to three runners up. Prizes will be



Pennsauken Township is holding its second annual holiday lights contest.

\$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third. Photos of the winning homes will be printed in the January edition of All Around Pennsauken; all houses considered for this competition will be included in both an interactive online map so that residents can enjoy the local light displays, as well as a video montage shown on Channel 19.

Help spread the holiday spirit throughout our neighborhoods by decorating your home or visiting those who do. Hopefully, this is the start of a joyous tradition in town while rewarding the efforts of the many Griswolds among us!

Great Places To Grab Sweets And Desserts

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Whether you're headed to Pennsylvania and some homemade pumpkin pie, or have visions of sugarplums dancing in your head, you can't have the holidays without the sweets. There are some local establishments that can provide some serious help in the dessert department.

At the iconic Penn Queen Diner, located at 7349 North Crescent Blvd., all baking is done right there on the premises. Their strawberry shortcake is a must try; and their best seller is a strawberry shortcake and chocolate layer cake combination. The cannoli is pretty good too. For more info or to place an order, give a call at (856) 662-1928.

The Pennsauken-based food truck, Dan's Waffles, is selling a variety of waffles for the holidays. Sold as an assortment, Dan's always offers something a little different each year, with flavors guaranteed to delight your taste buds. You can also order bags of a half dozen original Belgian sugar waffles. In addition, they are selling their famous triple coconut cream pies, featured on Food

Network's "The Best Thing I Ever Ate." For more information, pricing, or to place an order, call (856) 566-6650 or contact them through Facebook Messenger at "Dan's Waffles" or "Ritz Seafood & Dan's Waffles Food Truck."

More than two billion candy canes are produced during the Christmas season; some of the best, homemade candy canes are found at the legendary Aunt Charlotte's, located at 5 West Maple Ave. in Merchantville. Shopping at Aunt Charlotte's during the holidays is a tried and true local tradition, as the store is decked with a lot more than boughs of holly. Customer favorites include chocolate covered pretzels, which fly off the shelves this time of year; non pareils, in red and green for the Christmas season; caramel and cashew crabs, made of caramel with cashews or peanuts; and sandwich mints, an Aunt Charlotte's exclusive. If someone on your list has a sweet tooth, this is the place to go. Call (856) 662-0058 for more information or visit AuntCharlottesCandy.com.

Pennsauken Fire Department To Escort Santa Through Neighborhoods

Pennsauken's Fire Department will once again be escorting Santa Claus through certain neighborhoods during the holidays. Times are estimated depending on weather and emergency responses.

Tuesday, December 4 (Evening)

- Meadowbrook: Fallon Drive to Park Ave., Union Ave. to Cooper Ave.
- Pennbrook: Grant Ave. to Patterson Lane, Pettit Rd. to Union Ave.

Saturday, December 8 (Daytime)

- Jordantown: Cooper Ave. to Haddonfield Rd., Park Ave. to Maple Ave.
- Homestead: Willow Ave. to Chapel Ave., Victoria Ave. to Wisteria Ave.
- Fairview Estates: Holmecrest Ave. to Golfview Ave., Cynwyd Ave. to Golfview Court.
- Collins Tract: Park Ave. to Madison

Christmas Events

Christmas Bazaar

Saint Peter's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, Dec. 7 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.; as well as Saturday, Dec. 8, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Pastor's Hall, 43 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville. Featuring delicious food, wonderful vendors, great silent auction baskets, sweet baked goods, and a game section for the kids. For more information, visit www.stpetersschool.org.

Merchantville Holiday Parade And Tree Lighting

Merchantville holds its annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 7. The opening ceremony begins at 6:45 p.m. at Centre St. and Park Ave. with musical performances by local school choirs. The parade itself begins at Maple and Hamilton avenues. For more information, visit <http://merchantvillenj.gov>.

O' Christmas Tree...

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A lot of family traditions include getting a live Christmas tree. And you can definitely find them right here in town.

This time of year, a lot of brick and mortar establishments branch out to sell a variety of live Christmas trees. Such businesses include Harris Bouquet, 7616 Maple Ave., (856) 662-6553; Penn Florist, 5451 Route 38, (856) 662-0088; A&J Landscape Supply and Garden Center, 2955 Haddonfield Rd., (856) 356-2083;

Ave., Horner Ave. to Denby Ave.

- Pennwood: Leslie Ave. to 46th St., Rt. 130 to Chestnut Ave.
- Hillcrest: Norwood Ave. to Hillcrest Ave., Rt. 130 to River Rd.
- North Merchantville/Baldwin's Run: Hollinshed Ave. to 36th St., Rt. 130 to Westfield Ave.
- Delaware Gardens: Hillcrest Avenue to 36th St., Westfield Ave. to Bannard Ave.

Tuesday, December 11 (Evening)

- East Pennsauken: Morton Ave. to Osler Ave., Haddonfield Rd. to Maryland Ave.
- Iron Rock: Maple Ave. to Bryn Mawr Ave., New York Ave. to Maryland Ave.
- Highland: Poplar Ave. to Marlton Pike, Rt. 130 to Browning Rd.
- Admiral Park: Myrtle Ave. to Earle



An annual tradition, Santa Claus will be escorted through various local neighborhoods by the Pennsauken Township Fire Department.

Ave., Rosemont Ave. to Rt. 130.

- Pennsauken Estates: Chestnut Ave. to Park Ave., Cove Rd. to Bethel Ave.

Tuesday, December 18 (Evening)

- Chadwyck I, II, III: Powell Ave. to Hadley Drive, Greenbriar Rd. to Weymouth Drive.
- Bloomfield Park: Woodbine Ave. to Beacon Ave., Browning Rd. to Magnolia Ave.

Friday, December 21 (Evening)

- Delair, Bridgeview: John Tipton Blvd. to Derosse Ave., Union Ave. to Adams Ave.
- Morrisville: Pleasant Ave. to Forrest Ave., Derosse Ave. to Rt. 90.

"Selfies With Santa" At Library On December 12



Bring your family – and your phone – and get ready to take a "Selfie with Santa" on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:00 p.m., at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Stop by the Children/Young Adult Section at the Library for more details!

Santa Paws

Pennsauken Animal Hospital, 6717 N. Crescent Blvd., is hosting a "Santa Paws" event on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Bring your family and pets and get their photo taken with Santa Paws! Adoptables will be on site and we'll have holiday gifts for everyone who visits. Call (856) 662-4450 for more information.

AlgoRhythm Holiday Party

AlgoRhythm Dance Studio, 4721 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, is hosting a Latin Night/Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 15. Attendees are invited to wear their ugly holiday sweaters and enjoy an evening of bachata and salsa lessons, as well as a complimentary dinner buffet. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and there is a \$15 cover charge per person. For more information, call (856) 661-9166 or visit AlgoRhythmStudio.com.

and even the Mower Shop, 7745 Maple Ave, (856) 662-8880.

Christmas tree lots are also open for business. Every year in town, you'll find one on Cove Rd., right by Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home, as well as on Rt. 130 South, by Howard Hill Furniture.

Prices vary from place to place, but trees usually start around \$29 or so and work their way up, depending on size and type. Be sure to do your homework, and you'll find the best tree for your need and budget right here in Pennsauken.

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Historic Home For The Holidays In Pennsauken



Historic Burrough-Dover House is decorated for the holidays and a visit from Santa himself for a special event on Friday, Dec. 7.

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

For its last regularly scheduled event of the year, historic Burrough-Dover House again offers a special holiday treat for the community, with an evening of historic Yule traditions and a visit from the jolly, old elf himself! On Friday,

Dec. 7, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., history and holidays come together like egg and nog to create a magical event that is fast becoming a local tradition.

How many families begin their holiday season with a visit to a shopping mall to wait in a long line and pay a premium price to have their little ones' picture taken? The Pennsauken Historical Society invites you to visit its 300-year-old headquarters off Haddonfield Rd., which will be decked for the holidays and warmly aglow with luminaries, candles and a fire in the hearth. In the true Victorian parlor, a group of carolers earn their wassail, singing the songs of the season, a recitation of "A Visit from St. Nicholas," and other holiday favorites of the old days when home entertainment was both live and participatory. Cookies and warming treats wait in the adjoining great kitchen of the house, with the family table bedecked with greens and ornamentation. Beside the hearth and lit by its glowing coals and bright flames, the jolly guest of honor holds court, receiving his small visitors, while a photograph taken by family and friends captures the magical moment to be shared and preserved in memory. Best of all, your holiday visit to Burrough-Dover House is free of charge for admission, parking, and photography, though your donations are always appreciated to support

the historical mission of Pennsauken Historical Society throughout the approaching new year.

Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Haddonfield Rd. opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House and Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group, "Pennsauken History Forum," on Facebook for more details and directions; or call (856) 486-9561 and leave a message or e-mail pennsaukenhistorical-society@gmail.com. Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours, events, and research by prior appointment.



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Pennsauken's JapStar Imports Serves Niche Market For Car Enthusiasts

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A Pennsauken business tucked away off of Rt. 130 is focusing on a niche market for car enthusiasts: Japanese imports that were never meant for the U.S. market.

According to owner Alex Arcona, JapStar Imports, the company averages in six to ten Japanese imports a month.

"Three years ago, we started getting bigger shipments and more cars," says

Arcona.

Alex went on to explain that there are a lot of cars from Japan that were never sold in the United States, vehicles like the Nissan Skyline GTR. And as part of a

law enacted by Congress in 1988, auto enthusiasts looking to import a car never meant for the U.S. market have to wait 25 years to the month from when a vehicle was initially manufactured. That means they're importing Japanese-made cars and trucks first manufactured in 1994 or older. Despite their age, these special Japanese imports are still extremely reliable.

"It's a specialty market, not for the everyday consumer," says Arcona. "All of our imported cars have steering wheels on the right side. It's pretty niche."

The vehicles are shipped to the U.S. in large containers. JapStar picks them up from the port in either Baltimore or Newark. They do full maintenance, as well as interior and exterior cosmetic repairs and a full detail. The entire process – from purchase to maintenance – takes about a month and a half to two months.



Pennsauken-based business JapStar Imports focuses on Japanese vehicles never sold in the U.S. market.

JapStar Imports has an inventory of around 30 vehicles, as well as special orders. Most cars have a price range of anywhere between \$7,000 and \$15,000; while street legal UTVs, also known as "little trucks," are around \$4,500.

"We pride ourselves on customer service," says Arcona. "We offer good vehicles at competitive prices."

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Dr. Valerie Tutwiler Researching New Ways To Treat Blood Clots

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Research undertaken by a Pennsauken native is changing the way scientists identify and treat abnormal blood clots.

Dr. Valerie Tutwiler, Ph.D., grew up in Pennsauken, attending St. Stephen's School and enjoyed playing sports for P.Y.A.A. and performing in pop up plays for P.A.P.A. Today, Tutwiler, a post-doctoral fellow in hemostasis and thrombosis at the Perlman School of Medicine, Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania, has focused her research on the types of blood clots that lead to serious medical conditions.

"I was always interested in cardiovascular and heart related research, especially after my grandmother had a heart attack when I



Dr. Valerie Tutwiler, Ph.D.

was younger," says Tutwiler. "It wasn't until my co-op through Drexel University at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's hematology lab that I started looking at the blood side of things."

Dr. Tutwiler explained that normally, blood clots are part of the body's healing process. It's only when blood clots occur in places where they shouldn't be that they can cause major health problems.

"We're looking at the structure and

mechanics of blood clots, how they create conditions that lead to issues such as heart attacks and stroke," says Tutwiler. "By looking at how the disease develops, we can research new solutions on how they can be treated."

During the fall, Dr. Tutwiler traveled to Morristown Hospital in Wales and presented to researchers about new techniques to detect abnormal clotting in blood in patients arriving in their emergency rooms with illnesses includ-

ing strokes, heart disease, and respiratory conditions. It's part of the process to create scientific collaboration and collect more data through additional research.

"We're expanding the types of population that we're looking at for this one aspect of blood clotting, but we're also expanding the directions we're going in," says Tutwiler. "It's an ongoing project and we're looking forward to seeing the results."

Pennsauken Native's Artwork Selected For Project Mars Challenge

The artwork of Pennsauken native Dominique Evans, currently studying at Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, was recently selected as a finalist for the Project Mars Challenge. Co-sponsored by NASA and SciArt Exchange, college students and early career professionals communicate their visual interpretation of NASA's deep space journey from Earth to Mars.

Participants learned about NASA's deep space exploration efforts, including the agency's Orion spacecraft, space launch system rocket and gateway planned near the Moon, and create their vision of what NASA's leadership in deep space will look like.

Entries included film and poster submissions that envisioned NASA's missions and what astronauts might see, feel and experience on those missions.

Evans' artwork, "Two Worlds," was selected from out of 600 entries as a third place finalist.

Entries were judged by a stellar team of film and graphic industry professionals, as well as NASA astronauts.

To view all of the selected submissions, visit ProjectMarsCompetition.com.

"Two Worlds," a poster created by Pennsauken native Dominique Evans, was selected as a third place finalist for the Project Mars Challenge.



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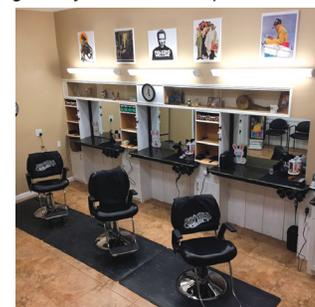
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By Sonny DiSabato,
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evening of fun.

To register, please call Michael at (856) 216-2170. Attendees are asked to not arrive before 3:15 p.m. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

Aqua Aerobics For Seniors

The Camden County Board of Freeholders presents free Aqua Aerobics classes for seniors ages 55 and older. The water fitness program was developed with exercises performed primarily in a vertical position in shallow water. Water resistance creates an environment that improves cardiovascular conditioning, strength and endurance, and flexibility and balance. Classes begin with a warm-up then proceed into a series of alternating cardio and strength exercises. A cool down and stretching complete the class.

Class sizes are limited to 20 individuals per session. Class sessions run from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Center in Camden. The dates for this month are Dec. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11.

Participants can register at the Kroc Center website www.camdenkroccenter.org or by calling (856) 379-6906.

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GRAY MATTERS

Celebrating The Holiday Season, All 365 Days Of It

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Greetings, merry merry and happy happy to one and all.

This year, I make Santa's Naughty List. Well, hold on a second... I should have added an "again" on to that last sentence.

And whilst the lovely, old fella in the red suit may decide to forgive me "again," I have also asked the same of our own Frank Sinatra, AAP's editor-in-chief.

I am in Germany right now and won't be back until the paper hits your mailboxes... so this column will be a re-run. Hopefully one you all enjoyed it once and will be happy to read it twice.

Thank you, Santa, and Mr. Sinatra for the patience... and see you in 2019!

The holiday season is my favorite time of year, because it lasts from January 1 through December 31.

Oh, lots of other things filter in in-between it all, but good will, compassion, generosity of spirit, fun, laughter, and trays full of chocolate chip cookies seem quite worthy of a yearly go-round to me.

I don't mean to get anyone's tinsel twisted here for you lovers of a solid, official holiday, but call me a little Dickens for once again living outside the box – gift wrapped or otherwise.

Christmas makes me happy no mat-

ter what time of the year it is.

For me, it's not about a "time," although we have been taught, conditioned, if you will, to think that way most all of our lives.

Time seems long for those who wait for the next big thing... for Christmas; that new job; another Sunday to go to church; the upcoming summer; the next beautiful snowfall – you get the drift. Sorry about that, I just couldn't resist.

Everything will happen in its own time. What won't happen if you are just cruising and waiting for the next big thing to come along is life's daily, "ready and waiting for you – Technicolor joys."

And they are always there waiting for you.

One quote I recall may not seem all that affiliated with this column, but it is. It's from one of my favorite presidents: Teddy Roosevelt. He said, "If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."

So get out of your own way, and live the life your heart tells you to. Feel, live, love, and enjoy the good things that surround you all year long. You are far more blessed than you know.

Peace and love... and all good things.
~Judy

Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club Holds Holiday Open Houses

Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club is having open houses throughout the holiday season. Located in the basement of Grace Episcopal Church, 7 East Maple Ave., Merchantville, the display features a two-rail, O gauge model railroad, including 4,000 linear feet of track and a reproduction of Philadelphia's 30th Street Station.

