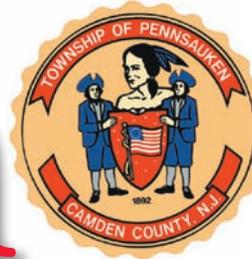


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Hop Down The Bunny Trail At Pennsauken's Easter Egg Hunt



Pennsauken Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8 at the Walt Niegorski Sports Complex.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 8 at the Walt Niegorski Sports Complex, located at Powell and Collins avenues.

The event, sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee and Kiddie Junction, begins at 10:00 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to children up to age 9.

There will be three separate egg hunts broken down by age groups.

Each hunt will feature six special golden eggs. A child that collects one of these golden eggs will win a free Easter gift basket donated by Kiddie Junction.

In addition, family members should bring their cameras or cell phones to take free pictures with the Easter Bunny, who will be in attendance throughout the event.

Children should be at the sports complex
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No Increase In Pennsauken Property Taxes For Fifth Straight Year

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For the past several years, Pennsauken Township's administration and the Township Committee have worked diligently to keep the local property tax levy at reasonable levels. Keeping in mind the property tax levy cap law that has been mandated by the State of New Jersey, Pennsauken Township has ensured that residents will not see an increase in their property taxes for the fifth year in a row; rates will remain the same as they did in 2016.

Pennsauken's 2017 budget, currently awaiting approval by the State of New Jersey, allows each taxpayer in Pennsauken to pay .176 cents per \$100 of their property's assessed value for the garbage dis-

trict budget and .972 cents per \$100 of their property's assessed value for the municipal budget. The combination of the two rates, \$1.148 per \$100 of the assessed value, is the same as 2016; there will be no increase in the local portion of Pennsauken residents' 2017 property tax bill.

"I'd like to commend our chief financial officer, Ron Crane, our administrator, John Kneib, and all of the Township staff who worked so very hard to help the Township Committee create a municipal budget with a zero increase, not just this year, but for the past five years, which is an impressive accomplishment for any municipality," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "Our budget for 2017 will allow



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us to continue to provide residents with the services they expect in a fiscally responsible manner."

Several factors helped the Township
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Have The Best Mom, Dad Or Guardian In Pennsauken? Let Us Know!

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken children now have a chance to put a spotlight on the man or woman in their lives who they think should be named the Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian in Pennsauken.

Children in grades three, four, and five in a Pennsauken public, parochial, or private school may submit a letter saying why they believe their mom, dad, or guardian is the "best."

The contests are sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee and the deadline for entries is Friday, May 5.

"We always get great submissions from the kids and we're looking forward to reading the new ones for this year," says Elwood Martz, who helps organize the contest. "If you've never sent a letter in for this contest, we encourage those children



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eligible to participate to do so; and for those third, fourth and fifth graders who sent in letters in the past and haven't won

yet, don't be afraid to try again."

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APRIL CALENDAR

Meet The Author/Book Signing

Local author Judith Kristen will be discussing her latest book, “The Art and Grace of Communication: Healing Broken Hearts After the Loss of a Loved One,” on Thursday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Peter’s Senior Ministry, 55 W. Maple, Merchantville, NJ. Admission is free. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$10.

AARP Meeting

Pennsauken AARP Chapter 2861 will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 10, at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave. Fellowship time is at 12:30 p.m.; meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. This month’s speaker is Brian McGuire, associate state director, Advocacy, AARP New Jersey, who will discuss proposed changes to Medicare. Be sure to bring a friend!

Town Watch

Pennsauken’s Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, April 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.

Easter Flower Sale

Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, will hold its annual Easter Flower Sale from April 12-16 in the lodge parking lot. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, rain or shine. For more information, call (856) 663-1719.

American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Mer-

chantville. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit which meets at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Post meeting. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

Shrimp Fry

The Ladies Auxiliary of AMVETS Post 101, 519 June Rd., Delair, is hosting a Shrimp Fry on Friday, April 14, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Shrimp, fries and cole slaw are \$6. Add a taste of mushrooms for \$1 or order a basket of mushrooms for \$3. For more information, call (856) 663-8950.

Living Stations

Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church, 43 West Maple Ave., Merchantville, is hosting the Living Stations, Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. A Good Friday tradition, the Living Stations are a beautiful live mediation on the Lord’s Passion as performed by the youth of the parish. Admission is free.

Job Fair

The Camden County Board of Freeholders is proud to present the 2017 Spring Job Fair. The job fair is free to attend and includes jobseeker workshops and free parking. The job fair will take place on Thursday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the BB&T Pavilion (formerly the Susquehanna Bank Center). For more information, visit <http://www.camdencounty.com/event/2017-spring-job-fair/>.

Spring Fling

The Rising Community, located at 13465 Haddonfield Rd. in Pennsauken, is hosting a Spring Fling party, Saturday, April 29, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Featuring dinner, dancing, DJ and entertainment, along with door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$35 per person or \$65 per couple. For information or tickets, call The Rising Community at (856) 665-4494 or e-mail admin@therisingcommunity.com.

Bladder Cancer Walk

AMP UP! Pennsauken is hosting a Bladder Cancer Walk on Saturday, May 6 at Cooper River Park near Jack Curtis Stadium, located on North Park Drive. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the opening ceremony will be held at 9:10 a.m.; and the 3.8 mile walk starts at 9:30 a.m. For more info, contact Shirley Jefferson at (609) 634-3483.

Grace Episcopal Church

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Holy Week and Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, April 9th, 8 and 10 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Reading the Gospel of our Lord’s Passion and Holy Eucharist (Both services begin in Morse Hall)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13th, 7:30 p.m.
The Institution of the Lord’s Supper and the Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th, 12 noon – 3 p.m. Ecumenical Preaching Service at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken
“The Seven Words from the Cross.”

Come for any twenty-five minute interval or the entire three hours.
At 7:30 p.m. The Liturgy for Good Friday, with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT, April 15th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th, 8 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist, with Hymns 9 a.m. Grace Church Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, Meet the Easter Bunny (rain or shine) and at 10 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist, with Choir
Also in April. First Responders Appreciation Service Saturday April 29 at 6 p.m.

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MAYOR'S CORNER Good Neighbors Making Great Communities

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By Betsy McBride,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

I wanted to share my excitement. Our township, Pennsauken, and our sister Borough, Merchantville, are becoming a destination.

Yes, I said a destination. We cannot and should not separate from each other.

We are a destination for business. Since 2012, Pennsauken has seen some of the highest business growth in Camden County; in that span, businesses have invested well over \$100 million in our community through redevelopment and construction projects. This year alone, Pennsauken welcomed Bayada's

international headquarters, located on Haddonfield Rd.

Merchantville recently welcomed former Starr restaurant chef Phil Mangano, who has opened the Park Place Café and Restaurant to excellent reviews. The Juice Bar and Eclipse Brewery are also new, just a stone's throw away from staples like the Blue Monkey and Station Coffee House.

Pennsauken has long been a destination for industrial partners. Aluminum Shapes has new leadership and is looking to be a good business partner in our community; and companies, such as Barry Callebaut, Puratos, OPEX, J&J Snack Foods, and Lidestri are growing.

In both communities, housing options are becoming a draw. Merchantville is a community that has iconic Victorian-style homes, set alongside a variety of dif-

ferent types of homes. And it might be hard to believe, but the Township's policy on abandoned and vacant properties is going a long way to making sure that many homes in our community are rehabbed, resold, and occupied. We are also happy to mention that it looks like that Delco Development will be breaking ground at the old Pennsauken Mart site to begin the Haddon Point project later this year. We know it's been a long time and we all want Committeeman Rick Taylor in a tutu this summer.

Our communities are also becoming a destination for outdoor, active recreation. Have you been to Cooper River lately? There's more to come. Have you been to the Cooper House? They have good tapas and great views. Have you spent time walking the Merchantville Mile? It's a wonderfully scenic way to get

some exercise. Pennsauken is also working to line streets and bike paths, as well as a rails-to-trails conversion as a part of a multi-sector collaborative.

Together, Pennsauken and Merchantville are great locations for businesses and families. We are filled with good people and great community events. We are Pennsauken proud, but we are also proud to have such good neighbors.

On behalf of the entire Township Committee, I wish our residents, as well as our neighbors in Merchantville, a happy Easter, a blessed Passover, and a wonderful spring.

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PENNSAUKEN APRIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 19 and 26

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 and 19

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 and 25

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

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Cherry Hill - Kingston

No expenses spared to the upgrading and maintenance of this home. Roof and plywood replacement within the past 5 years, sump pump and vapor barrier protection in the crawl space, updated kitchen and bathrooms, and a newer heating and air conditioning system. Great entertaining options with a wet bar in the back room. The pool is custom made that has been upgraded with a new filter and pump motor, new lighting, and the plaster, tile and stonework have all been redone. \$269,000



Cherry Hill - Old Orchard.

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Pennsauken - 5 Bedrooms!

This is an amazing property! With 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths there's tons of room for all. Original oak hardwood floors with a super-sized living room and bedrooms throughout. Fireplace in Living room, kitchen with nook bar and a full finished basement. Move in ready property. \$184,900



Pennsauken - Lots of updates

Beautiful three bedroom home. Lots of updates. Roof (2014). Newer kitchen. Remodeled bathrooms, first floor flooring and new hot water heater (2016). Move right in and enjoy this home. \$164,900



Barrington - Open Concept layout

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Pennsauken - Delair

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WAGSWORLD Stress-Free Dealings With Oblivious Drivers Down South

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

drivers in America.

