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### Phifer Middle School Holds Promotion Exercises For Eighth Graders



Pennsauken School District Superintendent Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi officially presents the high school class of 2021 during the Howard M. Phifer Middle School eighth grade promotion exercises.

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist and Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

At the eighth grade promotion exercises for Howard M. Phifer Middle School, over 400 students celebrated their past accomplishments and prepared to move on to high school and start some serious plans for their future. And while the evening was hot and humid, the temperature could not wilt the excitement of parents and guardians, family and friends, who gathered at Pennsauken High School to join in the celebration.

The soon-to-be graduates entered to the June classic, "Pomp and Circumstance," promptly followed by "The Star Spangled Banner," both under the direction of Mr. Jack Franchi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was initiated by Cameron Clark, vice president of the National Junior Honor Society. Cameron kept his composure and injected some

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# Pennsauken Celebrates The Graduating Class Of 2017

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist and Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It was as picture perfect as an early twilight could get.

The record-breaking temperatures cooled off to a soft and breezy evening as the over 360 soon-to-be graduates of Pennsauken High School began their procession onto to the beautiful green field.

The stadium seats were overflowing with exuberant, proud, supportive, and high-spirited family members, new and former PHS students, loving friends and neighbors.

The Pennsauken High School Class of 2017 equaled their enthusiasm.

Within ten minutes, all classmates were seated, awaiting the singing of our national anthem and the school's alma mater

The presentation of the Class of 2017 was given by Principal Gregory T. Munford, Jr., immediately followed by the acceptance of the class by Dr. Allyson



Members of Pennsauken High School's Graduating Class of 2017 throw their caps in the air, as they celebrate four years of accomplishments and a future of possibility.

Meloni, vice president of the Board of Education. Both Principal Munford and Dr. Meloni praised the students for their hard work. They acknowledged the challenges the students had faced, as well as those that they will continue to meet head-on on as

they move forward into this next chapter of their lives.

The music all evening was provided by The Pennsauken High School Concert Band, as well as the vocalists from Penn-

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### New Jersey Economic Development Authority Visits Edison Retail Solutions In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

As part of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's (EDA) ongoing efforts to raise awareness of the financing programs offered to support businesses across the state, EDA CEO Melissa Orsen visited Pennsauken's Edison Retail Solutions on Suckle Highway.

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Terry Carr and Jack Killion from Pennsauken Township were on hand for New Jersey Economic Development Authority CEO Melissa Orsen's visit to Edison Retail Solutions in Pennsauken and joined co-owners Joseph and Susan Ostreicher in cutting the ribbon on the company's new digital press.

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#### **JULYCALENDAR**

#### Sip And Shop At The Pennsauken Country Club

Sip and Shop—A Summer Soiree will be held on Sunday, July 9 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. Sponsored by Lollipop Boutique, "divas" are invited to dress in their best casual attire, grab their girlfriends, and come join in the fun. Walk the red carpet; enjoy unlimited hors d'oeurves, cash bar, mini makeovers, minute massages, grab bags, and great live entertainment; and shop a wide variety of VIP vendors. Visit https://lollipopdiamondboutique.ticketleap.com/summer-sip—shop-soiree/for more information or to buy tickets.

#### My Little Sweet Tea Summer Camp

Summer Camp at My Little Sweet Tea Party, located at 2345 Bethel Ave. in Pennsauken, runs for three weeks in July and three weeks in August. Camp is held Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Each day is a different theme and will have a different princess in attendance. All camps are drop off events. Light breakfast, snacks, tea party, and lunch are all included. Children will play dress up, get their nails polished, play games and create crafts based on the theme of the camp. The cost is \$50 per day or \$135 per week. Discounts are available for siblings attending the same camp or campers attending multiple weeks. For questions or to make a reservation for a child, e-mail mylittlesweetteaparty@ gmail.com or call (856) 220-2929.

#### **Town Watch**

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

#### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit which meets at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Post meeting. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

#### Twilight Concert Series At Cooper River Park

Camden County has sponsored two performances this month at Cooper River Park as part of their Twilight Concert Series Quaker City String Band will perform the Philly sound that will make you dance on Thursday, July 13. Audra McLaughlin, a top runner-up from the national TV show, "The Voice," will perform on Thursday, July 27. All concerts are free to attend and start at 8:00 p.m. at Cooper River Park between Rt. 130 and Cuthbert Boulevard on North Park Drive, Pennsauken. For more information, visit www.camdencounty.com/events/.

# Pennsauken United Methodist Church VBS

Registration for the upcoming "Journey to the Promise Land" VBS is due Sunday, July 18. Presented by Pennsauken United Methodist Church, 3559 Pennsylvania Ave., "Journey to the Promise Land" runs Aug.7-11 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. for children pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. This year they are pleased to partner with the Food Bank of South Jersey to provide dinner for each child attending VBS Monday through Thursday. The traditional family dinner will be held on Friday. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Interested parties may stop by the office any Tuesday or Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to pick-up and fill out a registration form. For questions or more information, call Cyndi Holshue at (856) 287-8279 anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

#### **Level Street Dance Camp 2017**

Level Street Dance, 6704 N Crescent Blvd., is holding a dance camp from Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 28. The camp features some of the best instructors in the industry today. Week one is for ages 6 to 12 (beginners); and week two is for ages 13 and up (intermediate and advance levels). For more information, visit www.theleveldance.com/level-street-dance-camp.

# Cooper River Bass Fishing Tournament

The annual Cooper River Bass Buddy Tournament will be held at Cooper River Park, 5300 North Park Drive, Pennsauken, on Saturday, July 22. Hosted by Top Rod Bassmasters and cosponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders, cash prizes are awarded to first-through fifth-place winners; plaques are presented for first-, second-, and third-place, as well as the lunker winner. Registration is between 4:00 to 5:45 a.m.; tournament runs from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.toprodbassmasters.com.

#### **PHS Alumni Dinner Dance**

An all years PHS Alumni Dinner Dance is being planned for October 2018. Interested parties are asked to send their information to Norma Kamis, '63 at normatrack@verizon.net so that the planning committee can keep alumni informed regarding the event.

# On The Job

### Helping to connect Pennsauken residents with local companies looking to hire.

**Bayada Home Health Care** in Pennsauken is looking for Certified Home Health Aides and perspective applicants interested in becoming certified aides with Bayada. Please contact Marcia Stanford at (856) 663-1622 or mstanford@bayada.com.

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**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 or call (856) 489-5951.

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# MAYOR'S Photo Contest To Capture Residents' Perspective Of Pennsauken



By Betsy McBride, Mayor of Pennsauken Township

When the Township redesigned its website a few years back, we not only wanted it to provide easy access for residents and business

owners to find the information that they need, but also wanted to provide an online "snapshot" of our community for visitors who may be looking to live or start a business in Pennsauken.

Our site has several links that can help point residents in the right direction. At the top of the menu on the left hand side of every page on the Township's website, there's a "What Department Do I Need?" button. From issues about aban-

doned/vacant properties to zoning questions, you can find the appropriate phone number to get the answers you need by clicking that link. There's also a page that allows you to download a variety of important forms; send a message directly to a specific department; and a registration form to get e-mail notifications directly from the Township regarding important issues and events.

There are also menu items that highlight why Pennsauken Township is a great place to live; how our community is business-friendly; and some details about our history, which is of particular importance as Pennsauken continues to celebrate our 125th anniversary this year.

We've also added something new to the website recently: a photo gallery that highlights some of the great things that make Pennsauken a wonderful, thriving community. And while we have some pretty good pictures up there, we'd love to have submissions from our residents to make it even better. So we decided to create a fun contest for the people who work and live in our community, giving them an opportunity to share – in photo form – their positive perspective of Pennsauken.

Interested parties can upload their photos at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/photo-gallery-contest. Photo categories are daily life, people, places, nature, and events; all images must directly relate to Pennsauken. Photo submissions are due by end of day Friday, Aug. 18, 2017. Out of the photos we receive, a committee of volunteers will review the photos and pick the ones most reflective of Pennsauken Township; these images will uploaded to the online gallery on the main page of our website. A handful

of these "Pennsauken photographers" will then be invited to join me for lunch at the Pennsauken Country Club – my treat!

I hope that many of you take advan-

tage of this opportunity to share some images that reflect what makes our community special and I look forward to seeing your photo submissions!





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#### Pennsauken – Bigger Than it Looks!

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#### Pennsauken – Builder Alert for Iron Rock!