The area's largest operating O gauge model railroad display will be open to the public on the following dates:

- Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, noon to 3:00 p.m.
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By Ngan Chiem, Pennsauken High School

Few of us can say we've met a Nobel Prize winner, much less claim they've taught us about their works. Eustacia Pyne-Bailey, a junior at Pennsauken High School, can say just that.

Eustacia attended the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Mass., where she was taught by prestigious minds, such as David J. Wineland, Nobel Prize winner in physics; Marc Raibert, CEO of Boston Dynamics; and Sylvia Gashow, National Geographic Society explorer.

The program was designed for aspiring physicians, scientists or technologists. In order to be nominated, Eustacia met the criteria of a 3.5 or higher GPA and demonstrated leadership potential in her classes.

Pennsauken High School has received another nomination form for the next conference. The theme each year is "Greatness Awaits." We are very proud of what Eustacia has accomplished and hope to continue this tradition with other students!

Red Ribbon Week At Delair School

Red Ribbon Week was a huge success at Delair. Students shared about the people that help them make good decisions. They loved tracing and cutting out their hands to create the red ribbons that were hung in the main hallway. Hand in hand we stand, healthy and drug free!





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month for the entire school year!

The teachers saw the idea posted on Facebook by their colleagues, Mrs. Keri Seaver and Ms. Annette Vesper, who are piloting the project in their classrooms. This project is such a great way to instill a life-

long love of reading in each of our students.

Thank you to all of the book sponsors who made this amazing project possible; your donations will allow students to not only build their home libraries, but to also continue to build a love of reading!



Fourth graders at the Intermediate School show off the books they received in October. Students receive a new book each month for the whole school year.

Carson Second Graders Celebrate Dia De Los Muertos



Second graders at Carson School celebrated Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. It is a Mexican holiday to remember and celebrate family members who have passed. The children made "Papel Picado," or paper cut outs to hang in our hallways. They also colored skulls with bright colors to celebrate.

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Pennsauken High School Students Attend HBCU College Fair



Several PHS students traveled to the BB&T Pavilion to the annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair. Nine PHS seniors were accepted to multiple colleges and universities. Congratulations to Amani Dyer, Arthur Carter, Amaya McGuire (full ride to Benedict College), Alliyah Collins, J'laiya Colon, Paris Merrieweather, Briana Carey, Kristine Wemegah (\$2,000 scholarship) and Samir Corbett. We are Pennsauken Proud!

Enjoying Halloween At Delair School



Students and staff at Delair School had a great time on Halloween! T.E.A.M. Delair (Together Everyone Achieves More) dressed up as emojis; and students paraded around our school in their Halloween best! The Delair PTA provided treats along the parade route and a fun time was had by all!

Pennsauken High School Honors Local Veterans

For Veterans Day, Pennsauken High School held a special event for local veterans, several of whom attended PHS. Special recognition was given to Jack Parvin, a Pennsauken resident and 100-year-old Army veteran.



Pennsauken High School Holds CTE Open House



Families received an overview and tour of Pennsauken High School's Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes during an open house last month. Currently, Pennsauken High School offers CTE programs in automotive technology, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, electrical, and welding.

A Hispanic Heritage Afternoon Full Of Excitement



Students at Fine School were treated to an assembly filled with entertaining performances as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Fine School's third annual Hispanic Heritage Month assembly was full of excitement. Students from pre-k to third grade had a chance to participate and be part of this great event coordinated by Ms. Ortiz and Mrs. Cotto.

The performance included singing in Spanish; dancing to authentic music; decorative art displays from Mrs. Cotto, the art teacher; culturally-specific clothing and role playing. Hispanic Americans, such as Roberto Clemente, Ellen Ochoa, Selena Quintanilla, Celia Cruz, Sonia Sotomayor, Oscar de la Hoya, and Cesar Chavez were presented by third graders. Students danced to "Merengue," by Grupo Mania; and "Salsa," by Celia Cruz. "La Bamba" was another great hit

that was performed. We also included a surprise where a student played the role of Miguel from the movie, "Coco."

The outcome of the assembly was a great success, and students were very excited to be part of it.

It was absolutely a great month here at Fine School during Hispanic Heritage Month. Each day from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, a different third grade student read a Hispanic heritage fact of the day over the announcement system. This gave students a daily reminder of the many important contributions of the Hispanic people throughout the generations.

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Junior Achievement Students Help Fifth Graders Prepare For The Working World

Pennsauken High School students took over some fifth grade classrooms at the Pennsauken Intermediate School on Nov. 6 to engage the students in lessons related to work readiness and economic reasoning to make sound financial decisions.

The high school students are members of Junior Achievement of New Jersey, a program that works with educating students on work readiness.

We thank our fifth grade teachers: Mrs. Romei, Mrs. Mattingly, Mrs. Luongo, Ms. Ashe, Ms. Killion, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Santiago, Mrs. Niederberger, Mrs. Hager-Campbell, Ms. Andrade-Thomas, and Mrs. Nicholoras for accommodating the high school students and for making their teaching experience in the classroom a success!

Last month, Pennsauken High School students participating in the Junior Achievement program helped fifth graders learn about work readiness and sound financial decisions.



Franklin Has A Fantastic October

What a busy month at Franklin Elementary! Our students, teachers, and families were involved in a wide variety of activities.

Our kindergarten and bridge classes went to Johnson's Farm. The bridge class took pleasure in a hands-on experience with the pumpkins picked at the farm. Mrs. Bowne's class used adjectives to describe pumpkins, as well as estimated and counted the seeds by tens. They also enjoyed some nonfiction books about pumpkins and how they grow.

On Oct. 25, we held our "Funfest." Families enjoyed many different activities they could do together. Students had an opportunity to compare how red and green apples taste. They were also able to graph to see who liked what kind of apples the best. Red apples won!

There were varying activities for students from our pre-k to our third graders. They matched letters, sorted leaves, solved riddles, and so much more. High school volunteers came to help; and the students loved that the "big kids" came!

On Oct. 26, we had our fire prevention assembly. Our firefighters came and taught our students about fire preven-



School families compared the taste of apples during Franklin's "Funfest" in October.

tion and what to do in case of a fire. Students got a chance to see a firefighter in full equipment so they won't be scared if they have to save them. Also, students had a chance to see a fire engine up close.

On Oct. 30, Franklin Student Council took their annual trip to the Genesis HealthCare facility in Pennsauken to spread some cheer and smiles. Mrs. Chrzanowski, Mrs. Levecchia, Mr. Carr, and Ms. Soto accompanied the students from every grade and class at Franklin. Some students dressed in Halloween costumes, but all had a smile for the res-

idents. Students performed their rendition of "Five Little Pumpkins" and were greeted with smiles and applause. They also handed out fall cards created by the students of Franklin Elementary with a smile.

Our Franklin Halloween parade was fantastic! Students dressed in a variety of costumes. Staff really got into the spirit. Several teachers dressed as word wall letters! We had witches, Winnie the Pooh, an alien, and a piece of pizza!

We enjoyed the day and are thankful for all who came to see our parade!

Celebrating Intermediate School Students Of The Month



Congratulations to the Pennsauken Intermediate School's Students of the Month of September! Seen here in the front row are Mykayla Lightfoot, Rachel Biehl, Gianni Perez, Julianna Labenski; in the middle row, Magaly Morales, Johnaldo Malave-Rodriguez, and Yolizmarie Negron; in the back row, Khang (Bo) Luu, Kaliyah George, and Cheney Le.



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Congratulations to all of Pennsauken High School's Scholars. We are proud to recognize the academics strides you are making toward very successful futures



**According to The College Board, the national average SAT Score for 2017 was 1060



By Nick Perry, President,
Pennsauken Board of Education

On behalf of the Pennsauken Board of Education, we are excited to say that 2018 was as a year of exponential growth and development for the Pennsauken School District. The District has made great strides in expanding opportunities for all students, fostering an innovative, collaborative learning environment that will lead to successful outcomes.

The District is working to build a culture that engages the entire Pennsauken

Looking Back On A Successful 2018 For Pennsauken Schools

community and values input of residents, while sharing our vision of becoming the most comprehensive school district in Camden County. With the leadership of fellow board members, Dr. Tarchichi, District staff, and Pennsauken residents, we can ensure that the Pennsauken School District will continue to build a dynamic learning environment that produces future leaders.

