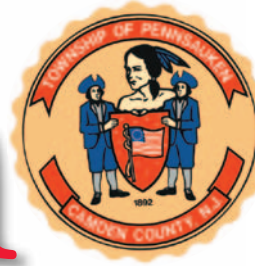


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## Phifer Eighth Graders Promoted To High School Class Of 2022



Pennsauken Board of Education Member Michael Hurley accepts Phifer eighth grade students as the new high school Class of 2022 during promotion exercises on June 18.

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

Congratulations Howard M. Phifer eighth graders, now the Class of 2022!

On June 18, the heat index reached over 100 degrees that day, but not one student broke a sweat; their middle school days were over!

Now was the time to celebrate. Now was the time to look back on precious memories. And now was the time to also look forward to high school. To the new joys and happy memories on their way. The giant leap to becoming the Class of 2022.

At precisely 6:30 p.m., 372 students entered the Pennsauken High School Gymnasium to the sound of "Pomp and Circumstance," played by Phifer's seventh grade orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Jack Franchi.

Rounds of applause, smiles, cheers, and  
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## Pennsauken High Class Of 2018 Graduates At BB&T Pavilion

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

On a hot and sultry evening in June, Pennsauken High School's Class of 2018 marched into BB&T Pavilion – and history – as the school's 56th graduating class. Much has changed since 1962, when the first class received its high school diploma, but the enthusiasm and joy for this very special night remained the same.

It was the first time that the high school's commencement was held at the BB&T Pavilion; another first: graduation was "streamed" live on Facebook, reaching over 4,400 views!

For every "first" the students experienced, there was also a "last." June 19 was filled with many beautiful and bittersweet moments.

During the initial formal graduating class



Excited members of Pennsauken High School's graduating Class of 2018.  
Photo credit: Mike Dillion, PHS

procession, students received applause and shouts of joy, as they gathered near the front of the stage. Our national anthem

was beautifully sung by Niambi Fetlow, as was the choir's performance of the  
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## AFC Urgent Care Opens In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion and the Township's Department of Economic Development were on hand for the official ribbon cutting of AFC Urgent Care, located at 6630 S. Crescent Blvd. Franchisees Frank Lauletta, Jr. and Salvatore Lopresti, Sr. feel the high traffic location will be the cure that ails Pennsauken residents under the weather.

"We did quite a bit of research in the Pennsauken area," explains Lauletta. "We think this facility helps meet a real demand and need for urgent care."

"We think there's a pretty good opportunity here," adds Lopresti. "We don't see a lot of medical facilities and we think our

service is going to be welcomed in the neighborhood."

American Family Care – AFC for short – is a franchise of more than 200 urgent care facilities across 26 states. The staff at the Pennsauken location includes a doctor, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, and x-ray technician. There is an x-ray room and a blood lab on site; and an apothecary will be moving  
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Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion and the Township's Department of Economic Development were on hand to officially cut the ribbon at the new AFC Urgent Care on S. Crescent Blvd.

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## JULY CALENDAR

### 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.

### Community Garden Meeting

Members of the Pennsauken Community Gardens gather for their bi-monthly garden meetings on Saturday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m., and Wednesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m., behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For more information about the gardens, contact Diane at (856) 495-2474.

### Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 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.

### Super Run 5K

The Super Run is a national series of 5K running events that partner with non-profit organizations to put on superhero themed events to help raise funds and awareness for their causes. The Philadelphia-area run will be held on Saturday, July 21, at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the run starts at 9:30 a.m. Partner charities include the American Association for Cancer Research, OAR – Run for Autism, Cure Search for Children's Cancer, and more. Visit <http://thesuperrun.com/locations/philadelphia-pasuperhero-5k-run/> to register

or for more information.

### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, July 12, 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.

### Twilight Concert Series At Cooper River Park

The Camden County Board of Freeholders present Broadway and Beyond on Thursday, July 19, at Cooper River Park as part of the Twilight Concert Se-

ries "Broadway's Golden Couple," Marin Mazze and Jason Daniele, share their favorite songs from the Broadway musicals they've starred in and other selections from the Great American Songbook. Come hear these master storytellers interpret beloved songs in a fresh and unforgettable way. The concert is free to attend and starts at 8:00 p.m. at Cooper River Park between Rt. 130 and Cuthbert Boulevard on North Park Drive, Pennsauken. For more information, visit [www.camdencounty.com/events/](http://www.camdencounty.com/events/).

### Half Century Jets

This senior group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia's School Hall, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. This month's meeting will be on July 24. For more information, call (856) 662-2721.

### Dragon Boat Festival

The third annual Cooper River Dragon Boat Festival offers a day of great fun and team-building for novice or intermediate community teams, as well as an opportunity for competitive sport teams to compete in an ERDBA qualifying event. Held on Cooper River in Pennsauken on Saturday, July 28, teams will test their abilities in 200 meter races, scheduled from 8:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.cooperriverdbf.org](http://www.cooperriverdbf.org).

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# MAYOR'S CORNER It's Time To Pay The Rent Here In Pennsauken



By Jack Killion,  
Mayor of  
Pennsauken  
Township

As public servants, we must always remember that we're here for the taxpayers of our community. Sometimes it's a little too easy to rest on our laurels; that's why the Township Committee and our administration are reviewing each and every municipal department to determine what can be done better and how we can build on what's successful.

During this process, we noticed that the fees for registering the rental units in town hadn't been updated in about a decade; in fact, the old registration fee didn't even come close to covering the

municipal costs for this process. That's why last month, Township Committee voted on an ordinance that amends the pricing for registering rental units in Pennsauken, making these fees more reflective of today's costs.

Pennsauken Township is also partnering with ProChamps to help identify residences that are not single homes, but rental properties flying under the radar. How many times have you wondered about the amount of people really living in one of the homes in town? We've wondered about that too; and we're taking active steps to identify people trying to take advantage of our taxpayers.

Now these new initiatives are not an effort to beat up the many responsible owners of rental properties in Pennsauken. You're providing many of our residents the opportunity to call our

Township home; and we appreciate all that you do to maintain and clean your properties. In fact, our municipal government is doing what it can to make other rental owners meet your high standards.

We'd also be remiss if the Township didn't look at the behavior of tenants themselves. Some folks are great, doing what they can to keep their apartments or rental homes in order and being good neighbors. Others don't, hiding behind the excuse that any upkeep is the responsibility of an absentee landlord. We're looking to change that, putting initiatives in place that hold both tenant and landlord responsible for maintaining these properties, both inside and out. We're all living here together as one community. It's not right that some people refuse to do their fair share to

maintain the quality and curb appeal of Pennsauken neighborhoods. Those content with not doing what's required or attempting to take advantage of others are in for quite the wakeup call.

Finally, we ask that all of our residents act as our eyes and ears in the community. If you think a home on your block is a non-registered rental property, if a rental property isn't being well maintained, or if tenants aren't acting like good neighbors, let us know by contacting our administrative office. We need your help in identifying the issues we're not aware of. Give us a call or shoot us an e-mail; we'll always do our best to help.

On behalf of myself and the entire Township Committee, I wish each and every one of you a Happy Independence Day and an enjoyable rest of the summer.

## PENNSAUKEN JULY PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Township Committee**  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and 25

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
Wednesday, July 11 and 18

**Planning Board**  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 and 24

Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building 5605 Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue)

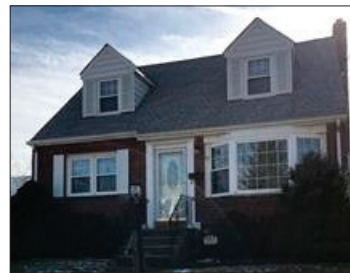
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**Pennsauken - Brick Cape Cod**

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 back yard 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! \$139,900



**Williamstown - Investor Alert!**

Large duplex on Main Street. with unlimited potential. Each unit has l/r, kit, 2 bds, bath, lots of parking in rear...Also 20x60 2 story detached barn. Property is in "AS IS" condition. Easy to show. Owner not responsible for C.O or any mortgage or township repairs. \$79,900



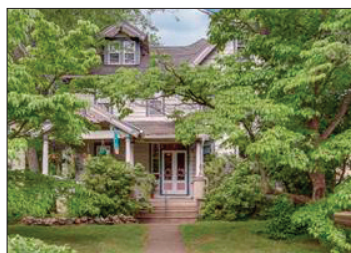
**Pennsauken - Reduced**

Four bedroom 8/2 bath Cape Cod 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. \$199,900



