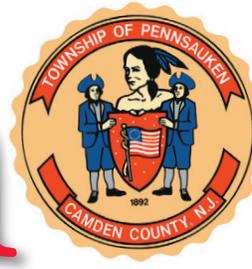


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A Few Quick Words About This Issue

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The staff of All Around Pennsauken put together this issue right as the coronavirus outbreak hit our community. On a regular month, our paper is filled with many articles that promote local events. With the constant closures, cancellations, and changes that have been happening the last few weeks, that's been a challenge.

As of print time for the April 2020 edition, we've done our best to provide the most up-to-date information about what's happening in our community. But there is a possibility that due to the situation we currently find ourselves in, that may change. If we find out that an event we have in this issue has been postponed or

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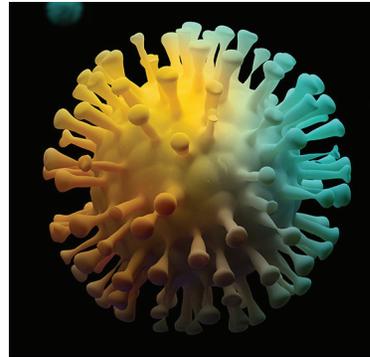
Pennsauken Impacted By Coronavirus Outbreak

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Since the beginning of last month, New Jersey has been severely affected by a new virus strain called COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, which has quickly spread both internationally and here at home. And while Pennsauken's municipal government has taken extensive steps to mitigate a COVID-19 outbreak, the effects of the virus have still been felt in the Township.

As of press time for this issue, there have been 35 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Pennsauken. These residents are under medical care and Camden County's Board of Health is investigating how each individual contracted the virus and who they have come in contact with.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with



The outbreak of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, has severely impacted communities throughout New Jersey, including Pennsauken.

these affected residents and their families," said Pennsauken Mayor Tim Killion. "The

cases found in our town are indicative of access to testing rather than social spread, so it's extremely important to keep taking those steps that are keeping our families and our community safe. Staying at home, maintaining social distancing, and sanitizing public spaces, among other practices, are helping to slow the spread of this virus."

Township, County Services Impacted By COVID-19

Effective at the end of business on Friday, March 13, the Township closed the Municipal Building, Pennsauken Free Public Library, Municipal Court, Fire Prevention and Inspection Bureau, the Records office, and Pennsauken Country Club. They will remain closed until further

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More Important Than Ever To Complete The 2020 Census

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor and Kristen Diaz, Pennsauken 2020 Census Complete Count Committee

During Governor Murphy's March 28 briefing about the coronavirus outbreak in New Jersey, he took a moment to stress the importance of participating in the 2020 Census.

"So much of what we get from Washington is determined by the Census. We know we were undercounted in 2010, and because of that, right now, we're leaving critical federal aid on the table," said Governor Murphy. "So take a moment, please go online to 2020Census.gov and make sure you are counted in the Census."

The 2020 Census isn't just about how many people live in a community. Data

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collected from the Census plays a crucial role in congressional representation, determining how many seats New Jersey has in the House of Representatives. It identifies how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to communities throughout the country for critical programs and services, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and

the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP. Census data is also invaluable to businesses, as they use it to make decisions on where to open new locations; where to expand operations; where to recruit employees; and which products and services to offer.

Is The 2020 Census Safe?

Is the Census safe? It's an important question for a lot of people. Thankfully, the answer is yes. Here's why.

The Census will not ask about anyone's citizenship, immigration, or criminal status, nor does it require you to submit your Social Security number or banking information. Any information you share

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Who Has The Best Home Teacher?

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Every year, Pennsauken children have a chance to write how their mom, dad, or guardian is the best in town. For 2020, the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee is putting a unique spin on their contest.

The Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian: Home School Edition allows children in grades three, four, and five living in Pennsauken to submit a letter saying why they believe their mom, dad, or guardian is the "best teacher at home." The deadline for entries is Friday, May 1.

"We've got a lot of parents and guardians helping their children with lessons at home. We thought it might be a fun twist

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Pennsauken Historical Society Announces Cancellation Of Public Events

By Robert Fisher-Hughes, Amateur Historian and President, Pennsauken Historical Society

With regret, but from an abundance of caution, Pennsauken Historical Society announces that all public events planned for the foreseeable future at Pennsauken historic Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House will be canceled until further notice. Events and activities that had been planned, including the launch of the Pennsauken Area Historical Book Club and programs for "First Sundays" open houses, will be offered to the community on later dates.

Meanwhile, Pennsauken Historical Society urges its friends and community members to keep safe and read a good

book of history. For those suffering from a bit of cabin fever, feel free to enjoy a leisurely stroll around the beautiful grounds of historic Burrough-Dover House, while observing social distance guidelines. Also, please check out the conversations about local history on the Facebook group "Pennsauken History Forum by Pennsauken Historical Society."

We look forward to welcoming you back at our historic sites soon.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details and directions, or e-mail to pennsaukenhistorical.society@gmail.com.

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AARP® Remaining AARP Tax Aide Sessions Canceled

AARP Foundation Tax Aide services have been cancelled for the balance of this year's tax season throughout the country. Most volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) sites are also closed.

If your tax return has already been completed and it has been 21 days or more since you e-filed; or it has been six weeks or more since you mailed your return, visit the IRS "Where's My Refund?" page at www.irs.gov/refunds or call (800) 829-1040 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. EDT.

If you are due a tax refund, you have up to three years to file your tax return (April 15, 2023) and still get your money.

Last month, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced that if you owe money to the IRS for 2019, the payment deadline has been deferred for 90 days, until Wednesday, July 15.

If your 2019 income is \$69,000 or below, you can file your tax return online directly with the IRS for free by visiting <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>.

Several Township Events Canceled For April

Due to Governor Murphy's "Stay at Home" Executive Order, several Township-sponsored events have been canceled for the month of April:

- Tippin's Pond Clean Up, originally scheduled for April 18

- Arbor Day Tree Planting, originally scheduled for April 24
- Nature Enthusiast Day, originally scheduled for April 25
- Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission Shredding,

originally scheduled for April 25.

For additional updates on Township events, visit Pennsauken's official social media channels, Pennsauken Television, and the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Pennsauken's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Canceled

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, after consulting with the Township's administration, has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

"With Governor Murphy's 'Stay at

Home' order prohibiting all public gatherings, we have no choice but to cancel this year's Easter Egg Hunt," said Elwood Martz, head of the Township's Parks and Recreation Department. "Even if this restriction is lifted this month, it doesn't leave us with enough

time to get everything ready. It's very disappointing, but the goal is to keep everyone safe."

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee plans to bring back the annual event in 2021.

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MAYOR'S CORNER We'll Get Through The COVID-19 Outbreak Together



By Tim Killion,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

During this outbreak of COVID-19, I've had several opportunities to address the Pennsauken community about what we've been doing to help slow down the spread of the coronavirus. The more announcements I make, the more things seem to change. The last few weeks have been filled with cancelations, closures, and postponements. Many are working from home; others are temporarily out of work. Our kids are doing remote learning, wondering if they'll be back to school this year. Whether we are young or old, we're worried about necessary trips to the super-

market or the pharmacy. With all that's going on, it may seem that things may never get back to normal.

But don't worry. What we're experiencing right now is definitely not how it's always going to be from now on. Our current situation is only temporary; and as difficult as it is, this discomfort is going a long way to helping fight this virus and slow it down.

Our thoughts continue to be with grocery store clerks; the truck drivers; postal carriers; the warehouse workers at Amazon, FedEx, and UPS; among others. They help maintain a sense of much needed normalcy in our lives. Also, in a very special way, we recognize all of the medical personnel, doctors, nurses, and so many others, who are always on call, always there to help. Their desire to care for others, despite

the risk of exposure from this outbreak, is truly inspiring. It is because of dedicated people like them, that we will get through this crisis.

I want to thank all of our residents for their understanding, flexibility, and consideration during this uncertain time. The resolve and spirit of you – our residents – is inspiring. This has been tough on everyone. But Pennsauken is a community that always comes together in tough times. It's reassuring that we continue to do so now. I applaud our first responders, our Police, Fire, and EMS, who have – as usual – gone above and beyond the call of duty. You all are a credit to Pennsauken. Likewise, I thank the families of these brave and committed men and women; your support is much needed in times like these.

Our Township Committee took an unprecedented step – ahead of many other

towns – in shutting down non-essential services and closing public access to our facilities. We have worked hard to stay ahead of this outbreak in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community and our residents. I am proud of our Township. I am proud of our first responders. And I am proud of our residents. Pennsauken has always met challenges head on. I have no doubt that we will continue to do just that. We'll do it together.

April 9 Township Committee Meeting Held Via Zoom

The Pennsauken Township Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 9, will be conducted via Zoom, an online, cloud-based, video conferencing platform.

The public can access and participate in the meeting by using links found on the main page of Pennsauken Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, as well as [Facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp](https://www.facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp). The needed credentials are:

- Meeting ID: 922-643-046
- Meeting Password: 873287

Anyone from the public wishing to speak will be permitted to do so during public participation.

Tax Office Offers Drop Box Service For Residents

Pennsauken's Tax Office has a drop box outside of the Township's Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., for the use of residents.