Below are all initiatives that were undertaken in 2018:

Elementary

- Pre-K – third grade model
- Full day Pre-K
- Fourth – fifth grade model at the Intermediate School
- Security vestibules
- New windows

- Accelerated track in social studies, science, math, and ELA for Grades 4-5

Middle

- Sixth – eighth grade model
- Security vestibules
- New coding and engineering courses
- New stage and science labs
- Accelerated track in social studies, science, math, and ELA for Grades 6-8

High School

- TV studio rehabilitation and communications academy
- Six state approved CTE programs

(carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, electrical, construction, welding)

- Academy model and expanded course offerings
- Additional CTE programs under development for 2019 - 2020 school year
- Magnet School
- Athletic upgrades
- Stage and auditorium upgrades
- Expanded dual credit offerings
- Security vestibules
- AF JROTC Program

The Pennsauken Board of Education would like to thank all staff who has worked extremely hard this year to build

on the Pennsauken School District's new direction. We would also like to send our appreciation to all residents of Pennsauken, who have been engaged throughout the year and have offered their insight in making the Pennsauken School District a great place to learn.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

The members of the Pennsauken Board of Education are Nick Perry, president; Diane Johnson, vice president; Michael Bortnowski; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Orlando Viera; JoAnn Young; and Mike Trost.

Interactive Murals Created At Burling And Baldwin

Fun, interactive, and collaborative murals were created by the students from Burling Elementary School and Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center. Every student creates a piece of the mural in Mrs. Krystal Hall's art class.

All of the pieces are collected and one large mural is displayed in the halls.

Interactive murals are the perfect combination of art and engagement! The students become a part of the artwork and the final product is amazing.

Each student smiles from ear to ear as they display true joy for the art they helped create!



Interactive murals at Burling and Baldwin help students think differently about art.

Carson Students Help Change Hunger

Carson School participated in the "Students Change Hunger" food drive, in cooperation with the Food Bank of South Jersey. The food drive was held with a friendly competition between four "houses," to which students were assigned in a kick-off event. The students brought food items in and tallies were totaled at the end of each day. In addition, the students counted and helped box the food for delivery. It was close, but "Purple House" edged their way into first place! Carson School collected over 900 food items for the Food Bank of South Jersey, which serves several counties in the state and is accessible to families in need.



Rashan Spence, Jahliil Mahan, Elizabeth Alvarado, and Casey Madera make donations for the "Students Change Hunger" food drive.

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Looking At The Big Picture Regarding Rental Properties

By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

A few months ago, we communicated changes being made to the Township's rental property program. We wanted to share where we are with the transformation of the program and some of the updates that have happened since our initial announcement.

There were three things within our program that needed updating. First was the registration fee; the second was the property maintenance standards; and third was the automation of the overall program.

We have already addressed the registration fee, taking it to \$350 per year per property. Patte Magro, our Township

rental coordinator; John Kneib, our Township administrator; the members of Township Committee; as well as myself, have all met with or spoken to many landlords regarding their concerns over the increase. After going through the information and discussing the basis for the increase, there was a clear understanding as to why the Township took this step. It comes down to the cost of doing business and to ensure the program is fair and equitable for "ALL" of the Townships residents.

Property maintenance was the second concern. Pennsauken Township has over 1,000 rental properties. The better majority of the landlords are good people who register their properties every year;

get the necessary inspections to make sure that their properties are safe and secure; and do a beautiful job of ensuring great pride and care is shown to people driving through our town. Likewise for the tenants who live there. But not everyone is as diligent in ensuring the same standards. The adjustments made to the maintenance section of the ordinance have been changed to include accountability to not only the landlord, but also the tenant. Going forward, if a notice of violation is sent to the owner of a rental property, the same notice will also be sent to the tenant. This ensures that both parties responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of a property are notified and accountable to the same standards as our residents. At the end of the day tenant, resident, or landlord, we all have a stake in how our town is perceived both internally and externally.

The automation of this program was paramount. Getting this done would free up Patte's time and enable her to focus on the enforcement of the program, holding all responsible parties accountable. So starting this month, the rental registration program will be set up as an online registration process, accessible through our Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us. You can access the link by going onto the website under online forms, and then landlord registra-

tions (soon to be called rental property registration). If you do not have access to a computer, or if you need assistance in getting your first registration completed, please call Patte Magro, the Township's rental coordinator, at (856) 663-0514; she'll be happy to assist you in getting your registration completed.

Another big benefit of the online registration program is that it cross pollinates with the vacant property registration program through the ProChamps software we use. We will be able to share information across programs to identify properties that may be in foreclosure but have been turned into rental properties, or rental properties in foreclosure that may soon be going vacant.

In closing, I had the pleasure of speaking with some of the members of the Pennsauken's Republican Party last month. The discussion was focused on information pertaining to the foreclosed, vacant and abandoned property program, where we were, where we are now, and what are the next steps for that program. At the closing of that discussion, I asked the group for a favor. Everyone is on some form of social media today. Thoughts and opinions are shared and conclusions are drawn. Unfortunately, many times those conclusions are drawn based on opinions rather than factual information or from interpretations in-

stead of fact-based conversations. So the favor I asked was this: please do not believe everything you read on Facebook or any social media site. Get the facts for yourself. If you have a question or concern about something the Township is doing, or if you read or hear something that you want information about, call in and get the information you need.

I receive many calls from residents regarding vacant properties. They provide all kinds of information that only they can share because they live next to or near an abandoned or vacant property. This information is invaluable to getting the property taken care of. Resolving the issues that concern our residents is our primary responsibility. We work hard to get things done as quickly as the system will allow us. The problem will get resolved much faster with a phone call rather than a post.

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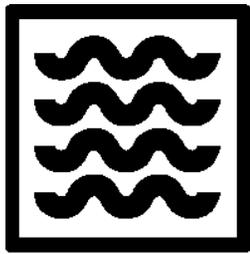


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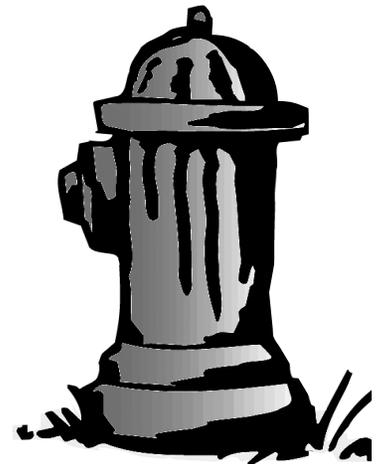
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Pennsauken Police Officers, Acting Chief, Sworn In

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A new era of community-oriented policing had its official start in Pennsauken during a special ceremony last month at the Pennsauken Country Club.

On Nov. 5, Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion swore in several police officers into their new roles in front of their families, colleagues, and friends. Eric Morton, Mike Pennington, Steve Reese,

and Vito Moles were promoted to the rank of sergeant; Phil Olivo was sworn in as a lieutenant; James Hartnett was promoted to captain; and John Nettleton took his oath as acting police chief.

"We're excited that this day is here, that we're promoting these fine people," said Mayor Killion. "The future is very bright. There's such a positive vibe in this department, in the Township; it's because of

you: the men and women of Pennsauken's police department."

The officers took an opportunity to thank all those who helped guide and support them in their professional and personal lives, promising to work even harder to serve the people of Pennsauken Township. As the evening came to a close, Acting Chief Nettleton shared his gratitude to the many people who helped

mold and guide him to this moment: colleagues and friends he worked with throughout the years; mentors that helped him grow; family members who provided unyielding support; and the members of Pennsauken Township Committee – Public Safety Director Bill Orth in particular – for having faith in him to move the Pennsauken Police Department forward and serve its residents. He also spoke to the officers under his command, promising to be a hands-on, visible leader that would always have their back.

"To my fellow Pennsauken police officers: I've had an opportunity to work alongside all of you. I've not lost touch



Acting Chief of Police John Nettleton, Captain James Hartnett, Lieutenant Phil Olivo, Sergeant Eric Morton, Sergeant Mike Pennington, Sergeant Vito Moles, and Sergeant Steve Reese were sworn in by Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion.

on how challenging this profession is," said Nettleton. "Thank you for believing in me. I will not let you down."

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no rain date for this event.