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#### Pennsauken – Collins Tract

This four bedroom one and a half bath features eat-in-kitchen, some original hardwood floors, spacious living room with gas fireplace, large dining room, main level of-fice, or office in lower level of home, your choice. Additional amenities include beautiful deck out back, large porch in front, laundry room with washer and dryer included, two car garage. Home has central air! Beautifully landscaped and very spacious fenced in back yard. Irrigation system is on the front and side yards. Full finished basement with dry bar. Come and check this home out Corner lot. \$203,900



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# The Joy Of Boating, As Recalled By Folding Chairs

By Bob Wagner. AAP Columnist

Hot, sunny days are just right for exploring waterways. Another cheerful work-free summer is upon me. Well, work free according to me. The bride sees things a bit differently, but that is her makeup. All those years as "the teacher" have undoubtedly marred her approach to a summer schedule. I lean more towards the student outlook, with no more books, no more tests, etc., etc.

The garage still houses the kayak, and the ultra light, 12-foot canoe. I gaze at them frequently from my perch in the lounge chair in the cool shade of my garage hideout. The slow clicking of the old floor fan helps lull me into an afternoon nap, as I semi-recline, contemplating trips up and down river.

I have shared stories before of wanting to travel the length of our neighboring rivers. So much water, and now I have the time to take those trips. But old, tired hips and shoulders are better suited, it seems, for my very fine folding reclining chair. Both kayak and canoe are dusty and cob web encrusted. I know they will both float. The big question is, will I?

My friend Jones is no help here. He frequently garners us permission to fish in some lovely and very fishy private lakes in South Jersey. We sit on our chairs in the garage, surrounded by boats, fishing rods, tackle boxes, nets, and all the assorted gear necessary for plying the local waters. We have at our disposal three trucks, one 4x4 Jimmy, and one Jeep Wrangler. All that is missing is the energy to get up, head out, and go play.

Some might see this as a major character flaw. But after years, nay, decades, of going out into the sunshine in pursuit of fish and other water/boat related subjects, we have mellowed. Discussion about heading outside and planning for takeoff is done from the shady and comfortable recesses of the garage. No sunburn can be gotten here. Also, no ticks, mosquito bites, or black flies attack us in our chairs. The "facilities" at the garage are primitive, but heads and shoulders above those available beside the water's edge. The little refrigerator near our chairs is old and subject to the occasional freezing of an adult beverage container. But it does not require lifting, carrying, or filling with ice.

While contemplating yet another season of floating on the local waters, I was rudely awakened by brother Jones, who was tuning the garage guitar. He had arrived with plans to actually take out the

canoe to the local waters, but stopped when he saw the guitar leaning on its stand near the boats. Overcome with nautical nostalgia, he launched into a moving rendition of "Down by the Riverside." I grabbed a harmonica and joined right in. After a few tunes regarding boats named after women, boating

at night, and women of the night, we were too tired to go out on the water.

We sipped on a cooling semi-adult beverage, then retired to our separate domiciles for a well-deserved nap.

Tomorrow is another day, filled with summer sunshine, and perhaps, another story. Happy summer!

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## **Bayada Home Health Care Opens Its Doors In Pennsauken**

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Sledgehammers in February were replaced with ceremonial scissors in June, as executives from Bayada Home Health Care, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, and Township officials helped to officially open the home health care agency's new facility on Haddonfield Rd. in Pennsauken.

"This is the global support center," says J. Mark Baiada, founder and president of Bayada Home Health Care, who spoke about the new 127,000 square foot executive campus, which will consolidate the agency's support office functions and house their international training center. "We're here so we can support all of our nurses, nurse's aides, and therapists in the field, so they can do really good work, so we can be more effective here, so they can be more effective in the home to help people stay home."

"It's a great day for Bayada, a great day for Pennsauken, and a great day for the State of New Jersey," adds Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "When you're beginning to consolidate and bring everybody closer together, one of the key things you look at is location. We have in Pennsauken a crossroads of all the different highways of Southern New Jersey. We have trains and buses. We also have proximity to the airport and the Philadelphia train station. So it's more convenient for caregivers to be able to spend more time at home or on their way to a location to take care of somebody."

According to David Baiada, practice president for Bayada Home Health Care, Pennsauken played a role in forming the organization's core values.

"I grew up not far from here. I was a soccer player when I was young and I learned a lot of the lessons and values that have become part of our organizational value system on the soccer field on Haddonfield Rd.," says Baiada. "For me, this is kind of a cool homecoming, because the lessons I learned right here in Pennsauken are the ones we are helping fortify and sustain in the long run right here."

Bayada was considering making a move to Philadelphia. But thanks to Grow New Jersey, a powerful job creation and retention incentive program that strengthens New Jersey's competitive edge in the increasingly global marketplace, the company received \$18.5 million in state tax breaks to stay in the state and has committed to the creation of approximately 160 new jobs.

"The numbers have to work. If the numbers didn't work and the Grow New Jersey program didn't exist, you wouldn't be standing here," explains New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno. "We wouldn't have the Grow New Jersey program if it didn't show a benefit here today to the taxpayers of New Jersey to the tune of \$85 million over 20 years. It's a benefit to the company to have all 500 or so of you under one roof. It's more a benefit to the taxpayers on every level. The numbers have to work, they did here for everyone."

"I know Pennsauken, from the grassroots level, all the way to the top with the mayor, with all of their economic development team, are welcoming in every way and they will be here more often than not to take your temperature to make sure that you stay here and stay happy," adds Guadagno. "I thank you for that because it makes our job on a state level that much easier."

In closing, the Lieutenant Governor gave a heartfelt reflection on the impor-

tance of what Bayada does for the community, relating a personal story of how home health care workers helped her own mother before she passed away.

"What you do in this building is priceless. You give the gift of human kindness to those that need it most. It isn't just the \$85 million benefit to the taxpayers, it wasn't just a good Grow New Jersey deal for the company itself, but it's the gift of human kindness. And I am so proud, that you have decided that the home base for that gift is here in

the State of New Jersey, in the County of Camden, in the Township of Penn-



Executives from Bayada Home Health Care, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Deputy Mayor Killion, and Mayor McBride helped to officially open the home health care agency's new facility on Haddonfield Rd. in Pennsauken.

sauken. Thank you for everything that you do and congratulations"

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# The Rules On Temporary Signs In Pennsauken

By Gary Burgin, Pennsauken Township **Building Department** 

There is a song I hear on the radio when I listen to the classic rock station that has the words, "Sign, sign, everywhere a sign." It seems lately this is the case in Pennsauken. There are many illegal signs. We want to get rid of sign pollution, and with your help, we can do it.

When it comes to signs, the most asked questions are: "How many signs can I have?" "Where can I put signs?" "How long can I keep a sign up?""Do I need a permit for a sign?" You can find the answers in Chapter 141, Section 86, titled "Signs" in the Township of Pennsauken Administrative Code Book. In this article, I will try to hit the highlights of the section for you.

Section A gives the definitions of the different types of signs covered in the code. There are eight types of signs; they are: a business sign, billboard, flashing sign, directional sign, campaign sign, temporary sign, illuminated sign, and a wall sign. For the purposes of this article, I will concentrate on temporary signs, since these seem to be what most of the questions are about where most of the sign pollution comes from.

The definition of a temporary sign is a sign erected for a relatively short period of time, which period shall be determined by the work, event, sale of the premises or product advertised or the occurrence of the event to which it refers. Temporary signs are allowed for contractors doing work at a site, as long as they are still working at that location. They are allowed for the sale of a property, as long as it is up for sale; yard sale signs until they end; directional signs for an event until the event is over; and to promote a charitable, educational, civic, cultural, or religious special event. All other temporary signs are prohibited.

A permit is required for a temporary sign when it is eight-square feet or larger, or when there are going to be numerous signs for the charitable, educational, civic, cultural, or religious event. The permit application must be made to the Building Department located in the basement of the Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken. A sample of the sign is required when the application is made. The cost of the permit is \$25 for signs that are eight square feet to 25 square feet, \$75 for signs between 25 and 100 square feet, and \$100 for a sign larger than 100 square feet.

One real estate sign is allowed on a property listed for sale, unless it is on a corner; then two signs are allowed, but they may not exceed six square feet in size. Directional yard sale signs or open house signs are only allowed a few days prior to the event and one day after the event. They may not exceed two square feet in size and may not be closer than 1000 feet apart unless there is a change in direction.

If anyone violates any part of the sign regulations, they are subject to a fine of not less than \$500 and shall be charged with all the costs of the removal of the offending sign(s). Each sign represents a separate offense.

If you are having an open house, a yard sale, garage sale, etc. and you have put out signs, please make sure you remove them at the end of the event so you won't be subject to any penalties. If someone has left a sign on your property or on the utility pole outside your home or business, remove it and put it in the trash.

Public employees have been removing illegal signs when the time allows. They have also been taking offenders of the sign regulations to court. All of this takes time and money away from other projects we need to accomplish. That's why it's so important for members of the community to help. By following the rules regarding temporary signs and helping take down illegal

signs in your neighborhood that the Township may not be aware of, a little extra effort can go a long way in maintaining a "clean and green" Pennsauken.

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Yard sale signs are allowed in Pennsauken, but must be removed after the sale is complete. Failure to do so can result in a fine per sign.



