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## A Word About Camden County's Proposal And Our Police Force



By Rick Taylor  
Mayor of Pennsauken  
Township

Over the last few weeks, we've been receiving a lot of feedback from residents, business owners, and the officers of our police department regarding Camden County's proposal to have Pennsauken join the Metro Police Force. You've come to meetings, sent e-mails, and made phone calls to let us know how important our police are to this community. Every member of Township Committee, myself included, agrees with you. We have a great police force in Pennsauken and we're extremely glad that our residents and business owners support not just our police, but our fire department and EMS as well.

The entire Township Committee and our administrator reviewed the report provided by Camden County. John Kneib, our director of public safety, sat down with both key members of our police department and the Fraternal Order of Police Garden State Lodge #3 to go over the document and get a firm sense of what the data meant, not regarding dollars and cents, but in regards of maintaining the safety and security of Pennsauken's residents and businesses.

And after this thorough review, the Township Committee has unanimously decided to keep our police force intact. We will not be making a switch to the Metro Police.

These brave and dedicated men and

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## Pennsauken Historical Society Celebrates 50 Years

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsauken Historical Society, an organization dedicated to preserving the history, heritage, and memory of the people of Pennsauken Township, is preparing to celebrate a true milestone this month: 50 years of making local history come alive. And to mark the Historical Society's anniversary, a special open house is being held on Saturday, June 13 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the historic Burrough-Dover House, located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Ln., right off of Haddonfield Rd. near the Wyndham Rd. traffic signal.

"The Burrough-Dover House and the Griffith Morgan House mean so much to our community," says Jack Weber, president, Pennsauken Historical Society. "This is where Pennsauken's history started."

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The Pennsauken Historical Society celebrates their 50th anniversary with a special event at the Burrough-Dover House on Saturday, June 13.

## Police Department Honors Pennsauken's Finest Officers

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

During National Police Week, an annual event dedicated to not only honor America's law enforcement community, but also remember those officers that lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety

and protection of others, the Pennsauken Police Department held a special awards ceremony to recognize the courageous men and women who go above and beyond to protect and serve the Pennsauken community.

"I always like this night, because it gives us the opportunity to talk about some of the good work that not only the members of the police department have done in the previous year, but also some of the

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## JUNECALNDAR

### Flea Market

Knights of Columbus Council #3512 will hold a flea market on Saturday, June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's School Yard, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. Vendor spaces are available for \$15, sans table. Limited tables are available for rent at \$10 each. Proceeds raised from vendor space rentals go to charity. For more information, call Larry at (856) 662-5927.

### Music Fest

The Merchantville Music Fest and Birthday Celebration will be held at the town center on Saturday, June 6 from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. This second-annual event features live performances from several local bands and the return of Elvis impersonator Mark Reno. The rain date for the event is Saturday, June 13. For more information and a full event schedule, visit MerchantvillePublicEvents.com.

### AARP Meeting

AARP Chapter 2861 will meet on Monday, June 8 at the Rising Community Fellowship and Outreach Center, 3465 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken. Social Time is at 12:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of your Pennsauken neighbors and bring a friend.

### Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Police Department, 4800 Bethel Ave., second floor. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to learn how to keep our community safe. For more information, call 856-488-0080 x. 2417.

### Free Concert

Camden County's summer concert series makes a stop in Pennsauken on Thursday, June 11, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Community Recreational Complex, located at 1601 Bethel Ave. The event features a free performance from Another Tequila Sunrise, "America's most authentic Eagles tribute band."

### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. All veterans are welcome.

### Fundraiser For Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital

On Tuesday, June 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., 25 percent of the proceeds from sales at Mister Softee of Pennsauken, located at 3605 Haddonfield Rd., will benefit Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, one of the world's premier centers for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children.

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## Pennsauken Lions Club Honors Msgr. Mike Mannion As Citizen Of The Year



Pennsauken native Msgr. Michael Mannion is the Pennsauken Lions Club's Citizen of the Year for 2015.

Msgr. Mike Mannion, a priest for the Diocese of Camden and Pennsauken native, has been selected as the Pennsauken Lions Club's Citizen of the Year for 2015.

As a child going to Saint Cecilia's School in Pennsauken, Mannion's parents instilled in him a sense of giving back to those less fortunate. Fast forward to today: Msgr. Mannion has devoted his life to his community, children in need, pilgrims, refugees, and countless others. He's built community homes from the ground up, advanced his studies in Rome, counseled people in

need in war torn Uganda, and worked alongside Mother Teresa in India, even serving as a commentator on CNN for her funeral.

Msgr. Mannion, who currently serves as the director of Community Relations for the Diocese of Camden, has been involved in many ministries over the course of his career. He volunteers his time as chaplain to Pennsauken's Police Department, the FBI's Philadelphia Division, and many other community and law enforcement organizations. As rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden, he established strong relationships with area community leaders, non-profits and law enforcement agencies. Active in pro-life work, both in the Diocese and internationally, he has worked with the Diocesan Pro Life office and as a moderator

for Project Rachel, a ministry to women who have had abortions. His most recent passion in the service of others is his work with Discovery Ministries, a retreat program for youth, young adults and families. Msgr. Mannion is currently in residence at Mary Queen of All Saints Parish in Pennsauken, NJ.

A dinner in Msgr. Mannion's honor will be held on Monday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. That evening is also the Lions Club's youth appreciation night for the Leos of Pennsauken High School and Boy Scout Troop 118. The dinner is currently scheduled to be held at Macaro's Deli and Catering on 6225 Westfield Ave., but due to an anticipated larger crowd, may be moved to another venue to accommodate guests. To RSVP for the dinner, e-mail PennsaukenLionsClub@gmail.com or call (856) 663-4043. The cost per person is \$12.

### Annual Pancake Breakfast A Success

The Pennsauken Lions Club held another successful Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast on April 19. The Lions would like to thank PYAA for the use of the field house, as well as the following businesses who supported this event: Aunt Charlotte's Candies, Chick-fil-A, Deluxe Bakery, Dunkin' Donuts, Herr's, Jerry's Flowers, Macaro's Deli and Catering, McDonald's, the Penn Queen Diner, Perkins Restaurant and Bakery, ShopRite of Cinnaminson, Steak 38, Subway, Tastykake, Troy's Place, Tru-Fit Frame and Door Corporation, and US Foods.

### Officers Announced For 2015-2016

The Lions Club's year is coming to an end in June and current President Mary Anne McFarland will be stepping down.

Sharon Rush, owner of Macaro's Deli and Catering, will be assuming the role of president for the upcoming year. The 2015-2016 officers are: Sharon Rush, president; Mary Anne McFarland, secretary; William Megargle, treasurer; and Barry Hanson, tail twister. The role of vice president has yet to be filled.

The new officers will be installed at the June 22 meeting.

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### Pennsauken - Vacation at home!

This beautiful Chadwyck 2 story colonial features a heated in-ground swimming pool with new liner in the fenced in rear yard Entertain under the large covered patio or in the fabulous game room. Crown moldings in the L/R, D/R and F/R. 3 bdms including master bdrm w/walk-in closet. Flooring throughout includes slate flr, Hdwd flrs, and wall to wall carpets. Eat-in-kitchen w/build in micro-wave. And Dishwasher. Washer & dryer also included. Attractive neutral color schemes throughout. \$216,900



### Merchantville - Historic Merchantville

Large Rancher with L/R, D/R, 3 bedrooms and F/R. Large eat-in kitchen, beautiful family room addition and very convenient laundry room on the main level. Merchantville recently started using Haddon Heights High School for this September's Freshman which makes it an even more attractive area to prospective buyers. Central air, newer hot water heater, beautiful backyard. Very reasonable taxes for this area. This home is a must see!!! \$189,900



### Merchantville - Merchantville Victorian (circa 1890)

This home features 4 bdms, 2 1/2 baths, hdwd flrs, formal L/R w/french doors, huge formal D/R w/bay window, gorgeous eat in kitchen w/granite counter tops, newer stainless gas stove and fridge, center island and lots of cabinet space. Side Sun room and a back sun room. 3 bdms w/lots of closets and ceiling fans. Beautiful remodeled full bath. An additional bedroom and full bath on the third floor. Additional amenities include a back deck w/canopy, Wrap around front porch. 3,000 credit towards closing costs at closing. Enjoy Historic Merchantville! \$186,800.



### Audubon - Outstanding Opportunity

This bungalow features sun room, formal living room, formal dining room, remodeled full bathroom, large kitchen with lots of upgrades two bedrooms, newer windows, back porch which overlooks fenced in yard and storage shed. Additional amenities include a finished loft area upstairs, full basement, central air, gas heat, newer driveway and lots more. All this on a tree lined street, very close to Historic Haddonfield, in Beautiful Audubon. \$175,000



### Pennsauken - East Pennsauken

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## Keep It Down: Preventing Noise Pollution In Pennsauken

There are many things referred to as the sounds of summer: laughing children playing in the park; the crack of the bat and cheering fans at hometown baseball games; and friendly and sometimes animated conversation around the bar-

beque. But there comes a point when something stops being music to the ears and turns into noise. To prevent the spread of noise pollution, Pennsauken Township has code in place that helps promote some well-deserved peace and

quiet for residents.

According to the Township code, prohibited noises are those that are "loud, unnecessary or unusual." Disallowed noises "create any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise of such character, intensity or duration as is detrimental to the life or health of any individual or persons within the limits of the Township of Pennsauken or is patently offensive to persons or ordinary sensibilities"

Some examples of noise code violations are:

- Radios, televisions and stereos operating between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

that are plainly audible at a distance of 25 feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which they are located.

- The use of loudspeakers, amplifiers and the like for commercial advertising
- Yelling, shouting, hooting, etc. on public streets between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at any other time so as to annoy or disturb the quiet of anyone in the vicinity
- The use of drums or any other instrument for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show or sale
- The shouting and crying of peddlers, hawkers and vendors which disturbs the peace and quiet

In addition, the use of pile drivers,

hammers, etc. and the construction and repairing of buildings can only be performed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless there is an emergency that affects the public health and safety. However, a permit from Pennsauken's Construction Official is needed in that case.

Also, the creation of excessive noise on any street adjacent to a school, church or hospital is also prohibited if it interferes with the normal operations.