As you read this, the bride and I will once again be winding our way south. The warm breezes, burning sun, and fresh squeezed orange juice call us to the Gulf coast of Florida, where we will endure what are quite possibly the worst

I have long marveled at the total lack of awareness shown on Florida highways. After my first arrival many years ago, I was whining about the total disdain for turn signals I had observed since crossing the border into "God's waiting room." The bartender I was sitting in front of shared his take on the situation. His the-

ory was that 50 percent of the driving population were senior citizens past the point where they functioned well behind the wheel. The next 40 percent were on vacation, too preoccupied looking at palm trees and signs advertising Disney discounts to remember to signal turns. The last 10 percent lived in Florida full time and figured, "Why should I drive any different than all the others?"

I pondered this theory over my second adult beverage, while my new friend the bartender continued. "The best way to deal with the stress from watching folks make left turns from two lanes to the right is to simply marvel at the sight and then applaud."

I thought this through while sipping my beverage and decided right there to adopt this mellow approach as my own. The remainder of my trip was much less stressful, although my hands did become a tad sore from continuous clapping.

Every trip to Florida since, I remind myself, as I cross the bridge that sepa-

rates Georgia from Florida, to stop for the complimentary cup of orange juice, and to applaud the driving antics I am about to receive. I have never made it past Jacksonville without applauding. However, as blatant as the traffic violations are, I am amazed at how few accidents I have observed. Quite possibly, this is due to everyone else being on the lookout for crazy driver behavior. Or, because Florida, so full of seniors and vacationers, has a special dispensation from the traffic gods, avoiding major accidents.

I tried once, upon returning home, to adopt my new stress free approach, right here in Pennsauken. While waiting for the light to change at Browning and Rt. 130, a car raced up in the left turn lane, cut in front of waiting traffic, crossed 130, stopped dead, and then turned right into the bank. I started to applaud, but the car behind me blasted his horn, while two cars from the bank cut in front of me, and a motorcycle passed me in the curb lane. By the time the shock passed, the light

had changed red again. Everyone around me was honking their horns with one hand, while their other hand was out the window, giving the Jersey one-handed, one-finger salute. I was so stressed, I almost dropped my hot dog and spilled my soda.

Needless to say, I quit trying stress free driving while home. I shall stay stressed until the Florida line. Happy spring!

Pennsauken Lions Hold Pancake Breakfast On April 9

A springtime tradition sponsored annually by the Pennsauken Lions Club, the Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 9, at Macaro's Deli and Catering, located at 6225 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. The all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast will now include made-to-order omelets and will be served from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Tickets are just \$10 per person and are on sale now from any Lions Club member or at Macaro's Deli and Catering.

The money raised from this event supports the Lions' efforts to benefit the Pennsauken community.

The Lions Club is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to be of service to the Pennsauken Community. Anyone interested should contact Pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com.

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Honoring Women Making A Difference In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

As a part of the celebration of Women's History Month and Pennsauken's 125th birthday, the Township Committee honored women truly making a difference in the community during a special event at Phifer Middle School on March 26.

"From educators to first responders, homemakers to business leaders, these women truly make a positive impact in our community," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "This event merely highlights some of the many women who live and work in our Town-

ship. We thank all of them for all that they do for us."

As part of the celebration, over 100 women were recognized for their many accomplishments; Township Committee presented honorees with a rose from Harris Bouquet and a keepsake from Haines Farm and Garden as tokens of appreciation. Honorees also enjoyed light refreshments with their families and friends immediately following the event.

Several honorees shared their thoughts on the event.

"It's was great to see so many of the wonderful women of Pennsauken all in

one place," says Rhonda Bello.

"It was very a nice day," says Joan Weber. "It's an honor. It made me realize how much I've done in this town. It didn't seem all that much at the time."

"I think this was wonderful; it was very special," says Maira Diaz. "We have wonderful, amazing women in this Township."

"It's great to have an event like this," adds Maira's daughter, Kristen, who was on hand to help celebrate all the honorees. "It inspires younger women to also make a difference in their community."



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What To Ask When Hiring A Landscaping Contractor

By Lisa Niessner, John's Landscaping And Outdoor Services

When hiring contractors to work in our homes or yards, we hire them assuming that they are safe, reliable, professional, and honest workers. Unfortunately, that is not always the case; and this is especially true in the landscaping industry.

It is easy to overlook some of the details when hiring a landscape contractor to do work on your property. The landscape

contractor has his own truck with a logo on it and everything; all the employees have matching shirts with the company name on them; and maybe the company even has a web site. Everything seems legitimate, right? Not quite. If that landscape contractor doesn't have the proper insurances or licenses and something happens while they are working on your property, it could cost you a lot of money.

Knowing what to ask when hiring any

professional is part of the solution. Listed are a couple of questions that property owners should always ask of their landscape company to ensure they are truly a professional, safe, and reliable contractor to maintain their lawn and landscape.

Do You Have The Proper Licensing?

In the state of New Jersey, a home improvement contractor's license is required for anyone doing home improvements; this

includes your yard as well. Hiring a landscape contractor with the proper licensing protects the property owner in cases where protocol was not followed during the installation and problems arise from faulty work. If you hire a landscape contractor that does not have a proper and up-to-date license, all of a sudden you, as property owner, become the employer in the eyes of the state and have to abide by OSHA and all other regulations

Are You Fully Insured? Can You Show Me?

All contractors you hire to perform a service on your property should be fully insured. General liability insurance protects you from having to incur the cost if something goes wrong while the contractor is working on your property. Workman's compensation insurance is the second type of insurance the con-

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Woman's Club Taste Of Pennsauken Returns April 24

The Woman's Club of Merchantville Evening Membership Department will once again be sponsoring their "Taste of Pennsauken" event on Monday, April 24, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The cost per person is \$20; attendees will be able to taste dishes from a variety of restaurants in Pennsauken and the surrounding area. Money raised from the event will go to support the nonprofit Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey; provide scholarships for local students; and assist several local charities. For tickets, or to participate as a table sponsor or restaurant, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or e-mail janwh@aol.com.

Woman's Club April Meetings

The Evening Membership Division of the Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at the Merchantville Commu-

nity Center, 212 Somerset Ave., at 7:00 p.m. The EMD will be planning activities for the upcoming year.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at the Merchantville Community Center at noon. There will be a tea luncheon, followed by a meeting and program on Tai Chi.

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 members volunteer at the Food Bank of South Jersey and the Cathedral Kitchen.

To attend a meeting, or for more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.



The Woman's Club of Merchantville recently made a donation to the Vetri Community Partnership, an organization that encourages children to eat healthy. Trudy Painter, program chair of the Woman's Club, presented a check to Philadelphia Inquirer Food Editor Maureen Fitzgerald, who runs the Partnership's "My Daughter's Kitchen" program, which teaches urban schoolchildren to cook healthy, easy meals on a budget.

Woman's Club Works To Create Awareness During Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During this month, the Woman's Club of Merchantville and the Merchantville EMD, as a part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, are working to create awareness about this issue through a series of special displays.

Members of both Woman's Clubs will be planting pinwheel gardens by the Pennsauken Library, and in Merchantville, between Park and Maple avenues. In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the

new national symbol for child abuse prevention through Pinwheels for Prevention.® Pinwheels by their nature connote whimsy and childlike notions, and have come to serve as the physical embodiment, or reminder, of the great childhoods we want for all children.

In addition, on Wednesday, April 5, there will be a Game and Card Luncheon at the Merchantville Community Center at noon to raise money for Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey (PCA-NJ), an organization that works to promote happy childhoods, positive parenting and health child development. The cost is \$10 per person.

Please contact Jan Hanson at (609) 410-4650 if you are interested in attending, or would like some further information.

For more information about PCA-NJ, please call (732) 246-8060 or visit www.preventchildabuse-nj.org.

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What To Ask When Hiring A Landscaping Contractor

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tractor should carry. This again protects you, the property owner, if an employee from the company gets hurt on your property. Legitimate landscape contractors should always be able to show you a certificate of insurance listing auto, workman's compensation, and general liability coverage.

Do You Have References?

A quality landscape company should have no trouble providing you with several references for you to look at or talk to. Companies should be able to show a portfolio with photos of work and even some past customer comments and testimonies.

There are plenty of other questions to ask any professional coming to perform a service at your property, but the most

important have been mentioned here. In the end, property owners must make an informed and educated decision on hiring a landscaping company. By doing your homework, you can pick the best contractor for your specific needs.

Lisa Niessner is co-owner of John's Landscaping and Outdoor Services, a local business located at 4312 Cove Rd. in Pennsauken.

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Pennsauken To Mark Earth Day With Special Events

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On Saturday, April 22, Pennsauken will be hosting a variety of events to celebrate Earth Day, a national day to focus on the environment.

That Saturday, the Pennsauken Environmental Commission is sponsoring an even bigger document shredding event this year, with two trucks available to protect your identity and personal data in a responsible way. This year's shredding event will be held from 9:00 a.m. – noon at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., Pennsauken. For additional details about the shredding event, see page 11 of this issue of All Around Pennsauken.

Also at the Park Ave. Complex, the Shade Tree Commission will be giving away a limited supply of trees to residents free of charge.

In conjunction with the town's 125th anniversary, families are welcome to help



make 125 wildflower seed bombs, which will be used to plant flowers in the open field beside the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The event begins at 10:30 a.m.; participants are asked to meet inside the Library for instructions and supplies. The official "detonation" will take place with Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride lobbying the first "bomb."