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### **Summer Fun From Pennsauken Parks and Recreation**

Both children and adults can add more fun and excitement to the summer months with entertaining and educational programs offered through Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation.

#### FOR CHILDREN Summer Fun Camp – 6.5 Hours, 7 Weeks

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 runs from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., 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.

#### 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 children 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.

#### **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 Camp are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Camp is open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates are as follows: 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. Basketball Camps will be at the Pennsauken Middle School on Park Ave. Softball Camps will be at the Softball Complex behind the Pennsauken Police Station on Bethel Ave.

#### **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 Derousse Ave. Children, ages 7-15, will learn stage movement, vocal projection, character study and improvisational games. They will create their own story and perform it on video for friends and family on the last day of class. The cost is \$50 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 open from noon 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 pro-

grams 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/summerprograms. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at emartz@ twp.pennsauken.nj.us or (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

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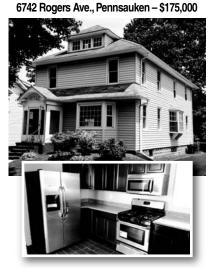
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# Christmas In July Luau Benefits Angel Tree Program

The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas in July Luau on

Thursday, July 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home, 2426 Cove Rd. For a \$20 donation, participants will enjoy food, drinks, and entertainment.

Proceeds from the luau benefits Pennsauken's Angel Tree program,

which collects new, unwrapped toys for families in need. Last year, a record number of Pennsauken families were helped during the holidays thanks to generous community and business

donations.

Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to

Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by July 20.



The P.M.A.C. Christmas in July Luau, hosted by Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home on July 27, benefits Pennsauken's Angel Tree program.

### American Almond Opens In Pennsauken



Mayor Betsy McBride joined representatives from American Almond and the Barry Callebaut Group to celebrate the grand opening of their new facility in Pennsauken. American Almond represents the only facility in the Americas that processes non-peanut nut products for Barry Callebaut. The facility's opening will also create 36 food manufacturing jobs in town. For the full story, visit AllAroundPennsauken.com.

# **Open Enrollment For Housing Choice Voucher Program Begins July 10**

The Pennsauken Housing Authority announces that open enrollment for the Housing Choice Voucher Program runs online from Monday, July 10 at 10:00 a.m. until Friday, July 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Pre-applications for rental housing assistance will be accepted from very lowincome residents and households based on the income limits established by HUD. Pre-applications will be selected by lottery to be placed on the waiting list. You must be 18 years of age or older to apply. Only one pre-application per household will be accepted.

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line with the use of a personal computer,

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#### **PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

# Pennsauken's Majid Successful Orthopedic Surgeon

Dr. Kamran Majid, a Pennsauken native who grew up in the Chadwick II section of town is now a successful orthopedic surgeon in California.

"I specialize in pathologies and disorders of the spine," says Dr. Majid. "Disorders of the spine can often cause neck, arm, back, buttock, or leg pain. Less frequently, they may cause extremity numbness or weakness, and difficulty with walking. Often times, pains in the neck and lower back will respond well to nonsurgical care: medications, exercise

and therapy, or cortisone injections. Occasionally, spinal disorders may require surgical intervention."

Majid's family moved to Pennsauken by way of Pakistan in 1982.



Majid

Kamran attended Pennsauken's public schools and was valedictorian of Pennsauken High School's Class of 1996. He was accepted into a six-year medical program between Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa and Medical College of Pennsylvania/Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pa.

Upon his graduation in 2002, Kamran entered an Orthopedic Surgery Residency program with the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. Majid's fellowship training in Orthopedic Spine Surgery was completed at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Dr. Majid joined a private practice orthopedic surgery group in Pennsylvania and worked there for approximately three years while his wife was completing her residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Temple University. Afterwards, Majid took his current job with Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, Calif. He is a member of several societies, including the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, North American Spine Society, Lumbar

Spine Research Society, Scoliosis Research Society, and Orthopedic Research Society. His research pursuits include studying the degenerative cascade of the spine, biomechanical effects of various spinal implants, and determining the clinical impact of spine care on our patients.

"I am the happy father of three wonderful children and am grateful for the support of my lovely wife, who continues to allow me to dedicate myself to my profession," says Majid.

Want to share a Pennsauken success story? E-mail aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us for details.

### **Congratulations Alexandra!**



Congratulations to Pennsauken resident Alexandra Rivera, who turned 18 last month and graduated high school! Have an accomplishment, anniversary, or milestone you'd like to recognize? E-mail aap@twp.penn sauken.nj.us with details!

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### Pennsauken's Rose Graduates From Berkeley College

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Associate's degrees, and Certificates. The graduating class included 175 military and veteran students and 200 international students, representing 42 countries. Kaycian earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.





# **SENIORCORNER** Camden County Holds Senior Citizen Legal Workshops

By Sonny DiSabato, Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. The Camden County Board of Freeholders, the Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Senior and Disabled

Services, and the Surrogate's Office announce free legal workshops for senior and disabled residents of Camden County. Those attending these workshops receive, at no cost, a last will and testament, an advance directive for

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health care (living will) and power of attorney (POA).

Participants are required to be Camden County residents aged 60 and over. Disabled citizens must be aged 18 and over and residents of Camden County. Workshops are limited to 35 participants per session and pre-registration is required.

Due to a high demand, individuals need to call for an appointment as soon as possible. These workshops fill up very quickly. Don't delay!

These workshops are held every

Monday of the month, unless it falls on an official holiday; then it moves to that Tuesday. Each workshop is held at the Camden County Store, 2120 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees, N.J. The senior legal workshops for this month occur on July 10, 17 and 24 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. There is also a workshop on Monday, July 31 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; clinics held at night do not offer a power of attorney (POA), only a will and living will.

To register for these legal workshops. please call (856) 566-2920. For more information about this program and about the other services provided by the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services and the Surrogate's Office, please call the Division of Senior and Disabled Services at (877) 222-3737 or the Surrogate's Office at (856) 225-7282.

I hope you're enjoying your summer with family and friends. Stay cool! Also, please remember to say a prayer for our brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces.



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#### **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.

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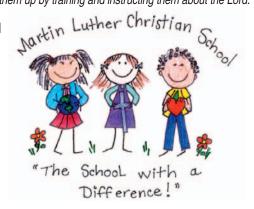
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# **GRAYMATTERS**

# You Say Tomato, I Say, "Yes, Please!"

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

I swear to you, I am not doing my usual complaining about the hot, humid, steamy, muggy, harsh, sweltering, oppressive, and stifling, July weather.

Well, almost.

Actually, let's talk about our world famous Jersey tomatoes. Those perfectly vine-ripened, delicious, tasty, appetizing, multi-purposeful, Jersey tomatoes.

What is it with me and adjectives today? I'll let you know later if I figure

If they call us "The Garden State" for any one reason at all, in my opinion, tomatoes are the answer.

Well, sure, love is the answer too; but tomatoes will never break your heart.

Anyway... visions of sugarplums that dance in our heads can take a back seat for a few more months, my friends. THIS is Jersey tomato time.

Now I've heard recently that our Jersey's are not the tomatoes of yesteryear, because those were a variety that went softer faster. They were "re-created" to be a bit hardier for shipment and to generate more revenue with a longer shelf life.

But as far as I'm concerned, if I plant those beautiful beefsteak plants in that

magnificent Garden State soil of ours right here in our backyard, then they're the Jersey tomatoes of old to me! I mean seriously, I'm not planting Cleveland tomatoes out there, am I?

All I can tell you is that last year, a plant I sprouted from a seed grew a tomato as picture perfect as anything vou'd ever be blessed to see in a "Home and Gardens" catalog. And as for the taste? Well, let me tell you. If there's a garden in heaven, those tomatoes certainly taste exactly like those we grow in our own backyards. Our Jersey tomatoes are our own taste of heaven if you will.

So whether you plan to make a delicious "gravy" out of your plentiful supply of heirlooms, a tangy salsa or bruschetta with some plums, or enjoy a beefsteak sliced all by themselves in a sandwich with mayo, salt and pepper, take delight in the fact that no one can grow a delectable, mouth-watering, flavorful, luscious, manna from heaven tomato like we can.

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Oh... and about those adjectives? I think I just like them!

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~ Judy

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# **inSchool**

# The Pennsauken BOE Celebrates Its Students



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

The end of the school year always proves to be an incredibly busy but fun time in the Pennsauken School District. Students in every grade wrap up their studies and get to enjoy various experiences like field days, class trips, and a variety of delicious treats. But for our

eighth grade and 12th grade students, the end of the school year is unique. It is a bittersweet time, as their journeys shift dramatically and they move toward a new beginning. While the exciting changes that they will experience may be a little frightening, the end of their current journey gives us the opportunity to recognize their outstanding accomplishments achieved along the way.

