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## “Bite Night” And Touch-A-Truck Moved To June 22



The combination food truck and touch-a-truck event, cancelled in May because of the weather, has been rescheduled for June 22.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Downpours and evening thunderstorms last month resulted in the combination food truck and touch-a-truck event being rescheduled to Thursday, June 22 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Co-sponsored by Pennsauken Township and Pennsauken's Department of Public Works, the event will be held at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Several food trucks are slated to attend the June 22 event; and picnic tables will be available for seating. In addition, children of all ages will have a hands-on opportunity to explore various vehicles, including dump trucks, fire engines, and more. Little ones can also enjoy the playground adjacent to the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

For more information, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/food-truck-events](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/food-truck-events). Also, be sure to visit Pennsauken's official Facebook page for updates.

## Pennsauken Township Police Recognize Officers For Going Above And Beyond The Call Of Duty

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

During National Police Week, an annual event dedicated to not only honoring America's law enforcement community, but also remembering 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 on May 15 at the Pennsauken High School auditorium, recognizing the courageous men and women who go above and beyond to protect and serve the Pennsauken community.

“The awards tonight fall into several categories named in honor of our fallen brothers: Officer William Brey, Officer George Bowman, and Officer Dick Dawson. Three names of sons of Pennsauken inscribed on the National Police Monument in Washington, D.C.,” explains Captain Thomas Connor of the Pennsauken Township Police Department. “All answered the call and did their duty. Now it's our responsibility to make sure their memory lives on.”



On May 15, the Pennsauken Police Department recognized dozens of their officers who went above and beyond the call of duty during the annual National Police Week Awards.

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### An Anniversary No Officer Wants To Mark

This year's ceremony coincided with  
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## Pennsauken Honors The Best Moms, Dads, And Guardians In Town

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A single mother of two who gave her

children a summer to remember and a dad who teaches the importance of giving



Students throughout Pennsauken wrote about why their moms, dads, or guardians were the best in town as part of the “Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian in Pennsauken” essay contest.

back to those less fortunate were chosen as the Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian in Pennsauken.

Sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian essay contest enables children in grades three, four, and five in any Pennsauken public, parochial, or private school to submit a letter stating why they believe that their parent or legal guardian is the best. Letters were judged by a panel based on originality, content, and ability to express feelings or ideas. The top three

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## JUNE CALENDAR

### Learn-To-Row Day

As part of USRowing's 16th annual National Learn-to-Row Day, the Cooper Rowing Club is hosting a fun, free introduction to rowing on the water on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 N Park Dr., Pennsauken. Learn the basics of rowing, with lessons both on and off the water, in a relaxed and safe atmosphere. This free event is open to individuals ages 12 and up. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. No experience is necessary to come enjoy the outdoors! Visit CooperRowingClub.org for registration or e-mail CRCMembers@gmail.com with additional questions.

### Athletes With Disabilities Network Northeast 5K

The Athletes with Disabilities Network Northeast 5K Run and one mile run/walk has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 11,

8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at Cooper River Park's Stadium Track, 7050 North Park Drive, Pennsauken. Funds and donations will help promote a better quality of life for people with physical disabilities, especially for veterans and first responders, by mentoring and creating awareness and offering opportunities for local athletic, recreational and educational activities. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Merchantville/AthleteswithDisabilitiesNetworkNortheast5k1milefunrunwalk?remMeAttempt> to register for the race or to donate.

### Team Kidney 5K

Held on Saturday, June 17, 7:00 to 10:00 a.m., at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken, Team Kidney 5k (#TK5k) is an event hosted by the National Kidney Foundation aimed at spreading awareness and promoting a healthy lifestyle through running. #TK5k is a certified 5k/3.1 mile race to benefit NKF. This race encourages all people from the

kidney community to participate. For more information, call Kelsey at (215) 923-8611 ext. 735 or e-mail [kelsey.runyen@kidney.org](mailto:kelsey.runyen@kidney.org).

### Historic Homes Open Houses

On Sunday, June 4, both the Burrough-Dover House, located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Ln., right off of Had-donfield Rd.; and the Griffith Morgan House, off River Rd. at 243 Griffith Morgan Ln., will be open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. At Burrough-Dover House, the ringing tones of the blacksmith will welcome visitors when a mobile forge will be put to good use shaping glowing iron into useful and decorative implements. Meanwhile, at historic Griffith Morgan House off River Rd., an exhibit of artifacts, documents and ephemera will remind us once more of the courage and sacrifice of local soldiers, sailors and those who served on the home front during conflicts of the past. Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details or directions; you can also leave a message at (856) 486-9561 or e-mail

[pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

### San Juan Bautista Parade And Festival

The 60th annual San Juan Bautista Parade and Festival will be held on Sunday, June 18. The Parade begins at 12:00 p.m., starting at Mastery-Molina School, 7th and Elm streets in Camden; and ends at the Wiggins Waterfront Park, at the Camden Waterfront at 3:00 p.m. Latin music artists, Tony Vega and Grupo Mania, are the featured performers at the free Post-Parade Concert. The festival at Wiggins Waterfront Park runs from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit <http://sjbp.org>.

### Cancer Sucks 2017

The Cancer Sucks 2017 fundraiser will be held on Friday, June 23, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., at Double Nickel Brewing Company, 1585 Rt. 73, Pennsauken. Donation of \$25 includes live music, brewery tour, a free drink, catered and homemade foods, and more. Tickets are sold at the door; proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen 3-Day. For more information, contact Janine at [turtlejg@comcast.net](mailto:turtlejg@comcast.net).

### Talk While You Walk/5K Run

The ninth annual Talk While You Walk/5K Run for Peggy Spiegler will be held on Saturday, June 24, rain or shine at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Registration and skin screening by MD Anderson Cooper Cancer Center staff begins at 7:45 a.m. Walk/run begins at 9:15 a.m. Kids fun run is held at the conclusion of the walk. Sponsored by the Peggy Spiegler Melanoma Research Foundation, funds raised will benefit Abramson Cancer Center, Penn Medicine, and MD Anderson Cooper Cancer Center. For more information or to register, visit [PSMRF.org](http://PSMRF.org).

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**Simmons Foods** is a leading supplier of poultry, pet and ingredient products and is the largest supplier of store brand wet pet food in North America. Their Pennsauken location currently has 10 open positions, from director of sales to sanitation worker. For more information, visit [simmonsfoods.com/careers](http://simmonsfoods.com/careers).

**Manpower**, a Cherry Hill-based temporary and permanent staffing provider, has a variety of positions available in Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester Counties. For more information, e-mail [audra.ruane@manpower.com](mailto:audra.ruane@manpower.com) or call (856) 489-5951.

**The Davis Group** is a Camden-based company that provides security officers locally and throughout New Jersey. Opportunities of employment for a variety of security officer positions are available for area residents. For more information, e-mail [mwilson@thedavissecuritygroup.com](mailto:mwilson@thedavissecuritygroup.com) or call (856) 338-0078.

**Inserts East**, a leading commercial printer located in Pennsauken, is seeking candidates for a junior printing role, which assists in a wide range of production activities. The press assistant will remove bundles from the press, count bundles placed on skids and perform tasks such as cleaning or changing press equipment for a new run. Day and night shifts are available. If interested please email [hr1@insertseast.com](mailto:hr1@insertseast.com) or pick up application at 7045 Central Highway, Pennsauken, NJ.

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## MAYOR'S CORNER The Start Of Summer And New Beginnings In Pennsauken

CORNER



By Betsy McBride,  
Mayor of  
Pennsauken  
Township

The Summer Solstice on June 21 is traditionally celebrated as a "new beginning," a time to start fresh. The month of June holds quite a few new beginnings for Pennsauken.

For those of us with children graduating from eighth grade, high school, or college, it is time to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. For our youth, June is the beginning of their summer break. Parents and families are thinking of activities to keep them happy, safe and learning through the summer. Pennsauken offers a variety of programs for children all summer long. For details,

visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us). Keeping our youth engaged and safe is a priority for the Township Committee. Staying active can have very positive effects on our kids. Please take advantage of these offerings.

How about joining Pennsauken's Municipal Pool? It's currently open on weekends but will begin daily operation on June 17. The facilities are great and annual membership is extremely reasonable. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (856) 665-1000 x151.

Don't forget about the Pennsauken Free Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which begins later this month. Be sure to visit the Library's Facebook page for details.

Beginning this June, Bayada Home Health Care will move 400 employees to their new international headquarters in

Pennsauken. We will join them in celebrating this "new beginning" at a ribbon cutting on June 22. Township Committee recognizes they chose our great town because of our location; we look forward to other national companies coming to grow with us.

Also on June 22, members of Congressman Norcross's staff will be at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for "Community Service Office Hours." They'll be joined by vendors from government agencies, non-profits, and the like, specializing in housing services for new home buyers and those struggling to keep their homes. This offer of assistance can be a new beginning for our residents. Please share this with family and friends.

Last, but certainly not least, the

groundbreaking of the new Haddon Point residential development at the site of the old Pennsauken Mart is scheduled to begin in a few weeks. After 15 years of waiting, Delco Development will build market-rate one- and two-bedroom apartments on the site. Stay posted on Facebook, our web site or on Chan-

nel 19 for details.

On behalf of the entire Township Committee, I wish you and yours a happy and safe June. Celebrate our great country on Flag Day; celebrate our fathers on Father's Day; and celebrate our new beginnings as a Pennsauken community.