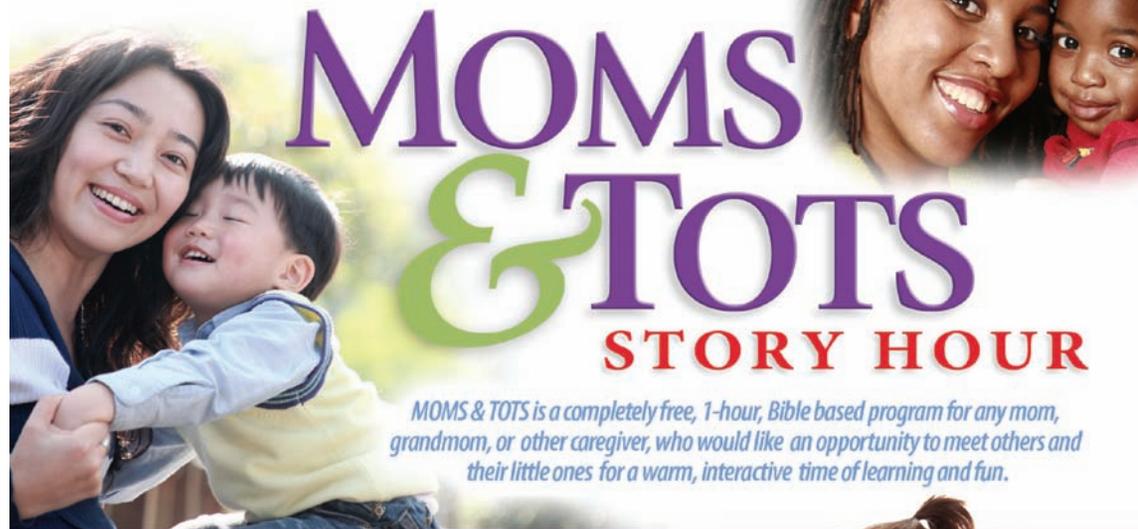
"We're very excited to help 'clean and green' our community for Earth Day," says McBride. "The planting of trees and wildflowers will help to enhance our green spaces and support local wildlife, such as beneficial birds and insects."

Know of a local "green" event happening in Pennsauken and Merchantville for Earth Day? E-mail details to aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us by Friday, April 14. We'll highlight these Earth Day festivities in a special online article at AllAroundPennsauken.com.

Pennsauken Board Of Education Meeting
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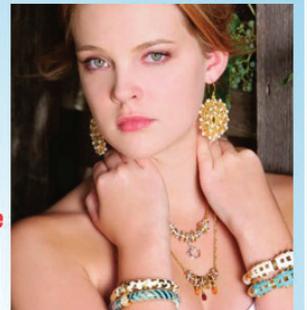
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Business Coach Stephen Klein To Speak At Next PMAC Meeting

Business coach Stephen Klein will be the special guest speaker at the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce's business networking

luncheon on April 12, held at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. Mr. Klein is an EMyth-certified coach who offers



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feedback and an integrated library of small business solutions to help business owners think strategically about long-term goals. His coaching is based on the bestselling book, "The E-Myth: Why

Most Businesses Don't Work and What to Do About It" by Michael E. Gerber.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on April 12, with the meeting starting at noon. Ad-

mission is \$20 per person. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmaclteam@gmail.com by Monday, April 10.

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Pennsauken Township is working to put together a special "Pennsauken-opoly" keepsake board game in conjunction with the town's 125th anniversary.

The proposed board game will be filled with Township landmarks, such as the Pennsauken Library and Tippin's Pond. Local businesses are also able to support the project by sponsoring items including board spaces, game money, the box top, and more. There will also be opportunities for residents to purchase patron ads, having their name included on the board game. The money raised goes directly to the production of the game.

Current plans are to make the game available prior to the holidays for purchase.

While some popular spaces have already been taken, there are a variety of spots still available. For more informa-



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tion, or to learn about game sponsorship opportunities, contact pennsauken-boardgame@gmail.com or call (856) 665-1000 x127.

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Life And Events From 1892 In Pennsauken – Part II

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

The creation of Pennsauken Township in 1892 was only one way the world was changing in that era.

Looking back on 1892, on the doorstep of the 20th Century, we can see change happening; and from our standpoint a century and a quarter later, we can even see its approach in events that would have been little noticed by the citizens of that era.

1892 was the year that the great immigration station at Ellis Island began its business of renewing the American dream. Also, it was the year when a black man named Homer Plessy was arrested for attempting to ride a whites-only train car in Louisiana, leading to a Supreme Court case that sanctified the racist doctrine of “separate but equal” for decades to come.

1892 was the year that the western outlaw gang of the Dalton brothers was annihilated in a bloody shootout in Coffeyville, Kansas. It was also the year that someone used a hatchet to murder Andrew and Abby Borden in their home in Fall River, Massachusetts. Was it Andrew's daughter Lizzie?

For the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America, this was the year that school children in the United States were first led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance—without the words “under God.”

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

Future Pennsauken mayor George Braunwarth was born less than two weeks after the creation of the township. He would preside over the community during the extraordinary changes that came with the Delaware River Bridge and Crescent Boulevard in the late 1920s. Also born in 1892, Neil Deighan would make the most of those same developments by opening major local restaurants and nightclubs along those arteries, including “Neil Deighan's” at Central Airport and the “Old Mill Inn” near the Burlington County line.

A much older Pennsauken tavern, not far from the site of the future “Old Mill Inn,” experienced a year of change in 1892. The Sorrell Horse Hotel changed management twice during the year, first when manager Charles Starn retired, to be replaced by the German-born proprietor Joseph Schmidt; and again when Schmidt fell ill and died later in the year. Schmidt's widow succeeded him, and she proved quite capable.

In the nearby Pennsville section, a friendly wager over that year's election appeared to oblige Abel Miller to transport Alfred Dover (of today's Burrough-Dover House) from the schoolhouse to the post office in Parry, a section of Palmyra, by wheelbarrow. The 57 year-old

Dover, however, declined his triumphal procession on the grounds of health.

In Pennsauken village, leading citizen Job Pidgeon operated a corner store that provided groceries and goods to the community from its location at Park and Union avenues. A conscientious merchant who was expanding his inventory to better serve his neighbors, Pidgeon was also a member of a local farm family, the local postmaster, and a home builder. Pennsauken village also boasted its own railroad station, public street lighting, and the Pennsauken School.

The comparatively new Methodist Church in Pennsauken had quickly become a center for the community, not only in spiritual matters, but cultural and civic ones as well. In October 1892, Reverend Jewett delivered a special sermon commemorating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.

Not far from Pennsauken village, Jordantown was a well-established African-

American community with its own “colored school.” In 1892, it was reported that a camp-meeting in Jordantown was drawing large crowds from nearby Merchantville. The crowds probably came from the other substantial African-American community of the new Pennsauken Township, Homesteadville. Often still referred to by its nickname of “Matchtown,” the neighborhood had not been the site of a working match factory for many years by 1892.

However, in 1892 “Matchtown” attained probably greater notoriety than any other part of the township for some time to come, as a site involved in a series of sensational criminal trials. In 1890, the body of young local farm wife Annie Miller was found in a “bushlot” in Homesteadville, apparently murdered and ravished. Suspicions fell on the Millers' farm worker, Francis Lingo. Lingo, born a slave in Maryland and now a farm laborer living in Homesteadville,

had a significant criminal record and was already a controversial figure in the community. In 1889, Lingo had worked for another farm family in the area when the wife, Annie Leconey, was found murdered. Lingo was at first a suspect and then a witness in the unsuccessful prosecution of the uncle of the victim in 1890. Many suspicions and resentments lingered from that episode.

In 1891, Lingo was tried and convicted of the Annie Miller murder and was expected to hang. However, the Lingo defense team, prominently including a former judge who had previously convicted Lingo on a theft charge, proved both tenacious and resourceful. On appeal, Lingo was granted a retrial, which took place in late 1892.

Coverage of the Lingo retrial was lurid and fraught with outrage. Newspapers and tabloids across the nation covered the proceedings and viciously racist *continued on page 33*

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By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

In the March issue of AARP Bulletin, health and fitness writer Selene Yeager offered several tips on how you can

sneak fitness into your day. Here's a quick recap of some her suggestions:

- Whether you're at your desk in the office or your favorite chair at home, keep a squeezable tennis ball handy to improve your grip strength
- If you're making a quick run to the su-

permarket, ditch the cart in the store and use reusable tote bags instead to boost your heart rate and burn calories

- While making dinner, keep your shoulders strong and flexible by doing arm circles as you wait for your oven to pre-heat, water to boil, etc.
- Every time you stand up from or sit down in a chair, use just your legs or only one hand to maintain strength and balance

For more fitness and wellness tips, visit AARP.org/fitness.

AARP Tax Help Runs Through April 13

There's still time to take advantage of the AARP Tax Help sessions at the Pennsauken Free Public Library. This free service will be available in the Library's Community Room, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tax help will end on April 13. This is first come, first served and priority is given to seniors.

There are some important changes to this year's process that residents need to be made aware of. New computer software does not allow tax preparers to pull up past returns. Residents taking advan-

tage of this service need to bring last year's completed return with them. In addition, residents will need to bring a photo ID, their social security card, and the social security information of any dependents.

Wishing you good health and happiness. Please say special prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces.

Senior Spring Fling Held On April 19

Local seniors are invited to attend the annual Senior Spring Fling, held on Wednesday, April 19 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Collingswood Ballroom, 315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood. Sponsored by Senator Jim Beach, Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, and Assemblywoman Pan Lampitt, the event is free to seniors and features a dessert reception, door prizes and dancing and music all afternoon. To reserve your spot, please call (856) 858-3667 and leave a message with your name and the number of people in your party. Space is limited and attendees are asked to RSVP by Tuesday, April 11.