Tax payments and tax related forms can be safely placed within the box. If a receipt is needed or a form must be

returned, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope, along with your payment/tax related form. Payments placed in the box after 8:00 a.m. will be posted on the next business day.

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Mt Laurel – Townhome

Welcome to this great townhome located in beautiful Laurel Creek. This home features a formal living room and dining room which are great for entertaining. There is also a breakfast room off the kitchen and a bright spacious family room with fireplace and sliders leading to a nice size semi private yard. There are three great size bedrooms with ample closet space. The main bedroom features a walk in closet, full bath with shower and soaking tub. \$239,999.



Maple Shade – Welcome to Maple Shade!

Pack your bags and move right in! This adorable brick rancher features an updated kitchen with new flooring. Formal living room and 3 nice sized bedrooms with ample closet space. This home also features beautiful hardwood flooring. There is a full basement that can be finished for additional living space. There is a walkout to the huge private backyard. You won't want to miss this one! \$219,900



Pennsauken – Triplex

Spacious triplex with three car detached garage and tons of parking. All units include washer, dryer, refrigerator. All have separate hot water heaters, heaters and electrical panels located in a clean basement. Roof 17 years old. One unit has central air and a gas fireplace. 2 units have lovely patios. Close to public transportation and shopping. \$299,900



Willingboro – Don't Miss This One

Beautifully Remodeled; 4 Bedrooms; Family Room; 2 Full Baths. This home is an expanded Cape Cod with large a Family Room. This home is truly a great value. It has so much to offer; Close to major roads for easy commute. \$154,900



Pennsauken – SOLD

Spacious 4 Bedroom 2 full bath Collins Tract Home featuring a Extra Large Living Room with a Brick Tile fireplace and Cathedral Ceiling with Crown Molding. The kitchen has granite counter tops and plenty of cabinet space, a microwave and much more. The Master bedroom has a cathedral ceiling, both bathrooms are spacious and show like new. There is a fence in yard and 2 car garage for cars or storage. Located next to Cattel Tract and walking distance to downtown Merchantville Seller will replace sidewalk blocks on the left side of the house. \$199,000



Deptford – Bungalow

Two story bungalow located on a dead end street in Deptford. Close to shopping and dining. Raised the roof some years back and created two large bedrooms upstairs with walk-in closets and full bath, enlarged the living room, eat in kitchen and another bedroom and full bath on First floor. Full basement with tons of storage and could be finished if you needed more Room. Does need some improvements but over all a great home with a little TLC this would be an amazing home \$150,000



Pennsauken – Great opportunity

This older bungalow (circa 1900) features a spacious living room/dining room area, and eat in kitchen, full bath and bedroom on the main floor. Upstairs features two more bedrooms with a spacious office area. The basement has a gas furnace and water heater along with the washer and dryer. Fenced in yard, detached garage with tons of driveway parking, patio out back, enclosed front porch and lots of charm! This is not a short sale or bank owned property. Property to be sold in it's current "as-is" condition with buyer responsible for the CO. What a Great Price! \$114,900



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WAGSWORLD One Unexpected Meeting, One Extraordinary Friendship

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I was driving down a back street in town that I don't usually use, avoiding a construction site blocking the main road. A few houses in, I saw a guy leaning over the engine of a '40 Ford. As any true car guy would do, I immediately pulled to the curb and walked over. Forgotten was where I was going, what I was to do when I arrived, and even what day it was.

I started with compliments to his old Tudor, and introductions followed. We

talked cars, people we both knew with cars, places that painted and fixed cars, cars we both liked, and places to see more old cars. Just before we exhausted car talk, I caught sight of a guitar case leaning against his porch steps. We talked about music, mutual friends who played music, instruments we owned and played, and folks whom we both knew.

Time had passed quickly, and as I now remembered, I had been on my way home for dinner. I told him that the bride wouldn't be surprised by my lateness, as she had been living in my world for

many years, and stuff like this happens from time to time. Then, as I started to leave, he saw the back of my truck, stuffed with the usual array of fishing gear. That led to another round of talk about our mutual likes surrounding rods, reels, boats, and fishy activity in general. We swapped numbers and general info and promised to stay in touch.

The very next day, I was at Cooper River before an evening concert. The stage manager was a friend, and we talked about the evening's show. Don McLean was here with his band. But one request the band had was to have a special dobro guitar on stage, a National. The stage manager said that it had proved an impossible task, and that it pained the whole group not to be up to the task of providing the needs of McLean.

On a whim, I called my new friend, who was just arriving home from work. He did indeed have a National dobro, and he would be glad to lend it out for the night. Mere minutes later, he showed

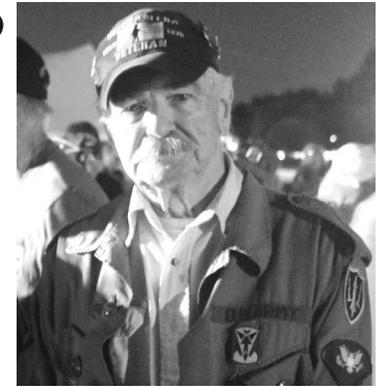
up at the stage. The tour bus came in at the same time, and everyone was elated. The stage manager was saved, McLean's guitar player was ecstatic, and my friend had introductions, bus tour, and pictures to commemorate the event.

From that day on, we had been the best of friends. We built cars together, fished some, and played innumerable songs together. In retirement, we worked, played, ate and drank, griped and celebrated. We were a funny team, my good, best friend and I. And the older we got, the more time we spent consoling each other on the loss of loved ones.

Now, in the midst of a national crisis, I am left without my best friend to console me.

After a long, painful four months of sickness, my friend, Joseph John Jones, plays with a heavenly band. He leaves behind a grieving family, a host of friends and fellow musicians, and one lonely fat man.

Rest in peace, my friend.



Joseph John Jones, good friend of columnist Bob Wagner who has been frequently mentioned in his stories, has passed away.

Coming Soon: Summer Programs From Parks And Recreation



Once again, Pennsauken Township's Parks and Recreation Department is offering a wide variety of programs to help keep our community's children happy and active during the summer months. From arts to athletics, there's a little something for everyone!

Be sure to check next month's edition of All Around Pennsauken for all of the fun, summertime details!

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Paws And Feet Doggie FunDay Held On May 30



The Animal Welfare Association's annual Paws and Feet Doggie FunDay is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, at Cooper River Park.

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's an animal rescuer! Be a superhero and help AWA raise much needed funds for our community's homeless dogs and cats.

The Animal Welfare Association's (AWA), annual Paws and Feet Doggie FunDay is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. AWA counts on money raised from the event to provide shelter and medical care to over 2,000 homeless dogs and cats AWA adopts out each year.

The festivities kick off with a Super-

hero Parade (aka, Smile Mile Walk) and concludes with a Doggie FunDay. Families and their dogs can participate in the fun-filled day of AWA's signature activities for people, their pets, and kids. Food vendors will be serving up great food; there will be music, contests, demonstrations, raffle baskets, liquor tastings, and more.

Returning this year is "Crazy Cat Lady of Drag" Astala Vista in our Cat's Meow Lounge, featuring litters of kittens. Dog demonstrations and perform-

ances will take place throughout the day, including a doggie fashion show. Dogs can play musical sit, compete in a peanut butter licking contest, run through the agility course, romp and splash in the doggie swimming pools, grab a doggie mock-tail at the "Bark-tini Bar for Dogs" or make your dog an ice cream

sundae at the J&J Snacks Ice Cream Sundae Bar. There will also be a kid zone with face painting, a bounce house, enrichment craft making and more! Adults 21+ will enjoy liquor tastings and various games of chance activities.

Register for free as an individual or create a pack (team) to earn prizes as

you raise critical funds for the homeless animals. Come join in on the fun at this great family event!

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Once Census information is entered into the computer, whether you enter it yourself or you speak with a Census Bu-

reau agent and they enter it for you, your personal information is encrypted. No one will be able to read your name, address, or other identifying information until 72 years later. In 2092, that information will be available to the public so that your descendants will be able to research their ancestry.

Finally, information gathered by the 2020 Census is for data analysis, not politics. It's compiled into statistics, such as, "so many people in Camden County own their own homes;" or "this percentage of people in New Jersey live in households with three generations." These statistics help local government, non-profits, and service organizations decide how many and what kinds of services are needed in each town and area.

Easy Ways To Complete The Census

As so many residents are currently sequestered as part of the "Stay at Home" Executive Order, it's the perfect time to complete the 2020 Census. Most Pennsauken residents have received a post card from the Census Bureau that contained an individual Census ID so that they can fill it out online at My2020Census.gov.

Don't have internet access? You can complete the 2020 Census over the phone in about 10 minutes. The call is toll free and there are over a dozen language

lines, so you can use your native tongue to participate.

Here are just some of the options available:

- English: (844) 330-2020
- Spanish: (844) 468-2020
- Vietnamese: (844) 461-2020
- Chinese (Mandarin): (844) 391-2020
- Chinese (Cantonese): (844) 398-2020

If you're unable to complete the 2020 Census online or by using the phone, you'll receive a paper questionnaire soon, so you can complete it and mail it back.