"We're excited to have the tree lighting return for a third year in a row," says Killion. "Having Santa make an early visit to town via fire engine is a real treat for both the young and young at heart."

event, with last year's snow making a perfect backdrop," says Bill Orth, Pennsauken Township Committee. "We hope that the entire Pennsauken community joins us for this special holiday celebration."

As with last year's event, the Parade

of Lights will be shared via Facebook Live on the "Pennsauken Television" Facebook page.

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

Second Annual Parade Of Lights

The Township's second annual Parade of Lights will be held on Friday, Dec. 14 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 Park Ave., beginning at the Masonic Temple and running towards Browning Rd. via Chestnut Ave. 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 inaugural parade was a great

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December kicks off both the holidays and the winter season! It's a great time to warm up to some great books and movies that are perfect for this time of year.

"A Christmas Carol" is a timeless classic; and the Pennsauken Free Public Library offers multiple ways to enjoy Charles Dickens' masterpiece, from the novel itself, to a variety of movie adaptations. There's even an audio book!

There are also plenty of modern classics in the Library's DVD catalog, including "Elf," "Love Actually," and... ahem... "Bad Santa."

For everyone's favorite caroler, there are plenty of songs to sing along to, with CDs filled with holiday classics, new takes on old standards, and more.

For the kids, there are plenty of selections for them to read and watch in the

Check Out Some Holiday Fun At The Pennsauken Library

Children and Young Adult section. You'll find holiday stories with a variety of favorites, including "Alvin and the Chipmunks," "Dora the Explorer," "Elmo," "The Muppets," and "VeggieTales." You'll also find plenty of the Rankin-Bass classics, including "Rudolph The Red-nosed Reindeer," "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town," and "Frosty The Snowman."

And you won't just find things for Christmas. For those looking forward to Hanukkah, you can find a variety of books and movies, including "Celebrate Hanukkah," "Maccabees: The Hanukkah Mice," and even the Adam Sandler cult classic, "Eight Crazy Nights." For Kwanzaa, there's "It's Kwanzaa Time," "Crafts for Kwanzaa," "Seven Candles For Kwanzaa," and more.

And if you're looking for something

to do on winter break when the kids are out of school, be sure to check out the Library's museum pass program, which enables patrons to visit several area museums, providing opportunities for learning, leisure, cultural enrichment, and fun. And it's for FREE! Just be sure to check your passes out in plenty of time. These are in high demand and the Library's closed on Dec. 24 and 25. You can find more information on this program by visiting PennsaukenLibrary.org.

So whatever – and however – you celebrate this time of year, the staff of the Pennsauken Free Public Library wishes you and yours a very happy and joyous holiday season.

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The Library will close at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, for New Year's Eve.

Friends Hold Active Shooter Preparedness Program

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library sponsored an active shooter preparedness program last month at the Library. Offered by the F.B.I., this free program was designed to help participants make the mental and physical preparations to deal with an active shooter situation.



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December Events

- Holiday Accordion Concert – Thursday, Dec. 13; 7:00 p.m. The Westmont Accordion Club will perform a variety of holiday selections, Broadway show tunes, and sing-a-longs in the Library's Community Room. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- Holiday Cookie Sale – Saturday, Dec. 15; 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in the lobby. Bags of cookies are just \$1. Friends of the Library members receive one free bag with membership card.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, Dec. 17; 6:00 p.m. Each month, board members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend.

For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers

- Toddler Movement – Saturdays, Dec. 1 & 8; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 2-5.
- Baby Ballet – Saturdays, Dec. 1 & 8; 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 2-5.
- Tail Waggin' Tutors – Tuesday, Dec. 4; 4:15 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 6; 4:15 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to practice their independent reading skills with a certified therapy friend

from Therapy Dogs International! Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for your 15-minute time slot.

- Wee Readers – Wednesday, Dec. 5; 10:30 a.m. Storytime for little ones up to age 2.
- Preschool Storytime – Wednesday, Dec. 5; 11:15 a.m. and Thursday, Dec. 6; 2:00 p.m. Storytime for children ages 3 to 5.
- Winter Holiday Storytime – Wednesday, Dec. 12; 6:00 p.m. Get into the holiday spirit with this special storytime. Plus, get your "Selfie with Santa!" All ages.
- Sensory-Friendly Storytime – Saturday, Dec. 15; 11:00 a.m. This program is presented at a preschool level and uses books, songs, and activities to engage in developing emerging literacy, social interaction, and both gross and fine motor skills. Ideal for children who are differently abled, may be on the autism spectrum, have sensory processing issues, or feel overwhelmed by noises or crowds. Registration is required. For ages 2-9.
- LEGO Club – Saturday, Dec. 15; 2:00 p.m. You bring the creativity and imagination and we supply the LEGO and DUPLO blocks (for use in the library only). For all ages.
- Pajama Storytime – Wednesday, Dec. 26; 6:00 p.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for night-time storytime fun — and feel free to wear your favorite pajamas! For ages 0-8.
- Yoga Storytime – Thursday, Dec. 27; 11:00 a.m. For children ages 3-8. Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.
- Disney Karaoke – Thursday, Dec. 27; 6:00 p.m. Disney fans of all ages are invited to sing along to your musical favorites at this officially licensed, fan-based performance. Registration is not required, but is strongly recommended for those that want to perform. Call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.
- Parachute and Play – Friday, Dec. 28; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina for parachute songs and games, followed by free-play with our puppet theater, DUPLO blocks, and more! Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.
- Noon Year's Eve Party – Monday, Dec. 31; 11:30 a.m. Help ring in 2019 at this special celebration! All ages.

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Keep Homes Safe During Holidays With Safety Tips For Decorating

Submitted by the Pennsauken-Collingswood Fire Prevention & Inspection Bureau Reprinted with Permission from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is issuing safety tips for holiday decorations. Holiday decorations, like candles, lights and Christmas trees, add a joyous and festive mood to the holiday season. But when these decorations are not used properly, they can cause fires, injuries and death.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 12,500 people for falls, cuts, shocks, and burns due to incidents involving faulty holiday lights, dried-out Christmas trees and other holiday decorations.

To prevent these injuries, CPSC monitors holiday lights and other decorations sold at stores and on the Internet. CPSC works with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to identify and detain unsafe holiday light sets posing fire risks

from being distributed in the U.S.

Christmas trees are involved in about 300 fires annually, resulting in 10 deaths, 30 injuries and an average of about \$10 million in property damage and loss. In addition, there are more than 13,000 candle-related fires each year, which result in 140 deaths and \$205 million in property loss.

"The flickering light of candles can add beauty and tradition to the holidays," said CPSC Chairman Ann Marie Buerkle. "However, when left unattended or within a child's reach, burning candles can turn your celebration into tragedy. Following a few simple safety tips can help prevent holiday decoration-related fires."

CPSC suggests following these tips to make your holiday a safe one.

TREES

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't

catch fire, it does indicate the tree is more resistant to burning.

- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and do not break when bent between your fingers. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on

the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

LIGHTS

- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL or ETL. This indicates conformance with safety standards. Use only lights that have plugs containing fuses.

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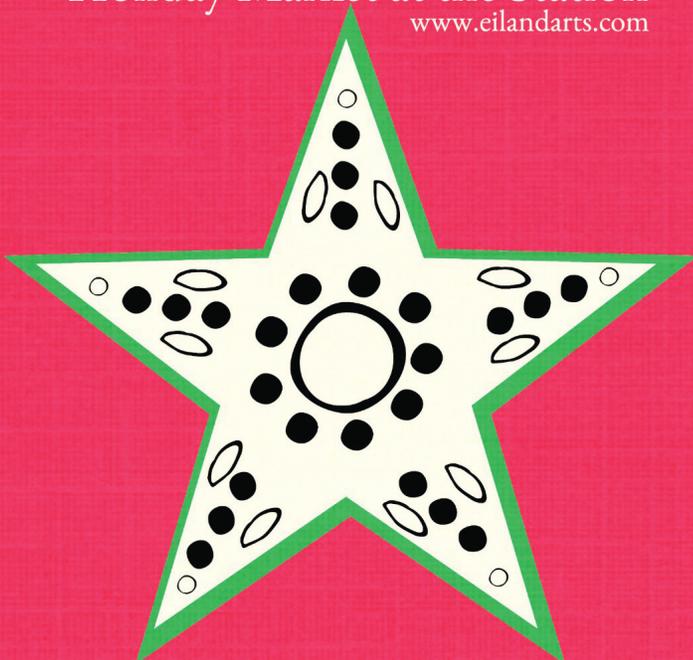
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GOING GREEN Remembering The Tradition Of Bayberry Candles

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

As the holiday season approaches, I find myself reminiscing about Christmases past. Dragging boxes out of the attic to decorate the house and yard; trimming the tree; and hanging stockings in preparation for Santa's arrival.