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This wonderful colonial is nestled in a serene enclave. This home features a Great room, dining area perfect for family interaction. The kitchen with breakfast bar is great for those who love food preparation and entertaining. There are three spacious bedrooms upstairs and a bonus room on the second floor with a private entrance. The property is situated on an acre and a quarter of land is a double lot for privacy. There is an above-ground pool for summer entertainment. Pool is in as is condition. \$325,000



### Atco – Large Corner Lot!

This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod home sits on a large corner lot with a huge back yard. The L/R has a stone fireplace adds to the feeling of warmth. There is a large D/R and an eat-in-kitchen. The large play room would make a nice recreation room or media room. There are two bedrooms and a modern full bath on the second floor, also with beautiful decorative tile. The full basement has a finished family room area, a laundry area and plenty of storage. Don't miss this beauty! \$217,900



### Pennsauken – Builder Alert for Iron Rock!

2,693 Sq Ft three bedroom two and a half bath Contemporary Home waiting to be completed. Gas heat, central air in place, 200 amp electric and plumbing. Public sewer and water. Master bedroom suite with full bath is on the main level along with an additional bedroom, formal living room, dining room and eat-in-kitchen. Third bedroom is upstairs along with an office or storage room and full bath. Two car garage and a large basement with high ceilings. Selling in it's current "as-is" condition. \$175,000



### Pennsauken – Completely Restored

This 3 bedroom 1-1/2 bath home will not disappoint. The interior has been completely restored after basement fire 2012. New Roof & Gutters installed in 2008. Finished Basement. Home Is Very Nice And Clean. Freshly Painted. \$154,900



### Westville – Well Maintained

Nice Size Property on a large lot! Property has 5 Large Bedrooms 2 full Baths, original hardwood floors, high ceilings, front porch, side porch, corner lot, and over sized rooms and much more. This property needs TLC. Great Investment! \$69,900



### Pennsauken – Great Opportunity

This Large Triplex has everything it needs to live on one unit and rent out the other two. All units washer, dryer, refrigerators. All units have separate heaters, hot water heaters and electrical panels. Roof 15 yrs. Water \$590 yr, Sewer \$600 yr, CCMUA \$1585 yr. The lower level, 2 bdrm unit has Central A/C and a gas fireplace. 3 car detached garage with electricity and ample parking for all tenants. Close to bus stop. Walking distance to Merchantville shopping. \$279,000



### Pennsauken – Bigger Than it Looks!

Beautiful solid 4/5 bedroom 2 full bath 2 story brick home, 1 fireplace and 1 wood burning stove, open front sitting porch with detached garage, fenced in yard and full high waterproofed basement nestled on a lovely quiet street. Hdw'd flrs throughout, some updated windows. This home has a very unique layout that features an upstairs that can be used as a separate living quarters, complete with its own full bath, F/R w/burning stove, office/den and bedroom. This is a great home for a large family. This home is very deceiving, it's much bigger than it looks from the street, come and see for yourself. \$149,900



### Riverside – Well Maintained

This 3-4 bedroom home has plenty of space for you and your family. The home features an awesome enclosed porch, large L/R that opens up to the dining area. The eat-in kitchen is adjacent to the main level laundry room, partially finished basement with the remaining area used for any storage needs you may have. The upper level boasts 3 decent size bedrooms and a full bath. The walk up attic also has a partial finished section with the other side providing even more storage space. This home has 4 levels of living space which is rare. \$129,900



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## WAGSWORLD Birds Chirp, Cars Beep With The Rise Of The Morning Sun

By Bob Wagner,  
AAP Columnist

I'm sitting on my front steps, cup of coffee steaming away, smoking my corn cob pipe, and watching the first light of day brighten the sky over my neighborhood. A neighbor or two head out to work, with a quiet wave to acknowledge our mutual place in the universe. A few youngsters walk towards the corner to catch the school bus, heads down, backpacks slung over shoulders. The birds are chirping away, flitting about, searching for that elusive early bird worm.

It's my favorite time of day, and I look forward to it every morning. But tension builds as each moment passes, because I know it is coming! And then I hear it. The obnoxious three beep horn blare, just up the street. Sometimes, after a short space of time, another set of honks break the early morning quiet.

How, I wonder, does this person awaiting pickup not know a car is coming, every morning? And how does the driver think this is the only way to announce his or her arrival? More importantly, how do the neighbors closest to the honking car horn keep from throw-

ing stuff, day after day?

While this insensitivity to my quiet morning ritual makes me crazy, the bride adds fuel to my fire by trivializing the event. She recommends I take my blood pressure meds, ignore the whole thing, and just stay inside 'til it all passes. Then she dives back into the book of face to see what the rest of the world is doing to start their day.

She is, once again, probably correct. Besides, she says, my angst should be reserved for more important things, like the people who double park, blocking the street, chatting with friends, making her wait, while

rushing off to a Woman's Club meeting.

As I write this, I am once again awaiting the obnoxious beep. But the building tension, I soon realize, is just my body telling me that the glass of water for my morning pill, the orange juice, and the second cup of coffee want to come out and play. As I rush to the facilities, I find myself still listening for the beeps.

I am reminded of the old story of the man who lived besides the railroad track. Every night, at 2:00 a.m., the train approaching the crossing near his house blew its horn. Years went by, with the horn blasting away at the appointed hour. One night, due to an accident way up the line, the train did not come. At exactly 2:00 a.m., with no train around, the man jumped out of bed and yelled, "What was that!?"

So, this morning, I missed the blaring beepster. I don't know how this will affect the rest of my day. I can only surmise that I will be listening all day for that sound. Perhaps I will take out the beach buggy and double-park in the alley, just before the bride leaves for the Woman's Club meeting.

Why should I be the only one suffering?

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## Township Accepting Donations To Assist Victims Of Zimmerman Avenue Fire

Pennsauken Township is collecting funds to help assist the families displaced by the devastating fire on Zimmerman Ave. that occurred on April 19.

Members of the community wishing to make a financial donation can address checks to the Pennsauken Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (P.E.R.A.). The relief fund is set up with Beneficial Bank, 2501 Merchantville Ave. Pennsauken, N.J. 08110; checks can be dropped off or mailed to this specific branch.



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## Local Officers Ride In Police Unity Tour

On May 10, members of "Team Pennsauken" embarked on a three-day journey with the Police Unity Tour Chapter 2 from Atlantic City, N.J. to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. Team Pennsauken consists of active and retired officers from the Pennsauken Township and Merchantville police departments.

Officers rode their bicycles approximately 200 miles over three days. The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum. This year, the Police Unity Tour donated over \$2 million for this cause.

Members of Team Pennsauken are Lt. John Nettleton, Pennsauken Township Police Department; Sgt. Phil Olivo, Pennsauken Township Police Department; Sgt. Frank Talarico, Merchantville Police Department; Sgt. Mike Basileo, retired, Pennsauken Township Police Department; Ptl. William Hertline,



Active and retired officers from the Pennsauken Township and Merchantville police departments participated on a three-day, 200-mile bicycle ride to help honor law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

Pennsauken Township Police Department; Ptl. Mike Killion, Pennsauken Township Police Department; Det. Brian Polaski, Pennsauken Township Police Department; and Ptl. Vito Moles, Pennsauken Township Police Department.

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## Bike Ride Along Merchantville Rail Trail Held On June 17

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission and the Pennsauken Bike Share program are sponsoring a bike ride along the Merchantville Rail Trail on Saturday, June 17. Starting at 9:00 a.m. at the gazebo along the trail at Centre St. and Chestnut Ave., the ride showcases the Township's Bike Share program, which allows adult residents to obtain bicycles for use throughout the year. The event will also highlight efforts to expand the current one-mile trail into Pennsauken in both directions.

Participants can bring their own bicycles or ride one of about 20 adult bikes

made available by the Bike Share program for the day of the ride.

Bike sharing programs had their start in Europe in the 1960s and gained popularity in America in the mid-2000s. Bikes from Pennsauken's Bike Share program are used bicycles donated by residents throughout Camden County that have been refurbished by volunteers of the Camden County Bike Share program in Cherry Hill.

For more information, please contact Elwood Martz at [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or (856) 665-1000, ext. 151.

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## FOR CHILDREN

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This is a program for children in kindergarten through grade six. They will enjoy weekly field trips and visits to the Pennsauken Municipal Pool. Camp is seven weeks from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., June 26 through Aug. 11 at Carson School, 4150 Garfield Ave. Cost is \$135 per week and includes materials, trips and snacks.

### Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetter 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 10-14 and is for kids ages 6-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

### 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 19-23, 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 2-15 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed.

### Karate

Pennsauken Township and Hwa-Rang Warriors Taekwondo Studio present summer karate at 5043 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. 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 chil-

dren ages 5-13, is from July 24-28. 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 19-23 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. The fee for this program is \$30.

### Learn-To-Row

Children ages 12-18 will learn the basics of rowing along the Cooper River. Taught by qualified instructors, this program will give participants a taste of rowing on the water. The Learn to Row program will be held at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 N. Park Dr., Pennsauken. Session I runs from June 19-22; Session II runs June 26-29. Each session is held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$65 per session. Double session discounts will be offered to those who are interested.

### Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper, jewelry, 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 24-28 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 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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 26-30; Basketball – July 10-14; Tennis – July 17-21; Baseball and Softball – July 24-28. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp. Field Hockey, Soccer, and Basketball Camps will be

at the Pennsauken Middle School on Park Ave. Tennis Camp will be held at the Green Top Tennis Court on River Rd. Baseball and Softball Camps will be at the Softball Complex behind the Pennsauken Police Station on Bethel Ave.

### Swimming

Pennsauken Township will offer a learn-to-swim program for children ages 5-11 at the Municipal Pool, 6100 River Rd. Dates for morning sessions are June 20-22 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; dates for evening sessions are June 27-29 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 July 31-Aug. 4 at the Delair School on Derosse 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 for the week; the program is operated by the Pennsauken Youth Summer Theater Program.

### Youth Fitness And Nutrition

This program introduces children ages 7-14 to the importance of fitness and nutrition. Qualified instructors will teach kids the latest basic fitness exercises and show how important it is to have good nutrition and what they need to eat and drink to achieve better health. This class is offered from July 17-21, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Essence Fitness and Wellness Studio, 44 W. Chestnut St., Merchantville. The cost for this program is \$35 per child.

## 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, Al at (609) 220-

0596 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 Rd. 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.

### Learn-To-Swim

If there is enough interest, there will be an adult 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 has begun accepting membership applications and fees for the 2017 pool season. 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 is currently open 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekends only. Starting June 17, 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, Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Program listings and downloadable registration forms are 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, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

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## Environmental Commission Hosts Bike And Train Ride

Did you know that several trail networks, including the Circuit Trails, East Coast Greenway, and Delaware River Heritage Trail, are all planned to run through Pennsauken Township?

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission, in partnership with New Jersey Conservation Foundation, invites all residents and their families to a Circuit Trails/East Coast Greenway Bike

and Ride event on Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Environmental professionals and volunteers will showcase the on-road and off-road, existing and planned, trail segments that run throughout Pennsauken.

This family-friendly event will take participants on a guided three-mile round trip bike ride along a segment of River Rd., as well as a brief River Line train ride

along a portion of the Pennsauken Township waterfront, showing future planned off-road trail alignments. The event will involve the closing of a portion of River Rd. for public safety and enjoyment. Open space and trails groups will be present sharing information about trails and open space in the region, as well as some outdoor activities throughout the Greater Philadelphia area.

The Bike and Ride event participants will meet at the Pennsauken Township Recreation Complex at Bethel and Westfield avenues. The rain date for the event is Sunday, June 11.

Residents may participate in all or just some of the available activities. Don't have a bike? Stop by the Municipal Building and sign out a bike from the Pennsauken Bike Share Program.

All of the activities and events will be free of charge. Funding for the event is being covered by Pennsauken Township, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, the William Penn Foundation, and an Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) grant.

To R.S.V.P. or for more information, contact Olivia Glenn, Pennsauken Township resident and Environmental Commission member, at [olivia@njconservation.org](mailto:olivia@njconservation.org) or (856) 409-0494.