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PEC Hosts Shredding Event On April 22

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This year's shredding event will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. – noon at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., Pennsauken.

Attendees to the shredding event are asked to keep the following in mind:

- This paper-only shredding event is for individuals, not businesses
- Items that can be shredded include



anything that has your signature, account number, social security number, etc., as well as any type of medical or legal information; documents can range from bank statements and credit card offers to tax forms and utility bills

- This is not a recycling event; also, items such as hard cover books, magazines, etc. will not be accepted
- Last year's event was extremely well attended; residents are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to attend

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Looking Back On A Well-Lived Decade, With Much More To Come

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Well, here it is, April of 2017.

And on April 3, it will be my 69th birthday, the last of my 60's and one more move closer to the BIG 7-0.

When I turned 60, I genuinely celebrated. We had a great party, a tie-dyed birthday cake, and lots of wonderful friends – even from as far away as Germany. It was a blast!

Numbers never scare me as they do for other women. For example, I have friends I graduated high school with who are now 15 years younger than I am!

First of all, I am just happy to be here; second of all, I felt that since 60's the decade was so good to me... my "personal" 60's would be equally interesting.

Now that I have an entire decade to look back on all of it... the word for its entirety was far, far more than that.

I've known the joy of a loving relationship, the stress of having it wobble through my husband's bad work situation, and the recovery of him finding a job that makes both Andrew and I happy. And there was the over-the-top relief in becoming cancer free!

There was also the accomplishment of

writing 14 well-received books, the honor to have so many kind, good, and loving friends, and the excitement and adventure of teaching and traveling to Europe six times.

This last one is hard to write... as I must add to my 60's the tremendous sadness and heartbreaking grief over the sudden loss of my darling son Jon on May 20, 2015... and yet even in that loss, Jon's love for his Mom still manages to find me just when I need it the most. Bless your heart, Jonny. You're still a wonderful son.

And so... here I am at age 69. I'm still happy to be here. And I hope when you see me and we talk, you'll feel happy just because we did. I know I will.

As for the next one? That BIG 7-0? Well, seven has always been my lucky number... so I plan to knock this one right out of the ballpark. After all, for me, 70 will just mean I'm 18 with 52 years experience!

Peace and love and birthday cake for everyone!

Love to all,

~ Judy

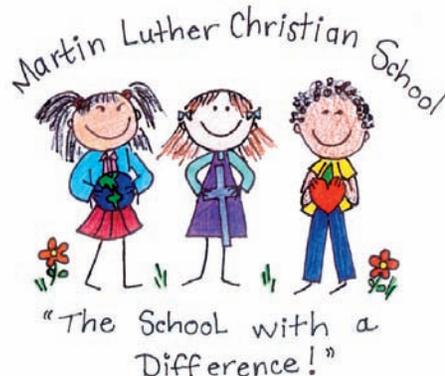
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PHS Drumline And Color Guard To Compete In Championships

Pennsauken High School's Independent Indoor Drumline and Color Guard teams, two internationally ranked pro-

grams, are once again competing in championship events.

The PHS Independent Indoor Color

Guard, ranked fifth in the world, is headed to the World Color Guard International Championships Dayton Ohio

on April 5. The Independent Indoor Drumline is gearing up for the Wildwood Atlantic Coast Championships, where the students hope to win their fourth straight title.

"I'm very proud of how hard the students work," explains Nick DeNofa, PHS band director. "They start in November with auditions and conclude with championship competitions in May.

The programs have really progressed over the years."

The community is invited to a free performance of these talented students on Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. at the main gymnasium of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. Additional information will be posted on Pennsauken.net closer to the event.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi,
MEd2., M.S., M.B.S.,
Superintendent,
Pennsauken Public Schools

March 2017 is in the books and Pennsauken Public Schools are looking forward to a healthy April. As always, I would like to thank the administrators, teachers, parents, and students for their hard work this school year. We are now in PARCC testing season and we encourage our parents and students to approach this test in a positive manner. Standardized testing has been part of our public school system for decades; more importantly, it is a fundamental in post-secondary education and professional programs. Standardized test scores

A Shower Of Learning Opportunities In April

are important because they are objective measures of what students have learned about a specific content or discipline. Math, Language Arts and Science are the building blocks for success; and we as educators need to ensure students adequately possess the knowledge needed for movement into higher level content.

Students should be encouraged to take on obstacles, not run away from them. Remember that when you try as hard as you can, it is okay to fail, because when you fail, you learn more and more the recipe for success. Please remember that for the success of our school district and township, it is necessary to work together in a positive and productive fashion.

Good luck to our students! There is

nothing you cannot accomplish; but please remember: for achievement to be realized, the task must be embarked on and undertaken. Good luck to our students in grades three through high school taking the PARCC exam. Good luck to our fourth and eighth grade students on the NJASK Science exam. Good luck to our high school students taking the NJBCT and preparing for their SAT and PSAT in order to ensure a high score when these tests are taken. There is enough conversation and negativity directed towards standardized testing. However, here is a beacon of positivity: you can do it. For all future endeavors, especially tests that impact your life, remember these famous words from Henry Ford and Benjamin Franklin: "You can do anything if you have enthusiasm;" and "The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all - doing nothing." Never just do nothing; even if you fall the first time, make some noise with your efforts! Let others know you're here to achieve.

High School

Our high school has been running very efficiently since the beginning of the school year. Academically, our students have grown in their new schedules, and have performed excellently amongst

their peers. To showcase the intellect of our students and the hard work of our teachers/coaches, multiple students have attained academic scholarships along with athletic scholarships to colleges and universities. Our teachers and coaches devote their time to extracurricular activities and spend countless hours in the school promoting the importance of perfectionism, cooperation and collaboration. Academically, our transition to a high school with multiple academies and career and technical education programs continues to progress at a very proficient rate through multiple partnerships with colleges and universities.

Middle And Intermediate Schools

Phifer Middle School principal, Mr. Honeyman, and Intermediate School principal, Mr. Bonkowski, persist to efficiently join forces in order to offer our students a smooth transition from primary to secondary education. The teachers and administration have worked very hard to ensure significant growth in their young scholars at the Park Avenue Campus.

Elementary Schools

Our elementary schools have run very professionally since the beginning of the year and continue their smooth operation. Students have grown both ac-

ademically and emotionally this year, preparing them for the Intermediate School. I would like to thank Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Joyce, and Mr. Lewis for their diligence as building principals; and our supervisors, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Schmitt, and Mrs. Plasky, for a commendable job as building administrators in our three smaller elementary schools, providing the leadership needed in those buildings. In addition, I would like to thank Mr. Logan for his diligence and leadership at Baldwin Preschool and his role as director of elementary education.

All elementary schools will have administrators localized in their buildings beginning in the 2017-18 school year. This will help our schools run even more effectively!

Spend Time With The Super

Please join me weekly for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," taking place this month on Thursday, April 27 before the Board of Education Meeting from 5:00 to 6:55 p.m. Parents are encouraged to come to the central administration office, 1695 Hylton Rd., and see me directly for an informal meeting. These are times where concerned parents or Pennsauken residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

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High School Artists Showcase Work At Cherry Hill Mall



Students from Pennsauken High School's Art II Class showcased their work during a special exhibition at the Cherry Hill Mall, the first high school to be showcased in this fashion. In addition to the exhibit, members of the cast of Pennsauken High School's performance of "The Wedding Singer" performed numbers from the musical.

Roosevelt Celebrates 100th Day Of School



Roosevelt's kindergarten and first grades celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 13. All the children did a 100th day project and shared their creativity with their classmates. An afternoon of educational learning took place and 100th day reading stories were read. Art projects and lots of math counting to 100 were had by all students. The celebration ended with a kindergarten parade singing and shouting, "Hip Hip Hurray! It's the 100th day!"

Farrell Completes Philadelphia Half Marathon

The Benjamin Franklin family would like to congratulate our basic skills math teacher, Ms. Farrell, on a job well done on completing the Philadelphia Half Marathon. After completing the race, she received a red shirt and a medal.

The Philadelphia Half Marathon is a 13.1-mile course through the streets of Philadelphia, and the hills of Fairmount Park. This is the second time she has completed this race. Additionally, Ms. Farrell has taken part in the Broad Street Run for the past six years. The Broad Street Run is a 10-mile course that starts in North Philadelphia and ends at the Philadelphia Naval Yard.

Ms. Farrell has been running for years! In fact, she started running when she was a child and it grew into a beloved hobby as an adult. To this day, she enjoys run-

ning with friends and she even belongs to running groups to help her prepare for such events as the Broad Street Run. Ms. Farrell is keeping her fingers crossed, that she receives a bid for next year's race. We here at Franklin are confident in her efforts and believe without a doubt that she will be in the 2017 Broad Street Run.

Ms. Farrell is a prime example that with hard work and determination you too can achieve any goal you set for yourself! Here's to a job well done Ms. Farrell! We are so proud of you!



Farrell

Pennsauken Board Of Education Recognizes High School Students



The Pennsauken Board of Education recently recognized Pennsauken High School seniors Daniel Ball, seen here with his parents as well as Dr. Tarchichi, superintendent of schools; and Tuong Tran as students of the month. For more on the accomplishments of these students, visit AllAroundPennsauken.com.

Roosevelt School Celebrates National Engineering Week

In February, Roosevelt School students partook in engineering activities in recognition of National Engineering Week. The event was organized by second grade teacher, Christina Johnson.