If you're thinking of raising your voice to object, think again. The fines can be hefty. For each noise offense you're convicted of, you could be subject to:

- A fine not exceeding \$1,250
- Up to 90 days in the county jail
- Up to 90 days of community service

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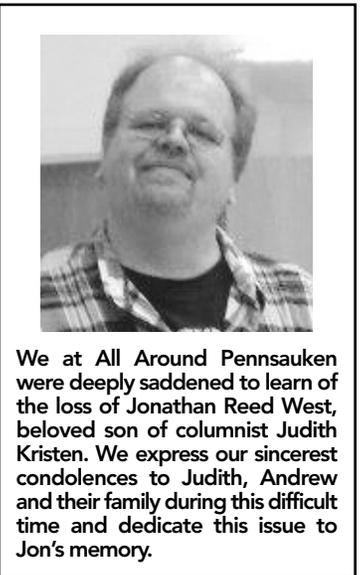
  
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We at All Around Pennsauken were deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Jonathan Reed West, beloved son of columnist Judith Kristen. We express our sincerest condolences to Judith, Andrew and their family during this difficult time and dedicate this issue to Jon's memory.

## Delaware Gardens Neighborhood Initiative Seeks Input, Engagement From Residents

The Delaware Gardens Neighborhood Initiative (DGNI) is a revitalization project for the Delaware Gardens neighborhood of Pennsauken, funded by the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation through 2019. The Initiative's partners, who include UrbanPromise, Boat People SOS, and Pennsauken Township, recognize that the revitalization of this neighborhood will benefit all residents of Pennsauken and Camden, as well as the region.

The borders of the Delaware Gar-



dens Neighborhood are from 36th St. to Browning Rd., River Rd. to Route 130 in Pennsauken; it also encompasses part of East Camden as well. Sections of the neighborhood border Camden, and its residents often face the same challenges as their counterparts in the city.

The initial phase of the project created a resident-driven plan to address youth and family services, abandoned and deteriorating housing, roads and sidewalks, as well as community safety and support for businesses along Westfield Ave. The plan also identified the need to engage residents to build a community identity across cultures.

"This diverse community needs to work together to improve the neighborhood they share," says Betsy McBride, director of the Initiative and a member of Pennsauken Township Committee.

A community-focused roadside clean up along Chestnut St. is just one of the projects implemented by the Delaware Gardens Neighborhood Initiative. The Initiative is a revitalization project that targets the Delaware Gardens section of Pennsauken and Camden.

"The DGNI team will facilitate meetings to bring residents together to discuss challenges and offer solutions."

The first Delaware Gardens Neighborhood group meeting will introduce all aspects of the Initiative. It is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Urban-

Promise Ministries, 3700 Rudderow St., Pennsauken. Plenty of parking is available. All interested Pennsauken residents are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. The goal of DGNI is not to tell residents what they need, but rather facilitate the process of

the neighbors working together to find solutions to common problems.

### Food Co-Op

A program that has already begun to address the needs of families in the area *continued on page 19*



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### Beading and Jewelry

Children ages 7-13 can learn the popular craft of beading and jewelry making. Make a bracelet, earrings or whatever you want. The program will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 6-10 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The fee is \$45 per week.

### Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetters Bowling Center on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken. Basic bowling instruction will be provided by qualified instructors and skills competitions for prizes will be held the last day of the camp. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 13-17 and is for kids ages 6-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

### Boxing

This summer, kids ages 7-16 can learn basic boxing techniques at American Karate System, 44 W. Chestnut Ave., Merchantville. Certified instructors will introduce students to the basics of boxing and fitness. No previous experience is required. The camp will be offered from Aug. 10-14, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. for ages 7-11, and 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for ages 12-16. The fee is \$35 per child. Make checks payable to American Karate System.

### Hip-Hop Dance

Come and join the fun for an introduction to Hip Hop Dance. Learn basic movements in the style of today's popular music for kids ages 6-14. The camp will be from June 22-26, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for ages 6-10, and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 11-14.

Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Instruction is by a qualified dance instructor from Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio, 198 Church Rd., Merchantville. Cost is \$30 per student.

### Ice Skating

The Pennsauken Learn-to-Ice-Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Rd. in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-17 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 10-14. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed.

### Karate

Pennsauken Township and Hwa-Rand Warriors Taekwondo Studio present summer karate at 4928 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken, next to PNC Bank. The objective of this camp is to use martial arts as a vehicle to build character, self-control, as well as respect for others. Children will receive a white belt on the last day of class. This camp, for children ages 5-13, is from July 20-24. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 9-13. Cost is \$30 per child.

### Learn To Golf

Kids ages 7-13 can learn the basic skills of the golf game. The qualified instructor will teach the children about the game, including club selection, course etiquette and the correct club grip. The program will be held at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., June 22-26 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The fee for this program is \$30.

### Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper and found objects. We will pick a theme for the week upon which our works will be created. Individual expression will be highly encouraged. This class is all about thinking outside the box. Class will be held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room July 20-24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The fee for this one-week program is \$45. For kids ages 7-13.

## Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Phifer Middle School on Park Ave. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates for each program are as follows: Field Hockey or Soccer – June 22-26; Basketball – July 6-10; Tennis – July 13-17; Baseball and Softball – July 20-24. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp.

## Swimming

Pennsauken Township will offer a learn-to-swim program for all children ages 5-11 at the Municipal Pool, 6100 River Rd. Dates for morning sessions are June 23-25 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; dates for evening sessions are June 30 to July 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The fee for this program is \$20 per child for all three days, morning or evening sessions. All instructors are certified lifeguards and CPR certified. The goal of this camp is to teach children the proper swim strokes and for kids to learn to respect water and not fear it.

## Theater

The annual and very popular Creative Theater Class returns again from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 3-7 at the Delair School on Derousse Ave. Children, ages 7-15, will learn stage movement, vocal projection, character study and improvisational games. They will create their own story and perform it on video for friends and family on the last day of class. The cost is \$50 per week and is operated by the Pennsauken Youth Summer Theater Program.

## FOR ADULTS

### Adult Horseshoe Program

This is not a club, no dues, just friendly competition. All Pennsauken residents are welcome to participate from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For additional information call Mike at (856) 488-5325, Bill at (856) 663-2606 or the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151.

## Free Adult Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons for Pennsauken adults 18 and up will be held at the green top tennis courts on River Road. The classes will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. during July. Exact dates are to be announced. Space is limited so don't delay. Instruction will be provided by a qualified tennis instructor. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 ext. 151 to reserve your space.

## Learn-to-Swim

If there is enough interest, there will be an adult to learn to swim program. For beginners and those who would like to work on breathing and stroke. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for details.

## FOR FAMILIES

### Join the Municipal Pool

The Parks and Recreation Department will begin accepting membership applications and fees for the 2015 pool season beginning on May 4. The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. The pool opens 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekends only beginning on May 23. Starting June 20, the pool will be open from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

## TO REGISTER

Registration for most summer programs is available at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A program listing and downloadable registration form is available at the Township Web site: [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs). For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151 or send an e-mail to [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

## Four Arrested During Narcotics Raid

Provided by the Pennsauken Township Police Department

On May 18, members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department Detective Division executed a search warrant at 3603 Forrest Ave. in Pennsauken. As a result of the search warrant, a quantity of heroin, manufacturing/distribution materials, and a firearm were recovered from the residence. The following individuals were arrested: Paul Clark, 23 years old, of Pennsauken; Dylan Clark, 22 years old, of Pennsauken; Yasmin Quiles, 19 years old, of Pennsauken; and Bazil Blann, 22 years old, of Edgewater Park.

The search warrant was the culmination of a narcotics investigation conducted by Pennsauken Township Detectives in concert with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, Cherry Hill Police Department and the Camden



Paul Clark, Dylan Clark, Yasmin Quiles, and Bazil Blann were arrested by Pennsauken Township Police during a narcotics investigation.

County Sheriff's Department.

### Patrolman Responds To Medical Emergency

On May 16, Ptl. Delp of the Pennsauken Township Police Department responded to 5720 Rt. 130 for a medical emergency. Through his training and experience, Ptl. Delp determined that

the patient, who was unresponsive and barely breathing, was suffering from a heroin overdose. Ptl. Delp administered Narcan and was able to successfully revive the patient, who was then transported to the hospital by Pennsauken EMS.



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## Predators Public Address Announcer Has Pennsauken Roots

By Frank Sinatra  
AAP Editor

“Nashville! Let me hear you roar!”

For fans of the Nashville Predators, that’s a familiar phrase uttered by their public address announcer. For many

folks from Pennsauken, it’s a familiar voice who says it.

Paul McCann has been the public address announcer for the Nashville Predators for nine years. And while he’s lived in the Nashville area for over 26 years, he grew up on 46th St. in Pennsauken and

is a member of Camden Catholic High School’s Class of 1979. Growing up in town, he has fond memories of swimming at the Pennsauken Pool, skating on a frozen Tippin’s Pond, and heading to the old Bean’s Bakery on Westfield before heading to school at Saint Cecilia’s

“I have a lot of memories of Pennsauken,” says McCann. “It was a great place to grow up.”

And it was close to home where Paul first showed inklings of his future career. At age 6, he went to a Sixers game at the Spectrum. The public address announcer was the iconic Dave “The Zink” Zinkoff, known for his trademark calls such as, “Julius IRRRRRRRRrrrring.” During the game, Zinkoff made quite an impression on the young McCann.

“Apparently, I spent the next couple of months imitating Dave Zinkoff like crazy,” says McCann, who ultimately went on to do radio work and disc jockeying at nightclubs beginning when he was in high school.

When the Predators came to Nashville in 1998, McCann, who skipped school to head to the Flyers’ Stanley Cup Parade in 1975, became a season ticket holder almost immediately. And when his son started playing hockey locally, Paul brought his laptop along and did some announcing just for fun.

“All of a sudden, I got an opportunity to audition for the PA role right after the lockout season,” explains McCann. “I had been working a little bit on Predators radio as an analyst. Now I’m in my ninth season.”

Working for the Nashville Predators is a dream job for a hockey fanatic like McCann. “Having that connection to the National Hockey League is really fun and important. It also gives me a creative outlet to have a little fun and enjoy something I’ve been doing forever. It’s just a blast.”

“Playing with the crowd is honestly the most fun about this. We have a good time here,” adds McCann. “When there is a minute and three seconds left in a period, there’s a group in the crowd that will yell out, ‘Hey, Paul! How much time



Pennsauken native Paul McCann is the public address announcer for the NHL’s Nashville Predators.

is left in the period?” At that point, that gets me to the one minute warning, which is required by the NHL. I’ll say, ‘There’s one minute left in the period.’ And it’s kind of a rush when 17,000 people yell, ‘Thanks, Paul!’ That’s a lot of fun.”

In addition to his PA role, McCann is involved with Slap Shot Radio, a weekly radio show he co-hosts with Nashville Predators’ TV play-by-play man Pete Weber. The program focuses on the Nashville Predators and is syndicated in three states.