## Special Presentation For Parents Of Disabled Children Held On June 8

Pennsauken's Crescent Hill Academy, located at 7512 N. Crescent Blvd., will be hosting a free presentation for parents of disabled children on Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Representatives from the Law Firm of Hinkle, Fingles, Prior & Fischer will discuss several important issues, including:

- How to secure housing and residential support
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## Palumbo To Speak About Small Business Development At June 14 Luncheon

Bob Palumbo, regional director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Rutgers University, Camden, will be speaking at the

upcoming Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce networking luncheon. Held at Macro's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Hadonfield Rd., on Wednesday, June 14,

Mr. Palumbo will be speaking about small business development opportunities that are available to local businesses.

As director of the SBDC, Mr. Palumbo manages the Camden SBDC

operations, provides community outreach, counsels small business owners, and oversees all SBDC training programs. Along with his talented consultants, the SBDC advises small business owners in the areas of business startup, business planning, business expansion, market planning, market research loan proposals, record keeping, financial projections, and financial analysis.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on June 14, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$20 per person. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by Monday, June 12.



Bob Palumbo from the Small Business Development Center at Rutgers University, Camden, will be speaking at the upcoming PMAC luncheon on June 14.

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## Ellis Celebrates 30 Years With Primerica

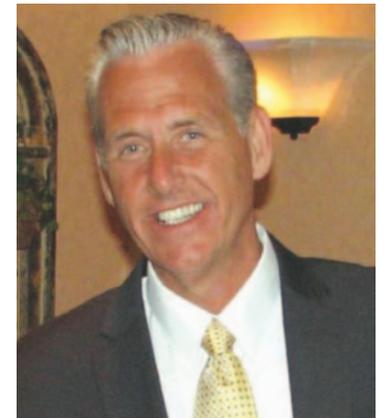
By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Tim Ellis has lived in Pennsauken for most of his life. As a boy, he grew up right off of Cove Rd. In fact, his mother still lives there. And while he cut his teeth as a chef, working at places like the Playboy Casino in Atlantic City, the Atlantic City Country Club, and Halloran Plaza – people still remember him from the old “Pennsauken is Cookin’” show on Channel 19 – Ellis has created quite a successful career in the financial services industry. In fact, he’s celebrating his 30th anniversary working with Primerica, a company that “helps Main Street families get the protection they need at a price they can afford, invest for the future and get out of debt.”

“I joined Primerica in 1987 after hearing about it from a relative. I was working as a chef and putting money into something I was told was a savings plan. What I found out later was that I was sold insurance,” explains Ellis, who is now a senior vice president with the company and is fully licensed. “It’s easy to get confused when it comes to planning for retirement or saving for college. People don’t understand this stuff. They can be taken advantage of. What I wanted to do was not only help myself, but show other people how they can live debt free and be financially independent.”

Ellis owns his Primerica franchise, and the company has changed dramatically from when he started. In fact, Forbes.com had Primerica at the top of their list in 2015 when it came to America’s 50 most trustworthy financial companies in the mid-sized business category.

“Today, Primerica is totally different than what it was. We’re in our 26th month of growth,” says Ellis. “The real goal is to



Pennsauken native Tim Ellis is celebrating his 30th anniversary working with Primerica, a company that provides services that helps families become debt-free and financially independent.

help out with things like retirement planning, 401K rollover, and financial planning. We help people from basically any financial situation.”

Tim is currently focused on growing his business, alongside his wife, Nancy, who helps with marketing. He’s working on bringing on new people to train and develop for his Primerica office – he currently has about 75 “full timers, part timers, and no timers.” And while he’s no longer chair of the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce, he’s still active in the community.

“Pennsauken is my home and it’s where I moved my business. I get to help people in an awesome community succeed and achieve their financial goals. That’s pretty great.”

For more information on Tim’s Primerica office, visit [www.primerica.com/ellis](http://www.primerica.com/ellis).

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Michelle Bello Receives \$1,500 Scholarship

Pennsauken resident and Michelle Bello is a recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship from the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund.

The 2017 Scholarship Program provided \$11,500 worth of scholarships to eight graduating high school seniors who have a parent actively serving, or they themselves are actively serving Camden County in a branch of police/law enforcement, fire service (paid and volunteer), or emergency medical service.

The funds for these endeavors are obtained from spirited individuals and businesses that donate in appreciation of the services of the public safety personnel of Camden County.

Michelle earned her scholarship in the EMS category. Her father, Sam, is an EMT with Pennsauken EMS. She is graduating Pennsauken High School this month and will be attending Mount Aloysius College in the fall.

The Camden County Hero Schol-

ship Fund is a non-profit organization that provides financial and educational assistance to the families of Camden County's police, fire and EMS personnel killed, or totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty. It is their policy to offer an immediate financial gift to the family within 48 hours of an incident, and once any surviving children reach college age, the Hero Scholarship program allows for them to attend any school of their choice and they will pay up to the highest New Jersey state tuition at their time of enrollment.

The annual scholarship program for graduating high school seniors was created in 1992 and over the years, the Hero Scholarship has awarded well over \$200,000 in scholarships.

For more information on the Fund, or to see how you can help them to keep their promises to the children of our heroes, visit [www.camdencountyhero.com](http://www.camdencountyhero.com).



Pennsauken High School Senior Michelle Bello is a recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship from the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund. Seen here with Bello are Pennsauken EMS Chief Mike Coyle; Michelle's parents, Sam and Rhonda Bello; Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund Executive Director Dawn Ragan; and Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund President Gene Dannenfelser.

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## SENIORCORNER Keeping Cool: Summer Safety For Seniors

By Sonny DiSabato,  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. The summer is a great time of year, but it also can pose some challenges for seniors.

Excessive hot and humid weather can

be extremely tough on older people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 61 percent of heat related deaths occur in Americans 55 years or older. Normally, the body has several ways to keep itself cool. Sweating

is the most important of these; but as people grow older, their ability to sweat decreases. Seniors also tend not to get as thirsty, so they drink less water, which decreases sweating even further.

In addition, older people often take medications that interfere with sweating, such as antihistamines, certain tranquilizers, and heart and blood pressure medications. It's important to speak with your physician about how medications can affect your ability to stay cool.

Seniors can protect themselves during

hot weather by following some common sense tips to help keep cool:

- Stay hydrated; drink plenty of non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated beverages
- Eat a light, but well-balanced diet
- Wear appropriate clothing (light-weight, light-colored, and loose fitting) when headed outside; also make sure to put only plenty of sun block
- Pace yourself with both outdoor and indoor activities
- Stay cool indoors; find an air conditioned place to stay for a few hours

- Take a cold shower or bath
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully; the sun's rays are the most damaging between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Use the buddy system while working in the heat; keep a good eye on your "buddy" to make sure they don't get overheated

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## GRAYMATTERS

### In The Summertime, When The Weather Is Hot...

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Wow! We're half way through the year already!

June is the sixth month out of twelve, but we still get a lot of mileage out of this one.

There's the end of the school year; there are graduations and weddings; happy vacation trips for some fun in the sun; as well as visits to Merchantville's Juice Bar, Pennsauken's Mister Softee, Cabana on Centre St., or John's Water Ice on Park Ave.

Every cat you know can be found lounging in a warm and sunny spot, replenishing that vitamin C and D lost over the winter.

Kind of makes you forget that cold March weather even existed, doesn't it?

So how are you spending your summer?

A few of my friends are enjoying their first retirement summer; and some have decided to really work on their flower boxes this year. Then there are a few who take advantage of every single minute of the day making the Energizer Bunny look like an asphalt driveway snail.

I also have one friend, who proudly announced to me this very morning that

she is completely done her Christmas shopping. Every gift is wrapped and tagged and put away in a safe place! Cards are also signed and stamped and ready to hit the mailboxes the day before Thanksgiving!

My first reply was, "Are you nuts?!"

Actually, I think that also was my second, third, and fourth reply.

Hmmmm... now where was I? Ah yes, summer! The 2017 summer solstice arrives officially at 12:24 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21. Time to get out there and enjoy any and all of the above.

Well, except for that crazy Christmas thing. Try and hold out until at least Halloween, okay?

And, just for you, here's a perfect, nostalgic, June quote I want to share.

"In the summer, the days were long, stretching into each other.

"Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, that collection of weeks when anything was possible."

Hold that thought, my friends.

Peace and Love... and Happy "Possibles." See you next month.

~ Judy

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The Pennsauken School District will be hosting a year-end Family Fun Fair on Sunday, June 4, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at its Park Avenue Campus.

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houses, obstacle courses, mobile arcade games, and more for the length of the event. Other activities, such as miniature golf, face painting, balloon twisting, and carnival games, will be available for a small fee. Attendees will also be able to

purchase items from a variety of crafters and can buy tasty offerings from several food trucks.

For more information, visit [Pennsauken.net](http://Pennsauken.net).

## Longfellow's Students Of The Month For March

The Student of the Month award is a special honor bestowed upon two to three Longfellow students from each grade. Each month has a different theme that encourages students to display positive school attributes, such as respect, cooperation, and hard work. Longfellow teachers choose one student from their class who best reflects the given theme. These students are then recognized with a special lunch with Longfellow School's principal, Mr. Lewis. They also receive an award and a pencil and their pictures are

displayed in the main hallway on the Student of the Month bulletin board.

March's theme was "Kind and Helpful," reflecting a student who is a friend to all and displays kindness to others. Longfellow's Students of the Month for March were Nylah'dru Velasquez, Digna Ventura-Martes, Jamilette Perez, Abigail Martinez-Alameda, Alanis James, Tyshon Johnson, Kendra Butler, Jacob Batista, Leslie Zamorano-Perez, Trent Baldwin, Charles Demore, and Jovan Beltran.



Longfellow's Students of the Month are treated to a special lunch with Principal Landrus Lewis.

Congratulations to all our winners and keep up the great work!



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## Fine Students Celebrate "Be Kind To Animals Week"

In celebration of "Be Kind to Animals Week," Fine students participated in a poster contest held by the Animal Welfare Association. The theme was "Every Pet Needs a Hero" and organized at the school by Basic Skills teacher Mrs. Jacqueline Olsson. Congratulations to fourth grader Samiha Hossain and first grader Qu'Pri Beverly for winning the poster contest.

Job well done students!



Qu'Pri Beverly and Samiha Hossain won a poster contest sponsored by the Animal Welfare Association.

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**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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

On May 25, I attended the match between Pennsauken's varsity boys volleyball team and Lacey Township's squad. Coach Killion's volleyball team is amazing, from coaching to athletes.

Let me begin with the fans, our students. I have never seen cheering in an athletic event like this, where the hair on my arms stood at attention. The support and consistent cheering and chanting of the fans were an inspiration. The experience was something I will never forget!

I have been to volleyball games be-

## An End-Of-Year Story Of Inspiration

fore and watched the sport on television, but if you haven't experienced volleyball at Pennsauken, you haven't really experienced it. Coach Killion has done something with the sport that I have never seen. Excitement, enthusiasm, and exhilaration were the main adjectives on this day. Not only were the athletes competitive, but the fans were part of the experience. The fans were feeding off the athletes and the athletes were feeding off the fans. This was a symbiotic relationship that could only be wished for in an athletic event. The synergy between the fans and the team was taken to a level that I have not seen.

