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Auditions Held For "Mary Poppins Junior" May 15-16



Auditions for the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's performance of "Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins, Jr." will be held on Tuesday, May 15, and Wednesday, May 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Adapted for children ages 7 to 14, "Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins, Jr." is based on the popular Disney-inspired Broadway musical that played for over 2,500 performances and received multiple Olivier and Tony Awards nominations.

Set in 1910 England, audience members are introduced to the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again.

Participants need to contact Penn-

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Fallen Soldiers Remembered At Local Memorial Day Events

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In observance of Memorial Day, members of the community and local veterans groups will hold ceremonies this month to remember and honor those men and women who lost their lives in service of their country in the Armed Forces. There are several opportunities for members of the local community to recognize all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy each day.

Events At Pennsauken High School, Local Cemeteries

To gain a true understanding of Memorial Day, students at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., will be holding a special ceremony on Friday, May 18, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Charles R. Gilbert, a veteran of the Vietnam War. This event features the "Missing



The wreath-laying ceremony at the World War II/Korean War memorial in Delair, held this year on Monday, May 28, is just one of many local events held annually in observance of Memorial Day.

Man" Remembrance Table ceremony and a wreath placement at the Veterans

Memorial on the school's grounds.

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Festive Music, Food Trucks, And Fireworks At Summer Kickoff Bash

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Great music, good food, and the return of fireworks will be the hallmark of Pennsauken's upcoming Summer Kickoff Bash. Held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, located at the corner of Westfield and Bethel avenues, the entire community is invited to take part in this special celebration.

"We received such great feedback from the town's 125th anniversary celebration

An intense fireworks display will cap off an evening of food, music, and fun at Pennsauken Township's Summer Kickoff Bash on May 19.

last summer that we decided to put together what we hope will be an annual event," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Kilion. "Our Summer Kickoff Bash will have all the elements for a great party: good food, music that will get you up on your feet, and an impressive fireworks display."

Several food trucks have committed to provide fare for the Summer Kickoff Bash: local favorite Mama's Homemade Meatballs, which opened up a brick-and-mortar component to their business here in town; Pop Shop A Go Go, a mobile version of the popular Collingswood restaurant; Philly Goodfellas, selling Italian-style sand-

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Browning Road Senior Club

The Browning Road Senior Club invites local seniors to come and meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Meetings are held at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 Route 130, Pennsauken at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments

are served; there will be a short meeting followed by BINGO. For more information, call Pat at (609) 790-6760.

PASA

Please join the Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) as they

work to educate the community about ways to stop abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The organization's next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 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.

Flower Sale

Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, will hold its annual Mother's Day Flower Sale from May 10-13 in the Lodge's parking lot. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, rain or shine. For more information, call Linda at (609) 923-5435.

American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

"Grow Your Business" Seminar Held At Post Office On May 4

The United States Postal Service is hosting a special "Grow Your Business" Seminar on Friday, May 4, in the Merchantville Post Office Lobby, 22 W. Maple Ave.

Learn about new ways the U.S. Postal Service can help promote businesses with mail, including Every Door direct mail service, commercial base pricing for parcels, and regional rate low-cost shipping options.

The seminar runs from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and is free to attend.

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Flea Market

Knights of Columbus Council #3512 will hold a flea market on Saturday, May 12, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at St. Cecilia's School Yard, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. Vendor spaces are available for \$15, sans table. Limited tables are available for rent at \$10 each. Food will also be available for purchase. Proceeds raised from this event go to charity. For more information, call Lonnie at (856) 662-6049.

Holistic Street Festival

The Mystical May Holistic Street Festival, held in conjunction with the Market Off Centre, will be held on Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at N. Centre St. and Chestnut Ave. in Merchantville. Featuring various local holistic practitioners of reiki, IET, reflexology, herbalism, and yoga. In addition, there will be angel card and tarot readers, mediums and psychics, as well as an array of handmade and New Age merchandise for purchase. Rain date is May 19 at the same times and location.

Comedy Night

St. Peter Senior Ministry presents Joe Conklin, "A Man of a Thousand Voices," on Saturday, May 12, 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, 43 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville, in Pastors' Hall. Includes food and draft beer. The cost is \$35 per person; proceeds benefit St. Peter's Senior Ministry. Buy tickets by calling Bobbie at (856) 662-7577 between 10:00 a.m. to

5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Mother And Son Dinner Dance

Euphoric Fitness and Wellness, 5505 N. Crescent Blvd., Unit #5509, is hosting a Mother and Son Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 12, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mothers are invited to share a fun-filled evening with their sons, featuring music and dancing, photographs, light buffet, and dessert. Tickets are \$30 per couple, \$10 for each additional son. Advance ticket sales only. For ticket information, call (856) 733-0055.

AARP

Pennsauken AARP Chapter 2861 will be meeting on Monday, May 14, at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave. Fellowship and coffee starts at 12:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Charles Clarkson, project director for the Senior Medicare Patrol, who will be talking about senior Medicare fraud. Bring a friend to learn about this very important topic that affects seniors.

Hoagie Sale

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68 of Merchantville is having a hoagie sale, beginning at noon, on Saturday, June 2, during the Market Off Centre in Merchantville. Hoagies are just \$4. To order, fill out the form located on page 26 of this issue and turn in at Merchantville's Borough Hall; or call (856) 663-9122 or (856) 663-3145 by May 30. Hoagies will be available at the Auxiliary Unit's table along the Merchantville walk.

First Ever Nature Enthusiast Day Held On May 12

Pennsauken's first Nature Enthusiast Day will be held on Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. to noon, at Tippin's Pond, 421 Cove Rd. Sponsored by Pennsauken Township's Department of Parks and Recreation, Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission, and Pennsauken Nature Enthusiasts, the event, open to children ages 7-13, is an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors through a variety of fun activities.

"We hope that many of our families come out to have some fun by one of Pennsauken's great natural features: Tippin's Pond," say Elwood Martz, Pennsauken Township Parks and Recreation. "A big thank you goes out to Stephanie Laurick for providing a good deal of support for this event."

Several activities are planned for Nature Enthusiast Day: a fun, nature-focused scavenger hunt; fishing contest (participants must bring their own fishing pole and bait); and flower planting. Attendees are asked to dress appropriately for being outside in the woods.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required, as space is limited for participants. Registration forms can be downloaded at the Township website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, or by visiting "Pennsauken Nature Enthusiasts" on Facebook.

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MAYOR'S CORNER The Importance Of Being A Positive Influence In The Lives Of Young People



By Jack Killion,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
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Last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christian Cornforth. This remarkable young man has been involved in Scouting since age 6, earned 21 merit badges, and organized a service project that benefited our fire department. It was a wonderful ceremony and I was honored to be a part of it. Being there really made the rest of my day.

As I made my way home, I thought about the Boy Scout Law that was in the program I received. It stated that Scouts are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, and kind, as well as a variety of other

positive attributes. Wouldn't it be great, if more people lived their life that way? The world would be a much better place if they did.

Boy Scouts don't learn these important character traits on their own. They are passed down by a group of adults and mentors that lead by example. It's the same for the Girl Scouts. They wouldn't know how to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, courageous and strong, without someone showing them the way.

Think about it. What would we have done without the positive, older role models in our lives? Our parents who helped to teach us right from wrong; the teachers that inspired and encouraged us to learn; the coaches who taught us about perseverance and hard work. Would we be the people we are today without

them? I'm not too sure that we would be. Don't we need to be those types of folks for the youth in our community?

Take a look at all of the people in town who give up a lot of their time, energy, and effort to help mold our young people. Scout masters who work to build character in our youth. PYAA coaches who teach life lessons through sports. Lions Club members who help foster a desire for service through the Leo Club. The many, many dedicated teachers throughout our schools, who work tirelessly to prepare young minds for the future. Parents and guardians, who offer both encouragement and tough love, sacrificing so much to put a roof over their children's heads and food on the table. While the list goes on and on, the adults who volunteer and give back seems to get smaller every

year. I don't need to tell you how much of a problem that can be.

The children of our community are our most important commodity. What are we doing to help make an investment in them? Are we teaching them the right things? Do we lead by example through proper behavior? What are we actually passing on to the future of Pennsauken and our nation? It really does make you think.

I challenge each and every person in our town to try and do a little more to pass on positive character traits to the young people in our lives. We're not always going to get it right; but just a little bit of effort can make the world of difference to the young people we mentor, the eager minds we teach, and the children that we love.

On behalf of myself as your mayor,

and the entire Township Committee of Pennsauken, I'd like to wish all of the moms out there a very Happy Mother's Day.

PENNSAUKEN MAY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 and 23

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 and 16

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 and 22

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Pennsauken - Gorgeous Twin

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Pennsauken - Cape Cod

Four bedroom/ 2 bath home in the beautiful Chadwyk II neighborhood. Florida room, main floor laundry, attached one car garage. Freshly painted and carpeted. New flooring in foyer and eat-in-kitchen. Siding, roof, windows and garage door new in 2004. Move right in. \$219,900



Pennsauken - Bloomfield Beauty

Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. One bedroom and a full bath on main level. 2 bedrooms a HUGE walk-in closet and a full bath on upper level. Eat-In-Kitchen, Full basement with outside entrance and huge 2 car detached garage. Brand NEW roof and windows. Newly refinished hardwood floors. Freshly painted. \$179,900



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Pennsauken - Brick Cape Cod

Home features a formal L/R with a beautiful bay window. One of the first floor bedrooms is being used as a dining room, but you can use however you choose. Two great sized bedrooms upstairs with great storage space. Nice sized Eat-In-Kitchen with newer gas stove. Florida room off of the kitchen. Fenced in backyard and full basement. Hardwood flooring throughout the first floor. The roof was replaced in 2013 (with warranty). This home is priced to sell so hurry! \$149,900



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WAGSWORLD A Southern Exposure, Pocket Knives, And Fried Catfish

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I'm back from the land of country music. I must admit to being mildly surprised at not being discovered, signed to a contract, and begged to stay in Nashville. I came close though, when the manager of Belle Meade Plantation saw me whittlin' some of my famous wooden flowers, and offered me a job on weekends, whittlin' flowers for the tourists. I was pleased to be noticed, but it is a killer ride to Nashville for the

weekend. I gave him a flower for his lapel, and told him if the bride ever kicks me out, I'd get back to him.

The plantation tour, by the way, was the only tour of the whole week that didn't have a metal detector and signs forbidding my pocketknife. We all went to the Grand Ole Opry at 9:30 p.m., on a Tuesday night, in a thunder storm. Four thousand or so customers were leaving the 7:30 p.m. show. Four thousand or more customers were waiting to get in, outside in the thunder storm. Inside the

doors, a couple of security guys manned the metal detectors; all three of them.

I know I sound a tad peckish, but it's the bride's fault. She told me, at every museum on our tour, to quit whining, and leave my pocket knife in the car. Then, whenever I whined about stupid rules, lots of rules, any rules for that matter, she snapped at me, and called me bad names. When she started, my daughter, the sweet baboo, and the girly girls calling me names too.

But I digress, again. Nobody at the

metal detectors cared. Everything beeped. Nothing was rejected. Everyone was waved through. Flashlights looked into pocketbooks for seconds, then moved on. Nothing short of a rocket launcher would get you sent back. When I mentioned this to the bride, she suggested I go back to the museum store and buy another tee shirt.

On the more positive side, we had a great trip, saw a lot of sights, heard a bunch of music, and did not see even one knife fight.

I am also prepared to expose a long held negative opinion about grits. I have tried, and now decided, that I like cheese grits, and shrimp and grits – with hot sauce, of course. I am still on the fence over fried pickles. I would have brought home a gallon of sausage gravy for morning biscuits, but felt it had to be as

bad for me as tobacco, and as such, would soon be controlled by the state, like liquor, and tobacco, and pen knives. Fried chicken, hot chicken, and chicken fried steak are also outstanding, especially if smothered in gravy. After making it to 70 years old without once eating catfish, I can no longer say that. Not to upset my southern country fried musicians, but I don't know what all the excitement's about. It's still fried fish, like they serve in Maine, New York, Virginia, and even Montana. I'll still fish for catfish, but for eating, give me good old Jersey blue fish, fresh tomatoes, and cole slaw; and if the state hasn't pulled the plug on it, a gallon of gooey white gravy.