Each grade focused on a different engineering project. Kindergarteners built aluminum foil boats and then tested their designs by how many plastic bears it could hold before sinking. First graders had the task to create towers using marshmallows and toothpicks and then measured who built the tallest. Second graders constructed catapults from Popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and a spoon; their catapults had to use a marshmallow to hit a target from a given point. Third graders determined how they could use various mate-

Phifer Students Destined For Greatness



Phifer Middle School recognized students "Destined for Greatness" for the month of February. Congratulations to Yesenia Soto, Sania Ingram, Whitney Huynh, Quynh Nguyen, Trishauna Bennett, Vincent Nguyen, Melissa Nguyen, Kole Truitt, Melisa Ibarra, Ivan Ramirez, Tiana Rodriquez, and Arissa Fleming.

PHS Celebrates Black History Month



Members of Pennsauken High School's African American Culture Club put on a special presentation as part of Black History Month. This student-directed program highlighted issues facing African Americans today and celebrated important figures in black culture.

rials to drop a cup that contained a ball inside from a one foot distance without the ball falling out. Lastly, fourth graders made a tower out of straws and tape that had to support the weight of a tennis ball. Each class had a professional engineer to offer support to the students and aid in the engineering concepts.

At the end of the classroom activities session, the school gathered in the multipurpose room for a question and answer session with the engineer volunteers.



Students at Roosevelt School had a chance to ask questions to engineers as part of their celebration of National Engineering Week.

It was a unique learning experience had by all!



By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Allyson Meloni-Scavuzzo, Vice President; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Diane Johnson; Leona Moss; Jennifer Slattery; Orlando Viera; and JoAnn Young

The signs of warmer weather and longer days often have members of the Pennsauken school community daydreaming about the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Though the end of the academic year is still a few months away,

Board Of Education Springs Into Budget Preparation

the Pennsauken Board of Education is already hard at work preparing next year's budget. This yearly task is one of the most important for Board of Education members.

During the month of March, the Pennsauken BOE held two special public meetings to discuss and prepare the budget. The budget meetings, which took place on March 2 and 9, provided an opportunity for school administration to present a wish list from each department to the members of the Board of Education. The Board discussed these items; and in consultation with the Superintendent and Business Administrator, decided upon which items needed to be

addressed in the budget for next year. The goal of the budget is to promote the growth of the school district while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

The proposed budget for the 2017-2018 school year is \$101,489,373.00. The funding for the budget will come from three key sources: the federal government, the state, and the local municipality via taxes collected from the residents. This year's budget will allow the Board of Education to fund all of its traditional yearly expenses, in addition to taking on a number of projects and the acquisition of new equipment to keep our school district on the path to success.

Some of the highlights in this budget include: replacement of technology equipment, such as servers which are required for PARCC testing, as well as to

operate our daily technological services; the purchase of new computers to support a one-to-one initiative for students; updates to our transportation fleet by purchasing two new busses; a facelift to the high school entrance to improve both traffic flow and security; the purchase of air conditioning units for Carson Elementary School; the demolition of the structurally unsound footbridge behind the Intermediate School; and finally, updates in the high school to support the academy and vocational initiatives. There are many plans in the works for Pennsauken Public Schools with two goals at the forefront: safety and education. The education that will be provided will offer opportunities to our students that will ensure real career and college readiness, with dual credit

options for post-secondary education and certification for vocational careers.

The Pennsauken Board of Education and school community work diligently each year to balance the needs of the school district with the fiscal responsibility it has to the residents of Pennsauken. We, as always, thank the Pennsauken residents for supporting our school initiatives. We truly are Pennsauken Proud!

Board Bit Of The Month

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Franklin Honors Students Of The Month

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School celebrated its Students of the Month for February. February's theme was: "Following Classroom and School Rules."

Principal Lewis held a celebration recognizing these students. Congratulations to Violetta Estrada, Landon Smith, Ghandi Abouharb, Adrian Johnson, Adam Sinatra, Emma Beach, Elizabeth Ngeth, Jacob Thompson, Ana Vo, Hannah Giberson, Dywane Riggins, Joel

Ignacio, Shaka Kamara, Julia Nguyen, Brian Gallo, Ryan Bazulis, Crystain Guzman, Morris Pitts, Elijah Brown, and Ari Tyson!

Twenty students from Franklin Elementary, seen here with Principal Lewis, were recognized as Students of the Month for February.



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Delair Holds Mentor And Mentee Breakfast

On Feb. 14, Delair School had its first ever Mentor and Mentee (M & M) Breakfast. This brand new program is led by basic skills teachers Laura Gannon, Rachel Sweeney, and Katie Santos. Beginning this past fall, one or two students from each classroom were given the opportunity to work with a mentor from the school. The Valentine's Day breakfast was the first event where all the mentors and mentees came together for breakfast, a craft, and some conversation.

The mentors and mentees enjoyed the wonderful start to the day!



Delair School held its first ever Mentor and Mentee Breakfast on Feb. 14.

Celebrating Culture At Carson



Upon returning from winter break, Mrs. Hardy's class began working on their research projects for Carson's multicultural celebration. The students utilized the nonfiction skills and strategies previously learned to gather facts about Panama from a variety of sources such as books, internet, and magazine articles. The students had a blast spending time discussing and analyzing facts found from their research.

Fine Students Participate In "Blacks And Wax" Museum



As part of Black History Month, fourth grade students at Fine School celebrated famous African Americans who made tremendous contributions to society at their annual "Blacks and Wax" Museum. The students dressed up as their favorite African American and gave presentations to the entire school community. Museum visitors enjoyed learning some facts about each person and were excited about the tour. Special recognition is given to Ms. Cohn and Mr. Drummonds for making this project possible. Awesome job fourth graders!

Great Spellers At C-A-R-S-O-N

Nine Carson students participated in the annual Women's Club Spelling Bee at Phifer Middle School. Two of the spellers, Amina Dyer and Laila Worley, placed first and third at the spelling bee and competed in the next round of competition!



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Grateful Resident Creatively Thanks Pennsauken Police

At the Township Committee Meeting on Feb. 22, a member of the Pennsauken Police Department was recognized by a very grateful resident.

Diane Yancy had found herself in a serious situation with nowhere else to turn. Pennsauken Police's own Sgt. Chris Sulzbach was integral in helping Ms. Yancy at a difficult time. To show her appreciation, not just for Sgt. Sulzbach, but for all police officers serving for their communities, Diane put pen to paper and wrote a creative work entitled, "Hail to the Heroes," which is printed below:

To answer the call, it takes a very spe-

cial breed,

Fruit should be judged by the basket,
not just by one seed,

In times of trouble, and times of great danger,

They answer the call of a complete stranger,

Many have sacrificed and laid down their lives,

Leaving behind their children, their husbands, or their wives,

Man is not perfect, and in this world will never be,

There is good and bad in all, including you and me,

They have taken on a profession that many would not dare,
And arrived at some locations, most could not bear,

During a storm, many would choose to run away,

But until the dust settles, we count on them to stay,

Never sure of what might be lurking behind any given door,

Perhaps a simple dispute, or something much more,

At times, in a second, there's a decision to make,

With a life on the line, even their own at stake,

No matter when trouble decides to rear its ugly head,

They look it directly in the eye, while most are sleeping in bed,

And when the situation is under control,

Peace is restored, and once again off they roll,

Trouble never remains in one place, it tends to roam around,

Yet, not far behind it, can be a frightening sound,

A siren at a distance, but closing in fast,

Bringing along with it, those who are up to the task,

So let us take a moment and think of all they do,

To make the streets safer for me and for you,

They put their best foot forward with no crowd to cheer,

Working alone, or side by side, no time

to entertain fear,

After all is said and done, there's one thing that holds true,

They are the quiet heroes, the men and women in blue.

"Diane put a lot of thought and effort in her very creative thank you to Sgt. Sulzbach," says Mayor McBride. "Our town has a very dedicated police department, with hard working officers going above and beyond to help our residents"

Pennsauken resident Diane Yancy, seen here with Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride and Sgt. Chris Sulzbach of the Pennsauken Police Department, penned a creative work in appreciation of all police officers.



Team Pennsauken Rides In Police Unity Tour

A group of local police officers are joining together to honor the memories of those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Team Pennsauken is made up of members of the Pennsauken and Merchantville Police Departments who will be riding bicycles with the Police Unity Tour Chapter II. The three-day Police Unity Tour will begin in South Jersey on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The Tour will visit some of the towns where officers have fallen in the line of duty before departing New Jersey en route to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC. The officers will bicycle close to 300 miles during the tour.

The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to raise awareness of law enforcement offi-

cers who have died in the line of duty. Team Pennsauken rides for Officer William Brey, who was killed in the line of duty on May 15, 1987; Officer George Bowman, killed in the line of duty September 3, 1995; and Officer Richard Dawson, who was seriously injured in the line of duty on September 7, 1974 and later died from his injuries on March 7, 1999.

The secondary purpose of Team Pennsauken is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum.

To donate to Team Pennsauken, checks can be made out to FOP Lodge #3 Team Pennsauken and mailed to 871 Engard Ave., Pennsauken, N.J., 08110. All proceeds from donations will directly benefit the Police Unity Tour.

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Saint Matthew's In Pennsauken Celebrates 150 Years

In 1867, Andrew Johnson was President; trains, boats, and horses were the common means of transportation; and Pennsauken Township would not be formed for another 25 years.

This was also the time that a small group of Christian-minded people recognized a need in the community of Morrisville for a church; through their perseverance, Saint Matthew's Methodist Church evolved in October of the same year.