The support of Pennsauken coaches

for their colleagues and their students was just as inspirational. Coach Tabb, Coach Snyder, Coach Connors, Coach Mossop, Principal Honeyman, Mr. Killion, and myself were all enthralled by the performance. I leaned over to Coach Tabb and asked him, "Why aren't your games this exciting?" The look on his face was priceless and he simply stated, "I win chips." For those who don't know, "winning chips" means "winning championships"

The support of the coaching staff and educators for their colleague, along with the atmosphere, was emotionally electrifying. The team swept Lacey Township

in both games and their students played a great game. It's not often you get to experience magic at an athletic event. But with this team, and this game, I watched magic in Pennsauken. My sons, Jacob, who is three, and Alexander, who is four, had never experienced an atmosphere this exciting in their young lives. They asked me if they could be like the big kids when they got older. The attitude of dedication of our Pennsauken student-

athletes is amazing and contagious.

Congratulations to Coach Killion, his assistant coaches, and our athletes; you have made me Pennsauken Proud.

In my monthly article, I always ask you to "spend time with the super." This time, I am going to ask you to spend time at our events: our sporting competitions, our musical performances, our community celebrations. You won't forget an experience such as this.

## Franklin Students Learn About The United States Flag

Mrs. Bowne's Bridge class at Franklin Elementary integrated social studies with music and art. Students read books, sang patriotic songs, and created beautiful torn paper art.

The Bridge class learned about the American flag and why it is an important symbol for Americans. Here are some fun facts the students learned:

- The 50 stars stand for the 50 states
- The 13 stripes help us remember the thirteen colonies
- Red stands for bravery
- White represents liberty
- Blue stands for justice
- The American flag should never touch the ground



Students from Mrs. Bowne's Bridge class at Franklin Elementary learned about the flag of the United States and incorporated the lesson into an art display.

Visit the Pennsauken Library to learn more facts about the American flag and American symbols.

### Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 1695 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting at the Administrative Office, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly "Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent" from 5:00 to 6:55 p.m. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

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## Pennsauken Schools Hold First-Ever Choir Festival

In April, Pennsauken's vocal music directors held the first annual Pennsauken Choir Festival at Pennsauken High School. This day-long event was a celebration of music, learning, and performing for all levels of Pennsauken choral students.

Over 100 choral students, grades four through 12, gathered with several conductors to learn new music, meet other Pennsauken singers, and share their talents in a culminating performance for their families and community members.

The festival's ensembles were structured in a unique way, enabling students to learn from different directors and singers than they normally study with. Each group spent several hours learning and polishing their own repertoire throughout the day to prepare for the evening's performance, which included a combined finale with all choirs and grade levels participating.

The choir festival was very well received by students and parents alike. Parents and family members had many positive compliments on the performance and were incredibly appreciative of the time and effort it took to produce an event like this for Pennsauken students.

Singers of all ages and grade levels, in their own words, "had such an awesome day!" They returned to their home



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schools bursting with pride and excited to share their experiences and music with fellow choir students who were unable to attend.

Pennsauken School District has a long history of successful choral music programs; aside from the invaluable music learning and performing benefits that accompanied the festival, there was also a unique recruitment opportunity inherent in the way the day itself was structured.

One of the goals of the festival was to give students the opportunity to see the bigger "musical picture" outside of their home choir, grade level, or school. This was a chance for students to see that the time and effort they invest in their vocal study will prepare them for the next level, be it intermediate, middle, or high school. On this festival day, all students were truly able to feel as though they were part of that next level of excellence.

## English Language Learners Celebrate Spring



During their unit on spring, Mrs. Cinalli's English Language Learners at Carson School became familiar with the tools we use to plant gardens, how a seed grows, and parts of a flower.

## Phifer Students Destined For Greatness

Several students from Phifer Middle School were recognized as being "Destined for Greatness" during the month of March. Congratulations to Freedom Lam, Sharee Battle, Linda Tran, Kevin Medina, Kalayah Horne, Anderson Arias Vargas, Dominick Sanchez, Miriamy Martinez, Ashanti Anderson, Steven Huynh, Schneider Torres, Abigail Moore, Adryan Edwards, Casandra Gordon, and Adrian Kim.



Congratulations to the Phifer Middle School students who were "Destined for Greatness" for the month of March!

## Delair First Graders Write To Farmers Around The World



Students in Mrs. Iapalucci's first grade class wrote questions to farmers around the world. And the farmers were more than happy to reply!

By Kaitlyn McCloskey,  
Student Teacher, Delair Elementary

Students in Mrs. Iapalucci's first grade class in Delair are learning to write friendly letters. There is a crossover unit in language arts where students learned about where food comes from; the class also studied properties of soil in science. I wanted the students to practice writing letters to farmers with any questions they might have.

I contacted several interest groups on social media that have circles of farmers from all over the world, related to cattle breeding, dairy farming, agriculture, etc., asked if anyone would be interested in receiving identity-censored letters, and if they would like to write back. The response was incredible! So many farmers from all over the world wanted to get involved.

Farmers from all over replied with detailed explanations of who they are, what kind of farmers they are, and what they do. They shared photos and listed the animals or crops they raise, so students

could decide what interested them most.

The students then chose which farmer or farmers they would like to write letters to, and final copies were sent. The students had questions about everything!

After a few weeks, each student had received a personal reply. We held a share party where students received their letters back, the farmer responses, and photos. We made charts of each participating farmer, so the responses could have more meaning for the class. The students also presented their letters and photos formally to the class. We even had a craft using animal crackers for the students to create farm scenery to go along with their thank you letters to the participating farmers.

The kids felt really special that a real live farmer took the time to write a letter, just for them! I am so grateful to the kindness of all who volunteered their time for our first grade students.

## Fine And Roosevelt Students Of The Month Are Good Sports



Congratulations to Fine and Roosevelt's Students of the Month for April. Students were recognized for displaying good sportsmanship.



## Baldwin Celebrates "Week Of The Young Child"



In April, Baldwin School celebrated "The Week of the Young Child," an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. Baldwin students celebrated the week with Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Family Day, Artsy Day and a field trip to Jake's Place. We'd like to thank all of our families for helping us celebrate the week!



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

The end of the school year is often accompanied by cheers of joy, screams of excitement, and thoughts of fun activities that will be experienced all summer long. The Board of Education, administration

## Pennsauken Public Schools Launch Summer Enrichment Program

and staff recognize that the summer months provide an important period of rest and relaxation for students who have been working diligently over the last nine months. We wish them a happy and healthy summer break!

Though the summer recess is important for students and staff, it is well documented that the long break correlates with a lack of retention of information that students have learned over the course of the preceding school year. According to Oxford Learning, students lose about two to three months of material that they had learned during the school year over the summer months. This means that when the new school

year begins, teachers must spend the first few months re-teaching material that had been covered the previous year; which, in turn, means that classes may be playing catch up all year long.

With this knowledge, Superintendent Tarchichi, with the support of the Board of Education, has created a new summer enrichment program offered to all students in Pennsauken Township in grades one through 11. The summer enrichment program is different from our traditional summer school, which was offered to middle and high school students in past years and focused on credit recovery for students who were not successful in their classes during the school year. The new enrichment program is for any child, who is a resident of Pennsauken and who is interested in maximizing the retention of information over the summer months. Statistics have shown that with just a few hours of education per week, any loss of material caused by the summer break can be prevented. This is the goal of the enrichment program.

The enrichment program will run four days a week (Monday-Thursday) from 8:00 a.m. to noon. It will consist of 60-minute blocks of math, science, language arts; as well as an additional block in which the students will be able to choose from either physical education or music. The first session will begin on Monday,

June 26 and the program will conclude on Thursday, Aug. 10.

In addition for our student athletes, Pennsauken High School will host a strength and speed camp that will operate on the same dates as summer enrichment. This camp will help our athletes both academically and athletically in their future and it is cost free. We want the best for our students and believe rewarding them with programs that will directly benefit their future is our responsibility.

Advertising for the program began in March and interest has been very high. Because the program has proven to be extremely popular, many openings have already been filled for the summer of 2017.

The deadline for application to the program was on May 24, but acceptance will continue on a rolling basis until all seats are filled. Students who apply and are not accepted initially will be placed on a waiting list. Please visit [www.pennsauken.net](http://www.pennsauken.net) for more information on the program.

### Board Bit Of The Month

Pennsauken is the only school district within the immediate area to offer a summer enrichment program like this. It is also the first educational program that has been offered by the Pennsauken School District that is open to all children in Pennsauken Township, not only those who are enrolled in Pennsauken Public Schools.



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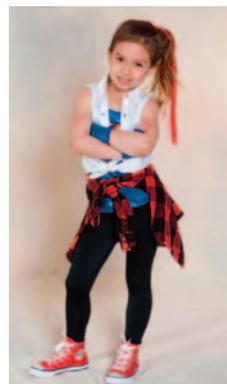
Thursday's - June 29th - Aug 3rd

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## Pennsauken High School Holds Annual Career Day



Pennsauken High School held their sixth annual Junior Career Day in April. Students learned about various careers that they are interested in pursuing after high school and college. Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff who helped make this day a success!

## Pennsauken Board Of Education Recognizes High School Students

The Pennsauken Board of Education recently recognized seniors Emily Gmyr and Asia Davis from Pennsauken High School as students of the month.

Emily has a 3.93 GPA. She is a National Honor Society officer, a member of the French National Honor Society, captain of the girls soccer team, and drum major for the marching band.

Gmyr's favorite subject is Physics. She has been accepted to Rutgers University, St. Joseph's University, Temple University, Camden County College, and University of America. Although Emily hasn't made a final decision on the college she will attend, she plans to major in Occupational Therapy.

Asia Davis is senior class president and has a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, African American Club, varsity track and field



Pennsauken High School seniors Emily Gmyr, seen here with Dr. Tarchichi and her parents, as well as Asia Davis (not pictured), were recently recognized as students of the month.

team, and varsity field hockey team. Asia has not yet made a final decision on the college she will attend, but she plans to

major in Journalism (TV/Radio).

Congratulations to these great students!

## Intermediate School's Hassain Makes Mark In Contest

By Raven Odoms

Fatima Hassain is a very creative, intelligent, and competitive girl who goes to the Pennsauken Intermediate School. She was entered into the American Legion Post coloring contest and she took first place for the district in March. As the winner for the district, she was entered in the competition for the county and she took third place! Her prize was a \$50 check. She was so shocked, she felt as though she was going to choke!

Fatima was very confident to see who she was going to meet at the county competition, and looked at them as very important people. She was very excited when she found out she got third place. Although she was nervous because of the big competition, she was also excited

at the opportunity. She was so excited that she went home and told her friends, teachers, and family members. Even though she is a great artist, Fatima is also very interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

Fatima is a very brave, inspiring girl. She is eager to share her experience with others that she comes along to meet. Her hope is that she can either help others make a difference or inspire them. Even though she might be young, age doesn't matter. Anyone can make a difference if they choose to.