Upon arriving home, I saw the orange balls spinning at Weber's. We will be dining there regular, 'til October. See you around.

Last Chance For Entries In This Year's Best Mom, Dad Or Guardian Contest

There's still time for Pennsauken children to put a spotlight on the man or woman in their lives who they think should be named the Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian in Pennsauken.

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

The contests are sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee.

Letters will be judged by a panel on originality, content and ability to express feelings and ideas. The first-, second- and third-place winners will receive recognition and prizes at the Township Committee's meeting on Wednesday, May 23, held at 5:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Mer-

chantville Avenue.

The deadline for entries is Friday, May 4. All entries for both contests may be mailed to "Best Mom, Dad or Guardian Contest," Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken 08110, Attn. Elwood Martz. Letters may also be e-mailed to emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Plaque Honoring Al Segrest Placed At Clip Joint

To honor the life and generosity of local community staple Al Segrest, who passed away in October 2016, a plaque was mounted in the sidewalk by the Clip Joint on April 1, which would have been Al's 70th birthday.



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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Pennsauken's Community Garden Grows Into A Great Tradition

By Betsy McBride, Deputy Mayor and "Green Lady"

The Pennsauken Community Garden opened in the spring of 2012. It was a brainchild of the staff at the Library, who saw bright sun shining on unused bocce courts and envisioned a garden for the residents of Pennsauken and the children visiting the Library. The garden, located behind the Library, across from



Pennsauken's Community Garden has several spots available for residents looking to try out their "green thumb."

the Municipal Building at Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave., was started with a generous donation from a local businesswoman who embraced the idea of the garden and wanted to show her support. In the first year, a mere eight plots were created for families interested in practicing organic gardening (no pesticides). We were able to work with the Township administration to apply for a County grant to arrange for irrigation, paths, fencing, a shed, and tools.

Over the years, as nature provides, we have seen many changes. Fruit trees grew, bugs came, weeds took over, wondrous bounties were harvested, and we all learned new things. The "Serenity

Space" was created by Bonnie and Joe Genovese in honor of their grandson, so members could sit in stillness and remember lost loved ones; master gardeners John and Eileen Dolan created our perennial flower beds and showed us "how it's done;" Benito, Maira, Ken, and Kristen Diaz showed us how to prevent critters from eating our pumpkins; and librarians brought many children to visit.

Denise Mattia brought physically challenged kids to garden; and Louis Tillery "schooled us" about greens and beans. Resident artist Deborah Moss Maris painted pictures of her cosmos; and Joan Riley brought us new gardeners and shared her strawberries. Diane

Johnson welcomed new gardeners and kept the books. Janet Stevens was the compost queen; and Pete Burgess was our beekeeper. Each of our past and current gardeners is a unique individual who shared their techniques and stories. And every year, we've had some new stories and some new crops.

New gardeners have come and we've lost some friends along the way, but the Pennsauken Community Garden is active and strong as we start our 2018

growing season. We still have some plots available for residents of Pennsauken or Merchantville who want to test their green thumb. Consider joining us! For just \$15 per year, you get a 4' x 6' plot, shared tools and water, fun, food and fellowship. Each member is asked to help with upkeep of the communal areas and follow garden rules. Please call Diane at (856) 495-3474 for more information or to sign up.

Cramer Hill Nature Preserve Cleanup On May 5

The Stewards of Open Space Camden County are hosting a community cleanup at the CCMUA Cramer Hill Nature Preserve and 36 St. in North Camden, Saturday, May 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at 36th St. and Farragut Ave. Gloves, bags, and pickers will be provided. For more information, contact Michael Hogan at (609) 476-2086 or hoganphoto@verizon.net.

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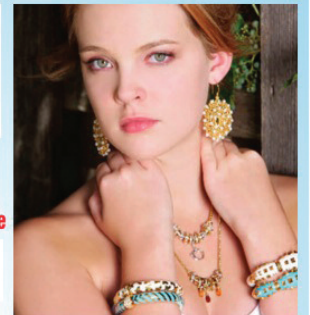
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This is a program for children in kindergarten through grade six. They will enjoy weekly field trips and visits to the Pennsauken Municipal Pool. Camp is seven weeks from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., June 25 through Aug. 10 at Franklin Elementary, 7201 Irving 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 9-13 and is for kids ages 7-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

Hip-Hop Dance

Come and join the fun for an introduction to Hip Hop Dance. Learn basic movements in the style of today's popular music for kids ages 6-14. The camp will be from June 25-29, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for ages 6-10, and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 11-14. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Instruction is by a qualified dance instructor from Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio, 198 Church Rd., Merchantville. Cost is \$30 per student.

Ice Skating

The Pennsauken Learn-to-Ice-Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Rd. in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-15 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 13-17. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed.

Junior Fire Academy

The Junior Fire Academy will be held at the Bloomfield Fire House, 5301 Lexington Ave. Children ages 12-16 will be introduced to the work of a firefighter and develop the skills of teamwork, time management, and responsibility in a fun and education environment. Attendees will participate in short classroom sessions and complete multiple hands-on activities and field assignments. The academy will be held from July 30 through Aug. 3, 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Cost is \$30 per child and includes t-shirt,

hat, all required materials and safety equipment, as well as water, snacks, and refreshments.

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 23-27. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 9-13. Cost is \$30 per child.

Learn-To-Golf

Kids ages 7-13 can learn the basic skills of the golf game. The qualified instructor will teach the children about the game, including club selection, course etiquette and the correct club grip. The program will be held at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., June 25-29 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. The fee for this program is \$30.

Learn-To-Row

Children ages 12-18 will learn the basics of rowing along the Cooper River. Taught by qualified instructors, this program will give participants a taste of rowing on the water. The Learn to Row program will be held at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 N. Park Dr., Pennsauken. Session I runs from June 18-21; Session II runs June 25-28. Each session is held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$75 per session. Double session discounts will be offered to those who are interested.

Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper, jewelry, and found objects. We will pick a theme for the week upon which our works will be created. Individual expression will be highly encouraged. This class is all about thinking outside the box. Class will be held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room July 23-27 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The fee for this one week program is \$45. For kids ages 7-13.

Police Youth Week

The Pennsauken Police Department is hosting an exciting week of education, awareness, and training for local children ages 12-15 interested in a career in public service. Held at the Pennsauken Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave., the program

covers various aspects of the policing profession. The class runs from July 23-27, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$45. Space is limited—only 25 recruits will be accepted—and completed applications must be returned by June 15.

Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates for each program are as follows: Field Hockey or Soccer—June 25-29; Basketball—July 9-13; Tennis—July 16-20; Baseball and Softball—July 23-27. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp. Field Hockey, Soccer, and Basketball Camps will be at the Pennsauken Middle School on Park Ave. Tennis Camp will be held at the Green Top Tennis Court on River Rd. Baseball and Softball Camps will be at the Softball Complex behind the Pennsauken Police Station on Bethel Ave.

Swimming

Pennsauken Township will offer a learn-to-swim program for children ages 5-11 at the Municipal Pool, 6100 River Rd. Dates for morning sessions are June 26-28 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; dates for evening sessions are June 19-21 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The fee for this program is \$20 per child for all three days, morning or evening sessions. All instructors are certified lifeguards and CPR certified. The goal of this camp is to teach children the proper swim strokes and for kids to learn to respect water and not fear it.

Theater

The annual and very popular Creative Theater Class returns again from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 30-Aug. 3 at the Delair School on Derosse Ave. Children, ages 7-14, 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.

FOR ADULTS

Adult Horseshoe Program

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petition. 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 will begin accepting membership applications and fees for the 2018 pool season beginning on May 7. The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. The pool opens 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekends only beginning on May 26. Starting June 16, the pool will be open from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

TO REGISTER

Registration for most summer programs begins on May 7 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Program listings and downloadable registration forms are available at the Township web site: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

Knock Knock! Who's There? A Door To Door Salesperson

Spring has sprung and everything is in bloom. That includes door to door solicitors. You could get a knock on your door from an eager salesperson looking to sell you anything from energy choices to windows and siding. Do you know what to look for? Here is some helpful information provided by Pennsauken's Clerk's Office.

Anyone who wishes to solicit door-to-door within Pennsauken is required to register with the Township and obtain an ID from the Clerk's Office. They must

have this ID on them at all times while going door to door. Each salesperson must also have background/fingerprint or name check prior to soliciting. Not until they are cleared are they able to obtain the permit. Solicitors are also told at the time of application that they are not permitted to begin their work until they are fully authorized and have received their ID.

When, not if, you get a knock on your door from anyone soliciting anything...

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door and ask for their Pennsauken ID

- Make a mental note of the name and description of the person
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- Also, please call the Clerk's Office and leave us your name and address and notification of the person's name, business and what they were selling, if possible

Be informed, stay safe and have a wonderful spring.

Second Pennsauken Family Fun Fair On June 3

The Pennsauken School District will be hosting its second annual year-end family fun fair on Sunday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at its Park Avenue Campus.

"As the school year comes to a close, this event is a great way to celebrate all the accomplishments of our students," says Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent, Pennsauken School District. "We've got a lot of fun activities planned for the fun fair and hope to see many of our families there."

For just \$5, children can receive a wrist band that gives them access to bounce houses, obstacle courses, mini golf, mobile arcade games, and more for the length of the event. Attendees will also be able to purchase items from a variety of vendors and can buy tasty offerings from various food trucks.

Vendor spots are still available for this event. For more information, contact Deanna at (609) 707-38764 or ParkAveCampusPTA@hotmail.com.



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DEA Assistant Special Agent In Charge To Speak At Next PMAC Meeting

Nicholas Kolen, assistant special agent in charge, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, New Jersey Division, will be the guest

speaker at the networking luncheon of the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce, held on Wednesday, May 9, at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Agent Kolen has over 26 years experience tracking and shutting down drug trafficking operations in the United States, Mexico and South America. He will be speaking about the DEA's initia-

tive in South Jersey to address the problem locally.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on May 9, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmaclteam@gmail.com by Monday, May 7.



Nicholas Kolen, assistant special agent in charge, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, New Jersey Division, will be the guest speaker at the PMAC networking luncheon on May 9.

PMAC Member Event At Republic Bank

Republic Bank, 475 Haddonfield Rd., Cherry Hill, invites P.M.A.C. to a networking reception on Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Members planning to attend are asked to R.S.V.P. to Gladys Parrilla at gparrilla@myrepublicbank.com by Friday, May 4.

Changes To The Uniform Construction Code By The State Of New Jersey

By Gary Burgin, Pennsauken Township Construction Official

Recently, an article was printed in newspapers all around New Jersey in regards to changes in the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Specifically, the changes were about when a permit is needed. In the article, it said that permits were not required for replacing a roof. Unfortunately, the information presented regarding roof replacement was not accurate.

The UCC now says that one- and two-family "detached" dwellings do not require a permit to replace a roof; all other types of structures do require one. While that may seem like good news since you can save money by not getting a permit, in reality it isn't. No one will be inspecting the roof to see if it is done properly. No one in our office can help you if there is a problem with the work that was done; it is all on the homeowner. Your only recourse is to contact the Division of Consumer Affairs for the State of New

Jersey. You can contact them online at <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov> or at (973) 504-6200.

Most roofing contractors are good contractors and will do a proper job for a fair price. However, there are others who will not. All contractors must have a valid Home Improvement License and be insured. They must have a contract with you that has their name, address and phone number on it. The contract must state all of the work they are doing and the final cost of the job. This holds true for any work done by a contractor.