Remember, if you self-respond, your address will be taken off the list of residences for Census Takers to visit in the months of May, June, July, and August.

The 2020 Census is extremely important, so much so that you're required to do so by law. The 2020 Census is safe; your answers are kept completely confidential. The 2020 Census is easy; you can do it online, over the phone, by mail, or when a Census worker visits.

So don't delay! Pennsauken counts!
For more information, visit 2020Census.gov.

An Update On The Pennsauken Free Public Library

As of print time, the Pennsauken Free Public Library is closed until further notice due to the Township's response to the COVID-19 epidemic.

No fines or fees will be charged for any items you may currently have checked out during this time.

Drop off or pick up of items will not be available. Additionally, we will not be accepting any donations of books or other items until further notice. Please do not leave any items at the front door of the Library.

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brary), and website (www.pennsaukenlibrary.org) for updates. You can access the Library's electronic resources, including e-audiobooks, eBooks, and research databases, 24/7 on our website.

Virtual Programming For April

All programming scheduled to take place at the Library in April has been canceled. However, several virtual programs are being offered online and through social media.

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How Pennsauken's Currently Handling Inspections

In an effort to assist people with Housing Resale Inspections or Permit Inspections during these trying times, the Township has noted below how each type of inspection is being processed.

Empty/Staged for Sale (Unoccupied) Property

We will do both Housing Resale and Permit inspections on these properties; but first, for safety purposes, the property must have a lock box. Second, there can be no habitation.

Initial Housing Resale Inspections

We are accepting applications for Housing Resale Inspections. If you need to request a first inspection, just go to the Pennsauken Township website at twp.pennsauken.nj.us; download the Housing Resale Application and the Fire Certificate Application from the "Online Forms" section; fill out the paperwork and send the paperwork and a check for the \$175 fee to:

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Once we receive the paperwork and the payment, we will put the property on the list to be scheduled. When we return to normal business, we will call the person listed on the paperwork as the "contact for results" to set the date and time of the inspection.

Initial Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

If it is a new TCO, we will need the person taking responsibility for the violations to complete the required Affidavit and have it notarized. To obtain a copy of this document, please call (856) 665-1000 ext. 145 or e-mail thowarth@twp.pennsauken.nj.us. Once completed, the document can be e-mailed back to thowarth@twp.pennsauken.nj.us and the original can be mailed to the address above. Once we receive the e-mailed document, we will forward a copy of the TCO.

Progress Inspections/ Final CO Inspections

At this time, we are not doing any Housing Resale of Permit Inspections on occupied properties. For the safety of our employees and the general public, we have halted all housing and permit inspections on occupied properties until further notice. We are keeping a list of any calls, e-mails, mail-ins or previously canceled inspections. Once we are back to normal business, we will reach out to the person listed as "contact for results" to get them scheduled as soon as possible.

To facilitate the extra workload, we have added two additional inspection times per day per inspector. This gives us the ability to get six more housing related inspections completed each day.

TCO Extensions

Due to the current situation, we are reviewing the TCO extension requests on a case by case basis. If you need an extension on any properties please call Tracey Howarth at (856) 665-1000 ext. 145 or e-mail thowarth@twp.pennsauken.nj.us

Residential Permits

We are not doing permit inspections on occupied properties. We will complete a permit inspection on unoccupied property or external permit applications.

Rental Inspections

At this time we are not doing any

Rental Inspections on occupied properties. For the safety of our employees and the general public, we have halted all housing and permit inspections on occupied properties until further notice. Again, we are keeping a list of any calls, e-mails, mail-ins or previously canceled

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DEATHNOTICES Remembering Two Longtime Pennsauken Residents

Alberta F. Peters

Alberta F. Peters (nee Sheppard), age 81 of Pennsauken, passed away at her home on March 18.



Peters

Alberta is the beloved mother of Frank (Debbie) Peters Jr. and Stephanie Peters; loving grandmother of Frank M. Peters; great grandmother of Emma and Mia Peters; and dear sister of Leonard

Sheppard.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Peters was employed as a records clerk with the Pennsauken Township Police Department for over 25 years.

Due to the current health crisis caused by COVID-19 and the recommendations of the CDC, a memorial service for Alberta will be announced at a later date.

Donna L. Saranchak

Donna L. Saranchak (nee Connor), age 54 of Pennsauken, passed away on March 10 at Cooper Medical Center in Camden.

She is the beloved wife of Anthony A. and cherished daughter of the late Gabart and Helen Connor; devoted mother of Danielle F. and Katherine A.; and dear sister of Gabart (Sandy) Jr., William and Helen (Ihor) Connor. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and in-laws.



Saranchak

Donna was employed as an auditor at Treasury Inspector General for tax administration for the US Department of the Treasury. She enjoyed going to the Jersey Shore, amusement parks, Disney, concerts, playing trivia and board games, and being a Girl Scout leader.

Donna's visitation were held at Falco/Caruso & Leonard Pennsauken Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church in Cinnaminson. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in Cherry Hill.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the George S. Figueroa Sr. Scholarship Fund, c/o 8362 Stockton Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.

Auditions Held For "Peter Pan Junior" May 12-13

Auditions for the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's performance of "Peter Pan Jr." will be held on Tuesday, May 12, and Wednesday, May 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Adapted for children ages 7 to 14, This high-flying Tony Award-winning musical has been performed around the world and delighted audiences for 60 years and is now adapted for young performers.

A family favorite, "Peter Pan Junior" tells the story of Peter, his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbell, and the Darling children, as they embark on a magical journey across the stars. Featuring the iconic songs, "I'm Flying," "I've Gotta Crow," "I Won't Grow Up" and "Never Never Land," and a rousing book full of magic, warmth and adventure, "Peter Pan Junior" is the perfect show for the child in all of us.

Participants need to contact Pennsau-



ken's Department of Parks and Recreation to schedule an audition time in advance. Individuals auditioning should come prepared to sing, do some basic movement, and read lines. Please choose a song to show your singing ability.

Rehearsals and performances will be at the Pennsauken Intermediate School in the air-conditioned auditorium/music room. Rehearsals will begin in June and three performances will be scheduled for July.

To sign up for a time slot, or for more information, e-mail Elwood "Duke" Martz at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or call (856) 665-1000 x151. There will be a \$50 audition/performance fee collected at the time of audition.

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inspections. Once we are back to normal business we will reach out to the person listed as "contact for results" to get them scheduled as soon as possible. If you have an urgent situation involving a displaced tenant, please contact Patte Magro at (856) 663-0514 or by e-mail at pmagro@twp.pennsauken.nj.us; she will help you through the process.

Permit Or Document Drop Off

We have placed a drop off station located at the entrance to the Construction Department on the side of the Municipal building.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Pennsauken Soldier Receives Hero's Welcome Home

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, members of the Pennsauken community, local first responders, and veterans gathered together to welcome home a soldier returning from his first tour overseas.

Army Combat Medic Jim Heisler of Pennsauken was surprised after serving

in Jordan for over a year. The 34-year-old resident, an EMT and firefighter with Evesham Fire and Rescue, was escorted home via the Warriors' Watch Riders and greeted by his coworkers, as well as Pennsauken firefighters and police officers. This special welcome back was put together by Operation Yellow

Ribbon South Jersey. Since 2006, the volunteer-based organization has helped local service members through care packages and homecomings.

"All these grateful and free Americans have something to say to you Jim: 'Welcome Home!'" said David Silver of Operation Yellow Ribbon South Jersey,



Operation Yellow Ribbon South Jersey and members of the community came to Pennsauken to welcome home Army Combat Medic Jim Heisler from his first deployment overseas.

who has known Heisler for several years. "Not only are we here to thank you, we're here to thank all the loved ones in Jim's family."

With his wife and high school sweetheart, Annmarie, and Jim's oldest son, Dominic, by his side, Heisler received proclamations from a representative from Congressman Norcross' office, Camden County Freeholder Melinda Kane, and Pennsauken Mayor Tim Killion. Jim was also recognized by several local veterans groups.

"If you've been in this town for any period of time, you hear a certain phrase called, 'Pennsauken Proud.' You are the epitome of 'Pennsauken Proud.' Not only you sir, but your wife, who has pulled the weight for your family while you served this beautiful country of

ours," said Mayor Killion. "So on behalf of all the residents of Pennsauken and the Township Committee, thank you for everything you have done. We are happy that your feet are on this grass in this great Township."

Heisler, overwhelmed by the "rock star treatment," and was truly touched by the gesture.

"For the first time in a long time, I'm speechless. I wanted to say thank you so much. This is overwhelming," said Heisler. "I think this is fantastic that you guys do what you do to make sure that as many of us are welcomed home as you can. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

For more information on Operation Yellow Ribbon South Jersey, visit OperationYellowRibbon.org.

Concord Wellness Institute Hosts Diabetic Boot Camp

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

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

The Diabetic Boot Camp focuses on identifying the underlying causes for a patient's diabetic condition. Through natural supplementation, dietary changes,

and stress reduction, the patient works to eliminate those causes to bring better health and vitality back into their lives.