“We have a mission to educate and entertain,” explains McCann. “When we started the show seven years ago, Nashville was a pretty young hockey market. The education piece was very important. It’s come light years from where it was.”

As his work with the Predators is a part time job, McCann is also operations director at Artemetrx Specialty Drug Solutions. But for those looking to do public address announcing professionally, he offers the following advice. “Practice. Do it as many times as you can. Volunteer if you have to. Just get out there and do it.”

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## The Beginning Of 50 Years Of Historical Work In Pennsauken



By Robert Fisher-Hughes  
AAP Columnist and  
Amateur Historian

### LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY



The founding members of the Pennsauken Historical Society at Burrough-Dover House. The Historical Society is celebrating its 50 anniversary at a special event on June 13 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., held at the historic home at 9201 Burrough-Dover Ln.

*"Where I lie down worn out other men will stand, young and fresh. By the steps that I have cut they will climb; by the stairs that I have built they will mount. They will never know the name of the man who made them. At the clumsy work they will laugh... but they will mount, and on my work; they will climb, and by my stair!" — Olive Schreiner*

This passage from an allegory about the pursuit of truth, written in 1890 by a South African woman, was informally adopted as a credo by the first members of the Pennsauken Historical Society, as an expression of their faith that the generations that succeeded them in the community would continue their work. It also expressed their belief that their work, imperfect as it would be, would benefit those who came after to carry it on.

If 1964 had been a year when the anniversary of New Jersey led to the conception of local historical societies all across the state, in 1965 those organizations had to find a way to thrive on their own. It was no different for the Pennsauken Historical Society. Fortunately, the Township imagination had been captured by the events of the Tercentenary, and support was forthcoming from individual residents, families, businesses, and the local government.

From its first membership meeting in the Ivystone Inn, when historical exhibits, an original play, and a historical lecture adorned the more mundane organizational functions, the leadership of the Pennsauken Historical Society began mixing business with pleasure to further entice the public interest.

More varied events and programs would have to follow to maintain the momentum from the previous year. Raising funds, public consciousness, and involvement had to be accomplished in order to succeed, but these tasks raised practical problems, one of which was where to hold these events. The Historical Society had no official home as yet, since Burrough-Dover House still belonged to the Township and was hardly ready for regular use anyway. In 1965, there was also no public library capable of hosting meetings, much less public events.

The Historical Society made a virtue of necessity by moving the locations of its events and meetings to several different sites, thereby reaching out to its community at the same time. The initial

organizing meeting had been held at the Municipal Building. The first membership meeting had been at the Ivystone Inn. In 1965 and 1966, outdoor events were held on the grounds of the Burrough-Dover House, but events were also held at local churches and schools, the American Legion Hall, and even at the Cherry Hill Mall!

Historical bus tours were also arranged. Among the first, a tour of historic sites in Mt. Holly, began with a stop in Pennsauken at the home of the President of the Historical Society, J. Mortimer Lawrence, who happened to live in another colonial home of the Burrough family, not far from Burrough-Dover House. This was followed up by a bus tour to Society Hill in Philadelphia a year later.

A highlight of the first year was the corn roast held on the grounds of Burrough-Dover House in August 1965. Corn, chicken, potato salad, cucumbers in sour cream, rolls, watermelon, soft drinks and more could be enjoyed for the price of \$1.75 per adult and \$1.00 for kids. In that day, even at those prices, the event worked as a fundraiser!

The day of the corn roast serves to illustrate the breadth of support for the new Historical Society. Aside from the work of the volunteers who prepared the event, printed tickets were underwritten by Inglesby & Sons Funeral Home; Martins Dairies provided ice and milk and cream; the Pepsi-Cola bottling plant provided free Pepsi and ice; and the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission provided a supply of running water to the property, which was facilitated by work at cost performed by Wells Brothers Plumbers and the use of a back hoe from

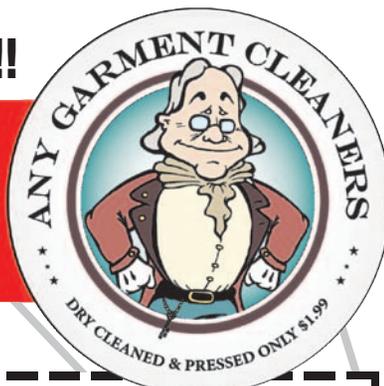
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Prince Concrete. Girl Scout Troop 182 waited tables. The Pennsauken Police directed parking. Donations to the event also came from Suburban Bakery, Holly Bakery and the Holly House Restaurant, Congressman Charles Wolverton, and many others.

All of these programs and events were directed to raise funds for the work needed to secure title to Burrough-Dover House and to begin its restoration to safe and secure colonial glory. As good stewards of the building, the Historical Society focused on securing the structure and received support from donations by Able Hardware and DiMedio Lumber

Company to repair and replace window sashes and frames. Two hundred-year-old hinges and ironwork were donated by local man Albert Eisele. These, coming from former use at the old Pennsylvania Hospital, were now used to secure shutters to the windows of the old house.

However, work on the windows had not yet been completed when the winter of 1965-1966 intervened to remove numbers of shingles from the roof. In spring, the work on the windows was suspended to tend to the roof damage by applying more appropriate cedar shakes in place of the modern, albeit weathered, shingles. At the same time, repairs were made to the chimneys of

the old house, using appropriately aged brick removed with permission of the owner from the Parry Mansion on Taylors Lane in Riverside prior to its scheduled demolition.

Meanwhile, work on the grounds surrounding the old house also progressed. State officers from the Soil Conservation Service and the State Department of Conservation visited the house and consulted on both a plan to create a pond and on the use of appropriate plantings of trees for the landscaping. Eventually, volunteers planted 2,000 seedlings, all provided by the state, on the grounds of Burrough-Dover House.

Among the numerous, imaginative events of the first two years of the Historical Society, a few deserve special mention. First, in October 1965, a celebration at the Ivystone Inn marked the anniversary of the preliminary meeting of the organizers of the Society. At this party, a large cake in the form of the Burrough-Dover House and its immediate grounds was cut and devoured. Also, Mayor William F. Garrity formally presented the deed to Burrough-Dover House to the Society, following the consummation of its public sale earlier in the month. Garrity also publicly announced intentions in the near future to transfer ownership of Griffith Morgan House to the Historical Society, although that in-

tention was never carried out.

In the spring of 1966, acting upon a suggestion from Catherine Lawrence of the Pennsauken Historical Society, the Cherry Hill Mall hosted an Easter Parade featuring colonial fashions. The "models" in the parade were all members of Pennsauken Historical Society, Haddonfield Historical Society, and historical groups from Maple Shade, Camden, Elfreth's Alley, Germantown, and many other localities. The event was organized as a fashion contest, with prizes for participating individuals and organizations, and it generated considerable press coverage. The Pennsauken Historical Society won a \$100 prize, and member Mrs. Joseph Piergross won for best female costume. At the gala affair, President J. Mortimer Lawrence impersonated General Washington, Jack Fichter portrayed Thomas Paine, Commander William Shay of the American Legion was Benjamin Franklin, and Mrs. Gordon Bierschen took the role of Dolly Madison.

In early 1966, the book, "A History of Pennsauken," by Jack Fichter and Edmund Halber, was ready for publication; but funds still had to be raised to pay for printing. The Township agreed to grant \$3,000 toward the expected \$7,500 cost. The balance had to be laboriously raised through advance sales and fundraising events for a book that could not be ready

for delivery before December. Nevertheless, the expanded first printing sold out within a week and a second printing soon followed.

On December 26, 1966, Miss Charlotte Dover died at the home of her niece in Nichols, New York. A major supporter of the creation of the Pennsauken Historical Society, Charlotte Dover had grown up while living in the Burrough-Dover House. She went on to become a teacher and school principal in the City of Camden and among her pupils, over whom she exercised a firm hand, was the young W. Leslie Rogers, who went on to leave an indelible mark on Pennsauken Township. Miss Dover had received her copy of the newly published history of Pennsauken, featuring the story of her own home, only days prior to her passing.

This has been only a sketch of the work of the Pennsauken Historical Society in its first years. Omitted are the many hours of careful planning and devoted work that truly gave the organization and its historical mission life. The record of the early work of these neighbors of ours is a remarkable one, as is the community support they received in return. The evidence of their effort and devotion is an exhortation to us to climb the stairs they constructed and go higher in our own day.

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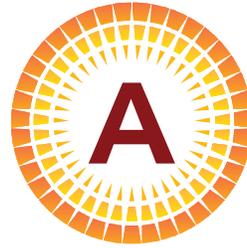
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## GRAY MATTERS

### Pennsauken's Very Own "Goose Whisperer"

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Back in 2008, when I celebrated my 60th birthday, my dear friend of over four decades, Adam Junker from Karlsruhe, Germany – where I once lived – flew over to join in the celebration.

On our way to have lunch one afternoon, there was a HUGE traffic jam on a small stretch of highway where traffic is never an issue. It was a mess.

There was a mother goose in the street with her six babies.

"Mom" was in a panic, as she tried to help her goslings up the steep curb. "Father" gander was already up on the curb looking around wildly.

I felt terrible. I also knew from first-hand experience that these birds are some tough customers.

This will sound crazy, only because it probably is... but I turned to Adam and said, "Maybe if I just talk to them?" And in his thick German accent he answered, "I zink eef anyone couldt, it vood be you."

So I moved in closer and said, "I'm not going to hurt your babies... I just want to move them for you. And by the way... don't hurt me, I'm a bleeder." I thought a little humor might help.

See, I told 'ya – it was nuts.

Anyway, I sort of "shooed" mom goose and she hopped up next to dad.

Then, I bent down and safely placed each one of their babies back by their side.

When the last gosling was safe and they were all happy and peeping away with all their might, mom started to walk toward the clearing and her babies followed.

Dad stood there looking at me for what was probably only 15 seconds but it seemed a lot longer than that to me. But it was the coolest thing. He looked

at me and looked at me... turning his head slightly. I just stood there and smiled at him. Then with the street all clear once again, hurried drivers screeched by, calling me and the geese a few choice names.

Dad gave me one more look straight in my eyes. I gave him one more smile and then he turned away to join his family.

THIS is where it may r-e-a-l-l-y sound silly, but ANYONE who has ever been in the car with me can honestly vouch for this... ever since that day seven years ago, when I see geese out in the field or crossing the road, I always say in my best Mrs. Doubtfire voice, "Hellooooooo, my friends!" And they all stop and look up at me. Some will even stroll right at over to the car. I can walk over to them, even if there are 50 there in the grass, and not one of them ever puts their head down to hiss. They just look at me like that father goose did all those years ago. And then I smile, like I did... all those years ago.