Fatima is a wonderful, confident girl and she can really be inspiring to others. If there is one thing we could learn from Fatima, it is to remember to always go above and beyond. If you can do that,



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you can accomplish anything you set your mind to, because it always takes a believer to achieve great things in life.

## Congratulations To Our Championship Students



Congratulations to the Independent Drumline and Color Guard, who took first place at the 2017 TIA Atlantic Coast Championships. The Middle School Color Guard, performing for the first time ever in any competition, placed second as well. For the full story, visit [AllAroundPennsauken.com](http://AllAroundPennsauken.com).

## Pennsauken Family Fun Fair



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## Author Judith Kristen To Discuss New Book On Bereavement

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New Book On Bereavement

Local author and All Around Pennsauken columnist Judith Kristen will be discussing her latest book, "The Art and Grace of Communication: Healing Broken Hearts After the Loss of a Loved One," on Wednesday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Peter's Senior Ministry, 55 W. Maple, Merchantville.

"The Art and Grace of Communication" offers necessary information for those coping with the loss of a loved one, inspiring readers with touching stories filled with understanding, hope, friendship, and compassion. Judith writes straight from the heart, drawing from the

experiences of losing her beloved son, Jon, at the age of 45.

"Judith's words are so powerful and so helpful and so very true," says Bobbi Staglino, newsletter editor for The Compassionate Friends – Camden County Chapter, a non-profit that helps grieving families. "This book is grace, light, and comfort for all families who have suffered loss."

In addition to Judith's presentation and Q&A session, signed copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$10.

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## Pennsauken's 125th Anniversary Community Picnic Held On August 27

This year, Pennsauken Township continues to mark the 125th anniversary of the town with a variety of special events. As a signature celebration, the Township is also planning a community-wide picnic on Sunday, Aug. 27, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, located at Westfield and Bethel avenues. This celebration, which replaces the event previously advertised for June 10, is not just for current residents. Filled with family-friendly entertainment, delicious food offerings, and musical performances, this party is also a "homecoming" for those who have moved away from town.

"We hope that both past and present

residents join us for what should be a great party," says Bill Orth, Township Committeeman. "We're looking forward to seeing friends both old and new at this community-wide celebration."

Almost a dozen food trucks, many of whom residents will recognize from the Township's Bite Night events, will be on site for attendees to purchase food; there will also be a beer garden provided by PJ Whelihan's. Residents can spread out a blanket or grab their lawn chairs to enjoy some musical entertainment, or participate in some family-friendly activities with the kids. And to cap off the evening, there will be a small, professionally-run fireworks display.

For more information, visit  
[www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/125-years](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/125-years).

### Pennsauken Town Watch Tip Of The Month

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## DEATHNOTICES Longtime Resident, Lifetime Volunteer Firefighter, Pennsauken Native

Marian C. Wiedman (nee Clawell) passed away peacefully on May 9. Marian was the loving wife of the late William S. Wiedman, Jr. for 70 years; dear



Wiedman

mother to Carol Chumbley (John) and the late Joyce Ann Kay (Robert); beloved grandmother to William Finnegan III of Pennsauken, Tracy (Edward) Dobleman of Winslow Township, Robert (Catherine) Finnegan of Washington Township, Michelle (Rob) Gould III of Clarksboro, and Thomas (Courtney) Kay of Bethlehem, Pa; great grandmother to Brent and Landon Dobleman, Brianna, Brian, Colin and Darby Finnegan, Payton and Austin Gould, and Chloe and Joy Kay; great great grandmother to Keegan Chaney; and sister of the late William Clawell. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, especially, her nephew Richard (Adele), with whom

Marian loved spending time together.

Marian grew up in Cramer Hill, Camden and had attended Woodrow Wilson High School. Most of her life she lived in Pennsauken, until retiring to Willow Valley in Lancaster, Pa. Marian worked for the Curtis Publishing and Strawbridge and Clothier. She was a devoted member of the Calvary Community Baptist Church in Pennsauken. Marian loved to sew, crochet and knit. Bill and Marian loved spending their time together and with the family.

Marian's Life Celebration was held at Givnish of Cinnaminson. Interment was private.

### Enrico Caruso, Sr., Lifetime Volunteer Firefighter

Enrico T. Caruso, Sr., in his 95th year, formerly of Pennsauken and Deptford, passed away peacefully on May 11 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland, where he was a resident for the past eight years.

Enrico was the beloved husband of the late Jean (nee Cox); devoted father of Enrico T. Caruso Jr. (Denise), James Caruso (Teri), Mary Ann (Doug) Johnson, and Terri Caruso; cherished poppop of 12 and great grandfather of three; dear brother of Robert Caruso, Sr. and Mildred Rowan. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Caruso, Sr.

Prior to retirement in 1985, Rick was employed at ITE Circuit Breaker Company for over 44 years as a manager of mechanical and design drafting switchgear systems. He was a Sergeant in the US Army serving during WWII from 1942-1945 in England, France, Germany, and Switzerland. Rick was a lifetime member of the Bloomfield Park Volunteer Fire Company in Pennsauken since 1942.

Visitation and Fireman's Service was

held at Falco/Caruso & Leonard Pennsauken Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Merchantville. Entombment followed at Calvary Mausoleum in Cherry Hill.

### Mark McCaffery, Pennsauken Native

Mark L. McCaffery 48, died suddenly last month. Mark lived in Scranton, Pa, but was a Pennsauken native and graduate of Pennsauken High School; he was

also a former member of Local 98 Electricians Union. Mark was the son of Lawrence McCaffery (Rose), brother of Michele Bensenhafer (Fred), and Mary McCaffery-Colak (Ali). He will be remembered for his intelligence, wit, love of animals, and a kind free spirit. Mark was an avid reader, enjoyed watching the Phillies, Eagles, and Flyers, and camping. Special thanks to Nunzio for being true friend. RIP Mark you will be missed by family. Services were private.

## Pennsauken Students Take Second Place At Cupcake Catapult Competition

Students from Phifer Middle School took second place in a competition where over 50 middle school students from Camden County built catapults that launched cupcakes. Students built table-top catapults under the watchful eyes of the construction technology and pre-engineering instructors from Camden County Technical School.



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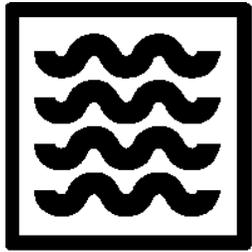


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# MPWC WATERLINES

## Water Utility Awarded “Best Tasting Water” For 2017

*A Message of Appreciation from Michael A. Saraceni, Chief Operating Officer, Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission*

Since 1926, the men and women of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission have remained focused on achieving the mission that is proudly posted on our website and throughout our facilities:

“The mission of the MPWC in 1926, and continuing today, is to supply the best product at the most affordable cost to our customers.”

As one of only two regional water authorities in the State of New Jersey, the MPWC is the smaller of the two agencies. Our dedicated employees see the attainment of a model water utility in the State of New Jersey as a journey and not

a destination. This can be evidenced in so many ways by what they do daily. I offer these comments as an observer sitting courtside who continues to witness the dedication, commitment and vigilance of a team in the pursuit of excellence.

In March of 2017, water samples from the MPWC were entered into the annual New Jersey Chapter of the American Water Works Association Taste Testing competition held in Atlantic City. The MPWC placed first again, having also earned the title in 2015. Every man and woman who serves the MPWC owns a piece of that award and recognition.

It is sometimes very difficult to see

what might appear to be the intangible: safe and tasteful drinking water. The men and women of the MPWC know what it takes to produce a high quality product and the service that goes along with that product. They do so with pride and distinction.

To each and every employee, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for all that you do and for placing us in a position to compete for this recognition. We have collectively produced the best tasting water in the State of New Jersey. Very nicely done!



At last month's meeting of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, the American Water Works Association recognized the MPWC as having the best tasting water in New Jersey for 2017. This is the second time in three years that the Commission has received this award.

## MPWC Dedicates Local Drinking Fountains

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission installed drinking fountains along the walking/bike path on Chestnut Ave. in both Merchantville and Pennsauken as a token of appreciation to the neighbors and customers of the MPWC in

celebration of the 90 years that we've been privileged to serve our host communities.

The MPWC Commissioners and representatives from both municipalities were on hand for the dedication ceremony as the fountains were turned on

for the season. Our community is invited to enjoy the best tasting water in New Jersey when they're walking, running, or biking on the path. There are even pet fountains for your four-legged friends!



The MPWC Commissioners and representatives from both municipalities were on hand for the recently dedicated water fountains along the walking/bike path on Chestnut Ave.

## MPWC Recognizes Poster Contest Winners



Several local students were honored for their winning submissions for the MPWC's annual Water Week poster contest. Congratulations to Alizarin Capeland, Leksanni Flores, Eduardo Morales, and Rulenny Madera (not pictured)!

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

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

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## Pennsauken Honors The Best Moms, Dads, And Guardians In Town *continued from page 1*

winners in each category were honored at the Township Committee meeting on May 24.

"Every year, we receive hundreds of submissions. It's a very, very difficult job for all of us to read all these letters and pick the top three," says Elwood Martz, a member of the Youth Action Committee. "We thank all of those who participated in this contest and we congratulate the winners."

The winning Best Mom essay was written by Alaina Venditti, a fourth grader at Burling Elementary, about her mother Alysha Morey. "My mother is my world. She is a single mother of two, my brother and I. She is one of the nicest adults I know."

Alaina also wrote about last summer, "one of the best summers in my life."

"My mother saved enough money to take us to Disney World in Florida. She knew it was something I deeply wanted to do. We had a blast with each other, but I think the best part was to spend family time with her."

Luke Paul-Joseph Wackes, a third grader from Saint Peter's School, thinks his dad, John, is the best in Pennsauken "because he is kind, sweet, funny and hard working."

John encourages his son to try new things, like pitching in a ball game. He

also teaches Luke the importance of giving back.

"Once a month, we go to a clinic in Camden to help poor people. We give out donated food and clothes, while others visit the health clinic. I watch my Dad translate in Spanish to help the people."

One line in Luke's submission was particularly moving.

"The best of all these things is that he chose me. Me and my sister were

adopted. He didn't have to be a dad, but I am so lucky that he is mine!"

Several students received honorable mention as part of the very difficult selection process. Quisaiya Cooper wrote about her great-grandmother, Edith Kline, who takes care of her and her brother and is "the nicest person you could ever meet;" she also makes a mean apple pie.

Maureen Rowan wrote about her mother, Courtney, a "really good teacher"

who always gets her daughter books from Barnes and Noble and wants her children to get a good education. "She even lets us swim a lot in the summer."

Analise Cuevas' father Robert is originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. and rode in on the second ambulance headed to the World Trade Center in response to the terror attacks on 9/11. "My dad is my hero. That day is a sad day for my dad, but he always stays strong." Robert also has a lighter side, and makes his daughter laugh by dancing.