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

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Disc Makers Makes Face Shields In Response To COVID-19 Crisis

Like many businesses in the U.S., 73-year-old Disc Makers, one of the country's largest manufacturers of CDs, DVDs, USBs, and other physical media, saw demand for its products drop due to the COVID-19 crisis. Hearing of the short-

ages in medical supplies, and wanting to help out during this national emergency, the Pennsauken-based company has quickly pivoted to making protective face shields for medical testing and other uses. "We are used to making stuff. There's

a crying need in the country for protective gear, and face shields were the quickest item we could ramp up to make," states company CEO Tony van Veen. "Our manufacturing team is shifting over to full time production. It's the

right thing to do for our community, and our staff is eager to help out in any way they can during this turbulent moment in our country's history."

Disc Makers' face shields will be assembled and packaged in its Pennsauken facility. The company is starting to ship its initial model now and expects to continue to evolve product design and selection depending on demand. For more information, please contact faceshields@discmakers.com.



Pennsauken's Disc Makers is manufacturing face shields to help combat the coronavirus outbreak. Photo credit: Disc Makers.

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PMAC Cancels April Networking Luncheon

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PMAC will hold its next networking luncheon on Wednesday, May 13, at the

Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Hadonfield Rd. More details will be provided closer to the event. Visit [Facebook.com/PMACorg](https://www.facebook.com/PMACorg) for more information.

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Black History Month At Carson



Third graders in Mrs. Kosmaczewski's class presented their projects about famous African American inventors as part of Black History Month.

In honor and celebration of Black History Month, the third grade students at Carson Elementary School spent the month researching and putting together a Google Slide presentation about famous African American inventors.

Third grade teachers worked with the District's technology coach to teach the students how to create a FlipGrid; navigate through a Google Slide presenta-

tion; link slides together; and how to be a responsible digital citizen. The students in Mrs. Kosmaczewski's class had the opportunity to showcase their Google Slide presentations in front of their classmates, helping them to work on both their speaking and listening skills.

The students did a wonderful job and learned so much throughout the month long project!

Celebrating The One Hundredth Day Of School



As part of Delair's celebration of the 100th Day of School, students had a fun parade displaying posters they made!

Woman's Club, Cat In The Hat Visit Fine

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, Fine School welcomed several members of The Woman's Club of Merchantville to read to the Fine Elementary students.

Principal Honeyman and the teaching staff hosted a light breakfast in the library, while readers prepared their best reading voices for the students. Many of the Club members read classic Dr. Seuss stories, which are helpful for phonics knowledge and acquisition.

The biggest surprise of all was that the next day, the New Jersey Education Association sent the "Cat in the Hat" to visit students during the "Drop Everything and Read" moment at Fine. Students were amazed to see the seven-foot tall Cat in the Hat walking through the halls and high-fiving young readers!

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Fine School's One Hundredth Day

Wednesday, Feb. 19, found George B. Fine School celebrating its 100th day in session. Fine's 100th Day was slightly later than all other schools because of a delayed opening due to extra cleaning.

Excitement was in the air and students of all ages were prepared to have fun with the number 100 in their classrooms. As the day began, our kindergarten students couldn't wait to share their posters, showing off their knowledge with ten groups of ten items. As they entered school, first graders were proudly displaying their unique shirts to everyone they passed in the halls. Throughout the day, students of all grades participated in hundreds-themed math, and even 100th Day readings! The 100th Day celebration culminated in a parade around the school, where the students who created posters and shirts were cheered on by their fellow students.

The 100th Day at Fine School was a roaring success, thanks to all of the parents, students, and of course teachers, that put so much effort into making it a



A kindergarten student shows off his creative poster during Fine's 100th Day celebration.

wonderful day that was talked about in the days and weeks that followed.

Franklin Holds SweetHeart Dance



Franklin held its first-ever SweetHeart Dance in February.

In February, Franklin Elementary hosted its bi-monthly PBIS event: our very first SweetHeart Dance!

Students had to earn over 30 Penn Bucks to attend the event; we had over 250 students join us!

Our SweetHeart dance had a few different activities for the students to participate in, including arts and crafts, popcorn making, a photo booth station, and of course, a big dance party!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



A Message To Pennsauken Public School Students And Families

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

On behalf of the Board of Education and myself, I hope you are well during these trying times. As of this writing, we have just finished our second week of remote learning and we are currently heading into our third week. The majority of the students have done very well in this new education learning system, de-

spite the radical change in their daily lives. I am very proud of our students. Additionally for that, I commend our administrators, teachers, parents, and students.

I am sure you have questions about the end of the year, senior prom, graduations, summer enrichment and much more. Pennsauken Public Schools will do everything in our power to make sure that our traditions are upheld and every student, along with their families, gets to experi-

ence these wonderful traditions. Please give us time as we hope and pray that this pandemic becomes part of our history.

I want to assure you that the business of the Pennsauken School District is continuing, and key members of central administration are in our district daily. The referendum construction has not halted, nor has the operations of our facilities and business office. Most importantly, our primary objective is to provide an equitable

education for our students, with minimal disruption to the daily lives of our parents and guardians. As we manage our way through this situation, I want to assure you that the two main goals of Pennsauken Public Schools will continue and remain steadfast. One, we will work tirelessly to make sure our staff and students are safe; and secondly, we will provide a quality education to all our students despite the current circumstances.

Please adhere to the advice of local, state, and federal officials at all times, but especially during this time. It is better to be in the house now, so we can all get together for our first football game of 2020 together in our stadium.

We will talk soon; remember to smile and spend as much time with your loved ones as you possibly can, as that is the silver lining in this situation.

A Fun Science Lab On Animal Adaptations

Students in Mrs. Coleman's second grade class have been learning about animal adaptations in science.

For one of the science lab activities, the class was instructed to become engineers and create a bird beak that would be able to pick up and carry a variety of seeds. Each child was given Popsicle sticks, straws, a rubber band, and tape. After this was complete, the class had a relay race. The students were placed into two teams. Each team had to use their beak to pick up seeds from one cup and "fly" the seed to another cup using the beak. The first team to fill the cup won the race!

This was such a fun activity and the students had a great time.



Second graders in Mrs. Coleman's class enjoyed a relay race during a fun science lab activity on animal adaptations.

Celebrating Franklin Students Of The Month

We recently honored 28 fantastic Franklin Students for earning Student of the Month. These students exemplified the true meaning of being an outstanding student, not only in the classroom, but throughout the entire building at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.

Being a student of the month is a great honor and they celebrated with Mr. Jakubowski, our school counselor.

Congratulations to these great students: Christina Wall, Camila Quezada, Hector Rodriguez, Donald Rowell, Willie Bullock, Lyam Parks, Aaliyah Aviles, Angel Gutierrez, Zoe Castillo, Camilla Rojas, Nasir Davis, Ava Nagy, Santiago Soriano, Sophia Tran, Ezekiel Quick, Destiny Ortiz, Landon Smith, Daniel Tandoh, Ray Pacheco, Joyce Dupree, Lucas Mignano, Matthew Urena, Skyla Almero, Isaac Roman, Liam Thach, Jaylin Lozano, Shane Marcheski, and Jeremy Santana.

Celebrating National School Counseling Week



Delair celebrated National School Counseling Week with Mrs. Nixon, our great school counselor! The week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, highlights the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Delair School Rewards iReady Star Achievement



Students at Delair School received Five Below gift cards for their hard work on iReady lessons. Each week, one boy and one girl in grades one through three received the iReady Star Award, as well as a \$6 gift card to Five Below. Keep up the hard work!

Book And Craft Night At Franklin Features Dragons... And Tacos

Members of Pennsauken High School's English Honor Society visited their friends at Franklin for February's Book and Craft Night.

Sharing their love of reading, the high schoolers read the books, "Dragons Love Tacos" and "There is a Dragon in My Book." For their craft, they made flying dragons on a stick and waved them around!



Members of Pennsauken High School's English Honor Society helped Franklin students make paper dragons during February's Book and Craft Night.

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Franklin Third Grade Wax Museum

In honor of Black History Month, third grade students at Franklin researched a famous African American person of their choice.

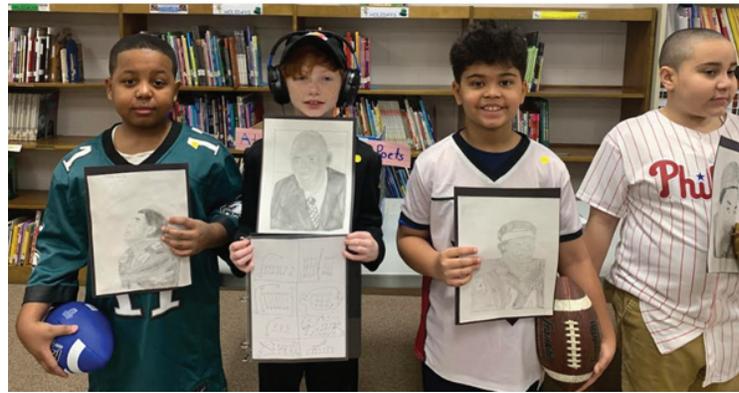
Third graders choose from musicians, athletes, inventors, politicians, and civil rights leaders. Then, students researched information about that person and their accomplishments.

On Feb. 26, Ben Franklin Elementary had our annual wax museum. Students came to school dressed as their person

and pretended to be a wax figure. One student greeted the parents and the other students as they visited the wax museum. As the parents and students walked around to observe the statues, they pushed each statue's "button" to hear facts about that person.