Andrew said, "Maybe the word's out on you... you know, like you with The Beatles and the cops in Atlantic City. Only, this time it's a good thing."

Well, whatever it is... I have quite a bond with my feathered friends these days.

Just recently, a "V" formation of geese flew overhead and they were honking as they do. My son said to me, "I think they're still saying 'Hi' and 'Thanks' to you, Mom."

I know a lot of people would dismiss that for the real accuracy of why they honk... but I think I'll hold onto Jon's words. A "Hi" and a "Thank you," direct from Mother Nature.

I mean, really... wouldn't you?

See you next month,

Love, ~Judith

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## Colonial Militia Musters At Griffith Morgan On June 7

The "First Sunday" regular monthly openings of Pennsauken's historic Griffith Morgan House continue on Sunday, June 7, when the Colonial Militia of the American Revolution will hold muster and call on patriots to step forward in answer to the call of General Washington! Presented by the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, the day will feature military drills, living history demonstrations, and a hearth cooking demonstration to fill the bellies of citizen-soldiers serving the cause of American independence.

Citizen-soldiers were the mainstay of the American war for independence from Britain, and the recruitment and training of farmers and merchants to be ready to face the Redcoats and Hessians, as well as the privations of life as a soldier in the field,

was carried out wherever patriots could be found. As more of the war was fought in New Jersey than in any other colony, the need for brave men to fill the ranks here was most urgent. Now you too can sign up to serve under General Washington, as the call is raised from Pennsauken's own, historic Griffith Morgan House!

Admission is free of charge when historic Griffith Morgan House is open from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, rain or shine. The day will also include free tours of the colonial house and museum and light refreshments will be offered. Plenty of free parking is readily available for cars and bikes.

Griffith Morgan House is located on 243 Griffith Morgan Ln., right off of River Rd. in Pennsauken, between De-



Pennsauken's historic Griffith Morgan House hosts its next "First Sunday" public event on June 7 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

lair and Rt. 73. Visit the Griffith Morgan House page on Facebook for more details and directions, or call (856) 486-9561 and leave a message for more information. The Griffith Morgan House is also open between special events for visits and tours by appointment.

## Pennsauken Police Install Medicine Disposal Box

Beginning this month, the Pennsauken Police Department will be installing a medicine disposal box in the lobby of the police station, located at 2400 Bethel Ave. Residents can safely dispose of old or unused prescription medication 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Based on information provided by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused. While the number of Americans who currently abuse prescription drugs dropped in 2013 to 6.5 million from 6.8

million in 2012, that is still more than double the number of those using heroin, cocaine, and hallucinogens like LSD and Ecstasy combined, according to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. In addition, 22,134 Americans died in 2011 from overdoses of prescription medications, including 16,651 from narcotic painkillers, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Pennsauken Police Department hopes that by providing residents with an easy-to-use and highly accessible way of medication disposal, the community can actively help to reduce the theft and abuse of prescription drugs.



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first of its kind JCG Performance Tracker™ to measure a family's level of satisfaction with their funeral home provider. The awards were presented to select JCG client funeral homes who achieved the highest overall performance scores from responses to family satisfaction surveys sent to each family they served during 2014.

"Inglesby & Sons has been recog-

nized as a leader in delivering exceptional customer service and has raised the standard for other funeral homes nationally to achieve this level of success," said Jake Johnson, president of Johnson Consulting Group.

"Maintaining a tradition of quality service is our top priority. It is a privilege to uphold that tradition while helping those in their time of need," added David L. Hernandez, Jr., owner and manager of Inglesby & Sons Funeral Home. "Receiving this award is very humbling. I credit our devoted and outstanding staff

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For more information, visit [www.inglesbyfuneralhome.com](http://www.inglesbyfuneralhome.com).

## Woman's Club Sponsors Trip To Vermont, New York

The Woman's Club of Merchantville is hosting a "Fall Foliage" trip to Vermont and New York from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3. The five-day, four-night trip features hotel accommodations, several meals, guided tours and more. Single accommodations are \$924 per person; double accommodations, \$815 per person; and triple accommodations, \$784 per person. An initial deposit of \$400 is due by Tuesday, June 30. Final payment is due by Monday, Aug. 10.

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## Ceremony Honors Military-Bound High School Students

A formal ceremony to honor military-bound high school seniors from Camden County – including several from Pennsauken – took place on May 19 at the Mansion in Voorhees. Over 300 people were in attendance, including the families of the enlistees, local celebrities, elected officials, area college presidents and school administrators, high school counselors, representatives from all Camden County veteran's organizations, and high ranking military officers from all five branches.

The program was made possible through the efforts of an all-volunteer non-profit organization, Our Community Salutes (OCS). OCS began in 2009 in Camden County and is now being duplicated in nearly 40 communities throughout the US.

"This is a time for us to thank and honor the high school graduates going into the Service who often receive little recognition," said the OCS President and Founder, Kenneth Hartman, Ed.D. "These young men and women may be going off to war and need our praise, guidance and support."

The following local enlistees were recognized at the event:

### Pennsauken High School

Lorenzo Morales, US Army  
Nhiem Bien, US Marines  
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## Middle School Students Of The Month

The administration and staff of Phifer Middle School are proud to announce the following students that have been selected as the Students of the Month for April.

### Seventh Grade

Shelby Leshnov, Alex Delgado, Kayla Brown, Jose Morales, Steven Do, Jesse Lozano, Bryanna Tatem, and Angelia Pho.



Several students from Pennsauken were among the over 50 young men and women recognized for enlisting into the military after graduation.

Nini Tran, US Army National Guard  
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### Pennsauken Counselor Honored

In addition to the over 50 students recognized at the formal ceremony, Dennis Armento, a counselor at Pennsauken High School, received the General Colin L. Powell Service Award. The annual award recognizes the critical responsibilities high school counselors have in providing guidance, counseling and mentoring; and, in educating, coaching and assisting all students as they assess their accomplishments, talents, interests and aspirations.

### Eighth Grade

Selena Morales, David Charris, Jaelon Roman, Rosawandavi Thach, Giovanni Mateo, Kieu Vo, Christian Jackson, Kenedi Atwell, Felix Liu, and Karina Rios.

Congratulations!

## Roosevelt School Holds The First-Ever "Roosevelt Academy"



Mother and son work together at the first-ever Roosevelt Academy.

On the evening of April 28, Roosevelt Elementary School families participated in the first-ever "Roosevelt Academy," where students and parents learn together. The educational evening was put together by Principal Rosalyn Lawrence, head teacher Maureen Walsh, third grade teacher Susan Ben-Abdallah, and second grade teacher Christina Johnson.

Families were actively engaged in a variety of math activities. Some of these activities were grade specific, such as the "Guess My Number" game; others were adaptable for all elementary grade levels, like "Up, Up, Up and Away." The literacy games like "Roll for Reading" and "Incredible Inferences" focused on reading comprehension and inferring. Additional activities included the many high-demand rounds of "Academic Bingo."

An amazing time was had by all; and as eloquently exclaimed by a first grader, "I never knew learning could be so much fun!"

## Carson Students Excited To Watch Things Grow

Mrs. Davis, ESL teacher at Carson Elementary, reports that the first grade English Language Learners explored how things around us change and grow. They were all thrilled to see that little tiny seeds could grow to be big green plants.

By reading "The Tiny Seed," by Eric Carle, the first graders learned that some seeds don't get the chance to grow into beautiful plants. Students also discovered that they could do their part to help nature, by being careful where they step and by not hurting bees and butterflies so that plants can grow and make the environment BEAUTIFUL!



Teacher Mrs. Ben-Abdallah poses with a parent and student during the inaugural event.



Students get some help from Roosevelt staff during the "Incredible Inferences" game.



Language Arts activities are enjoyed by these students.



Students and parents work together on Language Arts activities.



These students liked working on math activities during the Roosevelt Academy.



The organizers of the Roosevelt Academy activity take the time for a photo.

To top the evening off, PTA donated gift cards that were raffled off to parents and students; names were also drawn to win a book. Every family received a

Roosevelt Academy reusable bag with education ideas and games to play at home.

Staff, students and their families are looking forward to next year's Roosevelt Academy event!



Carson's English Language Learners display their nature-focused stories and illustrations created in the classroom.

### PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

For further information about the articles or events published in the Pennsauken School News section of "All Around Pennsauken" please contact:

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## Burling School Celebrates Earth Day



Mrs. Johnson displays the flowers the students and staff planted in the front of Burling Elementary School to commemorate Earth Day 2015.

## Burling School Presents "Muffins With Mom"



The first-annual "Muffins with Mom" event celebrating Mother's Day was held at Burling School on May 8. Mothers and children enjoyed spending quality time together before school began. Mrs. Wilkerson, head teacher at Burling, spearheaded this well attended and very successful activity.

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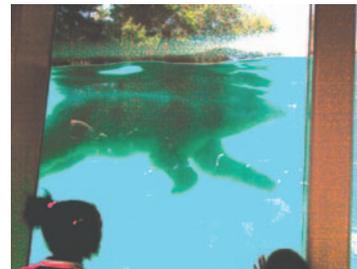
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## **BOARDBITS:** Approaching Summer With Plans For The Upcoming School Year

As we approach the summer months, the signs of the new season are becoming more and more visible. We see flowers blooming, the trees finally becoming full with leaves, and the weather becoming warmer each day. After months of cold weather and very few symbols of nature's beauty, summer's first signs always provide us with a time to think about the past and approach our new season from a fresh perspective.

Likewise, the Pennsauken Board of Education enters into the summer months by looking back over the last year, taking into account what we have learned during the past 12 months. This usually begins with the adoption of our budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016, which will serve as a guideline for the Board of Education's and administration's goals for the upcoming school year.

Our formal budget hearing was conducted on May 5, at which time we finalized and adopted the next school

year budget. The priorities that are set forth in the budget have shifted this upcoming year, with enhancing our instructional program as the main focus of our resources within the District.

In conjunction with the formulating and adopting the Pennsauken School District's budget, the Board of Education has also adopted a new District Mission Statement, Board Beliefs, and Board Goals for the upcoming year. These highlight the priorities of the Board, which include: improving achievement for all of our students; creating a cost-effective budget that supports the entire District, including our educational resources and facilities; and enhancing communication and outreach between home, school and the community at large.