Our celebration of our eighth grade students began with the Middle School Honors Award ceremony on June 5. Students at Howard M. Phifer Middle School received recognition for earning high academic standing during their middle school careers. Over 200 students were acknowledged during this ceremony, with several students having earned perfect 4.0 GPAs for the entire two years at Phifer.

On June 13, the eighth grade promotion exercises took place. Though the weather was quite warm, students, as well as their families and friends, enjoyed a beautiful ceremony, which included musical accompaniment by the middle school band and the award-winning middle school choral group. Each of the over 400 students being promoted to the high school was individually recognized. There were also over \$1,000 in local scholarship awards that were distributed to these outstanding students.

For the 370 members of the 2017 graduating class of Pennsauken High School, the last weeks of school brought various events that recognized their excellent accomplishments. The top 20 students in the class were recognized in various ceremonies, including the honors breakfast in May. Senior student-athletes were honored at the Pennsauken Athletic Department Awards on June 6. And on June 7. over 100 students, along with their familv and friends, attended the Senior Awards ceremony, where over \$63,000 in local scholarships were awarded.

The culmination of the celebration of our seniors occurred on June 14, when the PHS Class of 2017 marched into the Pennsauken High School Stadium to receive their high school diplomas, as the famous Pennsauken High School Concert Band played "Pomp and Circumstance." Students from the Double Dozen sang the national anthem; and for the first time in many years, the alma mater of Pennsauken High School was sung.

The event featured amazing speeches from Valedictorian Daniel Ball, Class of 2017 President Asia Davis, Student Government President Brianna Rowland, and Salutatorian Angel R. Santana. Members of the high school's administration and the Board of Education also imparted some advice to the graduates.

As each student was announced, their families and friends, along with the teachers and staff in attendance, greeted them with loud applause. The ceremony ended with an original composition written and sang by senior Irez Ramirez. The perfect weather made the night truly one to remember.

The Board of Education would like to extend their congratulations to the members of the eighth grade class and the PHS class of 2017. The events that occurred during these last few weeks have given us the wonderful opportunity to recognize our outstanding students. We would like to extend our greatest thanks to the teachers, staff, parents, guardians. family, and friends of these remarkable students. Additionally, we would also like to show our appreciation for every member of the Pennsauken community. Without the support of all of you, providing these students with a fantastic educational experience would not be possible.

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

The 2017 graduation ceremony marks over five decades of graduations that have been celebrated at Pennsauken High School since its opening in 1959.

#### **PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS**

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# **Graduating Seniors Return To Their Old Elementary Schools**

Graduating seniors from Pennsauken High School's Class of 2017 returned to their old elementary schools to walk the halls in cap and gown, visiting their former teachers and encouraging young students to set goals for their own graduation.

Fourth graders throughout the Pennsauken School District participated in the "Adopt-A-Senior" program and sent personalized congratulatory letters to each graduate. The young students cheered on and congratulated the high school seniors in a parade-like atmos-

The PHS "Grad Walk" was very well



all the makings of a new tradition in the Pennsauken School District.

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#### **Board of Education Meeting**

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 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 Superin tendent" 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.

### **Fighting Childhood Cancer One Cup** Of Lemonade At A Time



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### **Class Of 2017 Cools Off During Pool Party**



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# Pennsauken High School Students Receive Well-Deserved Awards

Pennsauken High School held its Senior Awards Night for the Class of 2017 on Wednesday, June 7. Over 190 awards were presented to the deserving scholars. The parents, teachers, administrators and members of Pennsauken's Board of Education are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the honored students.

**Administrators' Association** of Pennsauken Award

Taylor Johnson Alyssa Edelman

**American Legion of Camden County Award** Papea Son Irez Ramirez

Andrew F. Kelly Memorial Award

**Ann Dillon Memorial Fund Scholarship** Joshua Echevarria

**Apache Band Booster Association Cramer Award** Schina Phan

**Apache Band Booster Association** Matt Henkel Award Emily Gmyr Steven Williams

**Apache Band Booster Association Outstanding Member Award** Rvan Arce

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**Benjamin Franklin PTA Award** 

Ryan Lam Michelle Bello

**Athletic Volunteerism Scholarship** Michelle Bello Selena Carter

**Brian Matera Scholarship** Joshua Echevarria

**Camden County Bar Association Award** Sharlize Burgos

**Camden County Association of School Business Officials** Steven Nguyen

**Camden County Council PTA Helen Ameisen Scholarship** Michelle Bello

**Carson Elementary School Award** Papea Son Kyla Jerry

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Delia Ford Brown Textbook Scholarship, Sponsored by Spare Change, Inc. Joseph Mendoza Michelle Bello

**Dennis Armento Memorial Award** Jestvn Revnoso

**Democratic Club of Pennsauken Thomas Soto Memorial Award** 

Revnaldo Urena

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Dr. Michelle E. Liggio Memorial Scholarship Hanna Nguyen

Eleanor M. Coe Longfellow Merit Award Leonardo Reyes Alexandra Pasamihalis

**Elementary Retired Teachers** of Pennsauken Award Daniel Ball Asia Davis Alexandria Labenski Tuan Nguyen

**Enrichment Through Engineering Award** Vivian Huynh

**Evening Membership Department** of the Woman's Club of Merchantville **Mary Klimek Memorial Scholarship** Emily Gmyr

**Evening Membership Department** of the Woman's Club of Merchantville Sandy DeSimone Memorial Scholarship Michelle Bello

Francis Orsini Marching Band **Scholarship Fund** Schina Phan

George and Carol Norcross AFL Scholarship Michelle Bello

George and Sandra Norcross Scholarship Angel Santana

George B. Fine Elementary PTA Award Jurnee Gabri El Andrew Dicken

**Griffith Morgan Committee Social Studies Award** Reynaldo Urena Kyla Jerry

**James David Hutton Memorial Scholarship** Michelle Bello

Jane B. Wellenbeck Continuing **Education Scholarship** Alexandra Pasamihalis

Jeanne Thompson Memorial Award Ryan Brown

John W. Partridge Spirit Award Michelle Bello

Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken **Industrial Arts Award** Papea Son

**Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken Instrumental Music Award** Talisa Prince

Language Arts/World Language Latin AP Award Angel Santana

Language Arts/World Language Spanish AP Award Joseph Mendoza

**Latino Culture Club Award** 

Edward Vazquez Janiskaliz Espada

Lions Club of Pennsauken Lois V. Rossi **Memorial Award** 

Michael Hartka

Lions Club of Pennsauken Leo Club Award Schina Phan Kevin Lu

**Longfellow Elementary School PTA** Elizabeth P. Smith Award Kody Pavel

Merchantville-Pennsauken Water **Commission Frank Gail Memorial Award** 

Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission Rocco J. Maroccia **Memorial Award** Zoe Dillard

Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission Walter V. Kurkian **Memorial Award** Steven Nguyen

Merchantville-Pennsauken Water **Commission William C. Davis Memorial Award** Hannah Pietzsch

Park Avenue Campus PTA Award Michelle Bello Daniel Ball

**Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club Marie Giebel Scholarship** Andrew Dicken

Asia Davis Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club **Fall Sports Athlete Award** 

Joshua Echevarria Deja Gillis **Emily Gmyr** 

Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club **Spring Sports Athlete Award** Kristina Mitchell

Adanna Chukwuocha Martin Booker

**Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club** Winter Sports Athlete Award Arielis Reyes

Tuan Nguyen

Pennsauken Custodian, Grounds, and Maintenance Local 2300 Award Erik Marquez Jewelyana Sharples

**Pennsauken High School** Class of 1974 Award Michelle Bello Joshua Echevarria

Pennsauken High School Class of 1988 Reunion/Alumni Committee Award Irez Ramirez

Pennsauken High School Leo Club Award Jessica Tran

Jose Jimenez **Pennsauken High School Mathematics Teachers Award** 

Chrisana McIntosh Pennsauken High School PTA Award

Irez Ramirez Jasmine Magalong Alexandria Labenski Hanna Nguyen

**Pennsauken Historical Society Social Studies Award** Jose Jimenez Michelle Sangarlo

**Pennsauken School Nurses** "The Meg Snyder Nursing Scholarship" Jasmine Magalong

**Pennsauken Soccer Boosters Kurt R. Klaus Soccer Scholarship** Andrew Dicken Joseph Mendoza Deja Gillis

Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities Award Zaire Davis Deja Gillis

Pennsauken Zone PTA Award Janiskaliz Espada Nicolette Markakis Jose Jimenez

**Emily Gmyr** 

Pennsauken/Merchantville Rotary Club **Andy Andreola Award** Jack Tran

Pepsi-Cola Company Award Asia Davis Leonardo Reyes

Phi Beta Kappa Book Award Daniel Ball

PHS Pennsauken Stages Award Brianna Rowland Taylor Johnson

**PHS Double Dozen Parents Association** Award Hannah Pietzsch Jakob Kramer

Michael Hartka Bobbi Sue Godwin

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**PHS Social Studies Department** Hope Kwochka Award Gabriella Lau