Saint Matthew's first pastor was Rev. Hooper Jolly. He ministered to his congregation in a church structure that had only a stove in the center of the room to provide heat. Oil lamps were used for lighting. Then, in 1893, a new church building was erected on Pleasant Ave. during the administration of Rev. W.P. Tunnell. Saint



Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church, located on Derousse Ave. in Pennsauken, is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

Matthew's continued to serve its members there for almost 90 years.

In 1982, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Cannon, the congregation was able to fulfill the long time dream of building a new church home. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new structure on Derousse Ave. was held on June 8 of that year.

Since its beginnings in 1867, Saint Matthew's has been a vital partner in the community. And over the course of those years, Saint Matthew's has been a place not only for weddings and funerals, Sunday school and Bible study, but also for

community organizations to meet: Boy and Girl Scout Troops, AA meetings, tutoring, community dinners, and more.

Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church is excited as they celebrate new growth and their first Seder under the leadership of current pastor, Rev. Shawn Forman.

The church's 150 Year Celebration will be held 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 at the Pennsauken County Club. Elder John Randall will be the speaker.

For more information, please contact Saint Matthew's at (856) 622-3610 or call Patricia Douglas at (856) 488-4779.

Pennsauken Firefighters Train In Life Saving Techniques



Members of the Pennsauken Fire Department completed their annual Basic Life Support certifications throughout March.

Historic Houses Of Pennsauken Open For First Sunday In April

Both historic, colonial houses of Pennsauken will open to the public for free tours and local history galore on Sunday, April 2, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is the resumption of the "First Sundays" policy of the Pennsauken Historical Society and Griffith Morgan Committee, to provide public access and events from April through November.

Free tours of Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House will be available, conducted by docents dressed in appropriate colonial garb. Plenty of free parking is available at both houses. In addition, both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours and research by appointment.

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

On Facebook, visit the Griffith Morgan House and Pennsauken Historical pages, as well as the group, "Pennsauken History Forum," for more details or directions. You can also call (856) 486-9561 and leave a message for more information or e-mail to pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to contact Pennsauken Historical Society or Griffith Morgan Committee about volunteer opportunities!

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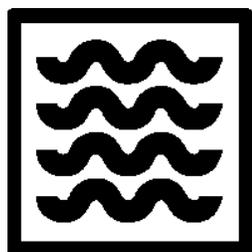
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Flushing Of Fire Hydrants

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Hydrant flushing is an important element in our continuous efforts to improve the quality of water in our system. This procedure clears the distribution system of non-harmful sediment that may build up over time, as well as to help us ensure that each hydrant is operating properly for fire-fighting purposes. The MPWC schedules hydrant flushing during night hours to create the least impact on our customers.

While we are flushing in your neighborhood, you may experience decreased water pressure and /or

temporary discoloration of your water. While discoloration can be startling to see, rest assured it poses no health or safety issues, as the cause of the discoloration is non-harmful iron and manganese minerals.

The MPWC will be posting flushing routes on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheMPWC/) throughout the duration of the spring program. If you see your street or a nearby cross-street listed on our Facebook page, we recommend not running your water between flushing times as the

best course of action to prevent an accidental draw of discolored water into your home or business system. If discoloration does occur, we advise you to simply run your cold water for a few minutes until it is clear. The MPWC encourages you to check for discolored water before doing laundry.

The MPWC has been working diligently to notify all of our neighbors and customers of when we'll be in specific areas during the hydrant flushing period. For the most up-to-date information, please "like" us on Facebook. We will

post an updated list every day!

In addition, if you have not already signed up to get notifications from the MPWC, please visit our website at www.mpwc.com and click on the "Notify Me" button, so that you may receive notification of hydrant flushing, as well as any other service notifications should they arise in your area.

For any specific questions regarding the flushing program, please contact the MPWC's Customer Support Center at (856) 663-0043.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR REMOTE READ DEVICES

If you have a remote device on the exterior of your property that allows us to read your water meter, we need to verify that it is working properly and recording your water usage accurately. Recent issues with the remotes have caused inaccurate readings and higher customer bills.

Please help us keep your readings accurate and costs as low as possible.

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Please contact us with your In/Out readings at your earliest convenience so that we can provide accurate billing and correct any discrepancies immediately.

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mated meter readings. If your meter reading has been estimated, the letter "E" will appear on your bill. An example is provided here.

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Have The Best Mom, Dad Or Guardian In Pennsauken? Let Us Know!

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ners will receive recognition and prizes at the Township Committee's meeting on Wednesday, May 24, held at 5:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue.

Last year's winners included Christopher "CJ" Diaz from Fine School, whose beautiful mom makes him feel calm and safe; and Jordyn Seldon from Burling School, who wrote that his caring dad was his superhero. Analise Cuevas, Cayla Gordan, Danielle Dimattia, and Nevaeh Lassiter received honorable mention last year for their submissions.

Judging

Letters will be judged by a panel on originality, content and ability to express feelings and ideas.

How to Enter

All entries may be mailed to "Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian Contest," Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken 08110, Attn. Elwood Martz. Letters may also be e-mailed to emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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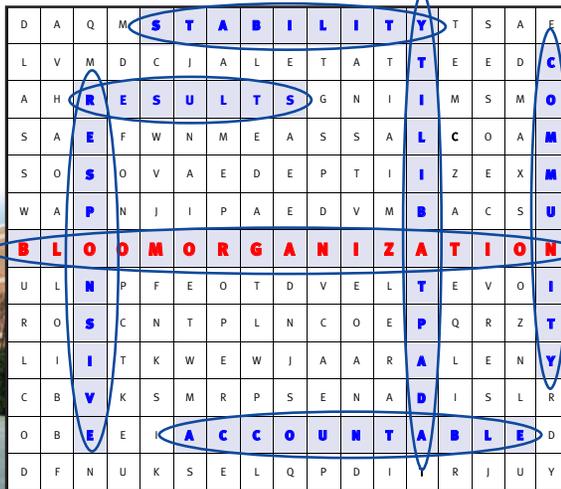
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- Interview Workshop – Wednesday, April 5; 10:00-11:30 a.m. Hosted by Career Strategies, this workshop will give you tips on how to interview. Please sign up at the Reference Desk to participate.
- AARP Tax Help – Wednesdays & Thursdays, April 5-6, 12-13; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. This free service will be available in the Community Room on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority is given to seniors. Please note the following documents are required: last year's tax return, photo identification, and social security card.
- Health Insurance Marketplace Special Enrollment – Fridays, April 7, 21 & 28; 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Throughout the year, appointments are available for those who would like to investigate their eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP, or for those who have had qualifying changes to their health insurance (such as losing your job, getting married, having a baby or having a death in the family). You must make an appointment to meet with the Health Care Navigator. Please call (877) 922-2377 to make an appointment.
- Munch and a Movie – Tuesday, April 11; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. For this month's movie selection please call (856) 665-5959.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, April 24; 6:00 p.m. The Library Board is the governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month the members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- The Friends of the Library 2017 Art Show, Sale, and Workshops – Saturday, April 22 to Sunday, April 30. Workshops require registration in advance at the Library Circulation Desk since space is limited and supplies for each workshop will be provided: Pastel

Drawing – April 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Create a Fabric Flower – April 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Adult Coloring Activity – April 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. & April 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Stained Glass Mosaic – April 29, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Drawing with a Live (clothed) Model – April 29, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Meet the Artist Reception – April 30, at 1:30 p.m.

BBF Girls Group:

Minute to Win It – Friday, April 7; 4:00-5:30 p.m. Hang out at the Pennsauken Library Community Room for fun and challenge games with Minute to Win It! There will be prizes, so don't miss it! For girls ages 12 to 19. For more information, visit "BBF Girls" on Facebook.

For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- Storytime – Mondays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24; 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27; 1:00 p.m. Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina welcome you to a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and a craft. For ages 0-5.
- Toddler Movement – Saturdays, April 1 & 8; 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 3-5.
- Baby Ballet – Saturdays, April 1 & 8; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 3-5.
- LEGO Club – Tuesdays, April 4 & 18; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. You bring the creativity and imagination and we supply the LEGO and DUPLO bricks (for use in the library only). For all ages.
- Children's Dr. Seuss Party – Tuesday, April 11; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come join our rescheduled celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday! For children of all ages.

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GOING GREEN Remembering The Versatility Of Witch Hazel

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

When I was a kid, my mother always had a bottle of witch-hazel in the medicine cabinet. Over the years, I forgot about the versatility of this plant-based remedy as “new and improved” products arrived on the market.

Hamamelis, the genus name of witch hazel, means “together with fruit,” referring to the simultaneous occurrence of flowers with the maturing fruit from the previous year. Our native witch hazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*, is a great ornamental addition to the garden, grown for its clusters of rich yellow to orange-red flowers which begin to expand in the autumn and continue throughout the winter.

Witch hazel is used in a variety of healthcare products. The commercially available product called witch hazel is a liquid distilled from dried leaves, bark, and twigs of the plant. Witch hazel contains chemicals called tannins; when applied directly to the skin, it can help reduce swelling, repair broken skin, and fight bacteria. Native Americans have long recognized the medicinal properties of witch hazel and used it to treat skin irritations.

Probably the most common way witch hazel is used is as a natural astringent, with the ability to remove excess oil from skin and shrink down pores. Since astringents remove excess oil, regular use of witch hazel may prevent blemishes, espe-

cially black heads and acne. I remember soaking cotton balls in witch-hazel and washing my face with it as a teen.