Over the last several months, the Board and the administration have focused a great deal of attention on fulfilling these goals. For example, through careful study of the programs we currently offer and our student per-

formance, our administration believes that we must look at not only improving our programs, but also providing support to improve instruction of our students. Guided by our budget and this goal, the Board has approved the use of District resources to purchase a new literacy program for grades K-8 to help increase student achievement. This program is aligned with the Core Curriculum Standards and offers consistency and continuity across the grade levels. This literacy program was recommended to us by our superintendent and supervisor of language arts, after the administration and staff surveyed various programs to assess which would work best for our District. Additionally, the administration, recognizing that changes to our program were needed to also support this goal, will be focusing on enhancing the instructional program by hiring more subject area coaches, whose role will be to support our teachers by helping

them utilize effective strategies in the classroom environment. Also at our May 5 meeting, the Board of Education approved a motion to explore the possibility of restoring the magnet school format by creating a specialized school within the District.

We have also improved our facilities by adding air conditioners in our oldest buildings, Roosevelt and Longfellow Schools, which helps to create a comfortable learning environment for students and teachers as we enter into the warm, summer months.

Last but not least, we are working towards changes on the School District's web site to increase our communication with the community. Our first major change will be to post all of the policies that have been revised during the last 15 months. This will ensure transparency between the Board and the Pennsauken community.

The Board of Education's focus on this new perspective will motivate

many changes within the Pennsauken School District and the community at large. The Board is committed to working diligently, in cooperation with the administrators and staff of the District, to ensure that our schools are successful. We invite the Pennsauken community to offer any suggestions or advice at our monthly meetings, as we embark on this challenging endeavor.

### **Board Bit Of The Month**

Did you know... the Board of Education's operating budget for the 2015-2016 is over \$100 million? Approximately one-third of that budget comes directly from tax revenue collected from citizens and property owners in Pennsauken.

*The members of the Pennsauken Board of Education are Nick Perry (President), Dung Nguyen (Vice President), Armando Diaz, Mike Hurley, Diane Johnson, Dr. Allyson Meloni, Leona Moss, Meg Snyder, and Joann Young. For more information on the Board of Education, visit Pennsauken.net.*

## **Carson Students Learn About PowerPoint**

First-grade students are having fun with PowerPoint in Ms. Straub's class! Creating slides, resizing columns, and entering text are some of the skills being mastered. In addition, first graders enjoyed putting their creativity to work by

adding background colors and clip art to slides.

Their topic is the four seasons and they brainstormed such sentences as, "Ice cream tastes good in the summer."



Students at Carson Elementary School work on their PowerPoint presentations in class.

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## Pennsauken's Larke Receives "Teacher As Hero" Award

Pennsauken resident Marilyn Larke was among the 15 educators who received the "Teacher as Hero Award" for 2015. The award is presented by the National Liberty Museum and sponsored by State Farm.

The National Liberty Museum invited fellow educators, school administrators, students, and community members to share stories of teachers who have made a positive impact in the community. Community members were asked to

nominate educators who foster an appreciation for diversity in the classroom; teach students how to resolve conflicts respectfully; give students a deeper understanding of the relationship between rights and responsibilities; honor the student voice in the classroom and in public spaces; take risks in order to remove an obstacle to a student's liberty; incorporate the above concepts in their relationships with colleagues and community members; or demonstrate excellence in

teaching teen driver safety or an auto safety initiative. After receiving an overwhelming number of submissions, the judging was then done by the National Liberty Museum's leadership in consultation with State Farm.

Larke, who teaches Business Technology for the Legal Assistant program at the Pennsauken campus of the Camden County Technical School, focuses on law, ethics and character education as part of her lessons to 10th and 11th graders. She was nominated for the award by one of her students, Xiomara Colon.

"Mrs. Larke insures that we are able to succeed as long as we have good morals and self-confidence. Building our own character is something she works on everyday in our class," wrote Colon.

"Mrs. Larke is a remarkable teacher who tells us about the world around us and how we can begin to change it if we stand for what we believe in. In the two years of knowing Mrs. Larke, I learned that her purpose wasn't to tell us her story, but to help us find our own."

"Every year, we cover a lot of things that focus on diversity, conflict, reflection, what it means to be a productive citizen



Marilyn Larke, a Pennsauken resident and teacher at Camden County Technical School, Pennsauken Campus, was recognized with the "Teacher As Hero" Award, presented by the National Liberty Museum and Sponsored by State Farm.

in this society. We cover a lot of civic obligations and responsibilities," says Larke. "It's important to share information on standing up for what is right. In order to be a productive citizen, you're charged with that responsibility. Now is the time as young people to encourage that."

As part of her curriculum, Larke also

arranges an annual field trip to the National Liberty Museum. While there, students learn about individuals including Anne Frank, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Nelson Mandela, who provide wonderful examples of courage and leadership.

"It's important for young people to see that in despite of what you may be going through, there are heroes, real heroes, out there making a difference," explains Larke. "And you can be one of these people."

Beginning this month, the stories of Larke and the rest of the winners will be displayed in the National Liberty Museum's Live Like a Hero Gallery for one year, presenting a visually captivating "Teacher as Hero" exhibit for all the public to see. The museum is located at 321 Chestnut St. in Philadelphia, Pa and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week.

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## SENIORCORNER

### Pennsauken Seniors Enjoy Discounted Memberships At Municipal Pool

By Sonny DiSabato  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

A reminder for all Pennsauken seniors to take advantage of the best deal around! You can purchase a membership for the Pennsauken Township Municipal Pool's 2015 season for just \$20! The pool is currently open just on week-ends from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Beginning June 20, the pool will be open daily from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. through Sept. 7. Join the pool and enjoy the beautiful facility and converse with other seniors.

For additional information about becoming a member, please call Elwood Martz at (856) 665-1000 x151.

### Delaware Gardens Neighborhood Initiative Seeks Input, Engagement From Residents

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is called Saturdays at Spirit. A food co-op, located at the Spirit Building, 27 N. 36th St., the facility also offers free classes in home maintenance, bible study and prayer, a monthly community meal, book sharing, and computer instruction for beginners. Delaware Gardens residents are encouraged to visit the co-op on the Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to get more information. Residents may also call Soley Berrios in the office at (856) 382-1878 to learn more.

### Youth Council Meetings

An initial Youth Council meeting was held on April 15 to get young adults involved in improving the community. Twenty people attended and completed surveys to determine areas of interest and concern. The Youth Council is looking to expand its membership, and will plan and execute neighborhood events and service projects, address resident concerns, and hopefully influence policy issues affecting Delaware Gardens. The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Building. Interested young people are asked to contact Ashley Taylor at

### Public Hearing On Sen-Han Transit

Pursuant to the New Jersey Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDR-TAP), notice is hereby given that on June 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Senior Citizens United Community Services, Inc. (SCUCS), 537 Nicholson Rd., Audubon, a hearing will be held to accept input concerning the 2016 application by Sen-

ior Citizens United Community Services, Inc. (SEN-HAN Transit), the designated Camden County recipient of funding under SCDRTAP through NJ Transit, at which time any and all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Initial presentations will be limited to five minutes. Summarized copies of grant activities and copies of the proposed budget will be available at

the hearing on June 18. Questions regarding Access Link will not be entertained at this hearing.

Any senior citizen or person with a disability desiring transportation to this hearing may call SEN-HAN Transit at (856) 456-3344 no later than June 11; transportation will be on a space available basis. For those residents unable to attend the hearing, written comments

and/or testimony will be accepted through June 11. Please send correspondence to SCUCS, Inc., Attention: Camden County SCDRTAP, 537 Nicholson Rd., Audubon, NJ 08106.

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# CLERKS CORNER

## Changes In Polling Locations For June Primary

By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

As we have been asked by the Camden County Board of Elections to move our Township's polling locations out of our schools, it is possible that your polling location will change from the June primary election onward.

If you voted at the following locations you polling location will change, beginning with the June primary:

- St. Cecilia's School, Districts 1 and 24, moves to Pennsauken Fire Company #2, located at 2215 Merchantville Ave.
- Intermediate School, Districts 3 and 23, moves to Faith Independent Bible Church, 7651 Rogers Ave.
- Carson School, District 4, moves to Lutheran Senior Residence 5610 Rt. 130
- Ben Franklin School, Districts 13 and 18, moves to the Masonic Lodge 6926

Park Ave.

- Fine School, District 17, moves to The Rising Community Church, 3465 Haddonfield Rd.
- Camden County VocTec, District 21, moves to Stonegate at St. Stephen's Senior Residence, 5101 Stonegate Dr.
- Burling School, District 20, moves to Stonegate at St. Stephen's Senior Residence, 5101 Stonegate Dr.
- Delair School, Districts 9 and 14, moves to St. Mathew's United Methodist Church, 1665 Derosse Ave.
- District 6 moves from The Rising Community Church to Pennsauken Senior Towers, 8001 Maple Ave.

Below is a list of polling locations for the upcoming election.

Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 ext. 122 or 124.

Polling Location	Street Address	District #s
Pennsauken Fire Company #2	2215 Merchantville Ave.	1 & 24
Baldwin School	41st & Sharon Terrace	2
Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Lutheran Senior Residence	5610 Rt. #130	4 & 16
Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Library	5605 N. Rt. 130	7
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
St. Mathews United Methodist Church	1665 Derosse Ave.	9 & 14
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 North Route #130	11
Longfellow School	1400 Forrest Ave.	12, 15 & 19
Masonic Lodge	6926 Park Ave.	13 & 18
The Rising Community Church	3465 Haddonfield Rd.	17
Stonegate Apartments	5105 Stonegate Dr.	20 & 21
Cooper River Plaza	2400 McClellan Dr.	22

## Pennsauken Fire Department Receives Grant For New Equipment

By Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, Sr., Pennsauken Township Fire Department

I am proud to announce to our residents that the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application submitted by the Pennsauken, Collingswood and Camden Fire Departments has been awarded in the first round of 2015 presentations.

The overall award to the three municipalities totals \$1,538,758.00 for the complete replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) worn by firefighters in all three departments.

The largest share of the awarded funding, \$857,304, is for the Pennsauken Fire Department for the replacement of all of SCBA devices, to include a spare breathing air cylinder and a personal face mask for each firefighter in the department. The breathing apparatus we will be replacing was purchased 15 years ago. We will be afforded the most technologically advanced and fully compliant respiratory protection available.

This project was completed by the efforts of a working group from all three departments. Our representative on the

working group was Firefighter Justin Squibb of Engine Company 1132.

This grant award makes three separate AFG awards for the Pennsauken Fire Department. In 2006, we were awarded \$138,000 for firefighter turn-out gear; in 2008, we were awarded \$675,000 for the replacement of a tower ladder apparatus; and now, the 2015 award at \$857,304. This creates a total savings to Pennsauken taxpayers of \$1,670,304, allowing us to more efficiently and effectively protect Township residences and businesses.