**Pine Hill - Recently Renovated**

Charming two bedroom detached home, centrally located. Recently renovated, hardwood floors, ceiling fans, new eat in kitchen, new bathroom. Gas heat, central air, extra large back yard for recreation and relaxation. Off street parking. \$127,000



**Pennsauken - Victorian**

Step back into the Victorian era. This 128 year old home is gracious, spacious and charming! All original oak woodwork & hardware, hardwoods protected by carpet just waiting to be unveiled by YOU! 9ft ceilings. Beautiful stained glass in the foyer. Massive eat-in kitchen. Heater/hot water heater 7 yrs old, roof 6 yrs (30yr roof), newer windows throughout, new electrical service line and panel. Huge 2.5 car garage (a carriage house?). A charming porch to pass the time on a hot weekend, or a deck for a BBQ. Lots of space to run in this massive yard. There is a lane off of Bethel Ave for access to the back of the yard. \$169,900



**Audubon - Beautifully Updated Colonial**

Home features a beautiful front porch, original front door, spacious foyer, gorgeous hardwood floors, formal living room overlooking the porch, spacious dining room, remodeled eat-in-kitchen. The grand staircase leads up to the second floor that includes hardwood floors, large hallway, full bathroom with heated marble floor, master bedroom suite including four closets and bath with two sinks, marble vanity top, huge shower. Two additional bedrooms. On the third floor we have a spacious finished room (17x14). There is a family room with vaulted ceiling and barn door. This gorgeous home is all located on a large 80x150 lot! \$399,900



**Merchantville - Outdoor Oasis**

The property features 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms & 2 half bathrooms, wood flooring throughout, marble tiled floors, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, an original wood burning fire place that has been converted to gas. A gorgeous spiral staircase, oversized very master bedroom with a master bathroom. This bath has marble tiled floors & walls, gold fixtures & skylights. There is also an open half moon window that allows you to view the backyard. This outdoor oasis, which features a nice size in ground pool & patio. This is no drive by. Fannie Mae Homepath Property. \$292,000



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## Local Teens Present Summer Project To Enhance Public Lighting In Delaware Gardens

In May, a group of local teens gave a presentation to local officials and area law enforcement on how a special summer project will create a safer and healthier Delaware Gardens neighborhood.

Young people participating in the Leaders of Promise, a program sponsored by local non-profit UrbanPromise to promote leadership skills and civic engagement in teens, presented their summer action plan, "Let There Be Light," to key stakeholders, including Frank Moran, mayor of Camden; Jack Killion, mayor of Pennsauken Township; Betsy McBride, deputy mayor of Pennsauken Township; Addie Colon, regional public affairs manager for PSEG; and representatives from both the Camden and Pennsauken police departments.

During the meeting, the Leaders of

Promise highlighted the four-week project, which includes conducting an assessment of lighting in the Delaware Gardens neighborhood and making recommendations to Pennsauken Township and the City of Camden for repairs, maintenance, and improvements. The group, who is working in partnership with and under the leadership of Angel Osorio of the District County Collaborative Board, will implement beautification projects that will aid their efforts to improve public safety. The possibility of distributing LED bulbs for porch lights of homes in this specific area was also discussed.

The team of youth prepared a purpose statement for their project: "Our goals for the project are to enhance the neighborhood appearance, bring the community together and improve public safety."

The Leaders of Promise are youth par-

ticipating in civic engagement and leadership development training aimed at preparing them to become future leaders while learning to address health equity issues in their community. They are focused on the Delaware Gardens neighborhood, which bridges the border of Camden and Pennsauken Township. The program is sponsored by UrbanPromise and supported by a grant from New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI), the statewide grant making program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), through their NJHI: Next Generation Community Leaders initiative. Periodic updates about the teams' progress will be available on UrbanPromise's project page on the NJHI website, njhi.org.

UrbanPromise is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing children and youth with the supports they need to



Teens from Leaders of Promise met with key stakeholders from Camden and Pennsauken about a summer project designed to create a safer and healthier Delaware Gardens.

succeed academically, grow spiritually, and prepare for leadership that will bring positive change to their communities. This is accomplished through after-school pro-

grams, summer camps, job training, two schools, experiential learning, and a host of other enrichment activities. To learn more, please visit [urbanpromiseusa.org](http://urbanpromiseusa.org).

## Food Bank of South Jersey Holds 26th Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

The Food Bank of South Jersey (FBSJ) recently partnered with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) for Stamp Out Hunger®, the country's largest single-day food drive. The event raised nearly 90,000 pounds for the Food Bank of South Jersey.

Local residents supported the FBSJ by leaving bags of non-perishable food items next to their mailboxes or on their porches for their letter carrier to pick up and deliver to the FBSJ. In South Jersey, food insecurity affects nearly 200,000 – including

20,000 seniors and 57,000 children.

"We are so grateful for the support Stamp Out Hunger receives each year," said Tom Sims, Chief Development Officer, Food Bank of South Jersey. "We truly appreciate the United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers for helping to make this food drive happen each year, and we appreciate our sponsors who made this year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive so successful."

This year's event sponsors included: Aetna, Beneficial Bank, Subaru, Westmont Associates, Inc., ShopRite, RLS

Logistics, State Farm, Dunkin' Donuts, Jefferson Health and PSE&G.

Stamp Out Hunger is a nationwide food drive held in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Over the past 25 years the event has raised nearly 1.6 billion pounds of food. It remains as important as ever, with many people facing economic struggles. Hunger affects about 50 million people around the country, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans.

The Food Bank of South Jersey is the

leader in providing safe and nutritional food to people in need throughout South Jersey. FBSJ distributes food, provides nutrition education and cooking courses, and helps food-insecure families and seniors find sustainable ways to improve their lives. In 2017, FBSJ provided over 13 million pounds of food to approximately 200,000 South Jersey residents. Providing community impact through local support, FBSJ ensures that local donations stay local. FBSJ is a member of Feeding America, our nation's largest hunger-relief organization. To learn more visit [www.foodbanksj.org](http://www.foodbanksj.org).



Boxes of donated food, collected by U.S. Postal Letter Carriers during the Stamp Out Hunger food drive, are unloaded from trucks to the Food Bank of South Jersey.



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## Westfield Avenue Milling And Paving Project Finished Ahead Of Schedule



Work on a section of Westfield Ave. last month was completed ahead of schedule. Additional work on the road is anticipated for later this year. By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, Camden County began a milling and paving project along a section of Westfield Ave. Based on initial estimates, the work running from 42nd St.

to Tinsman Ave. was to take several weeks, weather permitting. However, as the concrete under the street was in much better condition than anticipated, the road work was able to be completed at the end of the month.

This project is just the beginning of a larger initiative designed to mill and pave this well traveled road. The Camden County Engineering Department is in the process of designing phase two of the Westfield Ave. project, which will begin at Tinsman Ave., where the previous work left off, and extend all the way to Route 130. The project will also include work on the railroad crossing north of Sherman Ave., as well as some

underground storm sewer improvements between Hillcrest and Hollinshed avenues.

The scope of the work will be similar to the first phase, with barrier-free ramps being installed at all corners of the sidewalk, followed by the milling and

repaving of the road surface. Two-way traffic will be allowed during the majority of the work; detours are anticipated during the paving process.

Phase two is expected to go out for public bids later this summer. It is also estimated that the barrier-free ramps will

be completed in the fall of this year; and milling and paving to be done in spring of 2019.

As the County provides updates on phase two of this project, information will be provided via Pennsauken Township's Facebook page and website.



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# Summer Fun From Pennsauken Parks and Recreation

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

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

This is a program for children in kindergarten through grade six. They will enjoy weekly field trips and visits to the Pennsauken Municipal Pool. Camp runs from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., now 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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: 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.

## 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 Derousse 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

This is not a club, no dues, just friendly competition. All Pennsauken residents are welcome to participate from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For additional information call Mike at (856) 488-5325, A1 at (609) 220-0596 or the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

### Free Adult Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons for Pennsauken adults 18 and up will be held at the green top tennis courts on River Rd. The classes will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. during July. Exact dates are to be announced. Space is limited, so don't delay. Instruction will be provided by a qualified tennis instructor.