Existing roof permits are still viable and must be called in for an inspection when the work is completed. Regarding work that required a permit prior to March 5, 2018 and the permit was never picked up; someone must still pick up and pay for the permit.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office at (856) 665-1000 ext. 130, 131 or 132.

Primerica Hosts Guest Speaker At Pennsauken Country Club

James Penn, Senior National Sales Director, Primerica, is the guest speaker at a special event held on Tuesday, May 8, 7:15 p.m., at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

A highly successful prospector, recruiter, and entrepreneur, and Primerica's 37th million-dollar earner, Penn uses his engineering background to

transform difficult ideas into accessible goals to help his fellow reps succeed in the business. He will be discussing the benefits of a career with Primerica, a multi-level marketing company that sells insurance and financial services.

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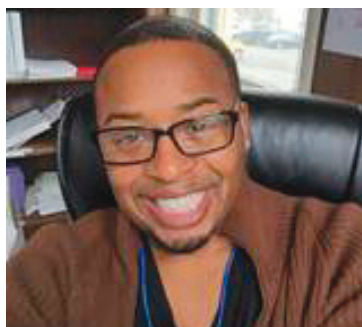
Pennsauken Resident Receives DVLF HEROES Award

On April 29, Pennsauken resident Jerome Pipes received the 2018 HEROES award in the non-profit category from the Delaware Valley Legacy Fund.

Jerome T. Pipes works as the Team Lead Care and Treatment Adherence Psychosocial Service Coordinator at Camden Area Health Education Center-AHEC. Pipes helps lead the efforts to provide HIV testing, counseling, harm reduction, needle exchange, and more. He has been active in AIDS awareness events, Black Lives Matter, healthcare reform, and many other grassroots movements and issues. He has previ-

ously been recognized by the Nonprofit Development Center of Southern New Jersey and the Camden County Board of Elected Freeholders for – among other things – his advocacy for underserved communities.

Jerome was raised and educated in Camden City and Pennsauken Township school districts and is a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 1997. At an early age he took interest in politics. Raised in a home where politics and the civil issues of the community were important, he continues to take pride in following in the footsteps of family and



Pennsauken's Jerome T. Pipes is a 2018 DVLF HERO.

friends. A strong advocate for the liberal and democratic cause, he always put his best foot forward in: working with, maintaining and assisting his community.

For more information on last month's DVLF HEROES Awards Luncheon, visit www.dvlf.org/heroes.

Engagement Announcement: Nguyen – Ngo

Hung and Nha Nguyen of Cherry Hill, N.J. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Vi Nguyen, to Hieu Ngo, son of Van Ngo and Van Dao Nguyen of Riverdale, Md.

Vi and Hieu both live in Pennsauken. Vi is a pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Hieu is an engineer at Siemen's.

Their wedding is scheduled for July 6, 2018 in Collingswood, N.J.

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By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

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But sometimes, it can be pretty difficult for seniors to get out; other times

they're in temporary need of a wheelchair or walker. Senior Citizens United Community Services, Inc., or SCUCS for short, offers a variety of community services for local seniors, including:

Shut-In Shopping – SCUCS offers a bi-weekly shopping service for home-bound seniors not able to shop for themselves. Clients are responsible for the cost of all purchases and the service is based on the availability of volunteers.

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Entitlement And Program Counseling – SCUCS provides assistance to program clients with applications including PAAD/Lifeline/HAAAD, Home Energy Assistance, and others. Info is also available on living wills, nutrition programs, and more.

Emergency Food Bags – Nonperish-

able food items are available for low income elderly Camden County residents, excluding Camden City. The program is based on income and the availability of resources.

Emergency Relief – This program provides one-time financial assistance with home energy bills and minor repairs to heating and cooling elements. Eligibility is based on household income and level of need.

For more information, call SCUCS at (856) 456-1121 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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If you wish to donate books, they can be dropped off at the Library or between 10:00 a.m. – noon on the 19th. Arrangements can be made to drop off books at another time by contacting Jan at janwh@aol.com or (609) 410-4650.

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Seeing The World Through Wire Rimmed Glasses

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

The last few Mother's Days tugged hard on my heart since my son Jon passed away suddenly in May of 2015.

Jon always made sure my Mother's Day was a happy one. He'd take me out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner – whatever I wanted; and he always bought me the flowers that filled our flowerboxes here at home with lasting beauty from May until the very end of October. It was a constant reminder to me every time I walked up the path to our front door of what a wonderful, loving, and thoughtful man my son was.

And now, I pick those flowers out by myself, or with Andrew. But, when I do, I always do my best to look for them through Jon's eyes.

Even more so now.

If you happen to see me at McFarlan's Market or Rite-Aid; or out at the dog park with Sophie, you may notice a new pair of glasses on my face. They are very special wire rim glasses. I wouldn't take a million dollars for them.

They belonged to my Jon.

I kept them upstairs after he passed; and I would take them out and look at them now and then. I'd think of all the good times he had while looking through them; and all the times I saw his eyes smiling at me from the other side of those lenses.

One day, out of the blue, I decided that I would ask the eye doctor to put my prescription in Jonny's frames, so I could

wear them now.

And I did.

In all honesty, I cried the first time the optometrist put them on me. And after that, I just kept them in the dresser drawer for a while. Finally, I decided it was time to take them out and "see" things differently.

And I did. And I do.

Every time I put on my glasses, it's a constant reminder of the preciousness of life. It's looking at people, places, and things more clearly with a gentle heart – just like Jon did. It's truly giving each day my best; finding a reason to laugh, smile, and hug a friend; to say I love you, sing in the shower, and dance while I'm running the vacuum cleaner.

Of course, I do acknowledge the sad things in life, because that's healthy to do too. But I don't dwell there. No way. I work it out, make peace with it, and move on.

And to think that a gift to myself of a simply designed pair of wire rimmed glasses are helping me to make all that possible.

What a happy Mother's Day this will be, as I see the world through my own grateful eyes and through the love and rich memories from my precious son, Jon.

My friends, always look on the bright side of life – with or without glasses. You'll never regret it.

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Phifer Seventh Graders Create Random Number Generators

Phifer Middle School robotics students got a taste of real-world engineering when Aron Rubin, chief scientist from Dynamic Imaging Systems, came to Mrs. McSweeney's class in March for some engineering fun. Mr. Rubin has visited Phifer several times in the past few years with projects designed to empower students and dispel the myth that fabrication is the domain of a special few.

Each class soldered their own random number generator circuits from scratch! Phifer students were very excited to experience how the combination of heat, metal, components, concentration, and encouragement can enable them to produce the same type of electronics common in everyday life.

Mrs. McSweeney first modeled for the students how to assemble their LED

random number circuit boards. Mr. Bruce DuBoff, librarian at Phifer, also circulated around the room, offering support as needed. Students had to learn precision and accuracy as they delicately inserted their LED anodes and cathodes properly into the circuit board. The students were then instructed how to prepare their boards for soldering by bending and clipping the leads. After students completed this assembly, both Mr. Rubin and Mrs. Barbara Freudenberg, an NTA at Phifer, assisted the students in soldering the LEDs to the board.

The students' apprehension about working with delicate materials melted away as they shaped and formed the molten metal! Of course, safety measures were taken, such as wearing heat-resistant gloves and goggles. The students

learned about places in which attention to detail is needed to achieve success. Seventh graders Alexander Day and Iliana Perez eagerly came back to visit Mr. Rubin on day two of soldering and volunteered to be his student assistants, preparing the materials and helping others to create their circuit boards.

Ms. Fredenberg commented, "I think it's excellent to expose the students to different professions!" Mr. DuBoff added how pleasing it was that the students were truly learning a useful life skill in an authentic environment.

Mrs. McSweeney was very thrilled with how the students were extremely engaged, focused, and meticulous when it came to creating and soldering something on their own. Mr. Rubin also enjoyed staying after class and speaking to

many Phifer students further about the soldering process. Principal Honeyman stopped in and thanked Mr. Aron Rubin for volunteering his valuable time and expertise to inspire the students. Students then excitedly showed both Mr. Rubin and Mr. Honeyman some of their favorite coding and mechanical engineering projects.

This is the fourth year in a row that Mr. Rubin came to Phifer to teach our students about engineering. It was yet another successful outreach that allowed students to feel a sense of empowerment and confidence as they engineered their own LED Random Number Generators. As always, the staff at Phifer Middle School is extremely appreciative to Mr. Rubin in his efforts to motivate students in the engineering and technology fields.



Phifer Middle School students learned how to solder their own random number generator circuits from scratch.



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Phifer Middle School Student Council Gives Back To The Food Bank Of South Jersey

Phifer Middle School's "Organization of the Month" for March was the Food Bank of South Jersey. Headquartered in Pennsauken, the Food Bank of South Jersey provides food to people in need, delivers health and wellness programs, and designs sustainable solutions to help people improve their lives.

Phifer students held a canned food drive and donated many non-perishable items. The school's student council visited the Food Bank and brought the collected donations. The students also took a tour of the facility and packed after school meals and snacks for a program that provides nutritionally-balanced meals and snacks to about 300 children during the school year.



The student council at Phifer Middle School dropped off donated non-perishable food items collected by students for the Food Bank of South Jersey

Fine Recognizes Students Of The Month



Congratulations to March's Fine School Students of the Month. These students are to be commended for being helpful and showing kindness to others. Pictured from left to right, top row, are Antonio Baisden, Jedwin Cornelio, Mylia Rodriguez, Saniyah Freeman, Janet Nguyen, Jayden Arroyo, and Tamia Price. In the front row are Aliani Feliciano, Estefani Popoca-Techachal, Lason Wright, and Zah'Mere Murray. Absent from the photo are Sofia Garcia, Angelina Velazquez, Kiandel Arocho, Tharry Thach, Aiden Moore, Myiles Hayes, and Sang Tran.

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Special Seating Helps Foster Flexible Learning At Carson

Students in Mrs. Kosmaczewski's second grade class at Carson Elementary School were lucky to have been gifted flexible seating options by generous donors through the Donor's Choose Project.

Instead of sitting in their regular classroom chairs all day, students have the option to choose wobble stools, yoga balls, desk bands, bean bag chairs, pillows at a low desk, or spread out on the large classroom carpet!

Flexible seating allows students to choose a spot that will help them learn best and keeps their brains, and bodies thinking and moving each day!

The students have really enjoyed using the options every day, and we appreciate the donors who donated all the seats to our classroom!



Second graders at Carson Elementary enjoy flexible seating options throughout the school day, allowing for students to find the best spot for learning.

F.W. Grigg Auxiliary Unit 68 Announces Essay Contest Award Winner

F.W. Grigg American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68 of Merchantville is proud to announce that eighth grader Manin Nan of Phifer Middle School won first place in the American Legion Americanism essay contest.

Manin was presented with a \$50 check as her prize.

This contest was open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville seventh and eighth grade students.

Manin's essay spoke about "What I can personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community." As the winning essay, it will now compete at the county level.

The Auxiliary and Pennsauken School District are so proud of Manin for her efforts and congratulate her on her award.



Phifer eighth grader Manin Nan won first place in the American Legion Americanism essay contest. Nan, center, is seen here with Phifer Eighth Grade Assistant Principal Susan Galloza, Auxiliary President Carol Weaver, Auxiliary First Vice President Janice Schott, teacher Amanda Frederick, and Phifer Principal Thomas Honeyman.

K9 Arko And Officer Hurley Visit Longfellow

By Rachel Biehl

In April, the third grade in Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Nowitzke's classes at Longfellow School had a great show about K9 officers, police people who work with a dog.

Officer Hurley had a puppy named Arko. Although Arko was still just a pup, he was still smart, big, and strong.

Officer Hurley had actually did an example of tracking for our classes! Jasmine Irene hid Arko's toy by our metal fence. Arko found his toy, and retrieved it to Officer Hurley. Jasmine was a little

scared, but everyone else liked this part the most. Once Jasmine saw Arko's tail wagging, she wasn't scared anymore.