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## Homegrown Talent Van Sciver Draws Green Lantern, Batman, And More

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Ethan Van Sciver is a very talented artist at DC Comics with a career that spans 17 years. Van Sciver's work on several titles, featuring iconic characters including The Flash and Green Lantern, has helped him achieve celebrity status in comic book circles. He's also a local talent, growing up in Merchantville and graduating from Pennsauken High School in 1992. All Around Pennsauken caught up with Ethan as he was signing autographs and drawing commissioned pieces for fans at Wizard World Comic Con Philadelphia last month.

It's been a long journey for Van Sciver, who went from a job as a caricaturist at the Cherry Hill Mall to providing the artwork for the "zero issue" of "Convergence," DC's kick-off to its summer blockbuster event.

"It didn't come quickly or really easily. I started out with this idea that I was going to work in independent comics," says Van Sciver. "I have my own comic called 'Cyberfrog.' I was working on that as a teenager and into my early twenties. Surge Enterprises, the agency that took the 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' and developed them into a worldwide phenomenon, they decided they wanted to represent 'Cyberfrog.' But nothing really came of it; they got a deal together but it fell apart. I thought that was going to be the end.

"I ended up, just out of necessity, going over to work at DC around 1997. I've been there ever since, quite happily."

Van Sciver broke into DC at the same time as Geoff Johns, who currently serves as DC Comic's chief creative officer. They've collaborated on a variety of projects from the popular one-shot "Flash: Iron Heights," to numerous Green Lantern projects that helped revitalize the franchise and helped spawn a major motion picture.

"He was doing something called, 'Day of Judgement' and 'Stars and S.T.R.I.P.E.,' and I was working kind of in the same universe doing 'Impulse,'" says Van Sciver. "He wrote an issue of 'Impulse' that I did the cover for and we kind of became friends and talked about doing great stuff together."



**Ethan Van Sciver, who grew up in Merchantville and graduated from Pennsauken High School, has a career in comics that spans 17 years.**

Van Sciver spent time in Orlando for several years and currently resides in North Carolina. But he's decided to make the move back to New Jersey for the best of reasons: love.

"I'm dating a girl that I met when I was 18. She's great. Her name's Andrea. She saw me create 'Cyberfrog.' She was right there when all that happened. And she stayed in New Jersey.

"I've been all around the country now; I can't put my finger on it, but New Jersey is always home," adds Van Sciver. "I love the culture; I love the food; I love the people."

For young aspiring artists in Pennsauken and Merchantville hoping to be their generation's "Ethan Van Sciver," he offers this advice. "You need to devote all of your time to drawing a comic book. Draw your own book. Work on it diligently every day. Try to do a page a day. Put it in front of people and let people look at it. Show it to your friends. Something that kids have now that I didn't have in 1993 when I started was the Internet. It's very easy to get published digitally and very easy to show off your work that way. And I would recommend that they do that. It's a good way to get attention from publishers and other creative people."

*For an extended version of this article and to see some of Van Sciver's work, visit [AllAroundPennsauken.com](http://AllAroundPennsauken.com).*

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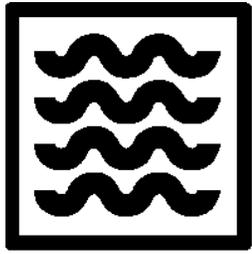


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# MPWC WATERLINES

## A Commitment To The Environment And Sustainability

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission is committed to protecting the environment and doing its part to practice and promote sustainability whenever possible.



### Westfield Avenue Construction

The headquarters building, located at 6751 Westfield Avenue in Pennsauken, was constructed using green technologies. The site uses a geothermal system for heating and cooling. Light sensors and high efficiency lighting are used throughout the building. A heat transfer wheel

was installed to temper the outside air used in the heating and cooling system. Low flow fixtures were used in the bathrooms. As much as possible, green materials were used throughout the building, including bamboo flooring and recycled material furniture.

### Irrigation

The MPWC partnered with the Township of Pennsauken to install smart irrigation weather sensors on some of the larger recreational complexes in our service area. The sensors monitor the amount of precipitation that has fallen and current weather conditions, adjusting how much water is used to irrigate the fields. Depending on the weather, as much as 50 percent of the water used to irrigate fields can be saved.

### Woodbine Treatment Plant

The MPWC installed variable frequency drives (VFDs) on the two well motors at the Woodbine Treatment Plant. The original site configuration had the well pumps gated back to reduce the flow. By installing VFDs on the well pump motors, the motors can run at slower speeds, saving electricity at the site. The new VFDs use 40 percent of the electricity that the original well motors used.



### Browning Solar Field

A total of 1,188 solar panels were

installed at the Browning Road plant to produce 275 KW of electrical energy. The solar energy produced by the panels is used to power the treatment equipment at that site. Approximately 75 percent of the energy used at the site comes from the solar field. There are no greenhouse emissions associated with solar, and the field is cheaper to operate for the MPWC than buying electricity through our local provider.



### Arbor Day

As part of the MPWC's commit-

ment to the environment and its natural resources, the Commissioners and staff acknowledge the vital importance of trees to the conservation of soil, energy, water, wildlife, and the atmosphere by planting trees in honor of Arbor Day at locations in both Pennsauken Township and the Borough of Merchantville.

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## The Beginning Of 50 Years Of Historical Work In Pennsauken

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“The Pennsauken Historical Society is something very special,” adds Pennsauken Deputy Mayor John Figueroa, who serves as the Township Committee’s liaison to the organizations that are stewards of the two historic homes in our community. “They are very dedicated and committed to preserving our Township’s history. They do a fantastic job.”

Starting at 12:00 p.m., the Burrough-Dover House will be open for tours with docents in all rooms. According to Weber, these dedicated individuals are the life’s blood of the organization. “Without them, we wouldn’t be able to show the house.” One such docent is Adele Haines, who at 97 years young, still drives herself to the Burrough-Dover House and eagerly greets guests.

At 1:00 p.m., there will be demonstrations by the Pennsauken Fire Department. But instead of harkening back to firefighting’s past, they’ll be using the most modern and up-to-date equipment to be found anywhere in the area.

Beginning at 2:00 p.m., the grounds of the Burrough-Dover House will be occupied by the 12th New Jersey Civil War re-enactors. Visitors can see how soldiers of the past camped and look over their equipment. Re-enactors will also be happy to answer questions from the public.

At 3:00 p.m., members of Pennsauken’s Township Committee and other distinguished guests will be on hand for a special ceremony: the dedication the “Joseph E. Fitzpatrick Nostalgia Museum.” Joe was a long-serving president of the Pennsauken Historical Society and a very active community member who passed away in July of last year.

“We are so proud and honored that this museum is being dedicated in his memory. It means so much to our family,” says Beverly Fitzpatrick, Joe’s widow. “Joe loved this old house and he loved taking care of it. We’re so happy that his legacy will go on and that he’ll be remembered through the museum.”

After the ceremony, the Pennsauken Historical Society will cut their anniversary cake, which will be shared with all guests in attendance. Throughout the day, there will be musical entertainment,

as well as the “Gimmee Delights” Ice Cream Cart, which will be distributing free ice cream. Visitors are also welcome to tour the grounds and the nature trail during the event.

The Burrough-Dover House attracts visitors not just from Pennsauken, but surrounding communities as well. Often times, these guests are actual descendants of the Burrough family who still live in the area. Rich Burrough of Audubon spoke of the sense pride his family has, knowing that his ancestors are part of Pennsauken’s historical fabric. “I call the Burrough-Dover House a ‘mini Smithsonian.’ It’s a great little museum and time piece.”

“We feel it’s our responsibility to show up and be there for the Historical Society,” adds Burrough. “They’re all volunteers; it’s a great thing all around.”

According to Weber, the key to having the Pennsauken Historical Society around for another 50 years is volunteers. “That’s a big thing. We need more volunteers to be able to make this place grow.” He also spoke of the importance of creating additional awareness of both the Burrough-Dover and Griffith Morgan houses, two touchstones that reach back to Pennsauken’s past. “The houses speak for themselves. We need people to come out to see what’s here.”

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# inBooks

**PENNSAUKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

By Maira Diaz

Hello Pennsauken! In the last five years, I've addressed you through this column as your Reference Librarian. But this month, I've started as the Pennsauken Free Public Library's new Children's and Young Adult (C&YA) Librarian.

This new position is both an honor and a privilege. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to serving you as the head of the Library's Youth Services.

Reading during the summer makes a HUGE difference in maintaining our children's academic skills, helping them start the new school year on a strong footing. To help encourage and motivate your youngsters, come out to our Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration on Saturday, June 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00

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p.m. for food, fun, raffles, giveaways, and more! Sign up for our annual Summer Reading Challenge and receive prizes for targeted minutes or pages read. Last year, 223 participants read 94,244 minutes! This year, let's break the record and aim for 100,000 minutes! Pennsauken, we can do it!

The theme this year's summer reading program is, "Every Hero has a Story." We've planned fun and engaging programs: local environmental, community, and animal heroes coming to the Library; "Super Summer" storytimes; reading buddies; Wednesday morning movies; Zumba; "Garden Time" with Miss Maira; "Hero Hunters;" LEGO Club; passes for specific area museums; and much more.

For a list of specific dates and times, check the Library Events column in the

July issue of All Around Pennsauken or visit the Library's events page at [PennsaukenLibrary.org](http://PennsaukenLibrary.org).

I welcome you to visit me at the C&YA desk to share your ideas and suggestions, and/or volunteer. Together, let's make a difference!

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## June Library Events

### For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- LEGO Club – Wednesdays, June 3, 10 & 17; 4:30-5:15 p.m. Children can build the wild vehicles, buildings and creatures in their imaginations! For all ages.
- Super Summer Storytime – Mondays, June 22 & 29; 11:00-11:30 a.m. Miss Maira welcomes you to a fun-filled session of stories, songs, and a craft. For ages 0-5.
- Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration – Saturday, June 27; 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Come and celebrate Summer Reading with food, giveaways, a raffle, and more! Sign up your child for the 2015 Summer Reading Challenge, which rewards youngsters with prizes for reading. For all ages.

### For Teens & Adults:

- Book Club – Thursday, June 4; 10:00-11:30 a.m. Discussing this month's book choice, "The Rosie Project," by Graeme Simsion.
- Food Bank of South Jersey – Tuesday, June 9; 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The

Food Bank of South Jersey is distributing vouchers to qualified individuals for fresh produce.