**PHS Social Studies Department** John L. Harbison Award Daniel Ball

**PHS Social Studies Department** William Sia Award Kyle Faraghan

Raymond F. Wiggins Jazz Scholar-Isaac Amato

Steven Williams

Renaissance Scholarship – 10 Cards Alexandria Labenski Brianna Rowland

**Brittany Brice** Chrisana McIntosh Eric Nguyen Jasmine Brewer Jestyn Reynoso Johnnie Lloyd Jose Jimenez Joshua Crespo Michael Jarvis Michael McFeeley Nicolette Markakis Ruben Hyman Samantha Baez Sandy Pham

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Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental **Health and Physical Education** Award Samantha Baez

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Language Arts/World Language Award Emily Gmyr

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental **Mathematics Award** 

Chrisana McIntosh

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental **Science Award** Andrew Dicken

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental **Social Studies Award** Hannah Pietzsch

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental **Special Service Award** Mecca Chambers

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Visual/Performing Arts Award Ryan Lam

Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial **Scholarship Female Athlete Award** Michelle Bello

Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial **Scholarship Male Athlete Award** Martin Booker

Robert D. Orr Award Hanna Nguyen

Robert R. Nicholson Science Award

Jose Jimenez

**Roosevelt Elementary School** Award Schina Phan

Jakob Kramer **Stephen McConnell Memorial** 

Award Angel Santana **Stone Siblings Opportunity** 

**Scholarship** Tuong Tran

**Strive for Excellence Award** Emanuel Greene

The 45th Street Pub Award Gabriella Lau

Woman's Club of Merchantville **Arts Creative Department Award** Alexandria Gasparinatos

Woman's Club of Merchantville **Education Department Award** Schina Phan Ciera Thomas

Woman's Club of Merchantville Literature Award Christina Bartels

Woman's Club of Merchantville **Outstanding Citizenship Award** Kiara Munoz

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# **Summertime Crime Prevention Tips For Residents**

Information Provided by Pennsauken Township and the Pennsauken Township Police Department

To help residents reduce their risk of being the target of a crime during warmer months, the Pennsauken Township Police Department offers a variety of simple, yet effective tips.

#### **Car Safety**

No matter how hot it is, always roll your car windows up, take your keys and lock your car doors, especially at night.

Keep valuable items, such as iPods, cell phones, and GPS devices out of sight. If you can see it from outside of your car, so can criminals.

Car thieves will often walk through neighborhoods checking for unlocked cars. If you see anything suspicious, be sure to call 9-1-1 immediately.

#### **Summer Burglaries**

July and August are the two months of the year where home burglaries are the most frequent. And contrary to popular belief, more than half of burglaries – 65 percent – occur between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., while many home owners are at work. If a resident has an alarm system installed in their home, it's vital to make sure that it is active and in "away" mode while a home owner is out. Criminals look for easy targets; a home with an alarm system in use is the opposite of that.

In addition, it's important for residents to secure valuable items on their property. Keep doors and sheds locked; and don't leave bikes, lawn mowers, etc. out in the open and easily accessible to thieves.

The police also call on residents to become actively involved in protecting their neighborhoods and reporting suspicious people or activity. Potential burglars will often knock on a resident's door to see if anyone is home before breaking in. If someone answers, he or she will usually ask for directions, claim they lost a pet, try to solicit "handyman" work, or ask for somebody. If someone suspicious unexpectedly knocks on your door, please notify Pennsauken Police

immediately.

As additional "eyes and ears" of law enforcement, residents can help to reduce crime and increase the quality of our community by knowing what to report. A quick and accurate description of events, vehicles, and persons can make the difference in apprehending a potential criminal. The police caution against putting oneself in danger when reporting suspicious activity, but if possible, try to safely obtain the suspect's physical description, including what he or she is wearing. When reporting suspicious vehicles, information as to the make and model, vehicle occupants, the license plate, or any identifying marks or characteristics and direction of travel is crucial.

Alert citizens can effectively work with police to reduce crime and have shown their success in the past. If a crime occurs in your neighborhood, please make police aware if someone has video of the incident. Video cameras often times capture footage that can quickly lead to an arrest.

#### **Pennsauken Town Watch**

For those residents looking to become more active in the safety of their community, Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting occurs on July 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

#### **Report Suspicious Activity**

The police always stress the importance of reporting suspicious behavior,

which can go a long way in preventing crimes in the Pennsauken community.

"We ask you to call the police if you see something," explains Captain Michael Probasco. "Call 9-1-1. It's better for us to come out and investigate and check them out."

"You can call 9-1-1 and tell them that you want to be anonymous," says Sgt. Phil Olivo. "If they're thinking about doing something wrong, they're going to think twice."

Residents can also anonymously report any drug activity by calling 9-1-1 as the incident is occurring.

"If someone's concerned about retribution for alerting the police, they can tell the 9-1-1 dispatcher that they want to remain anonymous and they do not

want an officer to come to their residence if they are reporting drug activity as it is occurring," adds Olivo. "Officers will respond to the location to investigate the activity, but they won't speak with the caller. The resident will remain anonymous."

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### Pennsauken Police Officers Recognized For Preventing Crashes



Officers Bill Hertline and Joe Kuchmek of the Pennsauken Police Department were recognized by MADD-New Jersey for their efforts in saving lives by preventing crashes.

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#### **McDermott Marker Installed** At Merchantville

The Camden County Freeholder Board honored John McDermott, the first American to win the U.S. Open, and the first head professional at Merchantville Country Club. A new sign in commemoration of McDermott's achievements and contributions was unveiled on Chapel Ave. in front of the club. This is the start of a project that will recognize the contributions of Camden County residents with ornamental markers to build public awareness about the region's rich history.

Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. ,who attended the ceremony, is excited to see the county recognizing one of its greatest champions. He also wants to shine a historical spotlight on some of the littleknown key figures of Camden County.

"It is never too late to honor the achievements of an incredible athlete and American icon in the sport of golf," Cappelli said. "His contributions to the game and to Merchantville Country Club are a source of great civic pride for this community and the county."

In 1911, McDermott became the first American to win the U.S. Open. He won the tournament again in 1912, making him one of just five players to ever win the Open in back-to-back years. McDermott is still the youngest player to ever win the U.S. Open, having been just 19 years old when he was crowned champion. In total, McDermott competed in six U.S. Open Tournaments and placed within the Top-10 finishers in five of them. He retired from professional golf at 23 years old after his ship collided with another during a return voyage from Britain and left him disabled.

McDermott was the first head professional of Merchantville Country Club, and he helped to bring the club national recognition thanks to his achievements on the world stage. The club was founded in 1898 as the Merchantville Field Club and McDermott became its first head professional in 1910. The club's first official clubhouse was later constructed in 1916, the same year that it changed its name to Merchantville Country Club, the title which it has held ever since.

"Whether you're a fan of the sport, an occasional tee-timer, or just a devoted member of our county, we want you to recognize that one of golf's greatest players got started right in your backvard." Cappelli said. "This dedication serves as a reminder

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to all that big things really can come from small places. Maybe it will even have them picking up a club and hitting the links."

# Remembering Meadowbrook Swim Club

It's been almost two years since Meadowbrook Swim Club locked up its gate for good. But the memories of those that enjoyed the pool on Corbett Rd. remain.

Sarah Blum, who attended the pool with her grandfather, Mike Amodei, remembers the home of the seahorses fondly. She put some thoughts down on paper; and as Pennsauken is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, All Around Pennsauken is sharing Sarah's look back at a place for sum-

It was less of a club and more of a community. Because when the rusted gates opened on Memorial Day each year, everyone jumped into the pool and kids from the neighborhood rode their bikes in past the empty front desk.

And we didn't know anything about debt; our wet feet padding through the mud, met by a cracked concrete floor after poorly executed cannonballs. And it always smelled like barbecue even hours before our parents had to drag us out of the water by our pruned fingers.

And it's closed for good now. But



Meadowbrook Swim Club is closed, but the happy memories remain.

when I drive by on a warm day, I can still hear "Jack and Diane" playing over the cheap sound system and smell the chlorine in my hair.

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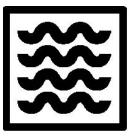
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# MPWC WATERLINES

# The MPWC And The Pennsauken Fire Department: A Healthy Partnership

By Julissa Hernandez and Sean Fitzgerald

From time immemorial, the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission and the Pennsauken Fire Department have shared a strong and beneficial bond. Whether it is maintaining our infrastructure and fire hydrants to support the fire department's mission of providing fire suppression, or the fire department assisting in our confined space emergency drills, a level of mutual respect and admiration has existed between the two entities.