One of my family's traditions was lighting a bayberry candle each Christmas Eve. A bayberry candle is a strongly scented olive colored candle made from a species of bayberry shrub that grows abundantly in North America. First made by early colonists who boiled bayberries to get the wax, bayberry candles are considered by many to be the original scented candles in America. Real bayberry candles are made with pure

bayberry wax mixed with a hint of beeswax for stability.

When the first settlers arrived on our shores, every moment was one of survival. Everything was in short supply, including candles, which were the primary source of light after dark in the days before electricity. In colonial times, candles were made of tallow (animal fat) which tends to smoke and give off an odor, especially if they had become rancid.

Innovative homemakers discovered that the abundant bayberry bush had berries that would give off a waxy residue when boiled. They learned to collect and save the bayberry wax that would rise to the surface of the water and make them into tapered candles. Bayberry tapers burned longer and

cleaner than the tallow version. However, pure bayberry wax tends to be brittle, so candle-makers mixed the wax with beeswax to help them hold their shape and not fracture.

It takes a lot of bayberries to make enough wax to make a single taper. These Bayberry tapers were a real treasure to the colonists, who saved them for special occasions. Bayberry candles were a luxury to be relished. The scarcity and value of bayberry wax fueled the traditions that grew up around its use during the darkest days of the year. Originally used by colonists, it has become a tradition to burn a bayberry candle on winter nights, in hopes of health and prosperity in the coming year.

The ritual that originally developed around bayberry candles began as a Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve tra-

dition. During those special nights, a bayberry candle was burned – and it had to be timed to stay lit until after midnight – to bring a year of prosperity and good fortune to the household. The candle could not be extinguished; it had to be allowed to burn out on its own. If the candle burned down to the socket, abundance for the coming year would bless everyone participating in the ritual.

Over the years, the burning of bayberry candles on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve became a tradition, creating a saying whose origins have been lost to time, yet the tradition continues today. The gift of a bayberry candle is an invitation to participate in the holiday ritual. Lighting a symbolic bayberry candle calls for a recitation of the legendary poem:

"This bayberry candle comes from a

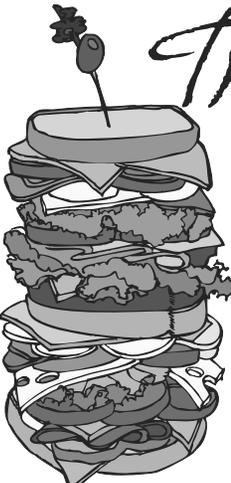
friend, so on Christmas Eve, burn it down to the end. For a bayberry candle, burned to the socket, will bring joy to the heart and gold to the pocket."

A slightly different version of the invocation delivers the same message:

"A bayberry candle burned to the socket brings luck to the household, food to the larder, and gold to the pocket."

A genuine bayberry candle won't give off a powerful perfume – those are artificially perfumed candles – but will emit its fragrance most noticeably when it goes out or is snuffed out. In this season of giving, remember to share family traditions with loved ones, to keep memories of those who have gone before us alive.

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Approximately 100 guests were on hand for the grand opening ceremony, which included a ribbon cutting at Haddon Point's clubhouse, cocktail party, and property tours. One guest in particular was quite the “cheerleader” during the event. Years ago, Township Committeeman Rick Taylor stated in the press that

if anything was finally built at the former site of the Pennsauken Mart, he'd wear a cheerleading outfit – complete with tutu and pom poms – to celebrate at the ribbon cutting. Over a decade later, he was true to his word.

“I always said I would do this and I'm a man of my word,” says Taylor. “I'm glad I finally had a chance to do it. This place is truly amazing.”

As part of Phase I of the Haddon Point project, five buildings, holding a total of 120 high-end apartments, as well as a luxury

clubhouse, have been completed. Building and apartment amenities include access controlled entrances; premium oak cabinets and vanities; open concept kitchens with gas cooking; quartz countertops in kitchen and baths; Energy Star stainless steel appliances; smarthome thermostats; private balconies and patios; and full-size washers and dryers. Residents also enjoy benefits such as free community-wide WiFi; 24-hour modern fitness center and yoga room; community lounge; game room with billiards, shuffleboard and darts;

patio with grilling area and fire pits; resort-style pool and sun deck; convenient package concierge; trash valet services; and a pet-friendly atmosphere, among others.

An additional 120 units are currently under construction on the 35-acre parcel. Phase II of the project is slated to begin this spring and will consist of townhomes

by Ryan Homes.

“This is the way redevelopment is supposed to work,” said Tom Juliano, President and CEO of Delco Development. “We've worked hard and we're excited to enhance the community.”

For more information on the development, visit HaddonPoint.com.

Nardi Up For BroadwayWorld Philadelphia Award

Pennsauken native Frank Nardi is up for his first BroadwayWorld Philadelphia Award for his performance as Pro Football Hall of Famer Tommy McDonald in “Tommy And Me,” the play written by famous sportswriter and radio/TV personality Ray Didinger.

Regional productions, touring shows, and more are all included in the awards presented by BroadwayHD, honoring productions which opened between October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Nominees were readers-submitted

and the public can vote for their favorites. Voting will continue through December 31, 2018.

Nardi is up for “Best Supporting Actor in a Play.”

To vote for Frank, visit <http://bit.ly/BroadwayWorldPhilly>.

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

On behalf of the crew of your Public Works Department, I want to begin this article by extending our warmest wishes to our residents, businesses, and their families for the happiest of holidays and a very Happy New Year. During the annual task of putting up the new calendar and filling-in all of the birthdays, anniversaries, and other anticipated dates, it gives us the opportunity to set some goals, based upon our experiences of the pre-

A Year In Review For Pennsauken's Department Of Public Works

vious year. As in most businesses, the end of a calendar year is a time where an organization can look back and evaluate its strengths and areas of improvement.

Although our town had many highlights in 2018 that our Department was involved with, such as a significant number of clean ups and a wide variety of events, including Pennsauken's Car and Bike Show, the Harvest Festival, the annual Holiday Parade and tree lighting ceremony, I'd like to point out some of the Public Works-specific items that occurred this year.

On the personnel front, our operations

were expanded with the approval for two new entry-level laborer positions. We welcomed Nick and Dominic in March, increasing our ability to expand regular maintenance of regular problem areas like Tippin's Pond and the boat ramp. However, the first quarter of 2018 was equally unfair to our department, when we unexpectedly and regretfully had to say goodbye to two of our 30+ year crewmen: Levi Beverly and Ken Washington. Their untimely passing created a void in our hearts and a lump in our throats. Not a day goes by around the shop that these two fail to be mentioned or remembered. I'm confident that they would be proud of the work we continue to do in their absence. The task with satisfying these two vacancies was a "big shoes to fill" situation that the Department of Public Works

management faced. I believe that the crew here would agree that the choices proved to be great additions. We welcomed Brett and Billy, which put our crew back into the "plus two" category that we intended on being at in early 2018. I can feel a great energy around the shop that extends from the most veteran members to the rookies.

What we do is not glamorous stuff. It is our goal to perform our work with as high a standard as we can achieve within the environment we work in. To that end, it is definitely worth reflecting on what must have been the wettest year on record. Personally, I know my own weekly lawn-mowing ritual was thrown-off a bunch of times due to constant rain all summer! To the crews that cut down trees and maintain our parks and athletic fields, this was no easy task. For those staff that maintains storm retention

basins, there were weeks where they couldn't get in there to cut the basin itself!

Public Works' vehicle repair garage division had another great year, maintaining all police, fire, EMS, Public Works, and other township vehicles with top-notch service. John and his staff kept productivity high, even during the replacement of our concrete flooring! Our road patch crew, with the infusion of some young guys, flexed some unused muscles in October, successfully paving a problematic section of the Department of Public Works facility. This mini-project proved that future small-sized paving projects could be designed and completed in-house. I am proud, once again, of the progress that we have made together in 2018.