### Learn-To-Swim

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

## FOR FAMILIES

### Join The Municipal Pool

The Parks and Recreation Department has begun accepting membership applications and fees for the 2018 pool season. The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. The pool is open from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

## TO REGISTER

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

## Pennsauken High School Teacher Barg Retires

By Frank Sinatra  
AAP Editor

After 25 years as an educator, 16 of those in Pennsauken, high school math teacher Brian Barg has called it a career.

"I have been blessed to work with a wonderful school staff. Pennsauken High School allowed me to open up my passions: teaching, working out, public address announcing, sports photography, and comedy," says Barg. "I will miss the students who show up every day prepared and on time. These are the same students who appreciate the myriad of faculty members that lead, attend, and contribute to their extracurricular activities."

Barg reflected on many fond memories teaching the students of Pennsauken, some of which occurred during his final days at the high school.

"My math colleagues, as well as ex-



Barg

ceptional teachers Amy Diemer and Kate Kaklamanis, coordinated and surprised me with a 'Walk of Fame,'" explains Barg. "They were aware that I have created sports picture cards for student-athletes, so I walked by each room and the homeroom teacher gave me my own picture card. Most of the pictures came from my Facebook page. I was surprised, overwhelmed, and humbled.

"I also received an e-mail from a young lady who I upgraded to a passing grade. She thanked me for helping her and not giving up on her when she was struggling in class."

Overall, Brian spoke of his love of being a teacher and helping his students learn and grow.

"There are so many teachers that offered their support over the years and many students that meant a lot to me. I'll miss them, but I'm looking forward to the next journey of my life."

## Crescent Hill Academy Congratulates Graduates



Pennsauken's Crescent Hill Academy congratulates students Daniel Molina and Nixie Estrada on their graduation from the school's educational program. Both graduates are moving on to Crescent Hill's Adult Activity Center in Collingswood. Photo credit: Crescent Hill Academy, Facebook.

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# Two Pack 116 Cubs Earn Highest Honor: The Arrow Of Light

By Mary Anne McFarland

John "JT" Miller and Joshua Delgado, members of Pack 116 in Pennsauken, received Cub Scouting's highest honor, the Arrow of Light, in a ceremony on June 15 at the Pack's graduation. Earning the Arrow of Light prepares a Webelos Scout to become a Boy Scout. Webelos Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light award have also completed all requirements for the Boy Scout badge.

JT started as a K-Kub in kindergarten; he earned the ranks of K-Kub (now Lions), Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. Joshua joined as a Wolf in second grade; he earned the ranks of Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. Both have earned multiple sports and academic belt loops; and their Cub Scouting careers have culminated

in earning the Arrow of Light.

The Arrow of Light is one of two awards that can transfer to the Boy Scout and adult uniforms. The second is a religious award. JT earned the Parvuli Dei religious award for Catholic Scouts; DiAngelo Vazquez earned his God and Family for Baptist Scouts.

JT's father, John, served as his den leader; he said that "JT would never have had all the experiences he's had if not for the Scouts. His working on the various sports and academic belt loops opened up a bunch of interests for him that he might not otherwise have learned about."

JT made the decision to cross over into Boy Scouts, so a "crossing over" ceremony, complete with war paint, was

part of June's celebration.

"He's been looking forward to getting his face painted for four years," says John.

Both JT and his dad have joined a local Boy Scout troop. However, John still plans to stay with the Pack for an-

other year to help his remaining fifth grade Webelos finish and earn their Arrow of Light.

Cub Scout Pack 116 meets on the first and third Fridays during the school year at the Martin Luther School on Rt 130 and Terrace Ave. They are taking a

break from formal meetings for the summer, but have several summer time activities planned. Cub Scouting is a family activity; boys and girls from ages 5 to 10 are welcome to join.

For more information, call (856) 313-7751 or e-mail [cspack3116@gmail.com](mailto:cspack3116@gmail.com).



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## Got Cut? Barbershop Open For Business On River Road

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Got Cut? That's the question asked by the new barbershop of the same name located on River Rd. This fresh, yet classic take on the barbershop/community

meeting place is the concept of Joey Lopez, a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2002 and a graduate of Empire Beauty School in Cherry Hill. "I got tired of my mom cutting my

hair, so I started in my mom's basement and built a clientele, cutting hair for friends from high school," explains Lopez. "I started getting experience on my own, learning from my mistakes. It

was a rough paper route."

After graduating, Joey got his first shot cutting hair from Jibril Smitherman, who currently runs Pennsauken High School's cosmetology program. And after 10 years at Classic Barber Shop on Westfield Ave., he was ready to make his "Got Cut?" concept a reality.

"I wanted to bring back the concept of the family-oriented barbershop where the focus is on comfort and communication," says Lopez. "Back in the day, the barber was your therapist, your consultant. People came together and talked. We've lost that culture a bit. I want people to put down their phone and talk to the person to left or right of them."

Joey went on to add that the "Got Cut?" brand, which was established in 2012, evolved from an extremely popular advertising campaign.

"I was trying to figure out a brand and I was watching the 'Got Milk?' commercial and it just hit me. Everyone needs their hair cut. Why not ask?"

The space is segmented into several sections, all designed and constructed by Lopez, often times using recycled materials for a rustic, homey feel that didn't bite into the budget. In addition to the main room with several barber chairs, there's a "Pixar themed" kids cut section, with a play area complete with Nintendo and Super Nintendo gaming systems, activity table, books, and toys. The ceiling there is painted as a tribute to children with autism. There's also the "744 Lounge," which offers a pool table, PlayStation 4, domino table, and dart board. It's named in honor of Joey's father, who was incarcerated from before Lopez's birth and passed away in prison at age 56 while



Pennsauken resident Joey Lopez is the owner of Got Cut?, a new family-oriented barbershop located on River Rd.

servicing a life sentence.

"The time I spent with him, those 45 minute visits at the prison, they were filled with so much knowledge and wisdom," explains Lopez. "The '744 Lounge' would be the place my dad and I would have come to if he hadn't been incarcerated. I wish that I could have walked into a barbershop with my father. To this day, there's nothing like seeing a father and son come in and leave with a smile on their faces. It's a big deal to me."

With a soft opening three months ago, Joey and the staff at Got Cut? are ready to welcome you to the new family-focused barbershop in town.

"We welcome the community to stop by. You'll get a great experience."

Got Cut? is located at 7537-39 River Rd., across the street from Temple of Praise Ministries. The barbershop offers a frequent customer card; after 10 haircuts, the 11th is free. Business hours are Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (609) 744-0356.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Script Co-Penned By Pennsauken Native Picked Up By Action Star Vin Diesel

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



Taylor

Pennsauken native Scott Taylor is known primarily as a writer for TV shows, such as Nickelodeon's "The Thundermans," which completed its final season in May, and "Knight Squad;" as well as "Secret Life of Boys" for the CBBC.

But a movie script he and his writing partner, Wesley Jermaine Johnson, wrote two years ago just got picked up by action movie star Vin Diesel, known for his roles in "The Fast and the Furious," "xXx," and "The Chronicles of Riddick."

Taylor describes "Muscle" as buddy action comedy somewhat of a feel like "Bad Boys," the 1995 movie starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence. But the film script has its origins in the small

screen.

"The script came about from a TV idea we had," explains Taylor, a member of Pennsauken High School's graduating class of 1989. "It was a gritty action comedy we thought was perfect for HBO or Showtime. It was shown to Samantha Vincent, Vin's sister, who helps run his One Race Films production company. Since Vin was too busy for TV, we were asked to make it into a fea-

ture film.

"We wrote the script and then everything happened with Paul Walker passing away, so it just sat. But producers Reggie Hudlin and Byron Phillips believed in the story, took it back to Vin Diesel, and it caught on."

While Diesel has signed on to star in the film and STXfilms and One Race Films are producing the movie, there's still plenty of work to be done. No director or additional actors have been

named and the plot remains top secret. But if all goes well and the Hollywood stars align, "Muscle" could have all the makings of a successful movie franchise.

"When we got the call that Vin wanted to do 'Muscle,' it was amazing. I can't even begin to tell you. You put work into this script and it turned into something that was bigger than you could imagine," says Taylor. "It's a very humbling experience and I'm extremely blessed."

## Pennsauken Native Serving Her Country Overseas



Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Sarah Williams, from Pennsauken, looks through binoculars as the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) arrives in Menorca, Spain, on June 13. Donald Cook, forward-deployed to Rota, Spain, is on its seventh patrol in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of regional allies and partners and U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa. Photo credit: U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Alyssa Weeks/Released.