The third graders did an amazing job!

Franklin third graders held their annual wax museum in February.



Baldwin Visits The Pennsauken Library



Baldwin students visited the Pennsauken Free Public Library for Read Across America week. Students took a tour of the library and read books in the children's area. They also had some time to shake their "sillies" out. A fun time was had by all!

Delair Participates In Kids Heart Challenge

Last month, health and physical education teacher Mr. Paris, staff, and Delair Elementary students participated in a challenge to keep their heart healthy. The challenge focuses on students avoiding sugary drinks, doing at least one good deed, and exercising for 60 minutes a day.

The Kids Heart Challenge typically lasts three weeks; during that time, students do fun exercises in physical education classes, while also learning about the importance of keeping the heart healthy. Parents were encouraged to register their kids online for the challenge and make donations to the American Heart Association.

As a result of the hard work of teachers, students and parents' partnership



In February, Delair Elementary participated in the Kids Heart Challenge.

during the Kids Heart Challenge, Delair Elementary School students and enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities in February! The Kids Heart Challenge is a great way to help students physically and help them learn way to improve their lives socially and emotionally.

The Cat In The Hat Visits Delair School



Delair School kicked off their 2020 Read Across America Week with a special visit from the Cat in the Hat! Students prepared for the visit by making a drawing of their favorite books to show the Cat as he visited our school. The Cat also donated a book to our school library!

Kindergartners Celebrate Winter



Kindergartners at Delair presented a special winter celebration for the entire school!



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Read Across America Week At Intermediate

The Pennsauken Intermediate School celebrated Read Across America Week in March. Read Across America is a literacy initiative that was started by the National Education Association in 1997 to maintain and encourage a love of reading to young readers. It is celebrated in schools nationwide the first week of March. This week was chosen to honor beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss' birthday.

The Intermediate School celebrated this year with "themed days" to go with popular Dr. Seuss titles. A variety of special guest readers included Fatimah Williams, Shane Holmes, and Brianna Ettrick from Rutgers University-Camden's women's basketball team; Pennsauken Board of Education members Nick Perry, Diane Johnson and Mike Bortnowski; and District Superintendent, Dr. Tarchichi! All visited to share special stories with our students.



Board of Education member Mike Bortnowski reads to students at Pennsauken Intermediate School.

Burling Hosts Poster Contest



Board of Education members Nick Perry and Diane Johnson visited Burling High School to judge their first annual poster contest.

Pennsauken Board of Education President Nick Perry and Vice President Diane Johnson stopped by to judge Burling High School's first annual poster contest!

The theme of the contest centered on the three core principles of the school: Respect, Responsibility and Restore, or as what is commonly referred to as the "BuRRRRling Way!" Students collaborated in grade level cohorts to design posters illustrating the school mantra.

A combined seventh and eighth grade cohort took first place, followed closely by the tenth grade cohort for second place. Another eighth grade cohort took third place.

Many students enjoyed creating the posters and working with their classmates to beautify the school with their art. The winning class earned a surprise lunch!

Fun With Fractions At Carson



Extended day students at Carson are having fun with fractions!

Mrs. Eckert's extended day students at Carson are having fun with fractions!

After learning about fractions of a set, the students made fraction bracelets. Each student had a variety of different colored beads and figured out what frac-

tion of each color were on their bracelets.

The students then were able to show off their fabulous fraction bracelets to Mrs. Joyce and explain the different fractional amounts on their bracelets!

First Annual Book Bistro Held At Delair

In celebration of Read Across America, Delair Elementary held its first annual Book Bistro!

Students were invited to try a four-course tasting menu of delectably diverse titles. First, they had a buffet of books to choose from as an appetizer. The specials for the day included the books, "Same Same But Different" and "Abuela." Students were challenged to find aspects of the books that were a

mirror, showing similarities to their lives, and a window, a peek into someone in a different culture's life. Finally, for dessert, patrons of the Bistro got to hear a silly story!

Students had a deliciously wonderful day at the Book Bistro!

Delair held its first-ever Book Bistro as part of its celebration of Read Across America Week.

Intermediate School Holds Second Annual Engineering Day



Guest engineers held a question and answer session with students during Pennsauken Intermediate School's annual Engineering Day.

"I just got an idea! I think it's a good one!," a student exclaims, as he excitedly begins discussing his design idea to build a car that will travel the furthest. The energy and excitement levels were high as fourth and fifth grade students at Pennsauken Intermediate School celebrated their second annual Engineering Day. The event brought engineers from around the community into the classroom to discuss what they do on a daily basis and help lead a design challenge.

Fourth graders were tasked with creating a tower made from spaghetti that would be able to hold a marshmallow on top, while fifth graders had to design a device from paper, Lifesavers, and tape that would travel the furthest when blown with one breath of air. Students worked in groups, while their teacher and an engineer facilitated brainstorming sessions and discussions about the design process.

Ideas were aplenty! While many fifth graders designed a variety of cars in the Lifesaver device challenge, two groups in Mrs. Trace's class thought outside the box.

"I was thinking about creating a sail on my car to help it travel further," offered one student.

Another shared, "We were thinking of a paper airplane kind of design that

you'd put the Lifesavers inside of!"

The guest engineer responded by pointing out how diverse the ideas were, emphasizing that's why it's so important to brainstorm during the design process.

"You have one idea and your colleague has something completely different. It helps you down the road, it gives you a lot of options and opportunities down the road as you're designing and meeting challenges."

The fourth graders learned quite a bit from their challenge as well. As they constructed their towers, many snapped or collapsed. The engineer demonstrated how many structural designs used triangles to add more support and strength. Students went back to the drawing table and redesigned their towers. At the end of the lesson, students reflected on the project.

"What I liked is when we built our tower the first time, it didn't work. We got to try it again and make it better," one student shared with her peers.

At the conclusion of the event, students, staff, and the engineers met in larger groups for a question and answer session. Students were able to ask a variety of questions and learn more about the field of engineering and jobs available in the field.

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The Journey For A Better, Cleaner Town Continues



By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

Rushing into something just to get to the good part deprives you of the value of the journey and the things you learn along the way. Planning is the key to success in any situation. The objective is giving everyone the opportunity to arrive at the end of the journey better off than when they started.

We have a plan, a goal, and identified the roadblocks. We now have the opportunity to enhance our plan and help more people.

Clear and honest communication is critical. When people know where they stand and what's expected of them, they step up. When people want to be a part of your journey, they are in this with you over the long term, no matter what happens along the way.

In recent months, we have gotten several calls about the feral or "community" cat population and questions pertaining to the care of those animals. The Township has embarked on a partnership with the county to participate in a trap, neuter and release (TNR) program, which has

had proven success in other communities to reduce the community cat population. We have begun adopting the county ordinances. Once they are passed, we will roll out our TNR program.

We have also received several calls regarding the dog population. In this case, it's really about the dog owners understanding the Township's expectation of caring for dogs and cleaning up after their pets. If you are a dog owner, please take a moment and review Article 1 Chapter 101 in our Code Book. You can find it on the Township's website. This entire chapter covers everything you need to know about caring for your pet and how to be a good neighbor along the way.

The third most common call has been regarding unlicensed, unregistered and abandoned vehicles. This issue has a two-part answer. To start, all vehicles must have a current registration, must be operable, and may not be parked on the lawn. With regards to abandoned vehicles, if the vehicle is parked in a private driveway, it is not considered abandoned. If it is parked in the street, then you can call the Pennsauken Police De-

partment's Traffic Division.

Lastly, I'll address the issue of trash and debris in our town. Having your trash out the night before pick up and bringing it back in at the end of the day is the responsibility of the resident. Leaving trash out or not putting it out at all is not only a health hazard to you and your family, but it is also a sanitation issue for your neighbors. Be a good neighbor and put the trash out when scheduled. When you have large amounts of debris, such as mattresses, furniture etc., call the Public Works Department to make sure they know that you have a pick up to be taken care of. That said, you are only allowed to put out one large piece of trash per collection day. TVs and electronics do not go to the curb. Public Works or the trash men will not pick up those items. It is your responsibility to dispose of them safely and correctly. For more information, visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/public-works.

We know this may seem basic and elementary, but sometimes we just need a reminder to be sure we're all following the same standards in taking care of our

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properties and our neighbors.

So, the journey continues, with more to come. It takes a village to make sure that our town is clean and well maintained. It's the responsibility of all of our residents to care for their property and

when possible, help out a neighbor.

Nothing is impossible. With the right mind set, a good plan, and clear and honest communication, anything is possible and everything will work out in the end.



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Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfectant wipes, and even supposedly "flushable" wipes (they are not flushable or biodegradable), cannot be flushed down the toilet. The system can accommodate toilet paper, which is made to disintegrate quickly in water, but wipes and other materials, which don't break down as readily, clog pipes. That means sewer backups into the homes of the users or of others, as clogs form down the line. These blockages require jetting of the sewer main to clear.