Karly Morey sent in a short but sweet letter about her dad, Bryan. "I love him so much, when he went to sign up for college, I went with him, even though I

knew it would be boring. I care about him and he cares about me."

"This is one of the most moving days of the year for us on Township Committee. The writing is very strong; the kids' emotions come through loud and clear," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "They are really showing us their Pennsauken pride in their parents."

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee thanks all those students who participated in this year's contest, the teachers who encouraged them to write about their parents and guardians, as well as those caring and dedicated men and women throughout Pennsauken who inspire their children.

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## Woman's Club Holds Successful Taste Of Pennsauken

Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Merchantville Evening Membership Department's, the third annual Taste of Pennsauken and the Surrounding Area successfully raised over \$1,600 for scholarships and charitable causes.

Approximately 100 people in attendance enjoyed sampling the cuisine from nine area restaurants. Thanks to Marco's Catering at the Pennsauken Country Club for hosting the event, and H&H Deli & Catering, McFarlan's Market, Macaro's Deli and Catering, Montegrillo's Cucina Italiana, On the Border, Mod Super Fast Pizza, 45th Street Pub, and Chick-fil-A, as well as Marco's Catering, for providing the food served throughout the event. Their generous donations allowed for the success of the evening, so please support these establishments whenever possible.

Also, supporting the event was All

Around Pennsauken, which sponsored a table; and The Pub, Troy's Place Italian Deli and Catering, Amy's Omelet House, and Marco's Catering all donated gift certificates.

The Evening Membership Department is a division of the Woman's Club of Merchantville and a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club. The Merchantville Woman's Club has been one of the leading service organizations in the region. Women from our community are members committed to making a difference. Among other things, the Club raises money for local and state charities and scholarships. Activities include monthly card and game parties; and members vol-



Macaro's Deli and Catering was one of nine area restaurants that participated in the third annual Taste of Pennsauken and the Surrounding Area.

unteer at the Food Bank of South Jersey and the Cathedral Kitchen.

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

## Correction From May 2017 Edition

In the May 2017 edition of All Around Pennsauken, a photo ran of the Merchantville Tappers on page 24. In the caption, we incorrectly identified Sandy Clark as the first woman in the picture. In actuality, this was Sandy Biazzo. We apologize for any confusion that this may have caused.

## CLERKS

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## Primary Polling Locations

By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

The New Jersey Primary elections will take place on June 6, 2017.

Below is a list of polling loca-

tions 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
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Riverview Village Community Center	407 Riverview Rd.	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 Free Public 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
Macaro's Catering	6225 Westfield Ave.	12
Masonic Lodge	6926 Park Ave.	13 & 18
Faith Worship Center	550 49th St.	15
Pennsauken United Methodist Church	3541 Pennsylvania Ave.	17
Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Comm.	6751 Westfield Ave.	19
Circle of Hope Church	3800 Marlton Pike	20
Stonegate Apartments	5105 Stonegate Dr.	21
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## Bayada To Hold Ribbon Cutting Ceremony On June 22

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Bayada Home Health Care, a trusted home health care agency with over 40 years of experience, will officially open their new Pennsauken offices with a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Thursday, June 22.

"We are thrilled here in Pennsauken to have Bayada move in. We couldn't be happier," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "Bayada chose this location to consolidate for six surrounding counties. It's a great opportunity for them to bring everyone together. It's a great opportunity for Pennsauken and we're happy to be here."

Bayada's new office space in Pennsauken will consolidate support office functions, such as IT, communications, and accounting, bringing more than 400 employees into a single location, with plans to transition an additional 100 employees to the site over the next five years. The Pennsauken location



Bayada Home Health Care "broke ground" on their new Pennsauken offices in February of this year. The home health care agency is holding an official ribbon cutting ceremony on June 22.

will also house the organization's international training center; Bayada employees from all over the world will be coming to learn how to provide compassionate health care.

Bayada is renovating the two buildings in phases, with the first group of employees moving in this month. In addition to support office staff, the new space will also host Bayada's Camden County assistive care office, which employs home health aides who provide personal care services.

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## Pennsauken Lions Support Boys And Girls State Programs



Bruce Weaver and Bernie Kofeet from F.W. Grigg American Legion Post 68 present certificates of appreciation to Ely Mateo, president of the Pennsauken Lions Club, in recognition of the organization's support of the Boys and Girls State programs.

The Pennsauken Lions Club recently was visited by representatives from F.W. Grigg American Legion Post 68, who recognized the Lions for their support of the Legion's Boys and Girls State programs. Bernie Kofeet and Bruce Weaver from Post 68 presented the club with certificates of appreciation.

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. The American Legion Auxiliary spon-

sors a separate but similar program for young women called Girls State.

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

High school juniors are selected to attend Boys and Girls State. In most cases, individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization. Donations from the Pennsauken Lions Club allowed an extra boy and girl to attend these educational programs.

### Supporting Community Leaders

This month, the Lions will recognize the advisor and youth leaders from

the Leo's Club at Pennsauken High School, as well as youth and adult leaders from Cub Scout Pack 116 and Boy Scout Troop 118. The Lions sponsor the awards breakfast at the high school. Two \$750 scholarships are given out for leadership and service; and a \$300.00 scholarship is offered in the memory of Lois Rossi, the wife of the late Nick Rossi, a dedicated club member and past district governor for the Lions. The Lions also give \$50 scholarships to

eighth graders at the Pennsauken Middle School and local parochial schools; as well as a \$500 camper scholarship to Troop 118 to help defray the cost of summer camp for boys who might not be able to pay the cost of week-long resident camp.

Individuals interested in joining the Lions in their community service should contact pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com or call (856) 313-7751.

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## FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Investment Fraud Presentation Kicks Off Full Month Of Activities

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Monday, June 5 marks our Investment Fraud presentation by the NJ Bureau of Securities. Held in the Library's Community Room at 7:00 p.m., attendees will learn to make better choices with their investments, along with a few tricks to keep finances safe. Registration

is required beforehand, however, so be sure to sign up at the Circulation Desk.

### Poetry Awards Night On June 7

Our poetry contest awards presentation on June 7 promises to be an enjoyable evening, whether you're one of our winners or part of the audience. This year, we received more entries than we have

over the past seven contests, with students representing more schools than ever before: 12 in all. High school entries nearly doubled since 2010; five entries were from home schooled writers; and several adults submitted poems as well. It was a record year for the contest and we anticipate 17 winning presentations, so plan to stop by the Pennsauken Intermediate School, 8125 Park Ave., at 7:00 p.m. for the fun and some light refreshments. If you can't make it, be sure to check out the winners and their pictures on the Friends' Facebook page after the event. Winners' poems will be

on display in the Library lobby mid-June; they will also be posted online at [AllAroundPennsauken.com](http://AllAroundPennsauken.com).

### Munch And A Movie On June 13

Our relaxing Munch and a Movie series takes a final bow – don't panic; it's just until the fall – on Tuesday, June 13 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. We're not allowed to divulge what movie we'll be showing, but you can find out by calling the Circulation Desk. So pack a lunch, join us, and we'll provide the snacks and beverages.

### Free Vision Screening And Eye Glasses Repair

On Thursday, June 15, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., the Friends will host another opportunity for a free vision screening from America's Best Eyeglasses. Have your eyes checked by a team of professionals, and bring along your glasses for a little tightening or a new nose piece to replace that wobbly one that keeps pinching. Be sure to take advantage of this free service!

### Support The Friends Through Ira's Tree Of Knowledge

Finally, if you're still looking for the perfect graduation gift or something special for a dear friend or relative, remember Ira's Tree of Knowledge. A beautiful leaf engraved with a personal thought or sentiment goes a long way toward letting that special person know how much you care. For ideas of what others have written and to see how impressive the tree is, stop by the Library's lobby for a look. While you're there, take one of our Ira's Tree of Knowledge brochures on the lobby desk to answer all your questions.

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## Local Scout Leader Gibson Received Silver Beaver Award

By Mary Anne McFarland

Pennsauken resident and Boy Scout leader Jim Gibson received the Silver Beaver Award at the recent Garden State Council Annual Recognition Din-

ner. The Silver Beaver is a national award presented by a local council and is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a volunteer. Nominees for the Silver Beaver award are considered

using three criteria: noteworthy service of exceptional character to non-Scouting youth; exceptional service to the Boy Scouts of America; and service or standing within the community.

Jim was not involved with Scouts as a youth, but started as a naïve Assistant Webelos Den Leader 22 years ago. He has also served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster for three different troops. He was the founding Scoutmaster of Troop 007 in Pennsauken, which later merged with Troop 118. Gibson has served as a committee chair and district training committee member. He is currently a committee member for Troop 118, serving as advancement chairman.

Jim attended an advanced training course called Wood Badge and earned his Wood Badge Beads in 2002 as a member of the Bear Den; and has served on the Introduction To Outdoor Leader Skills staff. He joined the White Horse District Advancement Committee and became District Advancement Chair, a job he has held for the past 12 years. He has also proudly mentored 581 Eagle Scouts and counting!

Jim served two years as a PTA president and serves as secretary of Beth El Synagogue in Hammonton. Gibson is a database administrator manager for Subaru of America and has volunteered for 10 years in an after school program run by his employer. He also was a "Big" in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New Jersey. He and his late wife Sandie have one son Trevor.

Troop 118 is proud to have such a dedicated Scout leader and the District is lucky to have such a devoted Advancement Chairman. Congratulations Jim!



Pennsauken resident and Boy Scout leader Jim Gibson received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor a local council can bestow a volunteer.

## Fire Department Seeks Part Time Inspector

The Township of Pennsauken has announced an employment opportunity for a part time fire prevention inspector.

These positions are classified with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission as a fire prevention specialist and require that the successful candidate(s) to make application through the open competitive process at a later date; the position will remain in a provisional classification until permanent appointment is made.

Duties will include the performance of fire code enforcement inspections and public education details in the Township of Pennsauken and the Borough of Collingswood under the direction of the Fire Official.

The applicant should possess strong communication and problem solving skills and be able to work both independently and in a group. There are no firefighting duties associated with this position.

Interested applicants can download the employment application from the Township of Pennsauken's web site at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/jobs-bids](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/jobs-bids) or may pick up a copy from the Pennsauken-Collingswood Fire Prevention and Inspection Office, located at 4700 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, N.J. Applicants shall include a copy of a resume, valid New Jersey driver's license, valid New Jersey fire inspector license, high school diploma, and any other vocational certifications. All applications are due in a sealed envelope and delivered to the attention of Fire Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, Sr., Pennsauken Fire Department, 5301 Lexington Ave., Pennsauken, N.J. 08109 by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2017.