- Friends of the Library Meeting – Wednesday, June 10; 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting.
- Health Insurance Marketplace Special Enrollment – Tuesday, June 16; 10:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Appointments are available for those who would like to investigate their eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP, or for those who have had qualifying changes to their health insurance, such as losing your job, getting married, having a baby, or a death in the family. Call (877) 922-2377 to make a private appointment to meet with a trained health navigator at the Library. She will help you apply and enroll in a health insurance plan that best fits your family's needs.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, June 22; 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Library Board is the governing body for the Pennsauken Free Public Library. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.

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## GOING GREEN No Till Gardening: Less Work Can Yield Better Results

By Kathleen Harvey,  
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

Growing up, I learned that growing vegetables required purchasing soil additives like peat moss and composted cow manure, tilling or turning them into the soil every spring. It is labor intensive, backbreaking work. As I, ahem, mature, I am thinking there must be an easier way. Turns out, there is!

What farmers, market gardeners and small plot owners are trending now is either total no till farming or "conservation tillage." This means leaving the ground and any cover undisturbed, but using, if necessary, less damaging machinery to open up enough of a furrow or hole; and in many cases, doing the sowing or planting with the same run. Small scale gardeners, such as homeowners and community gardeners may find that a pitch fork and rake with occasional spade and trowel use are adequate.

The golden rule with no till gardening is to avoid inverting the soil, and to tread lightly or not at all on the planting area. With no till gardening, once the bed is established the surface is never disturbed. Amendments such as compost, manure, peat, lime and fertilizer are "top dressed," added to the top of the bed where they will be pulled into the subsoil by rain, watering, and the activity of subsoil organisms. Weeding is largely reduced by the mulch layer – even less work! By adding material in layers (for the chefs out there, think lasagna), the underlying soil surface remains spongy, making it easy for the young roots of newly planted seedlings to work through the soil. This is similar to the way soil is formed in nature. Mulch is an essential part of no-till gardening. A thick layer of mulch will keep the soil from drying out and crusting over, which restricts nutrient and water flow to the subsoil. Leaves, especially from deciduous trees such as Maple and Oak, add valuable nutrients to the soil. Mulch will

provide cover for soil insects and often dramatically increases the earthworm population. Worms and other soil life are important to healthy soil structure; their tunnels provide aeration and drainage, and their excretions bind together soil crumbs. No-till systems are said to have fewer pests and disease, possibly due to a more balanced soil population being allowed to build up in this comparatively undisturbed environment, and by encouraging the buildup of beneficial soil fungi. Thick layers of mulch allow water to pass through easily, while shading the soil. This reduces water loss to evaporation, while maintaining a moist growing environment beneficial for root growth. Healthy topsoil contains carbon-enriched humus and decaying organic matter that provides nutrients to plants.

The moist conditions of the soil beneath the mulch create an ideal environment for earthworms, which aerate the soil and stimulate root growth.

So for the last two years, I have experimented with my lasagna garden. In the fall, old newspapers with black vegetable ink formed the bottom layer to smother weeds as they emerge in the spring. Next, homemade compost was added. It holds the newspapers in place and begins to send nutrients through the soil as it rains and snows. Then, dry leaves dropped by the trees were gathered and piled several inches deep in each flowerbed. Leaves are a valuable source of carbon, and layering with compost, keep the soil aerated and prevent leaf matting. Lime and wood ashes from a wood burning fireplace can be added too. Trips were made to local horse farms carrying heavy duty trash bags, shovels and gloves. Don't forget to wear boots! Many horse farms will let you shovel their manure if you provide the labor. After returning to my garden with freshly gathered manure, this became the next layer on top of the dried leaf and compost mixture. Fresh manure

is too strong for young seedlings, but layering it in the fall provides sufficient time for it to decompose by spring. Next, a thin layer of used potting soil remaining from freshly transplanted houseplants was spread. This soilless mixture contains dead leaves from the house plants, and a bit of fertilizer residue. Now spring is well under way! It's time to plant tomato, vegetable, herb and flower seedlings. When planting seedlings, pull the mulch back

and dig into the surface just enough to set the plant. The depth of mulch can be only a few inches when seedlings are first planted, then pushed back into place as the plants grow. Keep mulch away from the stems of tomatoes, peppers and long-stemmed plants.

No-till gardening requires some experimentation to find the right combination for your garden. Ideally, start with one or two beds in the garden for testing plant-

ing methods. Over time, the remaining garden beds can be transitioned to no-till. If you have a good supply of mulching materials and reapply them as necessary throughout the growing season, you can enjoy the benefits of a productive garden with less work in the spring, with less weeding and less water used throughout the summer. Not to mention saving all that back breaking work!

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## **PUBLICWORKS** National Public Works Week And A Glimpse of Public Works In 1955

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,  
Department of Public Works

The week of May 17 was National Public Works Week. Although I may be biased, I would like to give a sincere “thank you” to Pennsauken’s dedicated staff at the Department of Public Works. This includes the tree trimmer removing unsafe trees; the parks crew maintaining the many athletic fields and parks; the mechanics that keep every police car, fire engine, ambulance and work truck running; and the road patch crew that help to maintain the countless miles of roads that wind through Pennsauken. Whether they are street sweepers, part of the

storm basin maintenance crew, or plow snow, these men are relied upon 365 days a year to keep intact many of the “quality of life” services for a large town of over 35,000 residents.

A recent viewing of a 1955 documentary entitled “Our Town” gives an overview of Pennsauken growing exponentially in residential, commercial and industrial development. The recording specifically mentions 1955’s Department of Public Works having 22 trucks, two bulldozers, one leaf loader, one road grader, two street sweepers, one branch chipper, one tractor/grass cutter, a variety of miscellaneous equipment, and a staff

of 55. Sixty years later, the biggest change is the number of staff currently employed by Public Works: 28, including three management personnel. Pennsauken has always been 12 square miles, but a portion of that wasn’t developed back then. The section known as “Bloomfield” was at its infancy back in 1955, with areas now known as Chadwick (I, II, III), Meadowbrook, and Maple Commons not being developed until much later. From a manpower perspective, your Department of Public Works covers more ground with roughly half the staff available in 1955. The equipment has evolved, but the laborious work is still needed; rain or

shine, hot or cold. It’s incredible what our staff can do on a daily basis, and I thank them again for their hard work and dedication to the Township of Pennsauken and its residents.

### **Yard Debris**

Waste Management collects the entire town’s yard debris each and every Wednesday during the year. You can place as many containers, bags or bundles of various yard trimmings at your curb on Tuesday evenings, no earlier than 4:00 p.m. Remember, you CAN NOT put yard debris in recycle buckets! For those of you who want to maxi-

mize the enjoyment of the summer weekend after a long work week, I recommend cutting your lawn on Tuesdays after you return home from work. There are a couple advantages to this schedule: How many times have you forgotten to drag that bag of grass clippings to the curb on Tuesday evening? The smell of the clippings starting to decompose is terrible – not to mention the flies! That same fluffy bag you stored on the side of your home since Saturday now feels about 100 pounds! This is another reminder that a Tuesday cutting may be beneficial. But arguably, the best reason is the time of day that you would end up performing the work. With workable daylight stretching past 8:00 p.m. these days, in combination with less heat from a setting sun, this task can be more enjoyable than on a hot Saturday morning.

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The Township Committee and I are

also glad that we were able to make this decision in a timely matter, not just for our residents, but for our officers as well. Their job is challenging enough without having this issue hang over their heads.

In closing, the entire Pennsauken Township Committee would like to

thank our residents, our businesses, and our police department, for their feedback regarding this very important matter. Only by working together as a town can we make Pennsauken Township an even better place to live and work.

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## Police Department Honors Pennsauken's Finest Officers

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Heather Richards, Larry Holtz, William Rosario, William Stow, David Robey, and James DePasquale.

The police also recognized the actions of citizens that assist the police in making the Pennsauken community safer. This year, the Pennsauken Police honored Arianna Rivera, Brian Anderson, Kyle Frazier, Stephen Robinson, and Gabrielle Robinson.

The Richard Dawson Award for Meritorious Service annually honors officers that demonstrate exemplary performance of duty. The 2015 recipients are Detective Ken Nelson, Detective Brian Polaski, Officer Michael Biazzo, Officer Michael Killion, Officer Jody Pasquale, Officer Joe Hurley, Officer Juan Rivera, Officer Todd Goshler, Officer Brian May, Officer Louis Belsito, Officer Mark Bristow, and Officer Yvette Truitt.

The George Bowman Memorial Award for Dedication and Professionalism is given annually to the officer who best exemplifies the dedication to police service demonstrated by Officer Bowman; this year's recipient was Officer Craig Adair.

The Police Officer of the Year Award is given to a Pennsauken Police officer

whose performance and dedication to his or her profession and character serves as an example to their fellow officers and brings credit to the agency. Candidates for this award are submitted by police supervisors and then voted on by the Pennsauken Police rank and file. This year's Police Officer of the Year is Officer Raymond Gilbert.

In addition to the awards presented by the Pennsauken Police Department, Officer Steven Reese, who recently completed the challenging and highly-competitive Police Leadership and Supervision School at the Gloucester County Police Academy, received recognition by the academy for having the highest score in his class.

At the end of the awards ceremony, Pennsauken Police Chief John Coffey took a moment to thank everyone for attending. He went on to explain that the officers being recognized were very much indicative of each officer on Pennsauken's police force.

"This is just a small sampling of what goes on every day. We appreciate all our officers," says Coffey. "We are a very service-oriented police department. I think our residents have confidence in us that we're going to do a good job all the time. They should feel safe, living in this town."



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## Recognizing Some Of Pennsauken's College Graduates

It's that special time of year where eager, young men and women put on caps and gowns to celebrate their academic accomplishments and to prepare for their next big steps in life.

On May 18, Pennsauken resident Melissa N. Lamboy received her Master of Social Work from Rutgers University. Lamboy earned her Bachelor of Arts in social work from Rutgers in 2014; she also received an associate's degree in liberal arts and science from Camden County College in 2012. Lamboy is a 2007 graduate of the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf. She received a principal award for achieving academic excellence and maintaining a positive educational attitude. Melissa is a member of the Delta Epsilon Lota Academic Honor Society and the Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work.

Marcus W. Biddle of Pennsauken has graduated with honors from Rutgers University-Camden with a Bachelor of Arts in urban studies. He is also the recipient of the Rutgers University-Camden Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award, given by members of the faculty and staff. This award is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the campus.



**Pennsauken residents Melissa Lamboy and Marcus Biddle are recent graduates of Rutgers University. Lamboy received her Master of Social Work and Biddle graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in urban studies.**

Biddle is the immediate past vice president of Phi Mu Delta Fraternity and was president of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Camden County College, where he received his associate's degree. He has also received the President's Volunteer Service Award and the Congressional Award, the United States Congress' award for young Americans. Marcus is interested in graduate studies in non-profit management.