We are seeing an increase in volume, which is to be expected given the num-

ber of people staying in their homes as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

It's to everybody's benefit to use only toilet paper. Wipes might be able to flush, but that's when the unseen problems begin. While disposable wipes are a convenient and easy-to-use product that serve a variety of helpful purposes, they should be thrown in the trash following use. If manufacturers deem a product unsafe to go down the drain, it will be labeled on the packing. While there is debate over whether wipes labeled as "flushable" are truly safe for sewers, nonflushable products like baby wipes, wet wipes and disinfectant wipes are for your trash can.

In addition to stoppages in the main

line, which could cause a backup into homes and businesses, the potential for widespread service interruptions are possible if these nonflushable items reach a lift station and clog a pump. Not to mention the costs associated with removing a pump to clear the clog, which are borne by our rate payers.

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GRAYMATTERS

Special Celebrations, Birthdays And More This Month

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

Wow! Here we are, the fourth month of the year already! April welcomes in the first full month of spring with flowers, longer days, and thoughts of vacations down the shore.

So exactly what was T.S. Eliot thinking when he wrote, "April is the cruellest month?"

Sorry, T.S., but I ain't buyin' it.

April is the month of the year that gave us Barbra Streisand, Marlon Brando, Doris Day, Iron Man's Robert Downey Jr., and Harry Potter's, "Hermione Granger," Emma Watson.

It is also the month I personally honor my friendships with fellow April born

Pennsaukenites: my wonderful, fab, funny friend, and editor-in-chief, Mr. Frank Sinatra; and Ms. Lisa Piza Callahan, one of the nicest people on planet earth, who also just happens to live next door to me!

And for those of you who may be looking for something to celebrate this April, in addition to Easter and the birthdays of friends and family, try these on for size. How about "World Party Day" on April 3 – no coincidence it falls on my birthday, huh? Then, after that, we can inform the millennials in our lives that April 5 is both, "Read a Road Map Day" and "Eight-Track Tape Day." You know they're gonna love that!

The entire month also has two extra

special things going on: "National Humor Month," and "Stress Awareness Month." That is also no coincidence.

Last, but not least, April 18 is, "Celebrate Newspaper Columnists Day!" I wrote something about that in one of my columns a few years back and, to my joy-filled surprise, I received a box of Aunt Charlotte's truffles in our mailbox, courtesy of a thoughtful, good-hearted soul through the help of the United States Postal Service.

By the way, if "you" are still reading my column... yes, I'm still a card-carrying chocoholic, and the address is still the same. Just sayin'...

So, whether you were born in April or not, please allow springtime to put some new zip into your step, more love and gratitude in your heart, and may you always find a reason to smile, no matter what month it is.

Peace and love,
~Judy

SENIOR CORNER

County Seniors In Need Receive Meals, Assistance

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

The Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services is prepared to ensure that no senior goes hungry during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. All residents previously enrolled in the Camden County Nutrition Program have automatically begun receiving home-delivery of meals this week, and seniors in need of meals – for any reason – can call the Division at (856) 374-MEAL to make immediate arrangements.

Senior and disabled residents can also call the Camden County Citizen Relief Emergency Worker (CREW) hotline if they are struggling to acquire essential supplies, prescription medication, travel to or from a medical appointment, or other critically important assistance. Senior and disabled residents, as well as neighbors and family of those in need,

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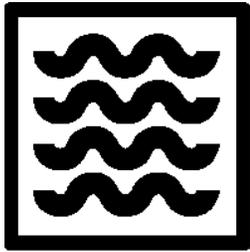


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MPWC WATERLINES

Quick Tips To Help Keep Up Your Water Quality

During the spring, it's a good time to look at those home appliances related to water and water use. The MPWC stresses that while many of these might seem simple, it is always best to consult a professional plumber in any case where you are not completely comfortable performing the task. Now, let's look at some things you should be doing to keep your water quality at its peak.

Sink Aerators



Removing and clearing your sinks' aerators can help to increase pressure and quality. Typically, a simple screen, running the aerator under water can clear accumulated rust and mineral content that builds up over time. More complex aerators may need to be cleaned out with a toothpick or wire brush.

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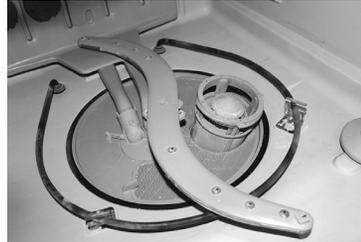
While manufacturer recommendations should ALWAYS be followed, it's not unusual to see folks forget to regularly change out the filters on their appliance.

Shower Heads



Cleaning a shower head can range from a good scrubbing with a sponge to soaking in white vinegar.

Dishwasher Filter



Food and debris from dirty dishes can build up in your dishwasher filter over time, leading to odor issues.

Washing Machine Screens



The water lines leading into the back of your washing machine, both hot and cold water, will typically have a simple screen that can be rinsed clean.

Traps Under Sinks



If you begin to notice a sewer smell from your sinks, you are most likely experiencing either food or debris clogging and rotting in your trap, or a lack of water to block sewer gases from entering your home. Keeping these clean and operating properly can keep these smells from developing.

Cleaning Water Heaters



Over time, water heaters can build up mineral deposits that reduce holding capacity and can create water quality issues over time. Draining and clearing water heaters in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations is an important step to ensuring your water heater works best for you.

Do You Know Where Your Internal Valve is?

In case of emergency, it's important to know where your turn off valve is inside of the house and if it is operational. Maintaining access and operation of this valve can have a significant impact during emergencies such as leaks and bursting pipes in the home.



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

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

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FOODADVENTURES Delicious Middle Eastern Dishes To Go At Express Shish Kabab



Express Shish Kabab on Haddonfield Rd. offers both traditional and unique takes on delicious Middle Eastern dishes.

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

Kababs are said to have originated in Turkey. The oldest known text referencing the dish dates back to 1377. Kababs are chunks of meat on skewers that are grilled over open flame. Eventually, like most great dishes, the kabab made its way to Western civilizations; and because of this movement, we can now enjoy places like Express Shish Kabab right in Pennsauken.

My first experience at Express Shish

Kabab left me happy and full. I ordered two platters for myself and my family, along with a small order of falafel and some baklava of course. The first platter was the deluxe chicken platter and came with a mountain of chicken, steak, and rice. The second platter was the chicken shawarma, chopped, grilled chicken with a shawarma sauce that would knock your

socks off. All of the meat was juicy and flavorful. The flavors were both adventurous and safe at the same time. The falafel, a mixture of fava beans and chickpeas with spices, is fried and served with another shawarma sauce for dipping. You can get the falafel wrapped in pita as well, along with any of the other platters. I'm just glad I don't have to make the drive to Philly to

get a fresh falafel anymore!

Other popular items worth trying at Express Shish Kabab are the hummus, the caramel dipped grapes, and the cheese steak on pita bread, smothered with cheese and a side of fries. The baklava, a phyllo pastry dessert topped with chopped nuts and soaked in honey, is the perfect ending to a great meal. Whatever you order here, you MUST grab a baklava.

Everything is made in house and with love by the owner, Mr. Jack Ahmad, and his awesome family; all are Pennsauken residents and his sons are Pennsauken High students or graduates. Ace, one of Jack's sons, graduated PHS in 2016 and seemed so proud of his family's business.

He was very helpful when I had questions about dishes and knew what they have to offer the community is something unique and delicious. It's great to see people in our town bringing something special to their neighbors and friends. It's places like this that help keep Pennsauken Pride strong.

So head over to Express Shish Kabab and give something a try. Let me know what you liked. Let me know what you loved. And as always, enjoy your Food Adventures!

Express Shish Kabab is located at 2673 Haddonfield Rd. and is open every day from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit ExpressShishKabab.com.



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DEPARTMENT

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

As I sit to begin this article in 70 degree weather, I can't help but question: what has happened to our traditional Northeast winter!?! Pennsauken saw some snow squalls and incidental flurries, but no accumulation. I hope that my mentioning of this does not insure a late April blizzard! Looking at the 10-day forecast from today, there is rain and temperatures averaging in the upper 40s and 50s. We should be in the clear.

What Winter? Spring Cleaning, COVID-19 And Public Works Operations

I wanted to take a moment and acknowledge the retirement of one of our truck drivers, Robert Wells. Bobby started his employment with the Township in May of 1998 and served in a couple different roles, ultimately finding his niche on the Roads or "Patch" Crew. Claimed by former Township Engineer, Dennis O'Rourke, to be the "best" with the asphalt rake, Bobby dedicated his years in service to the maintenance of our roads through pothole repairs, large patches, and utility cut-out repairs alongside his colleagues. He will always be known for his famous home-made

soups, seafood, and potato salads that he would make for our annual BBQ luncheon for National Public Works Week. I, along with the Department of Public Works management and crew, wish Bob a long, healthy and relaxing retirement.

Coronavirus Impact On Public Works

As of this writing on March 16, 2020, the Township has enacted precautionary measures that include restricting public access to Municipal facilities, including Public Works, to prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus. As with alternative arrangements for payment of taxes, registrations, etc. at the municipal building, the Department of Public Works is making alternative arrangements as well. The main causes for residents to access the Public Works facility

are to obtain a recycling bucket and make an in person inquiry. For the recycling bucket, contact our office via phone, e-mail, or by visiting "Pennsauken Department of Public Works" on Facebook, and we will get your information to verify residency and make arrangements to have one delivered. For inquiries, complaints, etc., we will be handling all of these only through phone, e-mail and Facebook. With an augmented staffing schedule, it is likely that a return phone call could take an hour or so as we check for messages throughout the day. Trash collection has not been impacted at this time.