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## PUBLICWORKS Summer Storms, Yard Debris And Tree Contractor Precautions

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,  
Department of Public Works

Friday, June 23 will mark the second anniversary of the short but expansive storm our region sustained damage from. You may recall that day, when massive winds came through for about 20 minutes, leaving its impact on a majority of our town, causing trees to fall into streets and homes, ripping electrical service cables off of homes, and creating tons – and I mean tons – of tree debris. The Pennsauken Office of Emergency Management submitted documentation of Public Works overtime records, along with other Township departments, to FEMA for reim-

bursement of the unplanned expenses.

It is easy to lose patience during the following weeks of a destructive storm, as our department's responsibility to maintain athletic fields and parks remains at its peak in the summer months. Manpower drops occasionally during the summer, with our men taking much-needed vacations with their families during this time. The residents of Pennsauken displayed great patience with our 21-man crew as they covered the 12-square-mile footprint of Pennsauken during the cleanup effort. We appreciated that then, and we request the same consideration when the next storm rolls through.

I think it would be appropriate to offer some helpful tips that will benefit both the Department of Public Works and you, our neighbors. As most of you know, each Wednesday of the year, except for our "trash holidays," Waste Management is contracted to drive down each street in town and collect yard debris. Typically, this debris consists of bagged leaves, grass clippings, and tree branches and shrubs that are bundled into four-foot lengths and weighing less than 50 pounds. For tree limbs and large branches, if these are placed at your curb, stacked like firewood, your call to Public Works at (856) 663-0178 will dispatch a front-end loader when one is available. When you call, simply request a "wood pickup." We typically perform this pickup on a bi-weekly basis, depending on the demand. You can place as much yard debris out each week as you would like, provided that it is placed at the curb properly. Waste Management will not take any yard debris that is placed inside the yellow recycling container. They will leave it at

your curb and you will have to put it out the following week. If you are unsure of how to achieve a proper curbside placement, give us a call, and we will walk you through your particular situation.

Following any similar storm with widespread impact, it is the desire of Pennsauken's Department of Public Works to provide relief to our residents to speed-up the clean-up efforts. Although it is not the responsibility of the Township to remove storm debris, we believe that every little bit helps. We highly encourage you to bundle your storm debris as mentioned above for normal pickup by Waste Management. They still run their trucks each Wednesday and the amount they pick-up does not cost the Township any more than it normally would. The Department of Public Works' priorities fall with public safety first. That includes the clearing of streets for emergency vehicles, the closure of streets due to downed electrical cabling or unsafe tree branches hanging out-of-sight, and

Township property such as playgrounds and athletic fields.

One last item, while on the topic of yard debris and "wood pickups." In April, our Department of Public Works received an uptick of phone calls from residents, specifically in the East Pennsauken area, claiming that their tree trimming contractor did not finish the job. Whether it was not cleaning up, failure to remove debris, or simply not completing the task they were hired for, we urge residents to "pay upon completion," and ensure that the debris is removed altogether or placed properly at the curb for Waste Management or Public Works pickup. An important note: a pile of debris left by a contractor on the curb is the homeowner's responsibility. The Department of Public Works has no jurisdiction over bad contractors working for "cash." Very few tree contractors go door-to-door and blitz a neighborhood for quick and cheap cash jobs. Make sure you get references and check for the contractor's liability insurance. If you are offered a deal that seems "too good to be true," it typically is.

On behalf of Pennsauken's Department of Public Works, we encourage residents to use our various playgrounds throughout town, the Township's boat ramp for those enthusiasts, and to enjoy the summer weather. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to our office at (856) 663-0178 or e-mail [publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

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### TALKIN' TRASH

Camden County is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, June 10, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, 200 College Drive, Gloucester Township, N.J. For more information, visit [www.camdencounty.com/event/free-household-hazardous-waste-collection-4/](http://www.camdencounty.com/event/free-household-hazardous-waste-collection-4/).

The County is also holding a free household electronic recycling collection event for Camden County residents on Saturday, June 10, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, 200 College Drive, Gloucester Township, N.J. If you have any items that are in question, please call the Division of Environmental Affairs at (856) 858-5241. For more information, visit <http://www.camdencounty.com/event/electronic-waste-recycling-2/>.

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## Pennsauken Township Police Recognize Officers

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the 30th anniversary of the slaying of Pennsauken Police Officer William F. Brey, who on May 15, 1987, became the first Pennsauken Police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

"Thirty years have passed since Officer Brey was killed in the line of duty. It struck us that we should do something to honor people outside the police department that helped us in our time of need," says Connor.

In recognition of those who were instrumental in the prosecution and conviction of Officer Brey's murderer, Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride was on hand to present proclamations to former Camden County Prosecutor Sam Asbell and former Camden County Assistant Prosecutor Dennis Wixted, who were undeterred in bringing justice to Officer Brey's family.

"After the officers performed the appropriate investigation and arrest, it was up to the Prosecutor's Office to make sure justice was done," says McBride. "The response of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office made all the difference."

### 2017 Police Award Recipients

The Richard Dawson Award for Meritorious Service annually honors officers that demonstrate exemplary performance of duty. The 2017 recipients are: Lt. John Nettleton, Sgt. Steve Warwick, Sgt. Chris Sulzbach, Sgt. Phillip Olivo, Det. John Kelly, Det. Matthew Henkel, Det. Paul McCausland, Ofc. Juan Rivera, Det. Brian Polaski, Ofc. Joseph Hurley, Ofc. Raymond Gilbert, Ofc. Jeffrey Dinoto, Ofc. Ricardo Figueroa, Ofc. Christopher Jones, Ofc. James Schenberger, Ofc. Michael Kil-

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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 Sgt. Chris Sulzbach.

The Officer William Brey Award for Valor went to the officers who responded to a call on November 13, 2016 with both a fight and multiple gun shots. Without regard to their personal safety, Pennsauken Police engaged an armed subject, worked to control a very large and chaotic crowd, and aided those seriously wounded during the incident. This award was presented to Lt. James Hartnett, Sgt. Charles Bevins, Ofc. Joseph Hurley, Ofc. William Hertline, Ofc. Ryan Hurley, Ofc. Peter Fabiani, Ofc. Brian May, Ofc. Linette Ramos, Ofc. Jody Pasquale, Ofc. Louis Belsito, Ofc. Brandon Miller, and Ofc. Gavin Rossner.

The Chief's Award for Leadership is awarded annually to the officer who provides an outstanding example to his or her peers in overall performance and community service. This year's award was co-presented to both Ofc. Nicole Kulyk and Ofc. Linette Ramos.

The police also recognized the actions of citizens that assist them in making the Pennsauken community safer. This year, the Pennsauken Police honored Julius

Davis, Cornell Becton, and Michael Zambrano, Jr.

The last award of the night was the Police Officer of the Year Award, which 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. The Police Officer of the Year for 2017 is Det. Brian Polaski.

At the end of the awards ceremony, Pennsauken Police Chief John Coffey took a moment to address those in attendance, to thank those who continue to support the police and commended the officers for their commitment to keeping the Pennsauken community safe.

"This is the most amount of awards I've ever seen given out in one night in the 38 years I've been here. It's the same criteria every year. I congratulate all the officers," says Coffey. "Last year, our officers responded to over 100,000 calls. It was busiest year we ever had for calls for service. There are a lot of officers, day in and day out, just doing their jobs the best they can.

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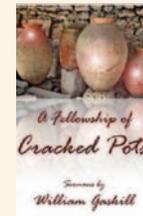
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By Rachael Rivera,  
AAP Columnist

As the summer season opens up, it's time to enjoy tasty cold treats to cool you down during those hot, hazy days and balmy, almost tropical nights.

John's Water Ice is located at 7315 Park Ave. and is probably one of the most well-known water ice places in town aside from Rita's. John's Water Ice originally comes from 7th and Christian in Philadelphia, where the family-run business got its start in 1945. The Philly location, which has seen its fair share of famous guests, including a United States President, is still there; the Pennsauken location opened the summer of 2012. On

Park Ave., you'll find a wide variety of both "wooder" ice and ice cream.

"Be cool. Eat a Rita's." I don't know about you, but that jingle gets stuck in my head every time I hear it on the radio. Their Pennsauken store, located at 4747 Westfield Ave., serves the tasty Italian ices and frozen custard you've come to expect from the chain. They make every single batch of ice on site every morning and use locally grown fruit whenever possible.

The original Mister Softee ice cream stand at 3605 Haddonfield Rd. has been serving Pennsauken residents and our neighbors since 1968. They're known for their signature soft serve ice cream, but they also have a name brand hand

dipped ice cream as well. Mister Softee also offers soft serve yogurt, water ice, Leo's Famous Yum Yum, gelottis, soda floats, smoothies, pretzels, and funnel cake. And what kid wouldn't want a Mister Softee original face cone? The classics are still there: dog face, black cat, shaggy dog, and rose bud!

A newer spot is Cabana Water Ice Company, located at 19 S. Centre St. in Merchantville. A chain that has stores throughout South Jersey, they offer

some fantastic chilly treats from a good variety of water ice, soft serve and hand dipped ice cream.

And coming soon is the Merchantville Sweet Shop, which by the look of things should be opening their store at the corner of Centre and Maple sometime this summer.

With all the flavor options offered by these places, I'd find it pretty amazing if

you didn't find something you like. I'm a traditionalist and enjoy a good cherry water ice, but once in a while I do like to get fancy; and there's plenty to choose from, all just a quick drive from your front door.

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• Munch and a Movie – Tuesday, June 13; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. For this month's movie selection please call (856) 665-5959.

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• Library Board Meeting – Monday, June 26; 6:00 p.m. The Library Board is the governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month the members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.

11:00 a.m. and Thursdays, June 1 & 8; 1:00 p.m. Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina welcome you to a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and a craft. For ages 0-5.

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formation on upcoming events, as well as photos and videos from library programs. And by following the page, you'll receive updates from the Library on a regular basis.

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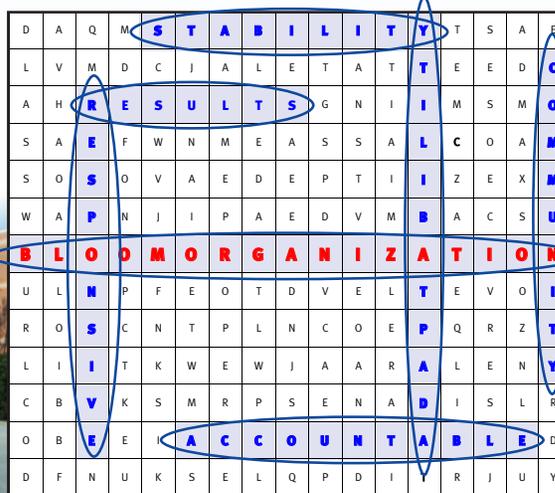
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## Young People Discuss Self-Esteem During Special Discussion

On April 28, a diverse group of local teenagers and pre-teens participated in a discussion on developing a positive self-image. Held at C.A.R.E. For Me Children's Learning Center in Pennsauken, the discussion was part of the John Maxwell Global Youth Initiative, which took place from April 24-30 across 49 different countries.