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## SENIORCORNER Information About New Medicare Identification Cards

By Sonny DiSabato,  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Since May, Medicare has been mailing its new ID cards to its 60 million members, replacing the old ones folks have used for years. These new cards no

longer have the beneficiary's Social Security number on it, making it more difficult to be used for identity theft. Replacing the cards for current Medicare members is expected to take about a year; and despite best efforts,

some people are still confused about what to do when they get them.

First off, when you receive your new Medicare card in the mail, destroy the old one. Since your old card has your Social Security number, shredding it may

be a good idea.

Second, you'll be able to use your new card immediately. Your benefits will be exactly the same.

Third, these cards are absolutely free. There are some scammers out there pretending to be Medicare representatives, calling beneficiaries demanding that they pay a processing fee. Others are saying that the person is owed a refund from Medicare from a transaction on their old card and asking for a bank account number to process giving the money back. These are tricks to take advantage of you; Medicare will never ask someone to do these things.

If folks have questions about their ID card, they can call Medicare directly at (800) 633-4227.

Wishing you good health and happiness. Please keep our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in your prayers.

*AARP.org was used as a reference for information provided in this article.*

## Antique Fire Apparatus Show Held On August 4 At Cooper River Park



An antique fire apparatus show will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken.

Cradle of Liberty Antique Fire Apparatus Association (CLAFAA) will be hosting an antique fire apparatus muster on Saturday, Aug. 4, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Cooper River Park, 5300 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken.

This annual event features old and modern fire apparatus, antique ambulances, police vehicles, and tow trucks. There will also be special demonstrations, the "fire safety house" trailer, children's activities, and more.

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## GRAYMATTERS

By Judith Kristen, AAP  
Columnist

Stay-cation?

I mean, I do work from home, but it's no va-cay or stay-cay, I can tell you that much.

So, I thought for one day, on a trial basis, I would turn off my computer, do no texting, and I would not even make a phone call on my own, I'd only answer the phone when it rang.

So, there I was...in full-blown stay-cay mode. I figured this could be the most relaxing day of my life!

Actually, the night before my official "off day" had me so excited that I only managed to sleep about 4 hours. I woke

up at 3:15 a.m. and walked by my office, not even once glancing at my Mac. In fact, I was so committed to staying out of my office, I promised myself I wouldn't even eat an apple on my stay-cay-day!

Four cats and one large dog were very happy to see me; and, of course, they figured if Mom was making coffee, it must be breakfast time. So, I fed Mookie, Holly, Lucky, and Ned, and their canine friend, Sophie. I poured myself a nice cup of French press coffee and sat down on the sofa and finished reading an old Leo Buscaglia book. Then, I dusted the furniture, wiped down the steps, put two loads of laundry in the washing machine, emptied out the dishwasher, and put

everything away before Andrew walked down the steps for his coffee and breakfast three hours later.

He put on Channel 3 and we listened to the local news and weather report and then off he went to work. "Enjoy your day," he said to me. And I assured him I would.

I put some 60s music on and danced around the house for a while as I mopped the floor, and put the wet wash into the dryer. I answered five phone calls, one from my friend, Shelly, in California, one from my friend, Patty, in Levittown, one from my lovely neighbor, Lisa, and two from telemarketers, oddly enough about vacations.

Then I drove Sophie to our "Bow-Wow" Dog Park, where she had a fun time running around like she was trying out for the next Kentucky Derby. I get exhausted just watching her! While we were out, I went through the Dunkin' Donuts drive-thru, for a bagel, the bank's ATM drive-thru for \$20, and the Wendy's drive-thru for a plain ham-

burger as a treat for Sophie. Seriously, I saved some major treads on my sneakers that day!

I then realized I actually had enough time to make some of my famous chocolate chip cookies. So, I did.

Two hours and fourteen dozen cookies later, I had racked up quite an appetite. And I was more than ready for my late, late lunch!

I called in an order for Chinese food and sat back on our comfy sofa and enjoyed it thoroughly, while my dog sat on the floor next to me, staring pensively into my eyes and drooling all over my bedroom slippers.

After lunch and another trip to the washer, this time to clean my bedroom slippers. While I was at it, why not clean the litter boxes?

Time moved on and I decided I'd put in a movie and enjoy some of my freshly baked cookies. It was an older Tom Hanks film called, "That Thing You Do." Two of the cats, Holly and Lucky, climbed up on the sofa with me; I even

moved over and made room for Sophie too. I was quite comfortable and so were my three fur kids. Half way through the film, as I was dozing off, Andrew walked back into the house from work.

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## Phifer Students Destined For Greatness



Phifer Middle School recognized students "Destined for Greatness" for the month of May. Congratulations to Tanyah Lewis, Jared Tugade, Emely Lopez, Alexa Mendez, Justin Trinidad, Cadince Quick, Logan Endes, Thaleena Ly, Makaylah Figueroa, Josh Roman, and Peggy You.

## Congratulations On Another Successful School Year



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

We'd like to congratulate all of our staff and students for successfully completing another great year in the Pennsauken School District! It's a particularly special time of year for our former eighth graders, now the Class of 2022, who had their promotion exercises last month; and even more so for Pennsauken High School's graduating Class of 2018, who are well on their way to beginning a bright, new future!

In this month's school pages, you'll see a list of our new high school graduates, as well as some of the accolades, awards,

and scholarships students in Pennsauken Public Schools have received. We congratulate them on their hard work and dedication, as well as honor and recognize all of our our students for a job well done this year.

Enjoy the start of what has all the makings of a great summer! We at the Pennsauken Board of Education will continue to spend the next few months preparing for another great year of learning in Pennsauken Public Schools.



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## 2018 Eighth Grade Promotion Awards

### Phifer Profile In Courage Award

Daniel Kramer  
Mariann Kramer  
Vincent Nguyen

### Phifer Humanitarian Award

Hannah Dahl  
Michelle Hoang  
Briannie Lantigua  
Logan Endes  
Doriane Baker

### Administrators' Association of Pennsauken Award

Marlena Diaz  
Kalayah Horne

### Principal's Service To School Award

Elayna Berrios  
Rebecca Hudson

### Park Avenue Campus Mathematics Award

Quynh Nguyen  
Ellen Caraballo

### Park Avenue Staff Award

Kalayah Horne  
Zafir Jones  
Dymond Patterson  
Isabella Collier  
Grace Raymond  
Anthony Johnson  
London Burgos  
Lianna Tran

### Janet Harris Memorial Award

Makaylah Figueroa  
Anthony Johnson

### DMC Productions Award

Grace Raymond  
John Nguyen

### Hampton Teachers Achievement Award

Sania Ingram  
Donovan Acetti

### Yale Teachers Achievement Award

Emely Lopez

### Rutgers Teachers Achievement Award

Lana Matthews

### Phifer Educational Assistants Citizenship Award

Ricardo Cortazar  
Farrah Bryan

### James David Hutton Memorial Award

Victoria Van  
Edden Abanyie

### Lions Club Citizenship Award

Alexa Mendez  
Jhaiden Perdomo

### Micki Hutton Memorial Science Award

Kelly Chin  
Logan Endes  
Victoria Van

### Pennsauken Soccer Booster – Kurt Klaus Award

John Paul Dicken  
Cara Guagenti

### Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award

Youssef Rafeh  
Ebony Johnson

### Language Arts Achievement Award

Ellen Caraballo

### Camden Catholic Alumni Association Award

Lana Matthews

### PTA Citizenship Award

Johnathan Clarke  
Karisma Santana  
Jeilyan Pagan

### PTA History Award

Ngan Nguyen

### PTA Human Relations Award

Ashley Polanco Saguro  
Youssef Rafeh

### PTA Math Award

Andrew Nguyen

### PTA Music Award – Outstanding Band Musician

Jeilyn Pagan

### PTA Music Award – Band Musician

Edden Abanyie

### PTA Music Award – Outstanding Chorus Musician

Zarria Hughes

### PTA Music Award – Outstanding String Musician

Logan Endes

### PTA Music Award – String Musician

Michelle Hoang

### PTA Music Award – Jazz Musician

Michelle Hoang

### PTA Music Award – Vocal Musician

Elayna Berrios

### PTA Student Achievement Award

Yubel Fernandez Beltre  
Nhien Dinh  
Steven Troung  
Ryan Le

### Phifer Physical Education And Health Award

Marlena Diaz  
Deywilk Tavarez Rodriguez

### Shirley B. Upchurch Award

Jasmine Camacho  
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# Pennsauken High School Students Receive Well-Deserved Awards

Pennsauken High School held its Senior Awards Night for the Class of 2018 on Thursday, June 7. Over 170 awards were presented to the deserving scholars. The parents, teachers, administrators, and members of Pennsauken's Board of Education are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the honored students.