We watched as Officer Hurley gave Arko his yellow ball when he did what Officer Hurley said! But when he asked Arko for the ball, Officer Hurley had to yank it out of his mouth, because Arko would not give it back.

We all had a great experience! We are also looking forward to visiting the Pennsauken Police Department real soon!

NOTE: The Pennsauken School Dis-

trict was saddened to learn of K9 Arko's passing last month. We offer our sincerest condolences to Officer Hurley and the Pennsauken Police Department for their loss.

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Things Go Wild At Baldwin School



Eyes of the Wild presented a wonderful assembly for Baldwin School. Students learned about different animals, including how to respect and care for them. Everyone enjoyed the experience!

Pennsauken Residents Can Submit Longfellow Survey In Person On May 12

The Pennsauken School District is conducting an online survey to poll residents about what should happen to the property that currently houses Longfellow School. The building, which is in a state of disrepair, will be demolished later this year.

Pennsauken residents who don't have access to a computer have an opportunity to participate in the Longfellow Park Survey. On Saturday, May 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., residents can visit the Pennsauken Free Public Library and submit a completed survey.

To participate in this survey, you must be a current Pennsauken resident, 18 years of age or older. For those voting no, the District is asking respondents to suggest an alternative to the proposed park in order for your "no vote" to count.

The results from the survey are ONLY being used to determine what will be occurring at the Longfellow property. The information provided WILL NOT be used for any other purpose.

For those wishing to access the online version of the survey, visit Pennsauken.net.

PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. at Pennsauken High School, Room #327, 800 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

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



By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Diane Johnson, Vice President; Michael Bortnowski; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Orlando Viera; JoAnn Young; and Mike Trost

Memorial Day weekend is rapidly approaching. For every New Jersey resident, this is the official start of the summer. The Atlantic City Expressway becomes flooded with cars packed with families wanting to get their first whiff of the ocean air; hamburgers and hot dogs are purchased in bulk for outdoor cook-outs; and the sun decides to stay out 'till late in the evening, allowing residents to enjoy the beautiful weather. More importantly, students and staff begin to see the finish line and work diligently until the last day of school on June 19. The Pennsauken Board of Education would like to encourage all of the students, staff, and families to keep the focus you've had all year long. The summer will be here before you know it!

To help students retain their knowledge on the subject matter learned from the previous school year and enhance

Pennsauken Students To Benefit From Summer Enrichment Program Again This Year

their academic ability going into fall 2018, the Pennsauken School District will be offering their Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for the second year in a row. The 2017 Summer Enrichment Program was met with great success and was well received from Pennsauken residents, due to the positive outcomes shown by students in attendance. Pennsauken students who attended the SEP scored on average 100 points higher on their SAT scores. The measurable outcomes show that students are showing greater retention and comprehension in subject matter.

To highlight the vocational trades and expanded academic options for future high school students, Pennsauken School District will have a Pennsauken Trade Camp as part of the summer enrichment program. This will give students a chance to explore career paths in the skilled vocations and show all the opportunity for success in Pennsauken's Career and Technical Education programs.

In addition, Pennsauken High School will host a strength and speed camp for our student athletes that will start a week before summer enrichment. This camp will help our athletes both academically and athletically in their future and is at no cost to the residents. With the athletic complex improvements coming from the recently passed bond referendum and having a state of the art weight room located within the high school, the

Pennsauken School District is making the effort to become an athletic powerhouse in Southern New Jersey.

The Pennsauken SEP will run four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. It will consist of 60-minute blocks of math, science, and language arts, as well as an additional block in which the students will be able to choose from either physical education or music. The first session will begin on July 2.

The Pennsauken SEP is one of a kind in Camden County, and is being considered as the model for growth and development of students wishing to advance their academic standing. Pennsauken School District is changing the whole mindset of what it means to be in school in the summer. Moving from credit recovery to academic advancement, this is a culture shift supported by Superintendent Tarchichi and the Pennsauken Board of Education.

The Pennsauken Summer Enrichment Program is current being advertised and the demand is high due to the increasing popularity. Each student who is selected receives an acceptance form on May 25. All acceptance forms must be signed by parents and returned to the school no later than June 4. Please visit Pennsauken.net to apply.

Board Bit Of The Month

The enrichment program is designed

to battle the "brain drain" that often occurs from the end of June through August. According to Oxford Learning, students who do not receive additional

instruction lose about two to three months of material that they had learned during the school year over the summer months.

#WhatLiftsYou Art Display At Longfellow



Inspired by the murals of artist Kelsey Montague, students at Longfellow have created a collaborative K-4 interactive mural. Here, reading specialist Mrs. Jakubowski poses with the creative and colorful work of art. Photo credit: Krystal Hall.

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Junior Classical League Holds State Convention At Pennsauken High School

This month, Latin students from across the state will come together at Pennsauken High School to share their love of the language and civilization of ancient Rome.

The New Jersey Junior Classical League will hold this year's state convention at Pennsauken High School on Saturday, May 12. Students will participate in a variety of friendly competitions, judging school spirit/colors; artwork ranging from charts and illustrations to pottery and sculpture; recipes; photography; costumes; and more.

Be sure to check out the Pennsauken School District's Facebook page for photos from this gathering of talented high school students!

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Pennsauken High School Students Visit Bayada Home Health Care

On April 18, a group of Pennsauken High School students and parents, organized by Mrs. Deangelis, Mr. Finnegan, and Mr. Snyder, visited the Bayada Home Health Care Global Center in Pennsauken to learn about the business of healthcare.

A team of enthusiastic staffers talked about opportunities ranging from billing and insurance to procurement and information technology... the large support staff working behind the scenes to make their service side of patient care as successful as it is. Nursing, social work, and physical therapy are just a few of the services offered in client homes and students learned about the various levels of degrees required. All were inspired by their guiding belief system known as the Bayada Way... Compassion, Excellence, and Reliability.

After learning of the company back-

ground, students heard about some of the exciting plans Bayada and Pennsauken High School have for the future. Staff on both sides is already working on curriculum for an LPN program. Discussions are also being had about shadowing, internships, and even job opportunities in not just the health fields, but the business support areas as well.

The night ended with a rousing game of "Jeopardy," covering information about the company and healthcare in general, capped off by a tour of the facility.

This meeting was just the beginning. There are plenty of opportunities for a productive relationship between Pennsauken Public Schools and our business community. The community conscious views of Bayada will work perfectly with Pennsauken's goal of preparing our students for careers in health care and business.



Pennsauken High School students learned about career opportunities in the home health industry during a special trip to Bayada Home Health Care.

Students At Fine School "Stick It To Cancer"

George B. Fine School "sticks it to cancer," as students taped the principal, Mrs. Harmon, to the wall. A total of \$672.57 was raised to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Longfellow Brings Black History Month Alive

Fourth graders at Longfellow School brought history alive during Black History Month by creating a wax museum.

Each student did extensive research on a different noteworthy Black American who made a major contribution to society. Students also created a portrait of their person during art class.

All classes were invited to see and hear about the various people that were researched and their achievements. After pressing a button on a fourth grade student who portrayed the wax figure, he or she would tell you all about the life of the famous person, including when they were born, family life, education, major achievements, and if they died or are still alive. The art project was also on display at the same time.

This project was a collaboration of fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Padalino and Mrs. Tropiano, as well as art teacher, Ms. Hall. A great time was had by all and stu-



A collaboration of fourth grader teachers Mrs. Padalino and Mrs. Tropiano, as well as art teacher, Ms. Hall, helped bring Black History Month alive at Longfellow School.

dents left with a greater understanding and appreciation of how Black History has impacted our society.

Pennsauken's Fourth Graders Hear "The Orchestra Sing"

By Jacob Milstein

Fourth grade students at Pennsauken Public Schools had the opportunity to attend a concert by the world renowned Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. The concert was titled, "The Orchestra Sings," an interactive performance where the audience was encouraged to make music along with the orchestra. Students were able to hear the instruments they have been learning to play in class performed by world class musicians.

This was a district wide field trip that

was attended by almost 350 fourth grade students from all seven elementary schools. Everyone really enjoyed the trip and the concert was very well received by the students. Special thanks to all of the teachers and administration members who made this trip possible.

Fourth graders from all of Pennsauken's public schools attended a special performance by the Philadelphia Orchestra.



Air Force Junior ROTC To Begin At Pennsauken High School Next Year

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, Pennsauken High School will have an Air Force Junior ROTC program. The objectives of the program are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, while promoting community service, instilling a sense of responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and to provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

"The mission of the Air Force Junior ROTC program is to develop citizens of character who are dedicated to serve

their community and nation," explains Master Sergeant Francisco Beltran-Bell, Pennsauken High School's Air Force Unit Reserve officer training instructor. "The program is centered around Air Force core values: integrity first; service before self; and excellence in all we do."

For students and parents interested in learning more about the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Pennsauken High School, visit the District's website at Pennsauken.net.

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FOOD ADVENTURES Bambu Offers Tasty, Homemade Vietnamese Style Drinks

By Rachael Shugars,
AAP Columnist

Chè is defined as a “Vietnamese sweet dessert soup, usually served in a glass over ice and eaten with a spoon... and perfect for the summer.” My experiences with Chè would completely agree with that definition with a

few little extras. It’s extreme. If you are going to try Chè as a first timer, like I did, be prepared for a roller coaster of feelings. After all, if you read this column, you’re probably willing to go on your own food adventures.

I first tried Chè at Phu Khang, my favorite Pho stop in town. It consisted of

jelly, milk, beans, and lots of ice. It was waaaaay sweet and crunchy; chewy and cold. I didn’t know what to expect, but ultimately, I really liked it. My two-year-old even enjoyed it! In Indian cuisine, they have a kulfi falooda, which I tried a few months back at Aroma Indian Bistro. It’s very similar to Chè, but instead of ice, they used ice cream.

Aside from Phu Khang, you can try any number of Chè combinations at Bambu, which is located at 6009 Mansion Blvd. in Pennsauken. They offer a ton of different drinks, including Chè. The more timid adventurers out there can opt for a smoothie or coffee if texture is an issue. The jelly can be a little

jarring if you’ve never tried it. For anyone who has ever had bubble tea, a sweet drink made with black tapioca balls in it, you will definitely enjoy any of the drinks that Bambu offers.

There is also a great variety of fresh ingredients used on a daily basis. With any food item, that always enhances the flavor and it’s definitely the healthier option. If you visit their website, Drink Bambu.com, you’ll find everything about their drink options, including the benefits that a lot of their ingredients hold. Be sure to check out “The Magic of Coconut Water” and “The Nutritious Avocado.” You’ll find fun and fascinating facts about these superfoods.

It’s always great getting to experience something new and different in the food world. It makes our little slice of this world seem that much bigger when you can access things created half a world away. Enjoy your Food Adventures!

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Lions Club Holds Membership Night

By Mary Anne McFarland,
Pennsauken Lions Club



The Pennsauken Lions Club recently held its annual membership dinner at the home of Lion Sharon Rush. This successful event was attended by current members and their significant others, several prospective members, and the Lions District 16-L District Governor Clarence Brown, Immediate Past District Governor Bob Friedel and District Board member Min Elders.

The dinner featured a seafood bar of colossal shrimp, oysters, and clams, supplied by Steak 38 Café owner and Pennsauken Lion Joe DiAmore and delicious offerings like shrimp scampi, roasted pork and red peppers, lemon chicken and much more, prepared by Sharon Rush, who also owns Macaro's Deli and Catering.

After dinner, Lions President Ely Mateo welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He happily introduced the club's three new members: Bernie Kofot, a well-known Pennsauken resident who is involved in many volunteer activities around Pennsauken; John Niessner, owner of John's Landscaping in Pennsauken; and Doris Sandole, a “legacy” Lion, whose father founded the Bellmawr Lions Club many years ago. At the Lions' regular meeting on the first Monday of April, the Club welcomed Susan Guggino of Merchantville as its newest member.