This year has been no exception. Working side by side with the Pennsauken Fire Department – as well as the Merchantville and Cherry Hill Fire Departments – inspections of our systems fire suppression ratings were conducted by the Insurance Services Office, Inc., an organization that collects statistical



Fire Marshal Captain Dan Kerr of the Pennsauken Township Fire Department provided in-house training to all the MPWC employees on fire safety, as well as hands-on training with fire extinguishers.

data, promulgates rating information, develops standard policy forms, and files information with state regulators on behalf of insurance companies that purchase its services. These ratings provide statistical information on risk that insurance companies then use to decide things such as homeowners' insurance rates. The less identified risk, the lower the rates. This serves as a prime example of township organizations working together for the benefit of home and business owners.

When it comes to training for either entity, that working relationship continues. This year, the Pennsauken Fire Department will work with the MPWC on our confined space drill. These drills help us to develop strategies to help keep MPWC employees safe in confined space work conditions - such as changing out water meters - and helps to keep the Pennsauken Fire Department up to date on confined spaces in our service area and how best to retrieve potential victims of injuries or entrapment. Doing so makes sure that the civil servants of both agencies go home the same way they left it each and every day. On an annual basis, OSHA requires that the MPWC conducts "fit testing" of our full-face masks, which are used during operations involving dangerous chemicals. Safety/Training Officer Norm Figueroa from the Fire Department takes time each year to conduct these inspections. His assistance cuts hours of training time, travel expense, and scheduling issues for the MPWC, something for which we are eternally grateful.

Most recently, Fire Marshal Captain Dan Kerr provided in-house training to all the MPWC employees on fire safety, as well as handson training with fire extinguishers. This OSHA mandated training provides a safer work environment, not only for MPWC employees, but also our customers, neighbors, vendors, and visitors to our facilities.

So for both the MPWC, as well as the Pennsauken Fire Department, this kind of training is priceless and helps us make our community a safer place to live and work.

# **MPWC 2017 Consumer Confidence Report Is Complete**

The MPWC 2017 Consumer Confidence Report has been completed. We are pleased to report that during the past year, the water delivered to your home or business complied with or exceeded all state and federal drinking water requirements

This edition covers all testing completed from January through December 2016. Our compliance with all state and federal drinking water laws remains exemplary. As always, we are committed to delivering the best quality drinking water. We remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all our water users.

The MPWC will no longer mail individual copies of the Consumer Confidence Report to customers,

as it is available electronically, on our website. Visit www.gemgrp.com/ereports/MPWC2016CCR.pdf to view and download the latest report. Printed copies will be available in our office, located at 6751 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Support Center during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



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

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### **New Jersey Economic Development Authority Visits Edison Retail Solutions**

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store décor and signage for the retail industry for over five decades. In 2015, Edison, which has its primary office in North Bergen, N.J., acquired Compass, a display company in Georgia; in 2016, the business formed a new entity: Edison Retail Solutions. Following the formation of the new company, Edison's co-owners, husband and wife Joseph and Susan Ostreicher, joined by Susan's brother George Gross, opted to open a second location, ultimately purchasing the former Hill-Rom building for \$4.223 million.

In June of last year, the New Jersey EDA Board approved Edison for Grow New Jersey tax credits to encourage the company to remain in New Jersey and set up a new operation in Pennsauken rather than Kennesaw Georgia. The approval was based on the expected creation of 95 jobs in New Jersey, in addition to the retention of 60 employees that were at risk of being relocated out of state. Grow New Jersey is a powerful job creation and retention incentive program that strengthens New Jersey's competitive edge in the increasingly global marketplace under the Economic Opportunity Act; and according to the EDA, Pennsauken's business environment has greatly benefited from this initiative.

"Out of the Economic Opportunity Act, which is the legislation that was signed in 2010, we've had 10 or 11 Grow awards in Pennsauken alone, which is significant," says Orsen.

Edison's facility in Pennsauken is strategically significant. The company is currently in the process of moving equipment and some staff from the 40,000 square foot Georgia location to the much larger 115,000 square foot space here, taking advantage of Pennsauken's access to major transportation arteries, which provides more direct routes to the Midwest, the Northeast corridor and down South. The facility in Pennsauken is also much closer proximity to Edison's North Jersey office, helping to streamline processes and making it more conducive for manufacturing.

"We're taking and merging the Kennesaw facility into [the Pennsauken] facility, which will be handling a lot of different display work," explains Kevin Neureuter, CEO, Edison Retail Solutions.

"We're downsizing [Georgia] dramatically. Now with the space and the equipment we have here, what they could produce in a day, we can do here in two hours," adds Joseph Ostreicher, COO, Edison Retail Solutions. "The equipment [in Pennsauken] is eight times as fast."

The three year prospectus for Edison's Pennsauken facility conservatively estimates five percent growth year over

year in certain product categories, not including a push into additional markets that complement the company's current capabilities, transforming Edison into a one-stop shop for customers.

"The customer has a comfort level knowing that it's all under one roof," says Ostreicher.

Edison is also actively looking to expand its workforce.

"We're currently at 50 employees. We will be pretty close to 100 by the end of the year," says Neureuter. "We also use significant temporary employees; it's seasonal or project-based. As we start to get more and more business, that levels out and you have your staff as you need it.

"We're looking for folks that can run equipment that can produce some of our products that we will then pack into boxes. The largest number of employees that we'll be adding here will be individuals that will either assemble our products, or will be placing products into a kit pack box that will go out to different stores."

Both Pennsauken's Deputy Mayor Jack Killion and Terry Carr from the Township's Economic Development Department were on hand during Melissa Orsen's visit to Edison Retail Solutions, receiving a tour of the facility and helping to cut the ribbon on the business' new digital printing press.

"Bingo at Saint Peter's"

"This is exciting. It's an honor for me to be here," says Killion. "It's wonderful to have your operation in town. It's wonderful for the state and what they do to help businesses. Companies like Edison that are investing in our community are what help make Pennsauken strong."

To learn more about EDA financing options available to manufacturing companies, visit http://www.njeda.com/manufacturing. For more about opportunities for business growth throughout New Jersey, visit the State's business portal at www.NewJerseyBusiness.gov or call the Business Action Center at (800) Jersey-7. For job opportunities at Edison Retail Solutions, see page 2 of this issue.





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# **July Events at the Library**

- FREE Vision Screening and Eyeglass Repair from America's Best Eyeglasses Friday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. America's Best Eyeglasses will provide free vision screenings, tighten loose specs, and replace lost or damaged nose pieces. Come and take advantage of this free service. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library.
- Library Board Meeting Monday, July 24; 6:00 p.m. The Library Board is the governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month the members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.

# For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- Summertime Storytime –Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26; 10:30 a.m. Miss Susan & Miss Sabrina welcome you to a funfilled time of stories, songs, and a craft. For ages 0-5.
- Junior LEGO Club Fridays, July 7,14, 21, & 28; 10:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a time of free-play with DUPLO blocks in the Library's Children's Area. For ages 2-5.
- Passive Summer Programs Come to the Children's Area throughout the summer to participate in our passive programs and log in your Summer Reading minutes towards prizes. Remember to call before coming to verify we are open and operating on days of high heat and humidity. Thank you!

# Wadnasdavs

the Library has failed.

For the last several weeks, the Township has been working on replacing the entire system, as well as installing new duct work to more effectively cool the Library. Since this is a municipal allocation of funds, the process takes longer than it would for a business or a residence. In the meantime, we're doing

If you've visited the Pennsauken Free

Public Library recently, you may have noticed it's been a little... warm. That's

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new system is in and operational. Currently, there are almost a dozen individual air conditioning units installed

what we can to make both patrons and

staff as comfortable as possible until the

throughout the building in key areas. We are hoping these units will make things more comfortable inside the Library on hotter summer days. During times of extreme heat and humidity, the Library may have unexpected closures.

Residents are encouraged to call the Pennsauken Free Public Library at (856) 665-5959 before any visits on warmer days to ensure that the building is open. You can also visit the Pennsauken Free Public Library on Facebook for daily updates as well.

We apologize for any inconvenience this issue causes our patrons. Both the Library and the Township are doing everything possible to get things cooler soon.

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# **GOINGGREEN** Basil: An Explosive And Healthy Taste Sensation

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP

Basil is a culinary herb in the mint family that thrives in hot, dry summers. Basil is sensitive to cold. It fares best in well-drained, sunny exposure, requiring at least six hours of sun per day. Soil should be moist and well-drained. If you're planning on cooking with these plants, plant in clean soil - don't use fertilizers that leave harmful residues - and grow them away from driveways and busy streets, so that vehicle exhaust won't settle on the plants. Basil is sometimes planted near tomatoes and roses to discourage pests such as white flies.

There are several varieties available locally, including Genovese or sweet basil, which is prominently featured in Italian cuisine. Thai basil, lemon basil, and holy basil are used in Asian cuisine. Various types of basil have different scents and tastes because the herb has a number of different essential oils.