## **Administrators' Association of Pennsauken Award**

Jamil Morris  
Ciana Murray

## **American Legion of Camden County Award**

Nicole Alfano  
Richard Lu

## **Andrew F. Kelly Memorial Award**

Emily Gairo

## **Ann Dillon Memorial Fund Scholarship**

Ronald Estevez

## **Apache Band Booster Association Cramer Award**

Paige Hickman

## **Apache Band Booster Association Matt Henkel Award**

Paige Hickman  
Jamil Morris

## **Apache Band Booster Association Outstanding Member Award**

Carlos Acevedo  
Eva Ray

## **Apache Band Booster Association Reitz Family Award**

Paige Hickman  
Jamil Morris

## **Apache Band Booster Association Rendle Willgoos Award**

Eva Ray

## **Benjamin Franklin PTA Award**

Nicole Alfano  
Peter Huynh

## **Athletic Volunteerism Scholarship**

Aaron Chester  
Keishla Sanchez

## **Brian Matera Scholarship**

Terrence Phillips

## **Carson Elementary School Award**

Sammy Eap  
Christina Gasparinatos

## **Delair Elementary School PTA Award**

Selena Baisden  
Ibrain Ortega

## **Delia Ford Brown Textbook Scholarship, Sponsored by Spare Change, Inc.**

Keishla Sanchez

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

Keishla Sanchez

## **Dr. James Chapman Education Award**

Christina Nguyen  
Jesse Pringle

## **Dr. Michelle E. Liggio Memorial Scholarship**

Jacquelyn Vazquez

## **Eleanor M. Coe Longfellow Merit Award**

Jennifer Luu  
Christina Nguyen

## **Elementary Retired Teachers of Pennsauken Award**

Tiana Summers James  
Timothy Vo

## **Enrichment Through Engineering Award**

George Mendoza  
Terrence Phillips

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

Mariah Gordian

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

Grace Pietzsch

## **Francis Orsini Marching Band Scholarship Fund**

Christina Gasparinatos

## **George and Carol Norcross AFL Scholarship**

Lauren Applegate

## **George and Sandra Norcross Scholarship**

Thomas Nguyen

## **George B. Fine Elementary PTA Award**

Leonardo Florero Flores  
Natalya Portobanco

## **Griffith Morgan Committee**

### **Social Studies Award**

Nikson Nguyen

Myanni Ubarry

## **James David Hutton Memorial Scholarship**

Peter Huynh

## **Jane B. Wellenbeck Continuing Education**

### **Scholarship**

Jesse Pringle

## **Jeanne Thompson Memorial Award**

Eric Nguyen

## **Joe Cataldo Memorial Scholarship**

Jesse Pringle

## **John W. Partridge Spirit Award**

Peter Huynh

## **Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken**

### **Industrial Arts Award**

Romeo Quinones

## **Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken**

### **Instrumental Music Award**

Tiana Summers James

## **Language Arts/World Language Latin**

### **AP Award**

Ronald Estevez

## **Language Arts/World Language Spanish**

### **AP Award**

Keishla Sanchez

## **Latino Culture Club Award**

Endder Garcia Santana

Jacquelyn Vazquez

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

Daisey Anyanwu

## **Lions Club of Pennsauken Leo Club Award**

Thomas Nguyen  
Medina Talebi

## **Longfellow Elementary School PTA**

### **Elizabeth P. Smith Award**

Tiara Price  
Keishla Sanchez

## **Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission**

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David Raymond

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Kaitlyn McGowan

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Sammy Eap

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### **William C. Davis Memorial Award**

Thu Nguyen

## **Park Avenue Campus PTA Award**

Leonardo Florero Flores

Mariah Gordian

## **Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club**

### **Marie Giebel Scholarship**

Christopher Bakley

Julianna Fernandez

Kaitlyn McGowan

Terrence Phillips

## **Pennsauken Custodian, Ground and**

### **Maintenance Local 2300 Award**

James Dickinson

Renee Tucker

## **Pennsauken High School**

### **Class of 1974 Award**

Peter Huynh

Keishla Sanchez

## **Pennsauken High School Class of 1988**

### **Reunion/Alumni Committee Award**

Megan Flaherty

## **Pennsauken High School Leo Club Award**

Thomas Nguyen

Medina Talebi

## **Pennsauken High School PTA Award**

Nicole Alfano

Kaitlyn McGowan

Daoud Moon

Jetson Sek

## **Pennsauken Historical Society**

### **Social Studies Award**

Jameeka Gonzalez

Timothy Vo

## **Pennsauken School Nurses**

### **"The Meg Snyder Nursing Scholarship"**

Mariah Gordian

## **Pennsauken Soccer Boosters Kurt R. Klaus Soccer Scholarship**

George Mendoza

David Raymond

Brianni Lugo

Kaitlyn McGowan

## **Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities Award**

Megan Flaherty

Alexander Fravel

## **Pennsauken Zone PTA Award**

Mariah Gordian

Richard Lu

Richard Nguyen

## **Pennsauken/Merchantville Rotary Club**

### **Andy Andreola Award**

Solangel Dominguez

## **Pepsi-Cola Company Award**

Jackson Jiang

Serenity Sanders

## **Phi Beta Kappa Book Award**

Ronald Estevez

## **PHS Pennsauken Stages Award**

Niambi Fetlow

Keishla Sanchez

## **PHS Double Dozen Parents**

### **Association Award**

Grace Pietzsch

Eva Ray

## **PHS Retired Teachers Award**

Samantha Bravo

Aaron Chester

## **PHS Social Studies Department Hope**

### **Kwochka Award**

Idelshanyri Pinales Diaz

## **PHS Social Studies Department**

### **John L. Harbison Award**

Ronald Estevez

## **PHS Social Studies Department**

### **William Sia Award**

George Mendoza

## **Raymond F. Wiggins Jazz Scholarship**

Carlos Acevedo

Serenity Sanders

## **Renaissance Scholarship – 10 Cards**

Marcos Cantor Morales

Naasir Gabriel

Giselle Gomez

Muneerah Hameen

Maylasia Miller

Eric Nguyen

Philip Nguyen

Kenneth White

## **Renaissance Scholarship – 11 Cards**

Lauren Applegate

Celinetter Azcona

Joseph Coyle

Anthony Daniel

James Dickinson

Megan Flaherty

## Pennsauken High School Students Receive Well-Deserved Awards continued from page 15

Naaseem Gabriel  
Cindy Huynh  
Ciani Murray  
Michael Parra  
Terrence Phillips  
Tiara Price  
Jesse Pringle  
Keishla Sanchez  
Lauren Schneider

### Renaissance Scholarship – 12 Cards

Nicole Alfano  
Samantha Bravo  
Joshua Carillo Lazcano  
Ronald Estevez  
Leonardo Florero Flores  
Emily Gairo  
Mariah Gordian  
Jackson Jiang  
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Medina Talebi

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Jacquelyn Vazquez  
Timothy Vo

**Robert “Ike” Willis Departmental Career-Technical Education Award**  
Romeo Quinones

**Robert “Ike” Willis Departmental Health and Physical Education Award**  
Keishla Sanchez

**Robert “Ike” Willis Departmental Language Arts/World Language Award**  
Peter Huynh

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Nicole Alfano

**Robert “Ike” Willis Departmental Science Award**  
Keishla Sanchez

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David Raymond

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**Roosevelt Elementary School Award**  
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**Stephen McConnell Memorial Award**  
Thu Nguyen

**Stone Siblings Opportunity Scholarship**  
Medina Talebi

**The 45th Street Pub Award**  
Tiara Price

**Woman’s Club of Merchantville Arts Creative Department Award**  
Kayla Darby

**Woman’s Club of Merchantville Education Department Award**  
Samantha Bravo  
Christina Nguyen

**Woman’s Club of Merchantville Literature Award**  
Medina Talebi

**Woman’s Club of Merchantville Outstanding Citizenship Award**  
Lauren Applegate

**ZB Foundation Award**  
Jesse Pringle  
Keishla Sanchez

## Fourth Graders At Delair Learn About The Environment



Marissa Wolfe, seen here with her former teacher, Mrs. Clowers, taught a lesson in environmental responsibility to fourth graders at Delair Elementary.