Public Works will continue to pick up large leaf piles until Dec. 28. Those that bag their leaves can place them at the curb for Wednesday yard debris pickup by Waste Management throughout the year. After Jan. 1, we officially switch our equipment over to winter attachments for the bulk of the winter season and require the bagging of leaves. Think we missed you? Give us a call at the number below and we'll make it happen.

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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CHRISTMAS, TUESDAY, DEC. 25, IS A "TRASH HOLIDAY!"

Tuesday's trash and recycling will be collected on Wednesday, Dec. 26. Wednesday's yard waste and white goods collection moves to Thursday, Dec. 27. Thursday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Friday, Dec. 28. Friday's trash and recycling collection will be on Saturday, Dec. 29, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Trash and recycling collection on Monday, Dec. 24, occurs as normal.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, TUESDAY, JAN. 1, IS ALSO A "TRASH HOLIDAY!"

Tuesday's trash and recycling will be collected on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Wednesday's yard waste and white goods collection moves to Thursday, Jan. 3. Thursday's trash and recycling will be picked up on Friday, Jan. 4. Friday's trash and recycling collection will be on Saturday, Jan. 5, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Trash and recycling collection on Monday, Dec. 31, occurs as normal.

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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,

Angel Tree Program Helps Pennsauken Residents In Need

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today's Angel Tree program.

Individuals can purchase a new, unwrapped toy and leave it at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue, during normal business hours now through 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

Special Angel Tree Collection Events

The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a holiday happy hour to help add to this year's Angel Tree donations on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Marco's at Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The event features a complimentary buffet, drink specials, holiday music, and pictures with Santa. All attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Angel Tree program. To RSVP for the event, e-mail pmaclteam@gmail.com or call (856) 438-0833.

Mister Softee of Pennsauken, located at 3605 Haddonfield Rd., is also helping with this year's toy drive with a special incentive. For every new, unwrapped toy donated at their store, individuals will be entered into a raffle for a Mister Softee gift certificate, as well as other promotional items. A total of five prizes will be raffled off after the toy drive is over.

Toys can be dropped off at Mister Softee now through Monday, Dec. 17, during regular store hours, noon to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

For more information, or to volunteer for the Angel Tree program, contact Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000, ext. 151 or e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

N.J. 08110, no later than 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

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 Offi-

cer, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

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

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To Give Or Not To Give: Be Sure When Making A Pet A Present



By Nancy Welsh, Pennsauken Township Animal Control Officer

A new pet can fill a home with love, happiness and excitement, but it also means a lot of work. There are good and bad things to consider before deciding to give a dog or cat as a holiday gift or birthday present. It can be tempting to give a cute, cuddly pet as a gift. Yet, along with the precious purr or the fluffy tail that never stops wagging, there comes a commitment to another life for the next 10, 15, or even 20 years. Unlike most gifts, puppies and kittens cannot be returned. Before you go to the pet store, breeder, or shelter, there are some things you should consider.

Never give a pet as a surprise. Pets are a wonderful addition to life, yet not everyone has the time, energy or money

to care for one. You may think a friend or family member is lonely and the pet will be good company, but you need to know if this is something the person wants and can handle at this time.

Avoid impulsive decisions regarding the addition of a pet. Adding a pet to your home or to someone else's is not something you should do on a whim. This is a decision the whole family should be in on and in agreement about. For example, if the kids are asking for a dog and parents agree this is a good time, then that could work. Parents should know that no matter how many times the kids promise they will pick up the poop and some of the other not so glamorous duties of taking care of a new pet, the duties often become the responsibility of mom and dad. It is not fair to bring a dog or cat into your home and then turn it into the shelter because the children are not keeping the promises they made.

Here are some ideas to consider if you would like to give a friend or loved one a pet, or the family decides they would like to add a pet. Consider giving a pet starter kit as a gift under the tree. Create a basket filled with toys, treats, leashes, and collars; a litter box; a book about the care of the pet; and other necessities for the type of pet that is wanted. Think of it as a "surprise promise." You are saying, "Guess

what? We are getting a pet!" You will have all the resources you need to bring the pet home. This makes it a planned gift.

For a friend or relative, you could give a card with a gift certificate from the

local animal shelter that says you will pay the adoption fee for a new pet when they decide the time is right. This way, people can choose the dog or cat they want, one that they feel a bond or connection with.

Pets are great gifts for people; making it less of a surprise dramatically increases these animals' chances that have found their fur-ever home.

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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

The holidays are almost upon us; and for those of you who don't like to wrap your gifts, or are really bad at it – you know who you are – we have a deal for you! The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library will be at the Barnes and Noble store at the Market Place at Garden State Park, on Haddonfield Rd. near The Cheesecake Factory in Cherry

Hill, on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., holding a fun-filled gift-wrapping fundraiser. Let us wrap your purchases after you've browsed through this great store; and for a nominal donation to the Friends, we'll guarantee that your recipients are so in awe of your wrapping skills they may not even want to open the gift! And you don't have to tell them it wasn't your handiwork!

Another must-attend event to help everyone enter into the holiday spirit will be our accordion concert, compliments of the Westmont Accordion Club, on Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., in the Library's Community Room. The ensemble is comprised of a dozen amateur musicians passionate about the accordion. They'll play a variety of holiday selections, as well as Broadway show tunes and a few sing-a-longs.

One more can't miss offering, just in time for holiday snacking, will be another of our famous holiday cookie sales on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or until we run out of cookies. Held in the Library's lobby, each bag is \$1; and we'll be featuring a delectable assortment for you to choose from. Stop by early, though, so you get a better selection; and if you're in the baking mood and want to donate some bags of your own recipes, we'd love to have them! Just let us know if there are any nuts involved so we can inform our customers. Also, if you belong to the Friends, show your membership card and you'll get a free bag of your choice on us!

Tuesday, Dec. 18 marks our last munch and a movie get-together for

2018. Bring along your favorite munch; we'll supply the snacks and beverages and, of course, the movie. Call ahead to the Circulation Desk if you absolutely can't wait to know what movie we'll be showing; otherwise, enjoy the surprise.

Our annual basket raffle went off without a hitch last month with the four winners: James O'Shaughnessy, Barbara Leonetti, Mike Folce, and Diane Parks, thrilled at their good luck. And as luck would have it, all four are resident of Pennsauken! Thank you to all of the local merchants, whose generosity with either merchandise, gift cards, passes, or money, allowed us to put together these terrific baskets: Amy's Omelette House; Aunt Charlotte's Candies; Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern; Carollo's; Dr. John Dickey; Haines Farm and Garden Supply; National Museum of American Jewish History; Meadowbrook Food Center; Millennium Nails; Moore

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The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season; and thank you for all your support throughout 2018. We honestly couldn't do all we do without your help!



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Merchantville Woman's Club Seeks New Members

The Merchantville Woman's Club has been one of the leading service organizations in the region. Women from our community are members committed to making a difference. Among other things, the Club raises money for local and state charities and scholarships. Activities include monthly card and game parties and volunteer opportunities at the Cathedral Kitchen. If you would like to attend a meeting, or for more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.



The Merchantville Woman's Club held a special auction on Oct. 31, with some members attending in costume. The "cow" pictured is Mary Lou Day. Proceeds from the event went to charity.



Pennsauken Lions Welcome New Members, Screener Campaign Continues

The Pennsauken Lions Club is pleased to announce that Becky and Diana Lange, Matt McDevitt, and Lisa Niessner joined the Club in October. They are a welcome addition to the current membership. The Lions meet on the first and third Monday of the month at Maraco's Deli and Catering at 6556 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken. Appetizers and cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m.; dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; and the business meeting is held following dinner. If you would be interested in joining this vital group, contact Mary Anne at (856) 313-7751 or e-mail PennsaukenLionsClub@comcast.net.

The Lions serve the Pennsauken community by doing eye screenings for children in pre-k through second grade at all Pennsauken public elementary schools, as well as several parochial and private schools. If you run a daycare program or private school in Pennsauken or Merchantville and would like to have the Lions come out to hold an eye screening, please contact them at PennsaukenLionsClub@comcast.net, or call Mary Anne at (856) 313-7751 or Ely at (609) 488-8921.