Camden County Recycling Events

The Camden County Board of Freeholders cancelled both March and April's Household Hazardous Waste Event, as

well as this month's Electronics Recycling Event, due to the coronavirus.

As of this writing, the two events next month to help Camden County residents dispose of their unwanted household hazardous waste and personal documents are still scheduled. Check our Facebook page and call our office for updates. The Household Hazardous Waste Event will be held on Saturday, May 16, in Atco at the corner of Atco and Raritan avenues, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The County is also holding a free paper shredding event for Camden County residents on Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Camden County College in Gloucester Township, in the parking lot off of Peter Cheeseman Rd. No businesses are accepted. Shredding is held rain or shine. For more information on what is accepted and not accepted at these events, call our office at (856) 663-0178.

Spring Cleaning

Springtime is a chance for all of us to help Pennsauken "bloom." You can count on the crews at your Public Works Department to get our parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields in top shape for when they are reopened. From inspecting playground equipment, to replacing playground mulch, to replacing trash and recycling containers, spring is a busy time. Wednesday will continue to be the town-

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TALKIN' TRASH

THERE ARE NO "TRASH HOLIDAYS" DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL. Trash and recycling collection, as well as yard waste and white goods pickup, remain on a regular schedule.

Camden County is hosting a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., in Atco, N.J. at the Parking Area at Atco and Raritan avenues. For a list of what individuals can and cannot bring, visit www.camdencounty.com/wp-content/uploads/files/What%20To%20Bring.pdf.

The County is also holding a free paper shredding event for Camden County residents on Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Camden County College in Gloucester Township, in the parking lot off of Peter Cheeseman Rd. No businesses are accepted. Shredding is held rain or shine.

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Pennsauken Impacted By Coronavirus Outbreak continued from page 1

notice. All non-essential Municipal functions are temporarily suspended. The fees associated with these, including payments, registrations, etc., were given a 30-day grace period, which went into effect on March 13. Key administration members and staff are still working to maintain essential Municipal services. The Township's Public Works Department, Pennsauken Sewerage Authority, and the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission are currently operating on a modified schedule, with no public access to their facilities. Pennsauken first responders: police, fire, and EMS, are continuing to work on their regular schedules.

"We thank all of our police, firefighters, and EMTs for their dedicated service to keeping our community safe during this crisis," said Killion. "They don't have the benefit of working from home and our town is grateful for what they do every day."

The Camden County Board of Freeholders has extended their state of emergency declaration indefinitely, keeping county offices closed and all nonessential employees and personnel working from home. Camden County and its agencies will continue to keep emergency measures in place to reduce governmental operations to only essential functions. All essential employees, such as law enforcement, corrections, public safety, and others as dictated, are reporting to work as usual. Camden County is still providing core services, while tapering down operations elsewhere to mitigate the spread of coronavirus.

"Stay At Home" Executive Order In New Jersey

On March 21, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced his "Stay at Home" order, an aggressive attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

"This is no time to panic, but this is not time for business as usual," said Governor Murphy. "I am ordering New Jersey's nine million residents to stay at home."

According to Executive Order Number 107, gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, are cancelled unless explicitly authorized. In addition, non-essential retail businesses have closed their physical locations/storefronts until further notice. All recreational and entertainment businesses, as well as personal-care businesses and social clubs, are also closed.

Bars and restaurants in New Jersey continued to be closed for on-premise service and may provide take-out and delivery service only. Drive-throughs, take-out, delivery offered by restaurants and other delivery services can continue to operate.

The Pennsauken Township Police Department has been authorized to issue charges to businesses, owners, and residents who are in violation of Governor Murphy's executive order.

School District Implements Remote Learning Plan

Pennsauken Public Schools are closed and currently staff and students are engaged in remote learning through Thursday, April 9. Spring break for the District runs Friday, April 10, through Friday, April 17. District buildings have been intensely cleaned in anticipation of the return of staff and students.

"I hope we are back in school April 20. However, based on the current state of affairs, and in order to be proactive, Pennsauken Public Schools is already making plans to make a third contingency plan, which will be our last plan of the school year," wrote Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools, who penned a letter to parents and guardians last month. "The third plan will complete the curriculum for this year in all content areas and subjects for students."

The Pennsauken and Gloucester campuses of the Camden County Technical Schools have implemented remote learning until at least April 20. Camden County College transitioned to virtual learning

following its extended spring break.

All of New Jersey's public, private, and parochial preschool programs, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, will remain closed as long as the governor's Executive Order Number 104 is in effect.

Community Resources

Pennsauken Township puts out regular updates on the coronavirus outbreak throughout the week via its website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us; Pennsauken Television, Channel 19 on Comcast and Channel 21 on Fios; and its social media channels: [Facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp](https://www.facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp) and [@pennsaukentwp](https://www.instagram.com/pennsaukentwp) for both Twitter and Instagram.

The Pennsauken Township Police Department reminds residents that if they have an emergency that requires an immediate police, fire, or medical response, to dial 9-1-1; if they need an in person police response for a matter that is not an emergency, they should call (856) 663-1234. If a police response isn't needed, but they merely have a question to ask, please call (856) 488-0080.

Residents with questions or concerns related to the coronavirus can call a free, 24-hour public hotline at 2-1-1 or (800) 962-1253, where trained professionals are standing by to answer questions. New Jersey residents can now also text NJ-COVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. More information is also available on the state's coronavirus-dedicated website at <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

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Si usted no tiene acceso a una computadora o internet para completar su Cuestionario del Censo 2020, ¿sabía que usted puede hacerlo por teléfono? Mientras la Biblioteca y

el Edificio Municipal de Pennsauken permanecen cerrados, puede completar su Cuestionario del Censo llamando al 844-468-2020. Alguien responderá en Español, le hará las preguntas del Censo, y usted responderá con las respuestas. ¡Solo tomará 10 minutos! *¡Gracias por su compromiso de ser contado!*

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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Changes In Friends Programming In April

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

We had some wonderful workshops

planned to coincide with this month's annual Art Show and Sale but sadly, because of health concerns due to the

coronavirus, we have cancelled them, as well as the Art Show itself.

The Friends have also taken the precaution to cancel this month's "Munch and a Movie" and chair yoga sessions. We will let you know next month whether the May's chair yoga sessions will take place in the Library's Community Room, so stay tuned.

Our annual Poetry Contest will, however, still take place with the following changes. Submissions may be mailed in with applications attached to the Friends of the Pennsauken Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110; or they may be Dropped off using the Municipal Building's mail drop, which is located at the building across the parking lot from the Library. Electronic submis-

sions will also be accepted at friends@library@yahoo.com. All e-mails MUST include the full name of the applicant, his or her full mailing address, and a contact phone number. If the poet is a student, the following must also be included: the name of the school, the name and contact e-mail of the teacher, and the grade level. If e-mailing a submission, the application form need not be included.

Remember that all applications MUST be dropped off, mailed or emailed by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1. All winners will be notified by phone, and their names will be announced in the June issue of All Around Pennsauken.

We've begun mailing out our Friends of the Pennsauken Library membership renewals. If you're already a member,

look for yours in the mail and please plan to renew to help us continue to support the Library. If you're not already a member but would like to become one, please call (856) 665-5959, ext. 3 and let us know who you are and your address so we can send you a form.

We hope to have better news for you next month. In the meantime, though, please stay safe and we'll all get through this! As always, thanks for your support.



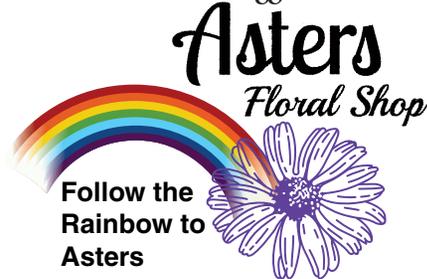
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PENNSAUKEN APRIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

With the "Stay at Home" Executive Order, in-person public meetings are currently not being held.

The Township Committee Meeting scheduled for April 9 will be held virtually via Zoom. See page 3 for details. The status of the April 23 meeting has not been determined.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment canceled its April 1 meeting. The status of the April 15 meeting has not been determined.

The Planning Board has meetings scheduled for April 7 and 28. Their status has not been determined.

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GOING GREEN Things To Do While Sheltering In Place

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

Outside, the world is enveloped in the coronavirus pandemic, so we hunker down with our families to stay safe. However, most of us aren't used to being cooped up for long. Cabin fever begins to take hold; we want to go out to restaurants, movies theaters, and stores. However, most of these venues have been shuttered until it's safe to venture out again. We are all stuck at home.

Everyone has household "to do" lists, things that get put off until "someday." Mine is long, as I keep finding things to add to the list; and things are crossed off all too slowly. This is the time to attack those lists. Gather family members, clean out your closets, and donate unwanted clothing to charitable organizations for those less fortunate who could really use those things. Clean out the refrigerator and freezer, sanitizing shelves and walls a section at a time. Who knows what may be lurking in the back of the fridge, dinner or take out leftovers long past their expiration date? For those who have a dishwasher with a sanitizing cycle, now is the time to use it. Put anything other than plastic into the dishwasher, add soap, and sanitize. If your washer or dryer has a sanitizing cycle, use those too, especially for sheets and towels that may be used for several days before changing.