Basil is most commonly used fresh in cooked recipes. In general, it is added at the last moment, as cooking quickly destroys the flavor. The fresh herb can be kept for a short time in plastic bags in the refrigerator. Pick the leaves regularly to encourage growth throughout the summer. Once a stem produces flowers, foliage production stops on that stem, the stem becomes woody, and essential oil production declines. To maximize harvest, pinch off any flower stems before they are



Basil is an explosive and healthy taste sensation that thrives in hot, dry summers.

fully mature. Because only the blooming stem is affected, some stems can be pinched for leaf production, while others are left to bloom for decoration or seeds. Remember to pinch out the flower heads as soon as they appear to make sure that the leaves will continue growing.

When the weather is getting cold, harvest the basil beforehand, as frost will destroy the plants. The best method for storing basil is freezing. Freezing will prevent the plant from losing any of its flavor. To quick-freeze basil, dry whole sprigs of basil and package them in airtight plastic bags.

Basil has also been grown and used for thousands of years as a medicinal herb. The main use of basil medicinally

is as a natural anti-inflammatory. It has also been used for stomach spasms, intestinal gas, and worm infections. Basil is a good source of vitamin C, calcium, magnesium, potassium, and iron. The same compound that makes it useful as an anti-inflammatory is also believed to help combat bowel inflammation and rheumatoid arthritis. Additional scientific research has shown that the volatile oils in basil, combined with their antiox-

idant effects, make it a great health boost for our immune systems. Fresh basil leaves and basil oil have antibacterial properties. They have been used to disinfect surfaces. Leaves, applied topically to wounds, may reduce the incidence of infection. Basil used in your cooking or taken as a nutritional supplement can assist in combating common viruses like colds, flu, and the herpes family of viruses - in a manner similar to that of Echinacea. Basil is an important ingredient in cough syrups and expectorants. It can also relieve mucus in asthma and bronchitis. Chewing on basil leaves can relieve colds and flu symptoms. Chewing a few leaves twice daily can help to more quickly cure infections and ulcerations of the mouth.

So while enjoying fireworks this month, try this explosive, healthy, taste



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### **FOODADVENTURES**

# **Finding Kidney-Friendly Dishes On The Menu**

By Rachael Rivera, AAP Columnist

"A renal failure diet controls the amount of protein and phosphorus in your diet. You may also have to limit calcium, sodium, and potassium. A renal failure diet can help decrease the amount of waste made by your body, which can help your kidneys work better."-Drugs.com

On June 17 at the Cooper River Park in Pennsauken, there was an event held to raise awareness of kidney health called the Team Kidney 5K. The 3.1-mile race supported something very important to my family: my own father received a kidney transplant earlier this year; and there are around 100,000 people on waiting

lists to receive a new kidney as well. Watching someone I love go through the ups and downs of dialysis, surgery, and recovery really opened my eyes to the importance of eating right, along with finding ways to enjoy this new way of life instead of seeing it as a challenge.

Renal (kidney) diets are strict BUT they aren't horrible. The goal is to keep sodium, potassium, and phosphorous levels low. You would be amazed at what vou can still eat AND how great vou'll feel from eating these dishes. In a perfect world, we would have time to prepare and cook every single meal we eat but, if you're like me and have a million things to do in a day that might not be an option, so some of your meals may be takeout. Fear not! There are options all over town for cleaner eating.

If you love Italian, stick with creamier sauces like alfredo; and if you absolutely have to have your red sauce, ask for low or no salt if possible. Places like Montegrillo Cucina Italiana on Westfield or Carollo's at Cove and Rt. 130 offer a plethora of made-to-order delights like scallops and fettuccine alfredo or nice fra diavolo dishes which have a nice spicy kick.

Cooper House on North Park Drive along Cooper River offers up a ton of healthy options, such as faro tabouleh. which contains baby lettuce roasted eggplant, tomato, parsley, and lemon vinaigrette; seared salmon with roasted fingerling potatoes, succotash, and sorrel yogurt sauce; and roasted cauliflower tacos with chickpea puree, salsa verde, white onion, and cilantro. Eggplant is an all-around perfect renal diet food for its low levels of sodium, potassium, and phosphorous; and cauliflower is ideal for substituting when you really, really want mashed potatoes, but can't deal with the increased phosphorous levels.

Vietnamese dishes are great examples for a good renal diet. There is very little sodium used in a lot of the dishes and most included a lot of fresh veggies. Phu Khang at 5201 Rt. 38 in Merchantville has almost an entire menu of kidneyfriendly dishes, including a number of Pho soup options and a sort of Vietnamese omelet called bánh xéo that will knock your socks off.

What I've learned from renal diets and eating out at restaurants is that you can't be afraid to get a little specific. Don't hesitate to ask if you aren't sure if something you don't like comes in a dish. If you aren't sure if a food is kidneyfriendly, there are places like DaVita Dialysis in Pennsauken and Cherry Hill that have actual diet plans you can fol-

Starting a new way of eating doesn't have to be a chore. Even if you have healthy kidneys and just want to keep it that way, it's bound to be fun if you make it that way. Remember to always enjoy vour food adventures!

#### PENNSAUKEN JULY **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Township Committee** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 and 19

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

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# **Phifer Middle School Holds Promotion For Eighth Graders**

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humor to the situation when incorrectly reciting the first line of the Pledge. "It's okay to make mistakes." Showing grace under pressure, he started over and finished flawlessly.

He was followed by Casandra Gordon, honor society president and student council representative, who gave a lovely welcome to all in attendance.

"I would like to acknowledge and thank superintendent Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi; Mr. Monroe Logan; Principal Thomas Honeyman; assistant principals Mrs. Dana Gery, Mr. Ramon Sanchez, and Mrs. Susan Galloza; administrators, teachers, educational staff; parents, guardians, family, and friends. We would not be where we are today without your help and support along the way," says Gordon. "To our teachers and support staff, we cannot thank you enough for

what you have taught in and out of our classrooms. You have collectively lived up to your commitment to guide, to teach, and to support students."

Principal Thomas P. Honeyman's greeting to the eighth graders was well received, and his voice echoed the sentiments of all there that night; a wish for these students to foster their passion, to live a life of dignity and respect, and to not only rise up themselves, but encourage and help others to do so as well.

The presentation list of awards that followed was long and honorable. Mr. Roman Sanchez, eight grade assistant principal, Mr. John Doherty, eighth grade counselor, and Mrs. Susan Galloza, seventh grade assistant, announced the award winners to the sounds of cheering loved ones. Then, to a huge round of applause, came the introduction/reading of all of the names of the Phifer Middle School's Class

of 2016-2017.

The presentation of the class and acceptance of the class was then made official by Pennsauken School District superintendent Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi and Ms. Cheryl Duffy, Board of Education member.

A touching end to the evening came when Phifer's chorus, directed by Ms. Dyan Conklin, sang "No Day But Today."

And then, it was over; and 400 plus students, who were once eighth graders at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, were now members of the high school Class of 2021.

So from all of us here in your home town, we say to you: may your dreams take you to the corners of your brightest smiles, to the highest of all your hopes, to the crystal clear windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.

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### Rotary Award Presented To Pennsauken's Tran



The Rotary Club of Pennsauken-Merchantville awarded its Andy Andreola Award to Pennsauken High School graduating senior Jack Tran at the organization's June meeting. The Andy Andreola Award is \$500 and is given to a student who has been active in community service. Jack will be joining the U.S. Air Force in the fall. The Rotary Club of Pennsauken-Merchantville meets every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Pinsetters Bar and Bowl on Maple Ave. Any person wishing to learn more about Rotary is welcome to attend a meeting or contact PMRotary@yahoo.com.



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# **PUBLICWORKS** Summertime At The Pennsauken Department Of Public Works

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director, Department of Public Works

As we approach Independence Day, the unofficial half-way point of summer, I'm relieved that the rain has finally stopped and the lawn growth will slow. I'm not sure about my other Pennsauken neighbors, but I felt that I every time I came home from work in early June, the grass needed to be cut! This extended rain season, although great for my sprinkler bill, took a toll on our Parks and Basin Crews. With spring sports approaching playoffs and tournaments, we found ourselves looking at each field's

schedule and identifying exactly which ones needed to be cut for a particular date. Mother Nature was particularly unkind to us with morning downpours and afternoon sunshine. We welcome the drier weather and look forward to a "normal" cutting schedule.