The Lions Club is still continuing its sight campaign fundraiser to get its own

eye screener so that it can provide screenings year round and whenever a school or group requests one. The spot screener costs about \$6,500; that does not include maintenance agreements, carry bag, and other accessories. The Club has just surpassed the half way point needed, thanks to corporate and private donations. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile project, donations can be made to the Pennsauken Lions Club and mailed to 2815 Powell Ave. Pennsauken, NJ 08110. The Lions club is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible.

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Keep Homes Safe During Holidays With Safety Tips For Decorating

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- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Throw out damaged sets. Always replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulbs.
- If using an extension cord, make sure it is rated for the intended use.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Stay away from power or feeder lines leading from utility poles into older homes.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use only insulated staples (not nails or tacks) to hold strings in place. Or, run strings of lights through hooks (available at hardware stores).
- Turn off all holiday lights when you go

to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

- Use caution when removing outdoor holiday lights. Never pull or tug on lights – this could cause stress on the connections that could create a fire hazard.
- Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to protect against electric shock. Portable outdoor GFCIs can be purchased where electrical supplies are sold. GFCIs can also be installed permanently to household circuits by a qualified electrician.

CANDLES AND OTHER DECORATIONS

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.
- Keep burning candles within sight.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles out of reach of children and pets.

- In homes with small children, take special care to avoid sharp or breakable decorations, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children who could swallow or inhale small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.
- To avoid eye and skin irritation, wear gloves when decorating with spun glass “angel hair.”
- To avoid lung irritation, follow container directions carefully while decorating with artificial snow sprays.

FIREPLACES

- Use care with “fire salts,” which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that, if eaten, can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting. Keep them away from children.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. Wrappings can ignite suddenly and burn intensely, resulting in a flash fire.

For more holiday decoration safety, visit www.cpsc.gov/PageFiles/121347/611.pdf.

CLERKS Application for 2019 Dog Licences



By Gene Padalino
Township of Pennsauken Clerk

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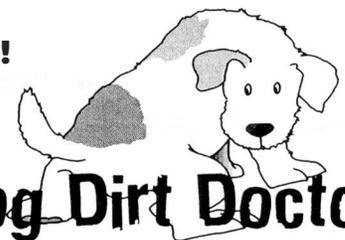
As of the first Monday in February, all dog license renewals are late and a \$10 late fee will be assessed.

FEES: \$12 if the dog has been spayed or neutered (altered)/\$15 if not spayed or neutered (altered). Renew by mail: fill out form and enclose a check or money order for the exact amount made payable to the Township of Pennsauken and mail it to Attn: Twp. Clerk's Office, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110. **Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copies for proof of rabies inoculation.** Renew in person between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Township Clerk's office. Any questions please call 856-665-1000 x122.

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FOODADVENTURES Celebrating The Feast Of The Seven Fishes

By Rachael Shugars,
AAP Columnist

Happy holidays everyone! This has been a year of some truly great eats and treats. We ventured to Casani Candy Company; munched French fries at House of Pizza, Montegrillo's and Gaetano's Steaks; transported to Africa at the Lizzyboat African Market; and got some amazing brisket at Back Alley Barbeque.

For my final article of 2018, I wanted to highlight a cultural tradition called the Feast of the Seven Fishes or "Festa dei sette pesci" in Italian. This is an Italian/Roman Catholic tradition of not

eating meat on Christmas Eve. Instead, people feast on dishes made only with fish and other popular seafood. There is no limit to only seven dishes and Italian families often serve up to 13 different dishes at the grand meal.

Most traditional Seven Fishes feast include salted cod known as baccalá, whiting and lemon, mussels or clams in pasta, fried smelt, and calamari. The list could go on to include crab, lobster, shrimp, and other sea fare.

The number seven doesn't have a specific origin but some have said that, this being a religious holiday, the number comes from the Bible, as it's used more than any other number in the book. There

are other theories that claim it comes from the number of sacraments, but these all vary amongst Italian families.

You can find traditional Seven Fishes recipes everywhere online. There are also places in town where you can get fresh fish and other seafood, or purchase pre-made dishes. Here are some great places to do your shopping.

Sunseng Market at 5201 Rt. 38 has live and frozen seafood. They offer a large selection, including whiting, live blue claw crabs, tilapia, sliced octopus, clams, mussels, and more. You can even have them fry your fish! While the market primarily focuses on Vietnamese, Chinese, and South Asian cooking ba-

sics, the seafood they offer can be absolutely used for Seven Fishes.

Penn Jersey Seafood, seen from the road as PJ Seafood, is located at 4680 S. Crescent Blvd. They also offer a huge selection of seafood delights. PJ Seafood also sells platters and sandwiches ready to eat. They are open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can call your orders in at (856) 885-2827. Menus are also found online. There is parking all around the building and it's easily accessible from Rt. 130 and Terrace Ave.

Associated Food Market on 6100

Westfield Ave. offers a variety of frozen seafood options, including thaw and serve shrimp, stuffed clams, imitation crab, and more.

This is such an exciting time of year. There will be feasting all around. This is a time where each and every culture that exists will all share one common thing: the feasting. I want to call all of my readers to action! If you have a special food tradition in your family for the holidays, share your traditions with those around you. Head to my Facebook page, "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures" and post some dishes or share the story of your tradition so we can all learn something new. Here's to new beginnings and another year where we can all enjoy our Food Adventures!

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Games are just \$30 and are available for purchase at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., during normal business hours. All proceeds from the sale of "Pennsaukenopoly" will go to support local charitable initiatives.

For more information, call (856) 665-1000 x127 or e-mail aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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Honoring Our Local Veterans



At a Township Committee meeting last month, FW Grigg Post 68 American Legion was recognized for serving veterans in our local communities for 100 years.



A special event held at 11:11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion recognized veterans from VFW Post 1270 and AMVETs Post 101, as well as members of the auxiliary from both organizations.



Pennsauken Residents Help Fuel Artistic Creativity At Phoenix 15 Studios

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Gene and Frances Davis of Pennsauken are looking to inspire the next generation of local artists with a unique creative space.

Phoenix 15 Studios is billed as an open concept center for the arts. It's a labor of love for Gene and Frances, who run the space after putting in a full day at their respective "day jobs."

"It was just a matter of embracing our talents and putting our hobbies to better use," says Gene. "We want our customers to do the same. Come in with a goal in mind. What do you want to learn? Our motto is 'See, listen, learn, and love.'"

Frances explained that Phoenix 15

Studios features a variety of workshops for children and adults, as well as gallery events and art exhibitions. Participants can enjoy events such as "painting and sip" events called "Tipsy Easel;" a crochet club that meets every other



Frances and Gene Davis, owners of Phoenix 15 Studios.

Wednesday; and private "slime" making birthday parties.

"We've had a lot of success with private parties," says Frances. "We also do fundraisers for different organizations, including the American Cancer Society for Relay for Life and the Delaware Valley Scleroderma Society of Cherry Hill."

In addition to the weekly events, an in-residence photographer offers portraits, engagement photos, baby pictures, and the like. Phoenix 15 also holds pop up shops with vendors and crafters. The Davis' love the fact that the space is extremely fluid, allowing them to provide a wide variety of artistic offering, both now and in the future.

"We came in with a blank slate. We

just wanted to do what we wanted to do," says Gene. "It's been even better than we imagined."

Phoenix 15 Studios is located on the

corner of East Broad St. and Garfield Ave. in Palmyra. For more information, or to learn about upcoming events, visit Phoenix15Studios.com.

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Indians' Carey Plays In BCSL All Star Game



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School District To Host Elite Eight Volleyball Tournament

The Pennsauken Public School District will be hosting a community wide volleyball tournament on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2:00 to 5:00 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 police officers, firefighters, and public works staff.

This will be a fun, family-friendly event and all of Pennsauken is welcome! The building will be open for tours of the facility throughout the afternoon.

Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!

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In addition, the two-week trial for the "Lady Panthers" wrestling team continues this season.

For more information, visit <http://pyaa.nj.splay.com/site/>.

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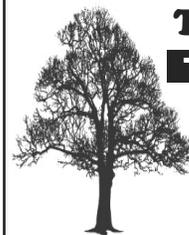
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