In June, Marissa Wolfe, Camden County environmental educator, visited fourth graders at Delair Elementary School. Ms. Wolfe taught students about recycling and reuse; the fourth grade also participated in a hands-on activity that showed them how their treatment of the environment can directly affect our waterways.

It was an extra special visit for fourth grade teacher Mrs. Clowers, as Marissa was a former student of hers!

## PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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Dyshon Maliak Andino	Leonardo Jose Fernandez	Destinee Lewis	Nathalie Olivares	Destiny Serrano
!Daisey Chinemerem Anyanwu	Esther Fernanda Fernandez	Victor Lewis	Ibrain R. Ortega	Jose Serrano
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Franklin Joel Azcona	Joshua Ahmir Fleming	Jaquelin Lozano	Joel Jose Pabon	Anthony Smith
Selena Elizabeth Baisden	*!Leonardo Daniel Florero Flores	Jesenia Lozano	Jose Pacheco	Johnathan Soto
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## Continuing To Enhance And Grow Our Vacant Property Initiative

By Tracey Howarth,  
Pennsauken Township

When the Township started the vacant property initiative, one of our first goals was to automate as much of the program as possible, so that our time could be spent on problem solving. Now that we've gotten our registration program automated, it seemed natural for us to move to the next step.

Like any other fee-based program there are those, in our case banks or mortgage companies, who are non-compliant. To that end, we have begun to utilize a program available through ProChamps, our current registration company, called Break Point Enforcement. The simple mission is to notify and enforce our local ordinances and collect any back fees owed by those that are non-compliant.

Break Point pulls the records for all non-compliant property registrations and notifies the responsible parties that they have 30 days to bring the property fees current. If the 30 day deadline is not met, the property will begin to accrue fines of \$1,000 per day for each day that the fee is not brought current. And the best part... it's free! There is no cost to utilize this program.

Instead of using Township resources on mailing letters, paying postage, and tracking responses, we are able to use

our time researching more opportunities to get the properties sold and occupied.

Very soon, you will see additional ordinances pertaining to the vacant property initiative. These ordinances are being established to ensure that we have covered all of our bases in every situation as it relates to vacant property registration.

For example, a vacant property is sold and in some cases, contractors or investors may purchase one or more properties. However, just because a property is sold does not mean that it is not still vacant. A contractor or investor may buy two properties, begin working on one to rehab and sell, and then use the proceeds from that sale to work on the second property. While they work on the first property, the second one still remains vacant; it is a registerable property and must be recorded as such.

Also, when the foreclosure process has ended on a property and an amicable agreement has been reached by both parties, we don't have the information on why the foreclosure has ended. It is our hope that the agreement reached is one that will allow the family to stay in their home. But there are also those cases where the mortgage company brings the matter to a close and releases the mortgage back to the owner, because the bank no longer sees value in holding on

to the property. In this case, we have no way of knowing who owns it or who is responsible for the maintenance.

Each of these scenarios places the property in the category of being "deregistered." A deregistered property is one that has been either sold, has its mortgage released, recorded as no longer in default, or for other reasons, no longer has the obligation to renew their registration. When we don't have the registration, we also don't have the property maintenance company information, which is the most important piece of this process.

To resolve some of these situations and to ensure compliance of all vacant properties, Pennsauken Township, together with ProChamps, is working to enhance our current registration program. The enhancements will require the status of occupancy on all "deregistered" properties. If a property is found to be vacant after being deregistered, the responsible party will be directed to a registration page and required to register the property as such. This will help ensure that we have the tools in place to register these types of vacant properties.

No matter what else is happening with vacant properties, the most important resource we have is our concerned citizens. The calls and e-mails that you send with information or questions per-

taining to a foreclosed, vacant, or abandoned property near you or one that you are interested in purchasing, goes a very long way to helping us get and keep them maintained. Don't assume that we already know of a particular house or situation. Please use the e-mail link on the Township website or call our office and tell us about it.

Of late, we have been receiving many calls regarding tall grass or weeds and such. Information provided by residents can help identify a vacant property that we may not have known about otherwise. Please don't hesitate to let us know

about these situations.

Remember that when you call about a vacant property with landscaping issues, we are required by law to give the owner, bank, or property maintenance company five days to resolve the issue. If no action is taken within the five days, we will place the property on the Township's cut list and our contractor will correct the violation. This process usually takes about 10 days, start to finish.

All the help and information we receive from you is greatly appreciated. Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

## AFC Urgent Care Opens In Pennsauken

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"We welcome AFC Urgent Care to

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"They still may be sick, but they'll leave with a smile on their faces," says Lauletta.

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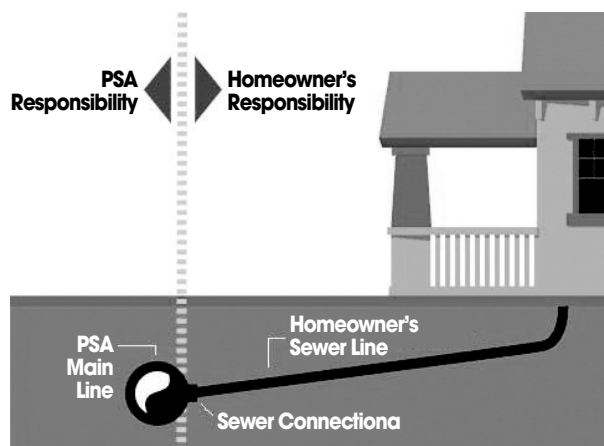
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The rules and regulations of the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority require a back

flow prevention device commonly referred to as a "back check valve" be installed whenever plumbing fixtures are located below street level, such as in the basement. PSA strongly recommends all our customers have a back check valve installed to prevent contamination in the event of a main line stoppage.

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## FOODADVENTURES Celebrating National Picnic Month In Pennsauken

By Rachael Shugars,  
AAP Columnist

Happy National Picnic Month! This month, I've decided to challenge my fellow foodies to go on a picnic.

The concept of a picnic came about in the 1600s somewhere in France. It originally meant a bunch of people meeting up to eat outside and bringing along their own wine. Who doesn't like another excuse to enjoy a nice red? The word itself is rooted in the French phrase, "pique un niche," which means to "pick a place" for friends to meet and eat.

The whole idea of a picnic became very popular about 150 years later. Our humble town is lucky enough to have a number of pretty great parks and monuments, including the very popular Cooper River area.

This challenge had me brainstorming all the delicious things a person can bring along on their food adventure. Common, easily portable foods include lunch meat sandwiches, salads, fruit, baked goods, iced teas, and lemonades. Some of the parks around here even offer grills, giving people the chance to sling burgers

and hot dogs while relaxing outdoors.

Having such a diverse area provides us with the chance to bring along new and exciting things to any portable feast.

In France, a picnic would include all the regular things that an American picnic would, with a slightly eccentric flair. You'll find quiche and galette, a potato cake filled with meats and cheeses. In India, sweet and spicy biscuits and sponge cakes are a common adage. In Africa, spreads and pâté are offered alongside fresh breads to be slathered on and enjoyed.

The list could go on at length; but one thing you'll notice is that no matter what the fare includes, people everywhere love getting some fresh air while they eat delicious food. Maybe that's why outside patios at restaurants have become all the rage.

The items I listed and their ingredients are readily available in town at local grocers like Associated Foods on Westfield Ave.; Lizzyboat African Market, which was featured in last month's column; McFarlan's Market in Merchantville; or Sun Seng Market on Rt. 38. You can also patronize food vendors like La Cocina,

Bambu, Aroma Indian Cuisine, and Men in the Kitchen Kicked Up BBQ.

You'll find reference to this leisurely pastime throughout history in songs, poems and art. It's not just an American thing; it's a global thing.

So my second challenge is for you to

put down your phone, leave your computers, grab your latest copy of All Around Pennsauken, and head out for a picnic. Don't forget to bring along a Frisbee, kite, or that bocce ball set you have yet to use; and always enjoy your Food Adventures!

For a list of parks and playgrounds in Pennsauken, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/parks-recreation](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/parks-recreation). You can also find more local food content by liking "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures" on Facebook. Have some suggestions/requests/ideas for my next adventure? E-mail [foodadventurespennsauken@gmail.com](mailto:foodadventurespennsauken@gmail.com).