Have a family painting party to finally paint those walls of that one room that hasn't been painted in years. Hold a spring cleaning day in your home. Make it fun for the kids. Have a contest for the kid who gets their room the cleanest; give the winner a special treat or extra screen time or video game time at the end of the day. Spring cleaning isn't lim-

ited to the inside. Those who live in a single home can get outside in their own yard and spring clean that too. Power wash siding, driveway, and sidewalk; clean out the garage. Pull weeds, prune overgrown trees and shrubs.

If local grocery stores are running short on your favorite foods, "romaine" calm and "lettuce" walk you through some leafy greens that are great fresh in salads, sautéed as a side dish, or added to stir fry.

Leaf lettuces are great fresh in salads and include red, green, and oak types that are referred to as spring mix or mesclun mix. Red leaf has a burgundy tint and mild flavor, similar to that of green leaf, while oak leaf is spicier and nuttier. Leaves branch from a single stalk instead of forming a head. These early sweet lettuces and tangy, tender greens grow together for easy cutting. Arugula is a wonderful little green that has a peppery flavor to it and can be grown with the mesclun mix. Leaf lettuce is a great candidate for growing and harvesting just before eating, even in containers right outside your front door as I do. To avoid wilting, postpone dressing leaf lettuce until just before serving.

Spinach and Swiss chard are leafy green vegetables that taste wonderful sautéed with garlic and olive oil. Spinach is rich in magnesium, potassium, and vitamin A. Swiss chard is packed with vitamin K.

Bok choy, commonly called Chinese cabbage, provides vitamins C, E, and beta-carotene, powerful anti-oxidants. It is a vegetable that is great sautéed as a side dish, or in a stir fry with soy sauce, garlic, ginger, and hot peppers added to your favorite meat or seafood.

All these leafy greens provide much

needed nutrition, are low in calories, high in fiber, and very easy to grow even in the smallest of yards or on an apartment bal-

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Township Property Taxes Now Payable Online

Pennsauken residents and business owners now have an online option to pay their property taxes.

By visiting <https://bit.ly/Pennsauken-Taxes>, you can access your tax information using a variety of search categories, including:

- Property block and lot
- Tax account ID
- Owner's name
- Property location

From there, you can view tax rates, view your current bill, project interest, and most importantly, make an electronic payment. There are processing fees associated with online payments. These are charged by the service provider; the Township does not financially benefit

from these fees. Paying by eCheck is a fee of \$1.99; paying by credit or debit card incurs a charge of 2.95 percent.

Receive E-mail Notification Of Upcoming Payments

While property tax payments are due quarterly on Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, and Nov. 1, residents and business owners can also receive notification via e-mail that their payments are coming due. Visit <https://bit.ly/PennsaukenTaxNotifications> to sign up to receive quarterly reminders and changes to payment schedules.

For more information on Pennsauken's Tax Office, visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-tax-collector.



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If you have an emergency that requires an immediate police, fire, or medical response, DIAL 911.

If you need an in person police response that is not an emergency, please call (856) 663-1234.

If you don't need a police response but merely have a question to ask, please call (856) 488-0080.

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Who Has The Best Home Teacher? Let Us Know! continued from page 1



Children in grades three, four, and five living in Pennsauken may submit a letter saying why they believe their mom, dad, or guardian is the "best teacher at home."

to have our burgeoning writers share their thoughts on their new 'teachers,'" says Elwood Martz, who helps organize the contest. "We're looking forward to reading all of the creative responses."

The first-, second- and third-place winners will receive recognition and prizes at a Pennsauken Township Committee meeting to be determined at a later date.

The winning "best mom" essay for 2019 was written by Jeilani Figueroa about her mother, Liza Martinez. Madison Nieves wrote about her father, Michael, in her winning essay.

Kimora Dawson, Alivia Clark, Rylee Moulton, Lily Bradeis, and Leighanne Vest received honorable mention in 2019 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 for both contests may be

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

A Few Quick Words About This Issue

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canceled, we'll be sharing that information on our website, AllAroundPennsauken.com, as well as our social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and

Twitter.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate these new waters. Here's to hoping that we get back to some normalcy soon.



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Beginning on November 18, 2019, Stonegate at St. Stephen - Phase II will be accepting applications for occupancy at the newly constructed senior (over 55) affordable apartment building located at 6312 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ.

- Applicant household income must be less than \$37,860 for a one-person household and \$43,260 for a two-person household. One-bedroom unit rents are \$843 per month and two-bedroom unit rents are \$1025 per month.
- Applications are currently available for **weekday** pick-up from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at The Diocesan Housing Services Corporation, 1845 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103.
- Interested parties may also call (856) 342-4187 to request applications by mail. Completed applications must be submitted by mail or hand delivery to the address below. Applications will not be accepted by fax.

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Pancake Breakfast, Cigar Night Rescheduled

The Pennsauken Lions Club has made the decision to reschedule two annual events: the Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast and its Cigar Night.

Pancake Breakfast Now On June 7

The Lions will now host its pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 7. Held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Macaro's Catering and Deli, 6225 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, the event features a variety of breakfast fare, including pancakes; customizable omelets; sausage; as well as juice, coffee, and tea.

During the breakfast, free on site screening tests will be offered to children in grades one through four; a signed permission form will be required by a par-

ent or guardian.

The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person and proceeds benefit the Club's vision screenings, scholarships, and other initiatives to help Pennsauken residents in need.

Tickets are available at Macaro's Catering and Deli. For more information, call (856) 665-5286 or (609) 468-8921.

Cigar Night Moved To October

The Lions Club's annual Cigar Night has been tentatively rescheduled for October. Additional details will be forthcoming closer to the event.

Rush New Club Secretary

The Pennsauken Lions Club would like to thank Lion Sharon Rush for

accepting the position as the Club's new secretary. Sharon has been an active member of the Lions Club of Pennsauken since June 1, 2002, and is well known to the Pennsauken community. We welcome her in her new role!

Join The Pennsauken Lions

Individuals or organizations interested in knowing more how the Lions Club benefits our community can e-mail pennsaukenlionsclub1@gmail.com or call (609) 468-8921 or (856) 665-1722. The Lions Club meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at Macaro's Catering and Deli at 6225 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken. Appetizers and cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; and fellowship and the meeting follows.

What Winter? Spring Cleaning, COVID-19 And Public Works Operations

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wide yard debris pickup day. This is a great way to dispose of branches that may have fallen over the winter because of wind. We kindly remind you to bundle sticks and branches in lengths three feet or less and not weighing more than 50 pounds.

In early March, Department of Public Works crews descended upon both 49th St. Park at River Rd. and Tippin's Pond,

ahead of this year's improvements through a Department of Environmental Protection grant the Township received. In order to stretch those grant dollars, Public Works was involved with the demolition of overgrowth and softball field fencing before a replacement fence is installed. Down at the pond, years of overgrowth have been removed to connect these two recreation areas via

a walking path. We are proud to be part of these improvements.

On behalf of the entire Department of Public Works, I hope that you and family continue to be safe during this outbreak. Our department can be contacted by calling (856) 663-0178, e-mailing publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us, or visiting "Pennsauken Department of Public Works" on Facebook.

Pennsauken Firefighters Honored



Congratulations to Lt. Jon Hutton, Firefighter Robert Chester, Firefighter Justin Squibb, and Firefighter Nick Johnson! They were recognized by the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund for their collective efforts to affect the rescue of a civilian from a residential house fire in the 1900 block of 46th St. on December 2, 2019.

Fighters Respond To House Fire On Cedar Avenue

All hands operated in the 7200 block of Cedar Ave. last month for a fire in a private dwelling. There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians. As of print time, the fire was still under investigation by the Pennsauken Fire Marshal, and the occupants were being assisted by the American Red Cross. The Pennsauken Fire Department received automatic aid from Cinnaminson Fire Department, Cherry Hill Fire Department, Merchantville Fire Department - Niagara Fire Company, and Camden County Fire Coordinators.



Firefighters Put Out Brush Fires

Engine 1132, Tower Ladder 11, Brush 11 and Engine 129 (Special Call) operated on several brush fires in a wooded area, rail right of way along Cooper Ave. last month. Here, a firefighter works to put out one of the smaller fires.



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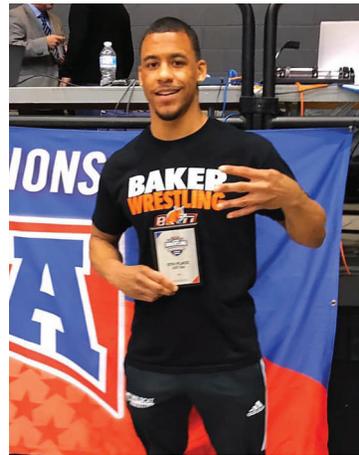
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Walker Makes Her Mark This Season



Tatiana Walker (far right) is the first regional champion and third girl's place winner in two years of the state tournament for the Pennsauken program. Shout out to Coaches Chisholm and Smeriglio on their work with all the girls this season!



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