The Lions are happy to be adding to its numbers, so that it can expand its many community service activities. If anyone is interested in joining the Club, the Lions meet the first and third Mondays at Macaro's catering hall on Westfield Ave. Appetizers and cocktails are at 6:00 p.m.; dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.; and the business meeting is held afterward. For more information contact pennsaukenlionclub@gmail.com or call (856) 313-7751.



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PSA Makes Improvements To Facility

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority recently completed several improvements to their facility at 1250 John Tipton Blvd. Work was done on the lobby to make the building more handicap accessible; a drive-thru was added as a convenience to customers; and the facility was fitted with energy-efficient lighting.



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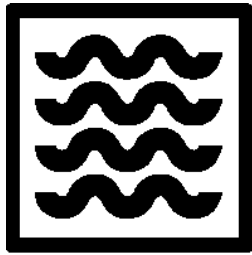
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MPWC WATERLINES



A Tribute To An Extraordinary Leader

By Michael A. Saraceni, C.O.O., Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission

It is with sadness and deep regret that we announce the passing of Commissioner G. Burton "Burt" German, Jr. on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Shortly before his passing, Mr. German announced his intent to retire from the Commission, after serving 41-plus years as a commissioner. He attended his last public meeting as treasurer on April 12, where the Commission resolved to bestow "Commissioner Emeritus" status to Mr. German, to remain connected to him, and continue to rely upon his experiential and historical wisdom. His retirement came after he earned recognition as the longest-seated commissioner since the MPWC's creation in 1926. For the majority of his tenure, Mr. German served as treasurer and maintained close and diligent vigilance over the financial wellness of the Commission.

For more on the passing of this exceptional public servant, please see page 37 of this issue of All Around Pennsauken.

Unauthorized Use Of Fire Hydrants

The MPWC would like to remind our customers and neighbors that all fire hydrants in the service area are the property and responsibility of MPWC. If you spot anyone outside of the MPWC, fire department, or public works using a fire hydrant, please don't hesitate to contact the MPWC at **(856) 663-0044**.

MPWC Infrastructure Replacement

By Richard F. Spafford, P.E.

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission (MPWC) has a lot planned for 2018. With the passage of the Water Quality Accountability Act, our infrastructure replacement plan is in full swing. We will be replacing and lining water mains in areas where pipes need to be addressed.

The first pipe lining project for 2018 was completed in Merchantville, between Plymouth and Glenwood. A six-inch, cast iron main was run underneath the railroad tracks in this area approximately 90 years ago. Since we simply could not pull up the railroad tracks and install a new water main, the decision was made to clean and line the water main with a spray in place epoxy liner. This process will extend the life of the pipe over 50 years by adding both better flow carrying capacity and a higher structural component to the pipe.

The MPWC will also be lining the 8" water main on Hampton Road in Cherry Hill. An electrical line runs directly alongside and over our water main in that area. Due to the high traffic, the tight timeframe, and the obstructions in the ground, this main will also be lined instead of replaced. In addition, the County is scheduling to pave Hampton Rd. and we can line the main much quicker than replacing it.

Zimmerman Ave. in Pennsauken currently is served by a 4" water main. Although 4" water mains were common many years ago, most today are typically 6" and above to allow for better customer service. The MPWC construction team will install a new 6" polyethylene encased, ductile, iron main next to the current 4" cast iron water main. Once the new main is installed, pressurized and sterilized, the existing customer services will be transferred over to the new connection. The 4" main will then be abandoned in place and the

street will be repaired to Pennsauken Township standards.

By replacing water mains as they reach the end of their useful life, we can continue to supply the highest quality water at the lowest possible cost. If the mains are not replaced, they will continue to degrade to the point that they would no longer be usable and both cost and quality would suffer.

As we prepare for completing larger water main installations with our current work force, we needed to update some of our equipment. We have added a new F550 dump truck, a John Deere mini excavator, and a tilt trailer to our list of equipment. This will allow our crews to be in multiple areas at once if the need arises.

In 2018, we will be replacing our computer controls for two water towers and one treatment plant. This will allow for smoother and safer operation of each

major piece of equipment.

We will also continue with our meter replacement program. There are approximately 2,500 manual read water meters left in the system. Once all meters are radio read, we will install remote antennas to allow us to collect real-time water readings for leak detection and property transfers.

The MPWC is also completing less visible projects that are extremely important to our operation. We are replacing pumps and re-developing wells on a proactive basis. Each of our five water treatment plants are on a rotating schedule for maintenance and painting to maintain them at the highest level possible.

The MPWC believes that if we stay proactive, we will deliver the best quality, best tasting water at the lowest possible price. We continue to be proud of this local water utility that serves all our families.

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

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

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Fallen Soldiers Remembered At Local Memorial Day Events

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The Veterans Memorial pays tribute to over a dozen Pennsauken residents who went off to war and never came home: Terrence P. Allen, Thomas L. Busch, III, John S. DiBenedetto, Michael Egan, James M. Esposito, Matthew J. Henkel Jr., Joseph L. Hesson, III, Frank J. Kohlmyer, Thomas C. Miller, Maria I. Ortiz, Richard Patterson, Elmer R. Pease, Jr., Anthony Piersanti, Jr., Harold Russo, and John Edward Tipton.

To RSVP for the event, contact Bridget Zino at (856) 662-8500 x5286.

Also, American Legion F.W. Grigg Post 68 annually places flags on the graves of those veterans buried in local cemeteries. Members of the community are invited to join in this effort.

This year's schedule is as follows: Jordantown (Jordan's Lawn) Cemetery, 3600 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken, Friday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. (May 18 rain date); Bethel Cemetery, 1620 Cove Rd., Pennsauken, Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. (May 19 rain date); and Sunset Memorial Park, 1605 Union Ave., Monday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. (May 21 rain date).

For those wishing to participate, sturdy shoes and a pair of work gloves are recommended.

Ceremonies On Memorial Day Weekend

VFW Post 1270, located at 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken, right off of Rt. 130 and Cove Rd., will hold its annual wreath laying ceremony on Sunday, May 27, at

11:00 a.m. The ceremony features the laying of wreaths at the Post, an honor guard rifle salute, and the playing of "Taps."

At 11:30 a.m. that same day, Pennsauken Township will hold a special ceremony with VFW Post 1270, AMVETS Post 101, and American Legion F.W. Grigg Post 68 at Liberty Park, located on the corner of Merchantville and Westfield avenues.

AMVETS Post 101, located at 519 June Rd. in Delair, will hold its wreath laying ceremony on Monday, May 28, at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony begins at the post, then moves to the World War II/Korean War memorial, located on River Rd.

F.W. Grigg Post 68 will hold its annual Memorial Day service on Monday, May

28, at Wellwood Park, located at Linden and Maple avenues in Merchantville. The service will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. This year's speaker will be Master Sergeant Francisco Beltran-Bell, USAF Retired. Sgt. Beltran-Bell is the Air Force Junior ROTC instructor at Pennsauken High School. During the event, area Boy and Girl Scout units will present the colors. Additionally, local organizations will place memorial wreaths on the World War I and World War II Memorial Monuments. Light refreshments will be provided after the service. In the event of rain, the service will be held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. Merchantville.

Online Wall Of Honor Recognizes Veterans

Located on Pennsauken Township's web site, Pennsauken's online Wall of Honor recognizes Township residents, past or present, living or deceased, that proudly served in our nation's armed forces.

This is not a complete list and will be periodically updated. If individuals know of a past or present resident, living or dead, who has served in the military that is currently not included on the Wall of Honor, they can submit the name via an easy-to-use online form.

To view the list or to submit a name, visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-wall-honor.

Auditions Held For "Mary Poppins Junior" May 15-16

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sauken's Department of Parks and Recreation to schedule an audition time in advance. Individuals auditioning should come prepared to sing, do some basic movement, and read lines. Please choose

a song to show your singing ability.

Rehearsals and performances will be at the Pennsauken Intermediate School in the air-conditioned auditorium/music room. Rehearsals will begin June 26 and three performances are scheduled for July 27-29.

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

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On May 12, Dr. Kenneth Lacovara, renowned paleontologist, founding dean of Rowan University's School of Earth and Environment and director of the Jean and Ric Edelman Fossil Park in Sewell, N.J., is giving a special presentation based on his book, "Why Dinosaurs Matter," at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd.

Dr. Lacovara is known for the discovery of the titanosaurian dinosaur, *Dreadnoughtus schrani*, the most complete

Rowan Paleontologist Gives Special Presentation At Library

skeleton of a giant titanosaur discovered to date. He is also part of the team that discovered and named the giant sauropod dinosaur, *Paralititan stromeri*, the first new dinosaur discovery in Egypt since the early 20th Century. His use of 3D scanning and printing technology, as well as robotics, presents the science of paleontology in a brand new light.

The presentation, hosted by the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Library's Community Room. It is recommended for young adults and up; the program is not geared for children. Light

refreshments will be served and autographed copies of Lacovara's book will be available for \$10. Registration is requested for this event; to do so, please call the Library Circulation Desk at (856) 665-5959 x3.

Paleontologist Dr. Kenneth Lacovara is giving a special presentation on "Why Dinosaurs Matter" at the Pennsauken Free Public Library. Photo credit: ArcaneHalveKnot, Wikimedia.org.



Library's Alberta Luzi Retires After Four Decades Of Service

Alberta Luzi, a longtime employee of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, retired last month after 44 years of dutiful service to the Pennsauken community.

Luzi first started with the Library on May 21, 1973. In her four decades, the Library as it is today was built around her.

A proclamation marking the occasion stated, "as a Library page, Alberta performed her duties with congeniality and effervescence. She never complained about helping her coworkers, even when the task at hand was extensive. Alberta enjoyed each duty she had, from shelving cart upon cart of books, moving entire collections, or searching for a DVD for a resident to check out. In the years she was with the Library, she served and outlasted eight directors and several incarnations of the staff. Throughout her four plus decades,



Alberta Luzi, who has served as a page at the Pennsauken Free Public Library since 1973, retired after 44 years of service to the Pennsauken community.

Alberta was a valuable asset to her coworkers and especially the residents of Pennsauken."

The staff of the Pennsauken Free Public Library thanks Alberta for her many years of service and wishes her a happy retirement.

May Library Events

- Basic Computer Classes for Adults and Seniors – Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 1-31; 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Classes include an introduction to Microsoft Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Excel, the internet, and e-mail. Class size is limited and on a first come, first served basis. Please register at the Reference Desk.
- Friends of the Pennsauken Library Meeting – Wednesday, May 9; 7:00 p.m. Join the Friends for their monthly business and planning meeting.
- Flower Arranging Workshop – Saturday, May 12; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by The Friends of the Pennsauken Library, this workshop is limited to 12 participants. There is a fee for this program, which is payable at the door: \$10 for members of the Friends, \$15 for non-members. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk and remember to bring your own scissors.
- Munch and a Movie – Tuesday, May 15; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Pennsauken Library. For this month's movie selection please call (856) 665-5959.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, May 21; 6:30 p.m. 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:

- Storytime – Wednesdays, May 2 & 9; 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays, May 3 & 10; 2:00 p.m. Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina welcome you to a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and a craft. For ages 0-5.
- Toddler Movement – Saturday, May 12; 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 3-5.
- Baby Ballet – Saturday, May 12; 11:30 a.m. – noon. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 3-5.
- LEGO Club Jr. – Wednesday, May 30; 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, May 17 & 31; 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a time of free-play with DUPLO blocks in the Library's Children's Area. For ages 2-5.

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Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day Weekend



Pennsauken Police Informing Residents Of “Warm Weather” Safety Issues

With the increase in temperatures as spring makes a move to summer, Pennsauken Police are asking residents to be aware of several “warm weather” public safety issues.

Illegal Vehicles On Highways

Pennsauken Police have received an increased amount of calls for large groups of dirt bikes and ATVs riding on highways within the Township, specifically, Marlton Pike, Westfield Ave., 36th St., Federal St., as well as Routes 130, 30, 38, and 70. Residents who observe this activity are asked to call 9-1-1 immediately.