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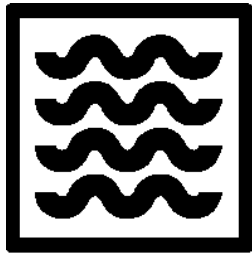
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The MPWC no longer mails individual copies of the Consumer Confidence Report to customers, as it is

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# Pennsauken High Class Of 2018 Graduates At BB&T Pavilion

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Pennsauken High School "Alma Mater." It was quite evident then the magic of this special evening had quickly taken

hold.

Principal Gregory T. Munford, Jr. gave a very powerful and heartfelt "talk" to the seniors he has known well since

freshman year.

"It is an honor to be here tonight to celebrate the commencement of Pennsauken High School's senior class, who

I've had the distinct pleasure to lead and learn with for all four years of high school," says Munford. "This is your day; yes, you have completed this leg of your journey. You are an outstanding group of young people who have endured some challenges along the way. Together you have endured, and the achievements have far outnumbered the setbacks."

During the acceptance of the Class of 2018, Diane Johnson, vice president of the Pennsauken Board of Education, encouraged students to strive for excellence with integrity.

"Do everything to the best of your

ability. Be responsible and true to yourself," says Johnson. "Should you make mistakes as you pursue your goals, let them be your mistakes and not the mistake of following others just to fit in. Be a leader."

The musical presentations were powerful and uplifting all evening long. Members of the PHS Double Dozen sang, "You Will Be Found," and the group was being applauded as soon as the last note sounded.

The entire class then applauded Tiana Summer James, as she walked to the dais

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## National Night Out In Pennsauken Held On August 7

The Pennsauken Fire Department will open all of its fire stations to the public during National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 7, an annual community-building campaign that is designed to make neighborhoods a safer, better place to live.

From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Pennsauken's fire stations will host a variety of activities, including apparatus displays, specialized unit demonstrations, ambulance displays, giveaways and more. Free bottled water, water ice and soft pretzels will be given out while supplies last. Members of the public can also pick up infor-

mation on fire prevention and volunteer membership.

In addition officers from the Pennsauken Police Department and members from Pennsauken Town Watch and the Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) will be at select locations.

The National Night Out open houses will be at:

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## Update On Residential Energy Aggregation Program

Concord Energy Services, the energy consultant for Pennsauken Township, recently held an online auction to identify a vendor for a new energy aggregation program for the town's residents. After reviewing the auction results, no participating vendor could come in at a lower

price than PSE&G's rate for supplying energy to consumers.

Concord Energy Services will begin the auction process again at a later date this year in hopes of finding a vendor that will come in with a lower price to supply electricity to Pennsauken homes,

thereby saving money on residents' monthly electric bills.

More information about any upcoming residential energy aggregation programs will be provided on the Township's website, [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us), as it becomes available.

## Pennsauken Township Holds Summertime Anti-Litter Poster Contest

Area children can participate in a special poster contest designed to battle litter in our community.

The Pennsauken Township Anti-Litter Poster Contest is sponsored by the Pennsauken Township Green Team, Pennsauken Public Schools, and the Delaware Gardens Neighborhood Initiative. Open

to children in kindergarten through twelfth grade, poster entries must include an original concept and provide a positive message and focus on solutions to Pennsauken's litter problems.

"Littering is a big issue in our community, but sometimes it takes a small approach to come up with an answer to fix

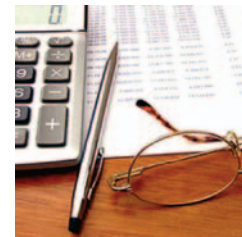
it," says Betsy McBride, Pennsauken Township deputy mayor. "We look forward to seeing what our young people come up with."

The deadline for submissions is Friday, Sept. 7. For poster requirements and additional details, visit the Pennsauken Township website at [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

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## Matt McDevitt Announced As Lions' Citizen Of The Year

The Pennsauken Lions Club has named Matthew McDevitt its 2018 Citizen of the Year. McDevitt was selected from amongst many worthy candidates whose nominations were received by the Club.



McDevitt

McDevitt is a graduate of Camden Catholic High School and has been volunteering and working within Pennsauken for many years. He was a member of the Pennsauken Board of Education from 1995-2013, serving as its president three times; chairman of the security committee for 12 years; and

chief negotiator for teachers, secretaries, administration staff, and the Communication Workers of America.

Matt was appointed to the Pennsauken Housing Authority from 1989-1994 and served as vice president. He also was a member of the Pennsauken Town Watch from 1987-1995, serving as president of the organization for several years.

McDevitt is currently a member of Temple Lutheran Church, where he has been the director of their food pantry since 2010. He has been a member of the church's council for seven years, serving as treasurer and now president. He also works for the New Jersey Synod ELCA,

a group of congregations and individuals walking together in faith to cultivate Christ-centered, generous, resilient, missional communities for the sake of the world.

The Lions will hold a dinner in Matt's honor on Monday, October 1, 2018, tentatively scheduled to be held at the PYAA Field House at Marion and Elm avenues. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Cost for the dinner and other information will be forthcoming.

If anyone would be interested in attending the dinner, please contact Mary Anne at (856) 313-7751 or Ely at (609) 468-8921.

## Rotary Award Presented To Pennsauken's Dominguez

The Rotary Club of Pennsauken-Merchantville awarded its Andy Andreola Award to Pennsauken High School graduating senior Solangel Dominguez at the organization's June meeting. The Andy Andreola Award is \$500 and is given to a student who has been active in community service and is continuing their education in international studies. Solangel will be attending Temple University in the fall to study international business.

The Rotary Club of Pennsauken-Merchantville meets every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Pinsetters Bar and Bowl on Maple Ave. Any person wishing to learn



more about Rotary is welcome to attend a meeting or contact PMRotary@yahoo.com.

## Pennsauken Police's Olivo Graduates From Academy



Sgt. Phil Olivo of the Pennsauken Police Department recently graduated from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy. Capt. John Nettleton, Capt. Tom Connor, and Lt. James Hartnett, all past graduates of the program, attended the graduation.

## MADD Recognizes Pennsauken Police Officers



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## GOING GREEN Daylilies: An Explosion of Summer Color

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

The following is a reprint of Kat's column from July 2015.

Few plants are as rugged, widely adaptable, or versatile as daylilies. Of exceptionally easy culture, these long-lived stalwarts of the garden come in every hue but blue. Flower color palette includes yellow, orange, red, white, and purple flowers; many varieties contain more than one color. With thousands of cultivars available, there is a size, blooming season, and flower color for every garden. Today's daylilies aren't just the orange "ditch lilies" of yesteryear.

Hemerocallis, the botanical name for daylily, means "beautiful for a day" in Greek. The flowers of most species open at sunrise and wither at sunset, and may be replaced by another flower on the same scape (flower stalk) the next day. Established clumps bloom vigorously for several weeks. Daylilies are

awesome in midsummer, blooming in the heat when other plants are stressed.

Depending on the species and cultivar, daylilies can grow in most of the country. Several varieties have multicolored blooms, often with a contrasting center, referred to as the eye or throat. Multicolored cultivars are becoming increasingly popular. Newer hybrids may have an additional ring of contrasting color in the center of the petals, forming an additional circle of color. Flower shape also varies. Elongated petals widely spaced are known as spider lilies. Ruby Spider, a large, deep velvety red spider lily, resides in my garden. Some flower petals overlap, forming a full, more rounded look. Then there are my favorite, with full, ruffled, overlapping petals. Swoon!

Most daylilies have a distinct, three- to four-week bloom period in early to late summer. Early, mid-season and late varieties are available. By planting daylilies

from each group, it is possible to have an almost continuous bloom throughout the summer. Some varieties even rebloom in the fall, for a second show before going dormant for the winter.

Once established, daylilies are hardy, heat and drought resistant, and pest resistant. These qualities have made them garden staples. Daylilies do well in a wide range of well drained soils, but prefer a deep, fertile loam in full sun to part shade, with a pH approaching neutral. Soils rich in organic matter, such as homemade compost, encourage profuse blooming. Many of the older hybrids will grow well even in the sandy soils of our area.

Fertilize lightly once the plants are established, but avoid using mixes high in nitrogen. Avoid excessive fertilizing, as this will encourage huge plants, but inhibit flower production. Apply a thin layer of compost each spring, followed by a two-inch thick layer of mulch to re-

tain moisture, help maintain an even temperature around the roots, and control weeds. Water plants around the base of the plant during the growing season if rainfall is less than one inch per week.