#### **Department Of Public Works** Summer Schedule

In an effort to "beat the heat," the Department of Public Works elects to work through lunch between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Our office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### Trash Holidays In Pennsauken

Speaking of Independence Day, I'm reminded that the third of our six trash holidays is upon us. Tuesday, July 4, will be a trash holiday. This means that Monday's collection will occur as normal and no trash and recycling will be collected on July 4. Every following collection day, including yard debris on Wednesday, will be pushed back a single day. The "trash holidays" for the entire year are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. This information is typically found in the "Talking Trash" portion of All Around Pennsauken. Our office staff changes our answering machine message the week of one of these holidays, in an effort to pass-along information while the office is closed. Residents can also receive notifications over the phone by signing up for the Reverse 9-1-1 notification system at http://mpwc.com/ swift911/.

#### Litter, Vacant Homes, And You

I recently made a connection between a couple of random topics, simply by my monthly cover-to-cover reading of this publication over the past several years. Seeing the Township take an increased, aggressive approach on vacant property maintenance, I'm seeing many – if not a majority - of these homes be placed on the market for sale. A good part of these were caused by those directly affected by the recession, finally making their way through the foreclosure process and into the hands of real estate agents.

You probably have that "one" in your neighborhood that has driven you crazy: tall grass, trash thrown into the back yard, etc. With this new movement, I offer this perspective: what will the new potential buyers see when they tour the newlylisted house?

I think back to when I purchased my first home in Pennsauken and, ultimately, the motivation for moving to my second. Perhaps you did the same. I looked at the entire neighborhood for that "feel." It's a scan to see how much pride each resident

has for their property. Do current residents pick up those circulars that get thrown onto the driveway or let them pile up? Are there wind-blown recyclables along the curb line leftover from trash day? These are the little things that can affect a new family's decision whether to choose to purchase in your neighborhood - or even in Pennsauken.

Financial burdens, age, and disabilities are all cases where properties can begin to look tired. If you know of a neighbor struggling, reach out. Pick up that stray soda can vou've walked by twice this week - even though it's not your responsibility. Help move recycling cans back up onto the curb when they're rolling around the street. These simple acts, taking up mere seconds of your day, can have a positive impact on your neighborhood and work to make Pennsauken a place we and future homeowners are proud to call "home."

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### Pennsauken Celebrates The Graduating Class Of 2017

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sauken High's own Double Dozen, under the musical guidance of Kate Brown, vocal music director.

After a lovely song called "Waving through the Window" was completed, Michelle Bello, class treasurer and National Honor Society member, took to the dais and presided over the official student welcome.

Michelle was followed by Daniel J. Ball, valedictorian; Asia Davis, Class of 2017 president; Brianna Rowland, student government president; and Angel R. Santana, salutatorian.

"I would like to extend my personal congratulations to all of my classmates for their own individual accomplishments at Pennsauken High School over the last your years, as you have all worked very hard to be here," says Ball. "I would also like to extend my thanks to the superintendent, principal, faculty, and staff of Pennsauken High School

and Pennsauken School District. If it weren't for their commitment and dedication, I certainly wouldn't be standing here before you tonight."

"I can't tell you guys how proud I am of the young men and women standing with me on this very beautiful day. I'm happy for each and every one of you for completing one of the greatest accomplishments in your lifetime," adds Davis. "The accomplishments that we've made in Pennsauken High School are now memories. But they're also lessons: you did it before, you can do it again."

There were many smiles, many laughs, and even a few tears as each recalled with great fondness their time spent at Pennsauken High School. The teachers who built confidence in kids who couldn't find any on their own, the hard work that paid off, the sense of family the school provided to those who were seeking it, and the power of true dedication.

crowd, because their words rang true.

Before the transfer of the class flag and the awarding of diplomas, Principal Munford took one last time on the dais to speak to his students. He spoke of seizing opportunities, and not only going the distance, but enduring and finishing

The sun was just deciding to set as the ceremony was coming to a close. The diplomas were given and received with pride to cheers and screams of joy from family and friends. There was also a special musical performance by Irez Ramirez, who played, "Class of 2017," an original composition on guitar that reflected the graduates' special year.

And then, it happened. The official flag transfer took place from Asia Davis, Class of 2017 to Mariah Gordian, representative of the Class of 2018.

The Class of 2017 then rose from their seats and exited the field as a group for one last time, listening to the school concert band and the cheers from family, friends, and faculty for 12 years' worth of a job well done.

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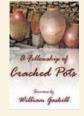
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#### **Congratulations To Poetry Contest Winners**

In case you missed it, be sure to check out photos of all our Poetry contest winners in the All Around Pennsauken Facebook page. This year's contest was special in several ways: first, we had a record crop of entries and winners,

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many more than in previous years; and second, we actually outgrew the capacity of the Library's Community Room and had to hold our awards presentation at the Intermediate School. How exciting is that! Congratulations to everyone who participated, especially our very creative winners: Fr'Neil Hickson, Jr., Jiordan Lugo, Mathew Urena. Joshua Limon-Vargas, Maica Nesmith. Emari Suza, Esther Arab, Mani'a Lacv.

Morris Pitts, Merari Vega, Trae Steed. Jenna Kim, A'Mvah Robinson, D'aia Santos-Busard, Michael Nguven, Jessica Tran, Tauheed Pringle, and John Burke.

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We'll be taking the summer off from our regular monthly meetings, but you can join us when we resume on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:00 p.m. In the meantime, be sure to check out Facebook page for summer updates!





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Carol A. Fowler, a lifelong Pennsauken resident, passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2017. She was 72.

Carol retired as the director of administration for the Pennsauken Police Department after over 25 years of service. She was a member of the Pennsauken Elementary School PTA; past cheerleading president, coach, and vice president of PYAA; head cheerleading coach of Pennsauken High School; past president and member of the Pennsauken Board of Education; and member of the Camden County Democratic Committee.

She is survived by three loving children, Adrienne Fowler, Wayne Fowler (Susan), Travis Fowler (Jennifer); seven cherished grandchildren, Caroline, Hayden, Brenden, Gabriel, Ronan, Luke, Vienna; and a beloved sister. Nina Brown-Priest.

Carol's visitation was held at Gaskill-Brown Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church. Entombment followed in Arlington Cemetery, Pennsauken.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to The Carol Fowler Cheerleading Excellence Scholarship Award established at YouCaring.com.

#### **Denis Collopy**

Pennsauken native Denis Collopy

passed away unexpectedly on June 13, 2017, after a brief illness. He was 43.

Denis was the devoted and adoring son of Dennis and Kathleen (Wells); loving husband of Elizabeth (Mattioni) and father of Andrew; brother of Amy (Reid) and Katie; brother-in-law of Jeffrey Reid; uncle of Sydney and Jacob Reid; and loving grandson of Dorothy Amos.

Denis attended Saint Peter's Roman Catholic School, Camden Catholic High School, and was a graduate of Rutgers University. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A remembrance of Denis' life was held at Kirk & Nice Funeral Home in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. The service was held at Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia Pa. A memorial mass will be held July 15 at 10:00 a.m. at

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, 43 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville, N.J. 08109.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Peter Roman Catholic School (address above) in Denis' name.

#### Jessica Ann Sudell

Jessica Ann Sudell of Pennsauken passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on June 16, 2017. She was 30 years old.

Jessica was the devoted mother of Savannah Ann Schaeffer; beloved daughter of Charles (Lisa) Sudell and Patricia (Bill) Brenner-Snodgrass; cherished significant love of Stephen Schaeffer; dear sister of Lauren (Devin) Harter, Kara (Sean) McGrath, William Snodgrass, Zach Snodgrass, and Mia Sudell; caring grand-daughter of "Mommom Barb," "Pop,"

Elizabeth Daly, and Bill and Esther Snodgrass; and loving aunt of Harrison, Maddox, Riley and Cameron. She is predeceased by Nanny Patricia Ann Robison. Sudell is survived by many wonderful cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Jessie was a proud graduate of Camden Catholic High School's Class of 2005. She most recently worked as an office manager of South Jersey Eyes Physicians. She loved to shop, she enjoyed baking and crafting, spending time at the shore, but most importantly, spending time with her precious girl, Savannah. Jessie was truly a beautiful soul who will be greatly missed by all those who she touched.

Visitation was held at Falco, Caruso & Leonard Funeral Home in Pennsauken. Mass of Christian Burial occurred at the Church of Saint Anne in Philadelphia, Pa. Final disposition was private.

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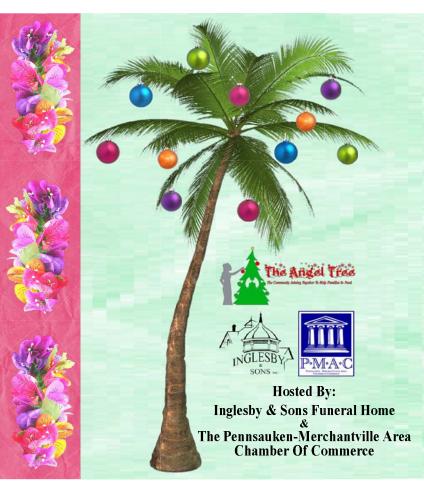
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