Pennsauken Police’s K9 Arko Passes Away

The Pennsauken Police Department is saddened to announce the loss of K9 Arko, partner of Officer Joe Hurley.

K9 Arko started his career when he was 10 months old and had just turned two years of age. Officer Hurley and K9 Arko were certified as a Patrol K9 Team in May 2017. K9 Arko enjoyed working and was getting better every day, but his favorite part of the job was doing demonstrations for kids.

K9 Arko will be missed.

Increase In BB Guns

There have been several incidents in the Township with juveniles carrying imitation firearms, pellet guns, or BB guns. This is a significant safety concern for the juveniles, the responding police officers, and the community as a whole.

Some of these imitation firearms come with a portion of the gun colored a bright color on the tip and are marketed as a toy. If this coloring is removed or covered, the toy becomes an identical replica of a handgun/firearm.

Parents are strongly urged to speak with their children about these concerns and make sure that these toys remain within the general area of the home. We

also ask that parents remind their children to not point these toys in the direction of any individual.

Concerned citizens may see juveniles pointing toy firearms at other juveniles and alert the police department. This is a great risk, because responding officers are provided information that someone is armed with a weapon. In addition, not

all of these toys, pellet guns, or BB guns are legal with the State of New Jersey. If you are unsure if a toy is legal, contact the Pennsauken Police Department, (856) 488-0080 ext. 0.

Keep Vehicles Locked, Remove Valuables

Pennsauken residents are reminded to

lock their cars, roll up their windows, and remove any valuables from their vehicles. There is usually an uptick in these types of break-ins during the spring and summer.

For additional information on current public safety issues, visit “Pennsauken Township Police Department” on Facebook.



K9 Arko, seen here with his partner Officer Joe Hurley, passed away last month at just two years of age.



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GOING GREEN

Time To Get Your Hands Dirty In The Garden

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

Winter has stubbornly refused to leave many parts of our country this year, leaving me with the worst case of spring fever in a long time! Now that spring has finally arrived, it's time to go play in the dirt.

Gardens of brilliant color flutter all around and you want one of your own. Nurseries and big box stores are bursting with enticing colors, scents, and textures. Before diving in with your shopping cart, drive around your neighborhood and look at the mature specimens of trees, shrubs, flowers, and bulbs. What plants do you see that you really like? What do you have room for? Are you able to care for them as they grow? Take pictures of trees, shrubs, and flowers in bloom if you don't know what they are. Nursery employees can often easily identify a plant from a photo snapped on a cell phone, streamlining your shopping trip.

When your new plant acquisitions have been brought home, it's time to begin planting. Mother's Day is the "rule of thumb" date for planting annuals in gardens in our area, to ensure that you're past the last frost date.

First, place each new plant in its intended spot and stand back to look at

the overall effect to ensure it's pleasing before you begin. Read the nursery tags for sun requirements; they really do matter. Most herbs, vegetables, and annual flowers require at least four hours of sun to perform well.

Select the first plant to be planted, and either water it thoroughly, or place it in a shallow bucket or barrel of water to absorb water while you prepare the hole. Next, gather tools needed for planting (e.g., wheelbarrow, shovel, gloves, kneeling pad, and trowel). As you begin digging the hole, place the soil into the wheelbarrow. Generally, holes should be about twice the diameter and 50 percent deeper than the size of the plant in the pot. When the hole appears to be sufficiently large, place the plant – while it's still in its pot – into the hole to test the depth. Once the hole is large enough, remove the plant from the pot and examine the root ball. Many times, the root ball will be a tight mass of roots (potbound). If this is the case, it will be necessary to loosen the root ball to enable the roots to grow properly. Many potbound plants die because the plant strangles on its own roots. Gently loosen the root ball with your fingers, or use a trowel or other tool if necessary to loosen root balls on larger trees and shrubs. Advance watering of

the plant should make this process easier than if the plant is dry. Before placing the plant into the newly dug hole, mix amendments into the soil in the wheelbarrow. Suitable amendments include composted manure or home made compost in a ratio of one third to one half amendments to soil from the hole. Put some of the soil mixture into the hole, then test the plant depth. Ideally, the plant should wind up at a depth where the top of the soil in the pot is even or no more than a couple inches higher than the surrounding soil. Back fill the hole with the amended soil mixture from the wheelbarrow. Water thoroughly when finished. Top with no more than three inches of mulch for weed suppression and water retention. Trees should not be planted so high and surrounded with so much mulch that they wind up surrounded by "mulch volcanoes."

New plantings will need supplemental water to help them survive; about an inch per week is sufficient for most plants. If care is taken during the initial planting process, you can enjoy your garden throughout the seasons.

Get your whole family involved to pass on a love of plants across the generations, and most of all, enjoy!

Veterans Presented With Service Dogs Trained By Inmates

Three veterans that have been diagnosed with PTSD will be assisted by rescued shelter animals that have been trained to be service dogs by Camden County Corrections inmates directed by Above and Beyond Dog Training.

"The opportunity to have inmates participating and learning a new skillset that will ultimately benefit veterans is a home run for public policy, and it is critical that we continue to find more innovative ways to support both communities," said Camden County Freeholder Jonathan Young, who serves as liaison to the Department of Corrections. "This progressive idea will also assist us in finding forever homes for animals from our shelter population. The advantages gained by matching all of these disparate parts into a monolithic structure will be an improvement to the quality of life for our overall community."

This groundbreaking program sponsored by the Freeholder Board gives inmates the opportunity to care for and train service dogs to be adopted by veterans, identified by the Office of Veteran Affairs, who will give them a forever home.

"We know service dogs can improve the quality of life for veterans who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, or depression. This program allows inmates to train these dogs for veterans and gives them a chance to

give back to the community in a meaningful way, but also to learn valuable skills as they prepare to re-enter society," said state Sen. Jim Beach (D-Camden/Burlington). "At the same time, this kind of program will help to increase the availability of dogs for veterans in our state who are seeking them as a means of coping with combat-related disorders."

Director of the Camden County Department of Corrections, David Owens views this initiative as a first step to opening many new doors for inmates.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, we hope that this program will be that step to change training and continue an evolution in corrections for New Jersey," Owens said. "We know from the experience in other correctional institutions that this training partnership benefits the inmates, the dogs and the community."

The first dog trained in the program was presented last year to Purple Heart recipient Arthur Wimberly, Jr. of Pennsauken Township. Wimberly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He entered active military service on January 29, 1968, and was released from active duty at the rank of Sergeant on January 19, 1971. His last duty assignment was with Company "D" 23rd Engineer Bn. AD, USAREUR.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68 is having a Hoagie Sale on June 2nd.



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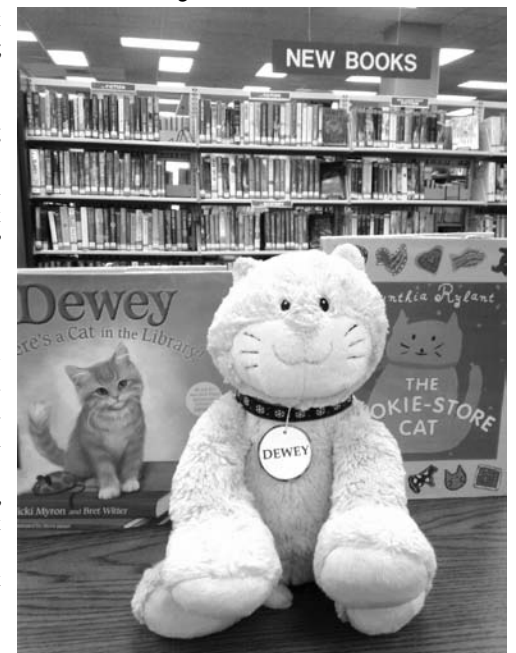
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Have You Seen Dewey?

May is National Get Caught Reading Month; and Dewey, the Pennsauken Free Public Library's "cat," will be reading all over town! Local readers are encouraged to catch Dewey in the act and fill out the "Get Caught Reading!" form, available at the Library's reference desk.

Identify all 31 locations in Pennsauken where Dewey was reading and submit the form for a chance to win a special "Dewey Raffle!"

For more information, visit the reference desk at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., during normal business hours.



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Festive Music, Food Trucks, And Fireworks At Summer Kickoff Bash

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wiches and other specialties; Pennsauken-based Dan's Waffles, serving up tasty sugar waffles, bubble waffles, and other desserts; and Kona Ice, featuring cool treats including shaved ice and ice cream.

There will also be great musical performances. The Verdict is a well-traveled Caribbean band that has jammed with Chaka Khan and Stevie Wonder and opened for legends such as Sting and Madonna. Also on stage will be Frontiers, the ultimate Journey tribute band that takes audiences back to the 80's by performing classics from the 2017 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee.

Finally, an intense fireworks display, similar to the one experienced at last year's 125th anniversary summer picnic, will cap off an evening filled with fun and entertainment.

"We're excited to be able to bring what we hope will be a new, annual event for Pennsauken," says Elwood Martz, Parks and Recreation Department, Pennsauken Township. "We hope that our neighbors come out for Pennsauken's new official start of summer."

For more information, visit the Township's website at twp.pennsauken.nj.us.



Pennsauken based food trucks, Mama's Homemade Meatballs and Dan's Waffles will be two of several food trucks serving up tasty fare at Pennsauken's Summer Kickoff Bash.

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

The week of May 20 is dedicated as “National Public Works Week.” Each year, the American Public Works Association (APWA) chooses a theme. According to the APWA, this year’s theme, entitled, “The Power of Public Works,” “gives voice to the impact the many facets of public works have on modern civilization.” The APWA’s overview includes some of the less glamorous functions: solid waste disposal, removing

Celebrating National Public Works Week In Pennsauken

snow and the unseen work, such as emergency management response strategy planning for disasters. The latter part of the overview reads “and invites the public to celebrate their quiet dedication and indispensable influence on our way of life.”

In our fast-paced society of text messages and e-mails, we all feel rushed to complete our work and move on. It’s all too easy to forget the simple gesture of a “thank you.” On behalf of Superintendent Feriozzi and myself, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to “the guys... our guys.” From the mechanics to our crew

chiefs and to our “boots on the ground,” we are a department that is depended on for support from various agencies and other Township departments, constantly being pulled in multiple directions. These guys make it all happen; and those that depend on the Department of Public Works are appreciative. I hear it all the time. While I firmly believe in the quality of our services, there is always that chance that we drop the ball on a task. At those times, a simple phone call to our office will rectify any issue. With you, our neighbors help, we constantly seek to improve our methods and ultimately, the service to Pennsauken.

As I sit and write this article the first week in April, it’s quiet around the shop. This means two things: I have some peace to write this article and everybody’s busy. At this point, our crews are beginning to restore our athletic fields, various parks and playgrounds, clearing basins before the overgrowth of summer begins, and removing hazardous trees and patching roads. It’s a time when we attempt to cover as much ground as possible.

While reflecting about the “quiet dedication and indispensable influence” theme from the beginning of this article, I think about how it applies to Pennsauken. For those that read April’s story

on the passing of two of our department’s employees, Ken and Levi, the “quiet dedication and indispensable influence” element could not be more appropriate in describing these two and the rest of my crew. At frustrating times, there is a mentality of “I pay taxes and you work for me, so do what I want.” While I tend to agree with portions of the statement, the same holds true for each Department of Public Works employee. We all live in town, pay taxes, and work for each other. It is here that the “power” of Pennsauken’s Public Works exists: to work with our residents to collaborate on troublesome issues for a sustainable resolution that results in a better community.

The final “thank you” goes out to our residents and business owners for the opportunity to serve you. It is our mission to provide these services, week after week; maintaining a high quality of services by the work we do.