The program, facilitated by Pastor Keith D. Wright PhD., was framed around the importance of maintaining a positive self view, to develop a list of positive affirmations, and to learn how to separate failures from being labeled as a failure.

"We make mistakes and we fail from time to time. However, failing does not make one a failure," says Wright. "It is

crucial that we teach our children prayerfully, by way of our example, to learn from their missteps"

A major takeaway, according to the event host, was that "children are eager to communicate, and share their thoughts and experiences with each other, despite the prevailing thought from many adults that this generation prefers texting to talking."

While the discussion identified that children are communicating with each other in their environment, it also highlighted the challenge of parents, adults,



A diverse group of local teenagers and pre-teens gathered together at C.A.R.E. For Me Children's Learning Center in Pennsauken to discuss the importance of developing a positive self-image.

teachers, and community leaders to understand young people's code of communication and be able to positively impact them during their growth and development.

Wright encouraged the students to continue to read and to begin the process of journaling. He provided each student with a copy of John Maxwell's book, "Sometimes You Win and Sometimes You Learn for Teens."

## Memorials Established To Honor Al Segrest

On April 1, The Clip Joint reopened to celebrate the birthday of Al Segrest, a community staple who passed away in October 2016. Over the past 49 years Al, through his work and generosity, helped many people from near and far, young and old. Al's children are continuing his legacy, not only by donating all proceeds from haircuts on each and every April 1 to Al's favorite charity, but also honoring his memory by establishing memorials in Merchantville and at Camden Catholic.

The Merchantville Shade Tree Commission will mount a plaque in the sidewalk by the Clip Joint and plant a tree in Al's memory. Al also had a great love for his alma mater, Camden Catholic. He was a proud graduate from the class of 1966. Donations to CCHS would be used to establish a scholarship in Al's name.

Contributions may be made at the Clip Joint, 107 South Centre St., Merchantville, N.J. 08109. Checks can also be mailed directly to Merchantville Shade Tree Commission, One West Maple Ave., Merchantville, N.J. 08109; or the Camden Catholic Scholarship Fund, 300



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## Working Together To Tackle Abandoned And Vacant Properties

By Tracey Howarth,  
Pennsauken Township

As we move forward with our vacant and abandoned property initiative, we find ourselves once again appreciating the value of partnerships.

We recently joined into a partnership with Community Champions, a company whose software program helps to identify owners of vacant and foreclosed properties. This partnership has given us the advantage of identifying properties that are going into foreclosure. The value comes with the information that is now available. The township now has a contact and responsible party for the properties that are in foreclosure, but may not yet meet the definition of vacant or abandoned.

Often when a notice of foreclosure or eviction is served, families immediately vacate the property. In the past, we may not have found out that the property was vacant until an inspector or a resident called to tell us of the state of the property. In addition, we would not know what bank or property maintenance company to hold responsible. With the partnership of Community Champions, we not only know what properties are in or going into foreclosure, we now know the bank and the property maintenance company to contact for any issues that may arise with

the property. This information is very valuable, not only for the maintenance of the property, but also for the contact information of the responsible parties, as we take these properties through the steps of getting them rehabbed and occupied.

Another step in our mission to streamline this process was the newly initiated housing inspection being used by our housing inspectors. Everyone's goal is to get these properties rehabbed and occupied as quickly as possible. A huge part of that process is the inspection process. Gary Burgin, the Township's construction official, has taken on the task of streamlining our inspection process. He has created an inspection checklist that focuses on the safety, health, and welfare of a property. These issues might be otherwise known as the "big ticket" items in a home, like the conditions of the roof, wiring, plumbing, hot water heaters, and electrical panels, just to name a few. The Township has begun using this new approach and the feedback has been good. This process has focused our inspectors and the contractors on the things that really mean the most to the home owner and are meant to keep our residents safe.

### What's Happening Now

Pennsauken Township has recently

posted its second list of abandoned properties. Initially published in the *Retro-spect* newspaper on April 21, 2017, residents can find that list online at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/abandoned-and-vacant-property-initiative](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/abandoned-and-vacant-property-initiative) and in the hallway at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, located 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Once the appeals process has expired, we will have a final list of properties to work from.

As an update on the previous list, we started out with 105 properties being deemed abandoned by the Township. We were able to reduce that number of to 36. That reduction came through the sales, rehabilitation, and lien holders taking action on the properties that have open tax liens. That said, the Township will now move forward with next steps on the remaining 36 properties.

To date, 285 properties have been sold from the Township's vacant properties list. We've made a lot of progress, but have much more work to do. Thanks to all of the Township's partners working together to create a more automated, streamlined process, we are starting to see results. Each of these processes will be reviewed and evaluated on a consistent basis to ensure their effectiveness as the process moves forward.

As we move forward with our mission to occupy these properties, the Township is addressing those systems that may be slowing us down and making the needed changes. However, there are still those processes that take time and are out of our hands to change. Everyone remains committed to staying focused on the goal of rehabbing and occupying these properties as quickly as possible.

Residents are a very important part of

this initiative. It's important for you to let us know what you are seeing and hearing. Often our neighbors know more about what is happening with a property and can notify us faster than any other resource. Thank you to everyone who has reached out and shared your observations and concerns.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out by calling (856) 665-1000 ext. 145.

## Historic Flag Day Celebration Held On June 17

On Saturday, June 17, from noon to 4:00 p.m., historic Burrough-Dover House, located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane off of Haddonfield Rd., will hold its traditional commemoration of Flag Day. A variety of historic flags will be on display; and guided tours and related festivities will pay tribute to Old Glory and highlight the wide range of banners that symbolize our story as a nation and people. Admission and parking are free.

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Pennsauken Board of Education, and the Pennsauken Police Department.

"In my 26 years of working for the DEA, I have never seen a drug problem to the magnitude that we have right now in the United States. Oftentimes the word 'epidemic' is overused. I can tell you right now, this is an epidemic. There are people dying every day," says Nicholas J. Kolen, assistant special agent in charge,

United States Drug Enforcement Administration, New Jersey Division, who served as the main presenter on May 17.

During his presentation, Kolen talked about the issue of addiction to prescription drugs and heroin and how it's impacting South Jersey; what the DEA is doing to address this issue; and what the community can do to attack the problem. This was then followed by an engaging

panel with individuals who have personal, hands-on experience with the issue of drug addiction: Stephen Smarrito, a former addict; Wendy Nelson-Beach, whose son died from a drug overdose; Father John Stabeno, director of Catholic Charities' Addiction Healing Ministry; and Mark Pesotski, a pharmacist who began abusing opiates and turned his life around. Each shared their stories and answered questions from attendees.

The evening concluded with attendees visiting a multitude of resource stations; these were staffed by government agencies, non-profit organizations, and treatment centers, focused on providing assistance and education on the serious issue of drug addiction.

"This special forum is a great first step on addressing drug addiction in our community," says Nick Perry, president, Pennsauken Township Board of Education. "Too many loved ones are lost to this disease. We, as a community, have to do more; it starts with providing parents and teachers with the necessary resources to educate our children about the tragic impact that drug abuse has on



Nicholas J. Kolen from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, New Jersey Division gave a presentation highlighting the serious issue of prescription opioids and heroin abuse at a special event at Camden Catholic High School.

people's lives."

A video of Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kolen's presentation will be made available on Channel 19, as well as Pennsauken Township's and the Pennsauken School District's web sites and Facebook pages. In addition, parents, teachers, and caregivers can access free online resources about the issue of drug abuse – including videos and downloadable educational materials – by visiting [OperationPrevention.com](http://OperationPrevention.com) and [GetSmartAboutDrugs.gov](http://GetSmartAboutDrugs.gov).

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## inTown Remembering Those Who Gave All



In advance of Memorial Day, Pennsauken High School students heard from local veterans and held a wreath-laying ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on school grounds.



Fr. Timothy Byerley, officers from F.W. Grigg American Legion Post 68, and Coast Guard Lt. Margret Brown pose in front of Merchantville's World War I monument after the Memorial Day ceremony at Wellwood Park.



With "Taps" playing, veterans salute the flag during VFW Post 1270's Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony.



Members of AMVET Post 101 hold an impromptu "parade" on the way to lay wreaths at the World War II/Korean War Memorial on River Rd.

## PYACT Performs "Disney's Beauty And The Beast Jr." In July

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's performance of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr." will be held at the air conditioned Intermediate School, 8125 Park Ave., Pennsauken, on Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m., as well as Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Based on the original Broadway production that ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr." is a fantastic adaptation of the story of transformation and tolerance. "Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr." features some of the most popular songs ever written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

For more information, e-mail Elwood "Duke" Martz at [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or call (856) 665-1000 x151.

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## inSports STEP Soccer To Hold Summer Training Camp



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next generations of leaders on and off the field.

Sessions are held at the Pennsauken Recreational Sports Complex, located on Bethel and Westfield avenues. Camp dates are as follows:

- Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., ages 8-16
- Monday, July 10 through Thursday, July

- 13, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., ages 8-16
- Monday, Aug. 7 through Thursday, Aug. 10, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., ages 8-16
- Saturday mornings, July 1 through Aug. 19, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., ages 4-7

For more information, e-mail [STEPsoccerprogram@gmail.com](mailto:STEPsoccerprogram@gmail.com) or visit [Facebook.com/STEPsoccer](https://www.facebook.com/STEPsoccer).

## Hatley Repeats As Free Throw Champ

Eleven-year-old Will Hatley, a Pennsauken resident and student at Saint Peter's School in Merchantville, won the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for the second straight year.

Created in 1972, the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship attracts hundreds of thousands of young competitors each year; the organization estimates 350,000 youngsters participate in local rounds throughout the nation.

The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or provincial levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

**Pennsauken resident Will Hatley, age 11, won the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for the second straight year.**



## PHS Student Athletes Sign Letters Of Intent



Congratulations to the five PHS student athletes who recently signed their letters of intent to take their academic and athletic careers to the next level: Zaire Davis, Saint Augustine University (Football); Jaylen Robinson, American International College (Basketball); Martin Booker, Jr., Hampton University (Track and Field); Tuan Nguyen, Rutgers University Newark (Volleyball); and Kris Kim, Rutgers University Newark (Volleyball).

## Summer Youth Bowling League Starts June 20

Kids ages 5 to 18 can enjoy bowling with friends during the summer and receive their very own bowling ball!

A summer youth league runs each Tuesday, beginning June 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave., Pennsauken. The league runs for eight weeks. There will be no bowling on Tuesday, July 4.

The cost for the league is \$15 per

week and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, and a personal bowling ball at the end of the league. Participants must pay for all eight weeks to receive the bowling ball. There will also be a pizza party on the last night of the league.

For questions or additional information, please contact Gloria Irizarry at [gloirizarry@yahoo.com](mailto:gloirizarry@yahoo.com).

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