*Have a graduation announcement for a Pennsauken resident? E-mail it to [aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us). Don't forget to include a picture!*

## Friends Of Library Congratulate Poetry Contest Winners

The six judges had a tough time choosing the best from among the 341 entries – nearly 100 more than last year – in the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library's 16th annual Mary W. Levin Poetry Contest. Students from six Pennsauken schools participated, along with several home-schooled poets and a baker's dozen of adult entries rounding out the pack. Not only were the poems themselves creative, but equally so were the "vehicles" they came on: literally all sizes and shapes ranging from 5" x 6" scrap paper to an 8" construction paper fir tree. Several even came with accompanying drawings on extra-large 11" x 17" sheets!

The first and second place winners for the shape poem category for the Primary Level (K-1) are Yaira Gomez-Torres with "Ice Crystal" and Marissa Gonzalez with "Spaghetti." For the word poem category for the Primary Level, the first and second place winners are Fatimah Covington for "Trash" and Chloe Burgos for "Mom and Aunt Angie."

Jada Sayers with "All About Grey," Aaron Wade with "Life as a Game," and Andre Pratt with "My Room" placed first, second and third in the Elementary Grades Level (2-4) with their serious poems. In the amusing category, Amina

Dyer's "Green I's," Angelina Thach with "The Chalk," and Angel Vazquez with "Too Hot" finished the Elementary Grades Level.

Angela Nguyen and Miriam Chaplin came in first and second in the serious category for their poems "And So I Did" and "Souls," while Kalib Pagan and Princess Ellis won the same honors in the amusing category with "Fantastic Fabulous French Toast" and "Awesome Atlantic City" for Elementary Grades Level (5-8).

Rounding out the evening is our High School Category winner, Arriea Wilson, for "Think." Finally, our Adult Category winner, Diane A. Smith, won with her poem, "Endangered Generation."

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped judge the submissions. And let's not forget the special awards presenter for the evening, Diane Joyce, principal of Baldwin and Carson Elementary Schools, who in past years has kept things moving along smoothly, even when the microphone decided to go mute or when some of the poets contracted a bad case of stage fright – and also went mute!

The Friends are already looking forward to next year's batch of entries for the 17th annual Mary W. Levin Poetry Contest, and hope that the many poetic residents of Pennsauken and Merchantville are as well.



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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS Five Student Athletes Qualify For States

By Billy Wright, Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

The high school championship season has arrived, and five of the six PHS spring teams will compete in post season competition. Peaking at the right time could very well lead the Indians to some success, which has been tough to come by so far this season. Baseball, girls lacrosse, boys and girls track and field, and boys volleyball will put their best foot forward after a 10-week scrimmage and regular competition season.

Track and field begins their post season at the sectionals, held at Central High School. The top six in each event qualify for the NJSIAA State Group Championships; the top six from the state group championship advance to the Meet of Champions. The girls will be led by defending sectional champions Olivia Jamison in the sprints and Indigo Pascall in the long jump. Also expecting to score high is Asia Davis, BCSL League 100 meter champion, as well as middle distance school record holders Briana

Roberts and Amanda Bakley. The boys team is expected to score big points in the sprints, as well as the 400 and 1600 meter relays, with Martin Booker Jr. and Marquan Jones. Justin Weaver is also ranked high in the Javelin throw.

Boys volleyball has qualified and is expected to move deep into the tournament with all-state respected mid-center Anthony Dadson spiking opponents down. Girls lacrosse has qualified for the first time in several years and is led by Olivia Summerfield, who has scored 40 goals this

season. Finally, the baseball team has qualified and will look to pull off some upsets coming out of the 16th seed.

### Bakley, Roberts Set School Records

Widely known for producing some of South Jersey's top sprinters, PHS now has two of the top middle distance runners in juniors Amanda Bakley and Briana Roberts. Briana took down the metric mile school record – the longest standing record on the books – with her 5:15.42 at the BCSL Championships May 9. The record from 1995 was held by Patty Goldy.

Amanda took down the 3200 meter school record at the Rowan Invitational on May 1 with her 11:11.48 performance. The former record was from 1999 by

Megan O'Halloran. Amanda also took a big step forward with the college recruiters, as the 4.0 GPA student won the 2000 meter steeplechase in 7:15.62. The race requires contestants to negotiate four 30-inch barriers and one water jump on each of the five laps. Amanda's performance is the seventh fastest in the United States this spring season and the fourth fastest in New Jersey history.

### Five Win BCSL Championships

The Indians track and field teams continue to exhibit championship-caliber performances, as four individuals and one relay quartet won Burlington County Scholastic League Liberty Division gold medals at the league champi-

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## Five Student Athletes Qualify For States

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onships on May 9. Junior Marquan Jones won his second consecutive BCSL Championship 400 meter title by blistering the track in 49.71 seconds. On the girl's side of the ledger, sophomore Asia Davis won the 100 meter dash in 12.99 seconds, Olivia Jamison won both the 200 and 400 meter dashes, and Briana Roberts captured the 800 meter run. The 4x400 meter relay quartet of Olivia, Briana, Aamen Sabeel and Ajani McEady grabbed the gold medal in 4:10.07.

### Phifer Claims Another Penn Relays Gold

The Phifer boys track team continued the middle school's winning ways at the

Penn Relays, where they won the 2015 edition of the South Jersey 4x100 relay championships. The Phifer girls started this tradition, as they won in both 2012 and 2013; the boys also won in 2014. The 2015 boys' win gives the little Indians a run of four straight Penn Relays titles.

The cherished Penn Relays plaque and gold medals went to eighth graders Nahzir Russell, Miguel McEady, Dante Burke, and Donovan Hines. Phifer is coached by Chad Pierce and Dave Corson.

### Baseball Knocks Off Northern Burlington

The Indians hard ball team shocked South Jersey number three-ranked Northern Burlington. The PHS baseball

team came to bat in the seventh inning, trailing the game 8-5. Luis Arevelo started off the bottom of the inning with a single. With two outs and still down 8-5, PHS sophomore Johnny Almonte hit a double. Mike Stafford came up next with an RBI single, scoring in a run. Sophomore Pete Sierra came up next and hit a single. With a man on first and second, Bret Ursino hit a routine ground ball to the Greyhound's third baseman, who bobbled the ball; with good hustle, Bret made it safely to first. With two outs and down 8-6, freshman Josh Negron knocked a single up the middle, scoring Sierra and Stafford to tie the game 8-8. Senior captain Ariel Gonzalez came to bat and came up with a clutch, infield sin-

gle to score Ursino for the win.

### Free Physicals

The Pennsauken Board of Education provides free sports physicals each June and August. The June schedule begins with Phifer Middle School students on Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m. Boys will go on the 15th and girls on the 16th. On Wednesday, June 17, we will double up with the boys Intermediate School, scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and the High School boys scheduled for 11:30

a.m. The next day, Thursday, June 18, the girls at the Intermediate School will start off at 9:00 a.m., followed by the High School girls at 11:30 a.m. Each of these physicals is conducted in the Nurse's Office at the scheduled school. A signed permission form and pre-participation health history and physical form are required. All forms can be picked up at the school office, at the nurse's office, or can be downloaded from the school website at Pennsauken.net.

## Softball Tourney Raises Funds For Pennsauken's DiSanti

A softball tournament held at Bethel Field in Pennsauken helped to raise money for the Jade DiSanti Rehabilitation Fund. DiSanti, a student at Phifer Middle School, lost her leg in June of last year due to complications from an ACL injury that occurred on the soccer field.



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## Nine Student Athletes To Compete In College

By Billy Wright, Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

The American sport culture introduces our young people at a young age to the fun and health benefits of participation, as well as the rush of competition. Through their developing years, many of our young people begin to dream of playing on the college level and do all that they can to attain this lofty goal.

For nine of Pennsauken's finest, that dream will come true. Star track and field student-athlete Olivia Jamison has received an athletic scholarship from Morgan State University; and three-time all conference bowling honoree Jessica Bello received a package deal from Mount Aloysius College.

Also moving onto the next level are football players Kniquan Cephas and Aaron Swann, both headed to Delaware

Valley College; soccer standouts Brandon Harley, who will be attending Rowan University this fall, and Michael Porter Jr., who will be going to Avila University; basketball player Anthony Dadson, who has committed to Alvernia University; field hockey's Giselle Torres, who will be attending Rowan University; and girls basketball player Tenille Stewart, who is headed to play ball at Cedar Crest College.



Nine student athletes from Pennsauken High School's Class of 2015 will compete at the college level. Top row, left to right: Anthony Dadson, Kniquan Cephas, Aaron Swann, Michael Porter, Jr., and Brandon Harley. Bottom row, left to right: Jessica Bello, Olivia Jamison, and Giselle Torres. Not pictured: Tenille Stewart.

## PYAA SPORTS

### PYAA Football And Cheerleading Registration Begins

Registration for PYAA Football and Cheerleading will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., as well as on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., during the months of June and July. Registration is held at the PYAA Field House 3501 Elm Ave., Pennsauken.

There are several changes to the age and weight brackets for the 2015 football season.

#### Five, Six And Seven Year Old Team

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#### Ten And Eleven Year Old Team

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#### Twelve And Thirteen Year Old Team

The twelve and thirteen year old team has no weight restrictions. Players must not have their thirteenth birthday prior to Aug. 1.

#### Thirteen And Fourteen Year Old Team

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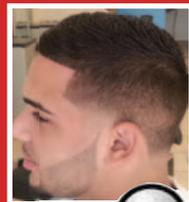
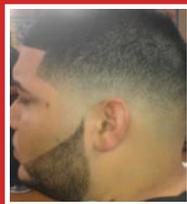
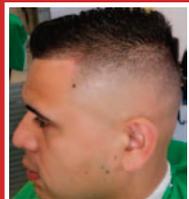
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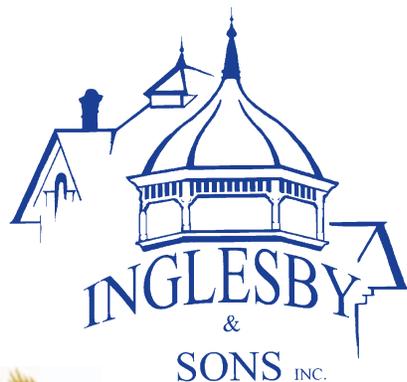
## QUESTION:

*Would my spouse and children be eligible? How do I apply for these benefits?*

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