Keep a look-out for the 2018 food truck event, where our department looks to be on-hand to provide a “touch-a-truck” portion of the festivities; everyone from grandparent to grandchild can hop in all of our different pieces of equipment! Department staff will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

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Camden County is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, May 12, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., in Atco, N.J. at the Parking Area at Atco and Raritan avenues. For a list of what individuals can and cannot bring, visit <http://www.camdencounty.com/event/free-household-hazardous-waste-collection/what-to-bring/>.

The County is also holding a free paper shredding event for Camden County residents on Saturday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, 200 College Drive, Gloucester Township, N.J. No businesses are accepted. Shredding is held rain or shine.

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DRPA Holds Community Information Event About Work On Betsy Ross Bridge

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, the Delaware River Port Authority held a community information event at the Pennsauken Free Public Library regarding upcoming work on the Betsy Ross Bridge. The project, which is currently in the preparation phase, is designed to maintain and preserve the steel components of the Betsy Ross Bridge from the New Jersey approach spans, preventing deterioration on the bridge steel structural members.

“The Betsy Ross Bridge is getting painted,” explains Frank Carroll, resident engineer from STV Incorporated, the firm conducting full-time, on-site construction inspection and monitoring services for the project. “The bridge is currently coated in a lead paint, which is going to be removed and replaced with more environmentally friendly coatings; but it’s a protective measure in general.”

Several elements will be in place as work begins to lessen the impact felt by residents. The work will be done using a containment system, which either surrounds the entire work area, or surrounds the paint removal tool. This “tarpaulin” system completely encapsulates the paint removal operations. A negative air pressure system is also used

to control the dust and debris created by the abrasive blast cleaning of the bridge. Air and dust will be constantly sucked from the containment through ductwork to a dust collector. In addition, ongoing project monitoring will be done to evaluate noise pollution, leaks and material spills.

“There are a few different measures to encapsulate all of the environmental hazards,” says Carroll.

Work is scheduled to begin right around the beginning of this month. Every effort is being made to minimize the impact felt by residents.

“Any impact to work done to the underside of the bridge is minimal,” adds Carroll. “There’s a little bit of traffic control needed to install the platform system; it’ll be done again when it’s taken down towards the end of the job. There will obviously be some lane closures on the bridge itself, which can be as much as one lane in each direction, eastbound and westbound, just for the contractor to access the shoulder. As far as impact



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below the bridge, it’s about 50 percent done at this time.”

Work is slated to be completed by November 2019, keeping in mind that painting will be shut down from December through February, as certain weather conditions are needed to apply paint to the bridge.

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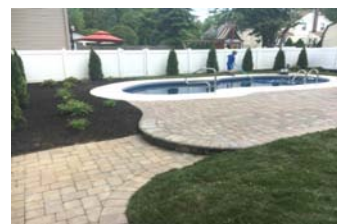
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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Lots To Do In May, Courtesy Of The Friends Of The Library

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Librar

So much to do, so little time! Here's the rundown of events this month sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

On Saturday, May 12, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., you'll be able to stop by the Library lobby the day before Mother's Day and buy a bunch of bags of homemade cookies to add to what you're already giving Mom – or maybe yourself. Get there early, though, because we sometimes sell out and you don't want to be left holding the bag – or not if there aren't any left to buy!

Later on that day, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., you'll be able to join our first-ever flower arranging class in the Community Room! The cost for Friends members is \$10; for non-members, it's \$15. If you're not a member, join up that day for the year and save yourself \$5! The fee is payable at the door. Because class size is limited to 12, please call the Circulation Desk to register beforehand, and we'll keep a waiting list in case of cancellations. Some of the instructor's arrangements will be available for sale at noon

during the cookie sale, so combined with the cookies you just bought, VOILA! Instant Mother's Day gift.

What? Something else on May 12? Well, yes, as a matter of fact. Beginning at 4:00 p.m., you can come hear an exciting discussion, "Why Dinosaurs Matter," by Rowan Professor Dr. Kenneth Lacovara. Please keep in mind the talk is not a children's program, but instead, one geared more to young adults and adults. It will last 30-40 minutes, followed by a 15-minute Q&A session. Dr. Lacovara will talk about the impact these fascinating creatures have made and actually bring it

close to home with some fun facts about species found right in our own backyard here in New Jersey. Who knew? In addition, the Friends will have copies of Dr. Lacovara's book, based on his TED talk at one of the famous conferences. The cost of the book is \$10 each – the retail cost of the same book is \$16.99 on Barnes and Noble – and he'll be happy to autograph it for you. Registration is requested, so please stop by the Circulation Desk or call 856-665-5959, ext. 3.

On May 15, we'll hold our next monthly installment of Munch and a Movie, from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the

Community Room. You bring the lunch and we'll supply snacks, beverages and the movie. And don't forget, we'll also supply lots of fun people to watch it along with you! Call the Circulation Desk if you absolutely can't wait to learn the name of the feature being shown. We're not allowed to divulge it.

Our Poetry Contest winners have been contacted and will get the opportunity to read their creations at our awards ceremony, held on Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Intermediate School's cafeterium. Look for the group picture in All Around Pennsauken, then check out their poems on display at the Library!

We'll be hosting an AARP Smart Drivers Course in June, but registration

begins May 1 at the Circulation Desk. Space is limited to 22 people, so be sure to sign up beforehand if you want to attend this important course for drivers that will not only help you improve your behind-the-wheel skills, but may even get you a discount on your car insurance. Check with your own insurance company to see if it will apply to you. This year, the course takes place over two days from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 5 and 6. The price is \$15 for AARP members (be prepared to show your membership card) and \$20 for non-members. The fee must be paid at time of registration.

Finally, please plan to join us at our May Friends meeting on Wednesday the 9th at 7:00 p.m. We'd love to see you!

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Alumni of H.W. Longfellow Elementary School and members of the Pennsauken community have a special opportunity this month to walk the halls of the school before we all say good-bye.

As many of you know, the building is set to close at the end of this school year. For almost 100 years, Longfellow has been a pillar of this community and an exceptional educational institution for thousands of individuals who live in the Delaware Gardens area of Pennsauken.

To honor and celebrate the past, present, and future of Pennsauken schools, there will be a special open house held at Longfellow, 1400 Forrest Ave., Pennsauken, on Friday, May 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Beginning in Longfellow's all purpose room, there will be guided tours and displayed school memorabilia. Light refreshments will also be served.

For more information, visit the School District's website at Pennsauken.net.



In March, alumni of Longfellow Elementary gathered for a special group photo in front of the school. There will be an open house held at Longfellow on Friday, May 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., for those that would like to tour the school before it closes.

Pennsauken Township Police To Recognize Officers During Annual Awards Ceremony

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

During National Police Week, an annual event dedicated to not only honor America's law enforcement community, but also remember those officers that lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, the Pennsauken Police Department will hold a special awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m., at the Pennsauken High School auditorium, 800 Hylton Rd., to recognize

courageous men and women who go above and beyond to protect and serve the Pennsauken community.

Awards fall into several categories named in honor of Pennsauken Police Officers who died in the line of duty: Officer William Brey, Officer George Bowman, and Officer Dick Dawson.

This awards ceremony is open to public and members of the Pennsauken community are invited to attend.



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

Burrough-Dover House Hosts “Colonial Earth Day” On May 6

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

This month, wildlife and watersheds, woodcraft, and other matters of the historical environment of Pennsauken and its neighbors are the themes to be explored at the colonial home on the bank of Pennsauken Creek, where the Burrough family first settled in 1710.

The Burrough-Dover House itself is the first image of our ancestral relationship to the natural world: built from natural, local sandstone and timbers felled at the site and still standing more than 300 years later; a true example of sustainability. How many more lessons of environmental significance can we learn in a day by the creek and the woods on the site of the historic colonial farm? Find out at the annual “Colonial Earth Day” event on Sunday, May 6, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

This year’s program includes live animals from the Freedom Center for Wildlife, presentations about the important function of watersheds like Pennsauken Creek and the Delaware Valley on our environment, crafts using



Burrough-Dover House in Pennsauken is hosting a “Colonial Earth Day” on Sunday May 6 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Historic Griffith Morgan House will also hold an open house that same day from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

natural materials, colonial and native lifestyle lessons, and the beauty of the rustic nature trail on the spring-bedded grounds surrounding the historic English Quaker home.

Demonstrations and exhibits by the volunteers of Pennsauken Historical Society demonstrate the dual nature of colonial life in a natural environment, both adapting to and attempting to conquer nature. Kids’ crafts and activities, tours of the historic house and museum, and a day out in the natural world make

this free, annual event among our most popular!

Historic Griffith Morgan House will also be open for this “First Sunday” in May, with free tours and historical hospitality from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Both historic houses of Pennsauken offer lots of opportunity for fun on a fine spring day on May 6!

Admission is free at both houses; there is plenty of free parking too! Memberships and volunteer opportunities are available and donations are always welcome to help Pennsauken Historical Society sustain its own mission in our community.

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

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



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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES Taking Simple Steps To Prevent Lyme Disease

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month, a time to educate the public about the disease and stress the importance of prevention.

Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector borne illness in the United States. According to the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, over 36,000 people in the United States were reported to have been diagnosed with Lyme disease in 2016; 123 of those cases came from Camden County. And based on 2015 data, New Jersey is one of 14 states where 95 percent of confirmed Lyme disease cases were reported.

The signs and symptoms associated with Lyme disease vary – from rashes and flu-like symptoms early on, to joint pain and neurological problems after longer periods of time. Ticks, especially black-legged or deer ticks in America, are carriers of the disease and the main source of transmission to humans and pets.

While Lyme disease is prevalent in our region, there are some simple steps people can take to limit exposure and reduce their risks:

Deer ticks are found primarily in wooded or grassy areas. When appropriate, make sure that adults and children wear long pants and sleeves while hiking in the woods, playing in long grass, etc.

Don't allow pets to wander around in



Ticks infected with Lyme disease are common in dozens of states, including New Jersey. Simple precautions can help lower your risk of getting the disease.

tall weeds and grasses. Properly maintaining any lawns where four-legged friends get their exercise and play is also helpful.

Search thoroughly for ticks after

spending time outdoors. Ticks generally attach themselves around the head and neck areas, where skin is thinner and they have easier access to blood. However, they can be located in other areas as well.

Remove ticks as soon as they are found. Bacteria from a tick bite can enter the bloodstream if the tick stays attached to skin for 36 to 48 hours or longer. If ticks are removed within two days, the risk of acquiring Lyme disease is low.

Avoid the wives' tales. Don't use alcohol, baby oil, or petroleum jelly to try and remove any ticks you find. Use tweezers to grasp the tick near its head or mouth. Don't squeeze or crush the tick, but pull carefully and steadily.

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Cub Scouts Pack 116 Has Active Spring, Summer

By Mary Anne McFarland

It's been a busy 2018 for Pack 116; and it looks to be an even busier spring and summer!

On Saturday, April 7, the Scouts participated in the Ten Commandments Hike in Moorestown, a unique and exciting way to embrace the concept of religious tolerance, learn local history, participate in community service, and have fun. Participants hike to different houses of worship, and learn about one of the Commandments at each stop. Scouts earn a patch for completing the hike.

On April 14, the "Rocket into Scouting" event was held at Pine Hill Scout Reservation in Pine Hill, N.J. Non-Scouting friends and siblings were welcome to participate.

There was also a district-wide fishing derby at Haddon Lake on Saturday April 21, filled with lots of fun and prizes.

On May 18-20 the District will hold its annual "Cuboree" camping trip at Pine Hill Scout Reservation. The theme for the pack is "Indiana Jones."

The Pack loves fishing, so on Saturday, June 2, the Pack will be fishing again at Haddon Lake at 10:00 a.m. Scouts can bring their own supplies or share with someone.