Witch hazel also helps to stop bleeding and promote faster healing of minor cuts and scrapes. Store-bought witch hazel also often contains a disinfectant, isopropyl alcohol, making it a good choice for cleansing wounds before bandaging. Many of us nick our faces and legs while shaving. For both men and women, witch hazel is a great follow-up to shaving any part of the body. Not only will it stop bleeding from nicks or cuts, anti-inflammatory witch hazel can also work to prevent razor burn.

The anti-inflammatory properties of witch hazel also make it an effective and safe remedy for soothing pain from diaper rash. In addition, regular application will assist in healing damaged skin faster, further reducing your baby's discomfort.

Witch hazel is great for easing the pain, itching, swelling, and bleeding of hemorrhoids. In fact, it's a common ingredient used in commercial hemorrhoid products. Just mix witch hazel with a carrier like Aloe Vera gel and apply to affected areas for fast relief. This same mixture also helps relieve the pain and itching of sun burn. The anti-inflammatory power of this incredible plant extract will aid your skin in healing, while it and the Aloe help to cool the burn. This treatment can also help to prevent skin from peeling in

the days following a bad burn.

Otitis externa – commonly known as “Swimmer's Ear” – is caused by a microbial infection of the ear canal. Use an eye dropper to insert several drops of witch hazel into each ear to dry up pus, clear away excess oil, and break up wax and debris that may be clogging the ear canal. Allow the ears to drain, then clean

gently with a cotton swab.

Because of its drying and anti-itch power, witch hazel can also be used to counter the effects of skin-irritating plant compounds like the sap contained in poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac, which cause contact dermatitis in about 85 percent of adults who are exposed to it. Just as witch hazel can be used to ease pain

and itching from poison ivy and its cousins, it also works for bug bites and stings. Yet another reason to carry a bottle of this awesome remedy with you the next time you plan to spend a day outdoors!

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FOOD ADVENTURES

It's All Good Soul Food Comes To West Maple Avenue



By Rachael Rivera, AAP
Columnist

This month's food adventure takes me to It's All Good Soul Food and Catering, located at 618 West Maple Ave. in Merchantville. This unassuming little shop front is home to some truly awesome soul food.

Demina Miller owns and operates the restaurant with the help of her daughters, Ajani and Asia, as well as other family and friends. She began cooking and learning her way around the kitchen at a young age by hanging out with her aunt and grandmother while her mother attended college. She is a self-taught food maverick who gained her skill out of necessity and found her niche in soul food.

It's All Good opened on Jan. 7 and has already gained momentum, as well as a following of local customers, almost all of whom Demina knows by name.

The fried fish platter was my pick for the day and I paired it with yams and greens and corn bread, of course. I highly recommend it. The fish isn't greasy or oily from being fried, but it's still flaky and slightly crunchy. Now I'm a huge fan of collard greens. They may be one of my favorite veggie dishes. I've never managed to make them right, so I rely on folks like Demina to deliver the best and she does just that. They're not too sweet, not too bitter. The yams are heavenly and sweet; and the cornbread holds strong with all of its corn bread-y good-



Demina Miller, seen here with her daughter Ajani, is the owner of It's All Good Soul Food and Catering in Merchantville.

ness if you decide, like I did, to dip it in the juice left behind.

Whether you're a soul food newbie or savvy, you should give their ox tails or stuffed turkey wings a try. Maybe even get a side of the mac and cheese.

A final thought from Demina Miller and her daughter was to remember that, "Change is good. It's good to try something you've never tried. This is a taste of home away from home with a flair of

family and a sensational southern taste." I can't argue that!

It's All Good Soul Food and Catering is just a quick drive from Rt. 130 or right down Maple Ave. Parking is curbside and there are no meters. They are open Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Demina hopes to extend the schedule in the

near future. There will also be a new menu featuring more of the catering options, along with a few new items.

To place an order or inquire about catering, call It's All Good Soul Food at (856) 406-6989 or e-mail soulfood.itsallgoodcatering@gmail.com; you can look for them on Facebook too. ALWAYS enjoy your Food Adventures!

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PUBLICWORKS Spring Cleaning In Pennsauken: Not Looking Too Bad For 125

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

As 2017 pushes onward, ushering my fellow residents and I along our town's 125th anniversary or "quasiquicentennial," I step back to take a look at our big picture.

As with most weighing of past and present, there are considerable differences. For instance, back in the late 1800s, the latter part of this article would not apply to early settlers of Pennsauken. Fast forward a bit, perhaps to the middle of the 20th Century around the 1970s. I think about the landfill here in town on River Rd. and all the items currently located towards the bottom of that site: TVs, cars, loose tires, fluorescent light tubes, endless amounts of hazardous waste not classified at that time. I ask myself, "How did we get to this point with all of the environmental awareness, regulations, etc.?" The answer I stumble upon is consistent, no matter the decade nor century the question is asked in: we adapt. I am tempted to begin a grand sentence with "Since the beginning of time." However, I can see my wife rolling her eyes; so I will refrain. It comes down to this: we as a Township will adapt to the challenges we face. Whether it's illegal dumping and littering, vacant and abandoned properties, or how to get rid of a TV, Pennsauken will step up to remain the friendly place to live and grow. That's the mindset of your local Public Works Department; and that's the service we aim to provide.

Camden County Collection Events

Each year, Camden County sponsors waste collection events to help residents properly dispose of various items around our homes, garages, and sheds to protect the environment. It may sound like a

nagging chore to do, but the benefits it has on our local bodies of water far outweighs any inconvenience of proper disposal on a Saturday morning.

We at Public Works see it every day. On Cove Rd., you may have seen what looks like a "paint trail" that was spilled on this freshly-paved road. This was more-than-likely from a trash truck pulling out from one of the Collins Tract side streets, headed towards Rt. 130. It can be concluded that a resident did not dry out a can of latex paint with kitty-litter or sand, as required by the Township, prior to placing the dried paint pail in the trash; thus having the trash truck crush the pail during compact. The paint then drains out of the truck with all the other unpleasant trash liquids. Remember, oil-based paints can ONLY be disposed of at County household hazardous waste collection events.

For the convenience of residents, all household hazardous waste collection events take place on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the various locations:

- April 8 at the Collingswood Public Works Complex, 713 N. Atlantic Ave.
- May 6 in Atco at the Parking Area at Atco and Raritan avenues
- June 10 at Camden County College Parking Lot, 200 College Drive, Gloucester Township
- Sept. 16 at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, 9600 N. River Rd.
- Oct. 14 at the Camden County Public Works Complex, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold

The County also offers a shredding service for residents only – no businesses accepted. The next event will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Camden County College parking

lot at 200 College Drive, Gloucester Township, NJ. The Township is holding a shredding event as well on Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Middle School Parking lot on Park Ave.

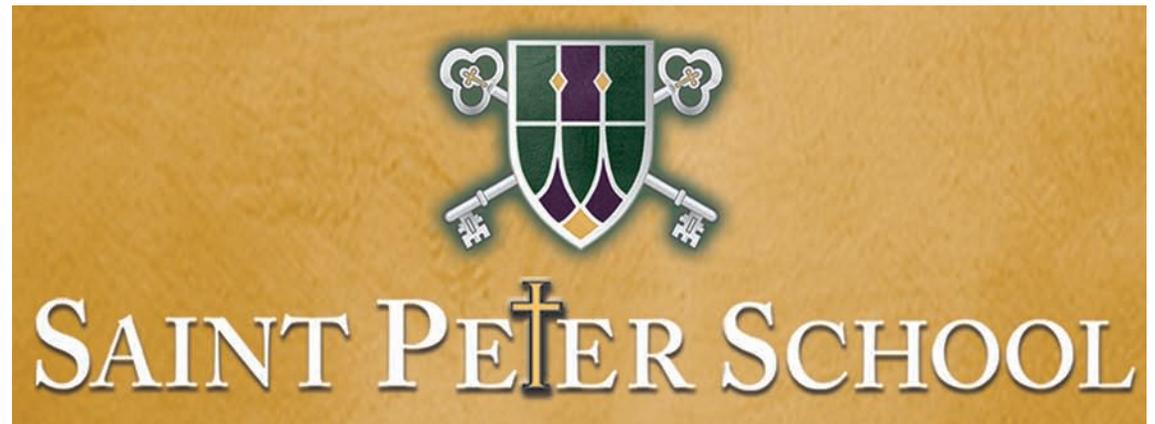
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www.thanksforbeinggreen.com.

For more information or a list of items you can and cannot bring to a household hazardous waste event, please visit www.camdencounty.com/service/environmental-affairs/recycling/ or call Pennsauken's Department of Public Works at (856) 663-0178.



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Town Watch Tip Of The Month

Any item in your home connected to a network, from your TV to even a baby monitor, can be hacked into if not properly secured. Be sure to change the default passwords on all digital devices, make sure your WiFi network is encrypted, and turn off devices when not in use.



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Online Resources Help Keep Pennsauken Residents Informed

With last month's snow storm, were you curious whether or not trash was being picked up that day? Are there places on Facebook where you can get up-to-date information about municipal services, school events, etc.? Would you like to get Township updates sent straight to your inbox? Whether it's on the web or via social media, there are a variety of online tools available that can help keep you in the know.

On The Web

Pennsauken Township's web site, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, has several links that can help point residents in the right direction. At the top of the menu on the left hand side of every page on the Township's web site, there's a "What Department Do I Need?" button. From issues about abandoned/vacant properties to zoning questions, you can find the appropriate phone number to get the answers you need by clicking that link.