From July 6-8, Cub Scouts will be participating in a family camping trip to the Pine Tree Environmental Center in Tabernacle, N.J. The Garden State Council is excited to offer a Cub Scout Family Overnight program, a great opportunity for a family to spend a night at camp and experience many of the great camp offerings such as BB shooting, archery, swimming, canoeing, night hike, and an evening campfire. The cost is \$75 per family of four, \$5 per each additional person. Families are asked to provide their own tent for sleeping. If a family does not have access to a tent, they are asked to please coordinate with their local Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout

Troop. The cabins at Pine Tree will also be available for anyone interested for an additional fee of \$20 per family. There are only six cabins, so availability is limited.

On Saturday, July 14, Pack 116 will be holding a Rain Gutter Regatta from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Boat kits will be distributed at the Pack graduation in June. Additional boats for siblings can also be purchased at Michael's, on Amazon, or at the local Scout store. Bring a towel, change of clothes and your boat! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

These activities are open to all the families of Scouts, siblings and friends who want to come, meet the Pack, and enjoy some of the outdoor activities they have planned.

Pack 116 has been a "family" Scouting Pack since its inception years ago, allowing sister siblings to participate in the activities and camping trips. Pack leaders make special awards for them, since they were not eligible to earn the rank advancements the boys did. The decision by national Boy Scouts of America to allow girls to become full-fledged members of a Cub Scout Pack is welcome news. Now all the sisters, and any girl interested in joining, can earn the all the rank advancements and belt loops available to the boys.

The inclusion of girls will allow parents to participate more fully. "Family" pack is just that. All family members: mom, dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and older brothers and sisters, are encouraged to participate with their scouts. Scouts get more out of the program when a family member takes an active interest in Scouting and participates in helping with the program.

It's never too late to join the Pack! If you would like more information, e-mail cspack3116@gmail.com. Spring and summer activities are great ways to get "your feet wet" and learn about the program in a fun atmosphere.



An Ounce Of Prevention: Dealing With Grass And Pools

By Tracey Howarth, Pennsauken Township

During the fall, we requested the assistance of our residents in identifying any safety issues with vacant properties in their neighborhoods. We received several calls from many concerned citizens happy to share what they had found; in turn, we were able get those properties addressed and prepared for the winter months.

Because of that success, we are once again asking for your help. It's that time of year when the grass needs cutting and pools need emptying on all vacant properties.

In an effort to be more proactive, we decided to do a few things differently this year. Our partners at ProChamps, our online registration company, have once again stepped up and are working with us to publish a letter to all of the contacts in their Pennsauken Township registration file. The letter contains the expectations and standards the Township has for the maintenance of a vacant property in the spring and summer months, as well as the penalty for any vacant property that is left unattended by the owners. It is our intention to do all we can to make sure our residents have the ability to enjoy their summer in the comfort of their own backyards, without the worry of mosquitoes, vermin, or just unkempt neighboring homes. It also clarifies the

timeframe with which they have to correct any violations that are identified by the Township and what the penalty will be for noncompliance.

It is important for everyone to understand that while we would like to send someone out to a vacant property to cut the grass or empty a pool immediately following a call, the Township has the responsibility to not only hold the property maintenance companies accountable, but to follow the rule of the ordinance as it is written. When we receive phone calls or e-mails requesting a grass cutting or for a pool to be emptied at a vacant property, we are required to give the owner five days to correct the problem. For grass cutting, if no action is taken within those five days, then the Township's contractor, Maple Leaf, will receive that property address on the next week's cut list. At that point, we will place a property maintenance lien on the building for \$250. Regarding the maintenance of pools, again, we must give the owner five days to correct the problem. If no action is taken within those five days, we will contact our Public Works Department and a team will be sent out to empty and properly secure the pool. We will also place a \$500 property maintenance lien on the property. The Township has to follow this process each

and every time we cut the grass or empty a pool, no matter how many times we have to revisit the same property.

In addition, we have started our grass cutting campaign one week earlier this year. The first list of properties was notified on April 20; the properties that have had no action taken by April 25 will be given to Maple Leaf to cut and the Township will lien those properties. It is our goal to have each property already on our list cut at least one time between now and Memorial Day. We have also planned out our grass cut program through the first week in November. Given the unusually warm weather last year, we felt it prudent to plan for the same type of weather pattern.

With the success we had with our fall program, I sincerely hope we can count on everyone to either call the Vacant Property Department at (856) 665-1000, ext. 145, or use the online form that has been set up on the Township website, <http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/reporting-abandonedvacant-property-issues>, and notify us of any grass cutting issues or pool maintenance issues with vacant properties.

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inTown Getting Into The Swing Of Spring



For Arbor Day, members of the municipal staff, the Pennsauken Shade Tree Commission, and the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission were on hand to plant a Cleveland Peach and Purple Plum tree by the playground next to the Pennsauken Free Public Library.



Staff at the Pennsauken Free Public Library really got into the spirit for "Comic Book Day," which coincided with the release of "Avengers: Infinity War" in theaters.



Attendees and students cut a rug during the "Senior Citizen Prom," sponsored by the Pennsauken Education Association and the Pennsauken School District. Photo credit: Fatima Hayes.

Firefighters Battle Abandoned Car Fire By Petty's Island



Engine 1132, Ladder 115 operating on 36th Street prior to the Petty's Island bridge on an abandoned car fire last month.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed In Pennsauken



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DEATHNOTICES

MPWC Commissioner Burt German Passes Away

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



German his community.

George Burton German, lifelong Merchantville resident and public servant, passed away on April 21, 2018. He leaves behind a legacy of true commitment to his community. As part of his 60 years of service, Burt German was a member of Merchantville's Borough Council and was its mayor from 1969-1974; a life member of the Niagara Fire Company, retiring as a fire chief; and also served as fire commissioner for the Borough. Most notably, Mr. German was the longest-seated commissioner for the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission (MPWC) since the organization's inception in 1926.

"Mr. German best exemplified the term, 'public servant,' and was a gentleman, role model, and mentor to so many over his lifespan," says Michael Saraceni, chief operating officer, MPWC. "He was highly respected and appreciated. His contributions, presence and achievements will remain indefinitely a part of the MPWC culture. On behalf of the

Commission and staff, we offer our sympathies and condolences to the German family. At the same time, we extend our sincerest gratitude to them for sharing him with us for so long. He will be remembered and missed."

German, who was interviewed in 2016 after being sworn in for a ninth term with the Commission, spoke about how important it was for him to serve in that capacity.

"I like to think that I'm serving the community," explained German. "The MPWC, in my view, is one of the best run utilities in the state. We have a reputation in the state for having very well run, clean, up-to-date facilities. I like to think I'm a part of that."

Mr. German was known for another water-related activity: swimming. Whether it was for USA Swimming, the national governing body of competitive swimming in the United States; Middle Atlantic Swimming, which supervises competitive swimming in Southern New Jersey, Delaware and parts of Pennsylvania; Tri-County Swimming, a South Jersey-based summer league which re-named its championship

swim meet after him; or the numerous organizations that designate referees for high school and college swimming, Burt spent his life around the pool. Mr. German had refereed numerous national and international championships and was an extremely recognizable and trusted face to many a swimmer and coach. In fact, many years ago at a swim meet at the old Meadowbrook Swim Club, a certain young man who wound up being an editor of a community newspaper had Mr. German to thank for overturning a disqualification on his fast relay start.

Burt German's desire was to serve his community for as long as he was able to. He wound up doing more than that, becoming an unforgettable part of Merchantville's historic fabric and a benchmark for true service to community.

Donations in Burt's memory can be made to: USA Swimming Foundation, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, (please write Burt German on the memo line of the check); or the Merchantville Fire Department – Niagara Fire Company, 22 E. Park Ave., Merchantville, NJ 08109.

Veterans PTSD Awareness Walk Held On June 2

American Legion F.W. Grigg Post 68 is sponsoring a PTSD Awareness Walk on Saturday, June 2. The public is invited to join local veterans as they walk the Merchantville Bike Path to bring awareness to this epidemic.

Nationally, communities everywhere are losing 22 veterans a day to suicide. Let the healing and understanding begin through the neighborhood walk.

The walk is held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants will meet in the parking lot across from the Merchantville Firehouse, 22 E. Park Ave., next to Eclipse Brewery. The event is free, no registration required. Donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information, contact Post Commander John Brouse at (609) 280-7572.

Hundreds Expected At Walk MS: Pennsauken On May 6

An estimated 650 people are expected to raise more than \$90,000 at Walk MS: Pennsauken on Sunday, May 6 at Cooper River Park, 5300 N. Park Drive.

Walk MS is an opportunity for people to come together with friends, loved ones and co-workers to fundraise, connect and advocate for people affected by MS. Each dollar raised is one step closer to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's goal – a world free of MS. Since its incep-

tion in 1988, Walk MS has cumulatively raised more than \$1 billion.

"Walk MS is all about community – people coming together to raise money and show support for loved ones, colleagues and friends," said Cyndi Zagieboylo, President and CEO of the National MS Society. "Funds raised have a direct impact in this community, for example – our MS Navigator program. MS Navigators are highly-skilled, compassionate professionals available to connect each person affected by MS to the



resources and information they need to live their best lives."

MS Walk: Pennsauken begins on May 6 at 10:00 a.m. To participate in a walk or to volunteer, visit walkMS.org, call 855-372-1331 or email fundraising@nmss.org.

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inSports Julianna Fernandez Signs Letter Of Intent

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken High School senior Julianna Fernandez is making a commitment to further both her academic and athletic career in college, accepting both an academic and athletic scholarship to attend school and play lacrosse at Division II Holy Family University.

"Julianna is a true success story here at Pennsauken High School. Her GPA from her freshman year into her senior year has gone up almost half a point. That's a true testament to all of her teachers, all the support she gets from home, from the internal drive that she has," says Eric Mossop, athletic director, Pennsauken High School. "Holy Fam-

ily is getting a heck of a student-athlete here in Julianna. We're proud to be here with her as she signs her national letter of intent."

"I'm really excited to see her go on to the next level and do great things, not only on the field but in the classroom," adds Shana Smeriglio, Julianna's field hockey and lacrosse coach for the past four years. "She's got a lot of passion, a lot of heart. As soon as she walks on that field, her presence is going to be known."

Julianna is excited to be attending Holy Family University. She'll be working on her nursing degree, following in the footsteps of her mother and out of a desire to help those in need. Playing

lacrosse, she brings a strong skill set and important intangibles to the game.

"I'm excited," says Julianna. "I'll bring my leadership and aggressiveness to the field."

Julianna's parents, Lucas and Juliette, are extremely thrilled for their daughter.

"I'm very proud of her. It's a beautiful moment," says Lucas. "We're blessed to be here."

"We've tried to teach her the main principles of life: to be educated, to work hard, and to be true to herself," adds Juliette. "It's such a transition, to see her become a great, young lady. I'm very proud."



Pennsauken High School senior Julianna Fernandez, seen here with Coach Shana Smeriglio, her parents, Juliette and Lucas, and Athletic Director Eric Mossop, has signed her national letter of intent to attend Holy Family University.

PYAA SPORTS

Early Registration Ongoing For Football And Cheer

Those interested in registering their children ages 5-14 for PYAA football or cheerleading can save \$25 with early registration. This special in-person registration is held Tuesdays, May 1 and 3, and Thursdays, May 8 and 10, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at 4250 Burwood Ave., Pennsauken. During this time, the cost of registration is \$150 for football players that have their jersey from the 2017 season (the jersey must be brought at the time of registering); and \$100 for cheerleading.

Regular registration begins June 2 and runs through Aug. 15. In-person sign ups are held Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon at 4250 Burwood Ave., Pennsauken. The cost of registration is \$175 for new football players; \$175 for returning players without a jersey; and \$150 for returning players that have their jersey from the 2017 season (the jersey must be brought at the time of registering). The cost for cheerleading is \$125.

Late registration runs Aug. 16-31 with an additional \$25 fee.

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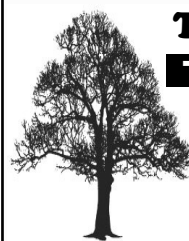
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