At the bottom of that same menu, there's a "Keep Me Informed" button. Clicking that link will take you to an online form to sign up for Pennsauken Township's eNewsletter. Residents will be e-mailed information about community events, holiday schedule changes, and more.

By clicking on the "Contact Us" button, you'll find an online form residents can use to reach out to the Clerk's Office, send an issue about Township roads, con-

tact the Police Department, etc. You'll also find a link containing specific extensions for Township staff.

The Pennsauken Police also have an anonymous tip form on the web site. Visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/police/anonymous-tip-form and submit your crime tip without giving any personal information. Your message will be sent directly to detectives in the Pennsauken Police Department.

The Pennsauken School District's site, www.pennsauken.net, posts announcements and news items on its main page. The site provides a variety of information, including employment opportunities, parent resources, a list of key district personnel, and more. You can also access the District calendar, which highlights events throughout the year.

Social Media

Pennsauken Township has a Facebook page that posts information several times throughout the week and responds to questions from residents. Be sure to visit www.facebook.com/Pennsauken196359347097277/ and "Like" the page so that updates show up on your news-

feed. The Pennsauken Township Police Department, The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, and the Pennsauken School District also have very active Facebook pages; each posts information on a regular basis.

The Township's Twitter account, @PennsaukenTwp, generally posts information several times each month. The Fire Department, @PennsaukenFire, actively tweets as well.

Reverse 9-1-1

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission employs a reverse 9-1-1 notification system, which informs customers about water main breaks, hydrant flushing, etc. The Township also uses the system to provide updates on changes to trash and recycling pick up, snow closures, and more. If you haven't signed up already, visit www.mpwc.com/notify-me/ and complete the form on the page.

So be sure to take advantage of these online resources. Whether it's announcements of snow closures or updates on community events, these tools can help keep residents and businesses informed on the latest happenings in Pennsauken Township.

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No Increase In Pennsauken Property Taxes For Fifth Straight Year

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maintain the level of local taxes. For the fourth straight year, Pennsauken had a tax collection rate in excess of 97 percent, coming in at an all-time high of 97.35 percent in 2016.

“Our tax collection rate is key to keeping property taxes level,” explains McBride. “We can’t give enough credit to our Township staff, especially Ron Crane, Karen Dunn, Pat Huerta, John Dymond, and Danny O’Brien.”

In addition, the Township’s economic development department has again secured additional businesses to move their headquarters into Pennsauken.

New businesses coming into town help to increase tax ratables, which offset increasing municipal costs.

“I give full credit to both Terry Carr and Larry Cardwell,” says McBride. “Through their tireless efforts, companies like Bayada Home Health Care are moving and expanding into Pennsauken; and our residents are directly benefitting from it.”

In addition, the Pennsauken Country Club generated \$180,000 above the amount needed to cover operation costs and course maintenance. This entire amount goes directly towards property tax relief.

The property tax levy is a portion of the yearly tax bill, which also includes the school, garbage, county and library taxes. It is used to fund Pennsauken’s municipal budget, which consists of operational costs, capital spending, debt service payments, salaries, pensions, and insurance expenses. The garbage district budget pays for the disposal of trash and recyclables, as well as waste management for Pennsauken residences.

The services that Pennsauken Township provides its residents and businesses would not be possible without local property taxes. These taxes make up the largest revenue source in the municipal budget.

During the past several years, Pennsauken Township has tirelessly worked to keep costs down in order to better manage financial challenges. And by maintaining a conservative approach to Township operations, Pennsauken is also better prepared to handle capital improvements that need to be addressed on a yearly basis. For example, in 2017, the Township will begin the reconstruction of the aging roof at the Pennsauken Police Administration Building; as well as refurbish both Fire Station 11-3 and the Singer Center on Westfield Ave. Pennsauken will also address improvements and repairs to its

infrastructure, as there are 102 miles of road that the Township is responsible for maintaining, while replacing damaged curbing and improving storm drainage. Pennsauken’s 30 parks and playgrounds are also upgraded on a continual basis. The Township will also purchase four new police cruisers; as well as a new street sweeper and leaf turning machine for the Public Works Department to further Pennsauken’s “Clean and Green”

initiatives.

“Every year, our goal is to create a balanced municipal budget that maintains our services while being completely fair to our taxpayers,” explains McBride. “For five years straight, we’ve worked on not increasing property taxes and we’ve succeeded. We’re extremely proud of that accomplishment and will continue to do what we can to serve our constituents responsibly.”

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Maundy Thursday Communion: April 13th, 7:30 PM. in the sanctuary.

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FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY Friends Of The Library Offer A Shower Of Events This April

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

April showers will definitely not dampen all the events planned for this month by the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

The Art Show is finally here from April 22-30 in the Library's Community Room. The Friends have workshops taking place throughout the week, including pastel drawing, creating fabric flowers (for quilters and sewers), adult coloring activities, stained glass mosaics, and drawing with a live model. We'll provide all the supplies needed. The sessions are all free but you'll need to register beforehand, space is limited. For details, check page 24 of this issue, stop by the easel in the Library lobby, or visit our Facebook page. Finally, our "Meet the Artist" reception, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, gives everyone the chance to meet the people behind the creativity and have the opportunity to buy a favorite piece of artwork.

Cookie Sale On April 8

Our next cookie sale takes place in the Library's lobby on Saturday, April 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or until we run out. Cookies are \$1 per bag; and if you sign up that day to become a member of the Friends during our April Membership Drive, we'll also give you a chance to win a beautiful spring plant door prize!

That same day after the cookie sale,

get ready to make some music, accordion style. From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Library's Community Room, Joanna Arnold Darrow, renowned soloist, staff accordionist for the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, and owner/operator of Acme Accordion School in Westmont, N.J., will bring along a number of unique accordions from her own collection and answer questions from the audience. She'll also serenade us from her amazing repertoire, and actually give participants a hands-on try at making their own music with one of these beautiful instruments.

Silent Auction Held This Month

Next, our silent auction is taking place throughout the month. We'll have some serious prizes you can bid on, and they'll be on display in the Library from April 1-30. Each will have a minimum bid, and

participants can place their bid in a sealed box next to the item. The highest bidder by the deadline will be determined during the Artist's Reception on April 30; once the bid pledge is received, that lucky person gets to take the item home. Some of the auction items to date include passes for Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Moorestown, certificates for gym workouts at Max Fitness in Mt. Laurel, a Double Nickel Brewery package of goodies, a hand-crocheted afghan, and a guitar. We have more items in the works and you'll get to see them at the auction display, so stop by for a look-see the next time you're in the Library.

Munch And A Movie On April 11

This month's Munch and a Movie is Tuesday, April 11 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Don't forget to

bring your lunch; snacks and beverages are on us. Be surprised for April's movie or call the circulation desk if you can't wait to know.

Poetry Contest Submissions Due April 28

A reminder that all poetry contest submissions are due by Friday, April 28, either hand delivered to the Library or mailed to Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public

Library Poetry Contest, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, N.J., 08110. Winners must attend the June 7 awards reception to receive their prizes. You will find all the information you'll need about entries in our contest brochure available at the Library's lobby desk.

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Life And Events From 1892 In Pennsauken – Part II

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imagery bolstered the sentiment for blood justice. The defense had other ideas, however. They presented the court in Camden with a case built on cross-examination of prosecution witnesses and a carefully constructed timeline that they believed showed Lingo could not have committed the act. In the end, the judge agreed, and Lingo was set “free,” into an inflamed and hostile environment. Public meetings and threats of lynching followed the verdict in Merchantville; and similar sentiments were felt in neighboring communities, as reported in Trenton newspapers.

With the help of friends and allies, many of whom had also helped support

Hop Down The Bunny Trail At Pennsauken's Easter Egg Hunt

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plex no later than 9:45 a.m. The egg hunt starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. and ends fairly quickly. The event is usually over within a half hour. In addition, participants should bring a bag, basket, or other container to store their eggs.

The rain date for the event is Saturday, April 15. For more information, call (856) 665-1000 x151 or e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

his defense, Lingo absented himself from the immediate vicinity and went on to make some money from his infamy by appearing at a Dime Museum in Philadelphia as the “Victim of Circumstances” and the “Man Who Escaped Death.” It was confidently predicted that few Pensauken residents would pay the ten cent admission fee. Nor would this be the end of the local drama of crime and punishment for Francis Lingo.

The trials of Frank Lingo, still laden with mystery and tragedy, also carry the weight of the subsequent history of racial injustice when considered today. Perhaps they also raise the modern specter of serial killers and the sensations they create in the public imagination. It should be recalled that London's Jack the Ripper murders were nearly contemporaneous,

having taken place in 1888.

The life of Pennsauken Township at its creation was one of events mundane and extraordinary, humorous and tragic. While a century and a quarter is hardly a second on the clock of history, the speed and scale of changes since 1892 may seem to place that year in another epoch. If we trace the lives and events of the community in that year, however, we can always discover connections and resonances that lead to our own time and lives.

Sources for this column include contemporary and historical newspaper accounts from the Camden Courier, Palmyra Weekly News, The Times of Trenton and other local newspapers; also Lane, Roger, “William Dorsey's Philadelphia and Ours: On the Past and Future of the Black City in America,” Oxford University Press, 1991.

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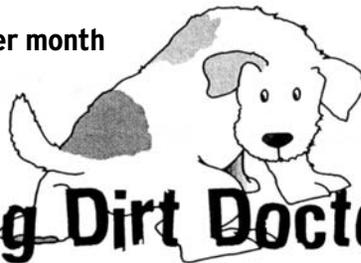
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