While blooming, deadhead (remove) spent flowers daily for neatness and remove scapes (blooming inflorescences) when flowers have completed their bloom cycle and no more buds appear. Daylilies should be divided periodically to maintain vigor. When the clumps become overcrowded, typically every three to five years, it is time to divide. When daylilies break dormancy and new growth begins in the spring, lift the entire clump, carefully divide into groups of two or three fans, replant what you want, and share or trade extras with other daylily enthusiasts.

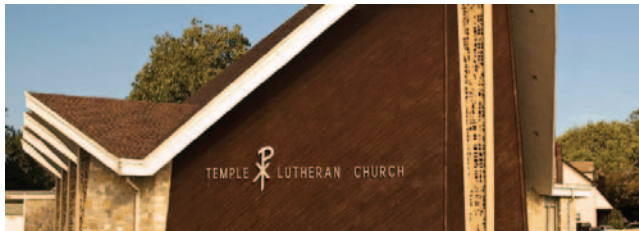
With a little time and care, your garden will explode with color.

Happy Fourth of July!

## Camden County Technical Schools Win At Taste Of South Jersey



The Pennsauken Campus of Camden County Technical Schools won first place for "Taster's Choice" at the "Taste of South Jersey" event sponsored by the Camden County Regional Chamber of Commerce. Pictured here are Debra Arthur, Camden County Chamber of Commerce; James Morton, culinary arts instructor; Alexis Lopez-Ramirez, sophomore; Nasreen Rollins, senior; Angelica Perez, junior; Nathan Colon, junior; Kyo Vargas, junior; Edward Battaglia, culinary arts instructor; and Brett Fetty, principal.



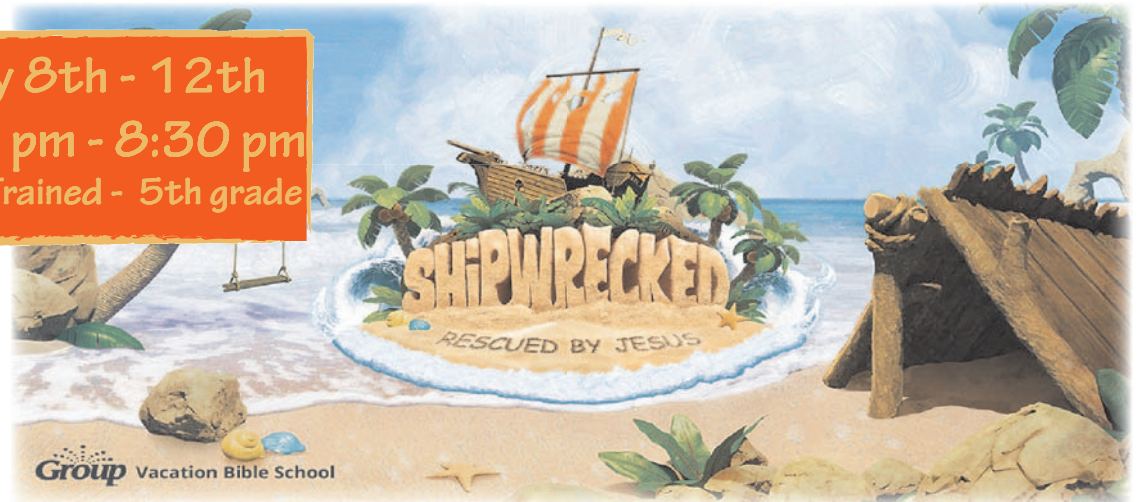
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## Pennsauken High Class Of 2018 Graduates At BB&T Pavilion

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for the student welcome.

“Today, I stand here and recognize the journey that my classmates and I have undertaken over the last four years,” says James. “This evening, we celebrate reaching this milestone and we also thank everyone who helped us make it this far.”

Tiana then turned the podium over to valedictorian Ronald Estevez, who offered some poetic remarks.

“On this evening made beautiful by our association and shared celebration, the breeze is cool and carries a sense of anticipation, as the world secretly holds its breath, watching the Class of 2018 grow. Grow into strong leaders, dutiful citizens, and perhaps loving parents one day.”

Mariah Gordian, Class of 2018 president, took a moment to express the joy of successfully completing four years of high school.

“We made it! Let’s all take a moment to breathe in the sweet aroma of finally graduating from Pennsauken High School. It’s bittersweet, but dang, does it feel good!”

Peter Huynh, student government president, spoke of the changes – and

opportunities – that life after high school brings.

“This not the beginning of a new chapter in our life. This is the beginning of a new book. That first book is already closed, ended and tossed into the seas. This new book is newly opened and just begun. You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”

Salutatorian Nicole Alfonzo encouraged her classmates, whom she called some of the most ambitious, talented and brightest to graduate, to keep striving forward.

“As we walk across the stage, shake hands, and get our diplomas, I urge you, my classmates, to not think this is the end of education, growth, and development. As I’m sure you’ve all heard, this is just the beginning.”

Principal Munford once again took the stage for the introduction of the Class of 2018; the awarding of the diplomas followed, conducted by senior advisors, Shelby Varga and David Raudenbush.

After 326 names were called, there was one more student left to be recognized. The last diploma of the evening was presented Quason Turner, a class-

mate of these graduating students who passed away tragically in March 2016. His family was brought on the stage for this very special presentation.

“We really appreciate y’all,” says Stewart Turner, Quason’s brother. “For this to happen to us, y’all became our family and filled the void that we needed to have filled. We love Pennsauken. We love this class.”

The transfer of the flag made the evening complete, as it passed from Mariah Gordian, Class of 2018 to Jada Gabri-El, president of the Pennsauken Class of 2019.

Soon mortarboard tassels were switched from their left side to the right, and then those 326 red and blue academic caps flew high into the air. It was official!

In what seemed like the blink of an eye, these students went from Pennsauken High School Seniors to the alumni of its 56th graduating class: Pennsauken High School’s Class of 2018!

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By Joe Scavuzzo,  
Director, Public Works

As I sit to write this month's article, it is early June and we have received buckets of rain from Mother Nature. For those of us who mow our own lawns and those that hire landscapers, you may recall several instances where weather prevented this seasonal chore from happening. This extended rain season, although great for my sprinkler bill, took a toll on our parks and basins, rendering the Public Works Crews that tend to them powerless. With

## Dealing With Rain, Summer Schedules, And More

several sports approaching playoffs and tournaments, we found ourselves looking at each field's schedule and identifying exactly which ones needed to be cut for a particular date. We welcome the drier weather and look forward to a "normal" cutting schedule.

### Our Summer Office Schedule

In an effort to "beat the heat" during the warmer months of the year, our department works through lunch between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Our office hours during this time are from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Trash Holidays

Our sixth trash holiday is upon us. Wednesday, July 4, will be a trash holiday. This means that Wednesday's yard debris collection will occur on Thursday and that Thursday and Friday's trash day will be pushed back a single day. The Trash holidays for the entire year are as follows: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This information is typically found in the "Talking Trash" portion of All Around Pennsauken. Our office staff changes our answering machine message during the week of one of these holidays, in an effort to pass along information while the office is closed.

### Litter, Vacant Homes, And You

I recently made a connection between a couple of random topics, simply by my monthly cover-to-cover reading of this publication over the past several years.

Seeing the Township take an increased aggressive approach on vacant property maintenance, I'm seeing many – if not a majority – of these homes be placed on the market for sale. A good part of these were caused by those directly affected by the recession, finally making their way through the foreclosure process and into the hands of real estate agents. You probably have that "one" in your neighborhood that has driven you crazy: tall grass, trash thrown into the back yard, etc. With this new movement, I offer this perspective: what will the new potential buyers see when they tour the newly-listed house?

I think back to when I purchased my first home in Pennsauken. Perhaps you did the same. I looked at the entire neighborhood for that "feel." It's a scan to see how much care each resident puts into their property. Do current residents pick up those circulars that get thrown onto

the driveway or let them pile up? Are there wind-blown recyclables along the curb line leftover from a windy trash day? These are the little things that can affect a new family's decision whether to choose to purchase in your neighborhood – or even in Pennsauken.

Financial burdens, age, and disabilities are all cases where properties can begin to look tired. If you know of a neighbor struggling, reach out; pick up that stray soda can you've walked by twice this week, even though it's not your responsibility. These simple acts, taking up mere seconds of your day, can have a positive impact on your neighborhood and work to make Pennsauken a place we and future homeowners are proud to call "home." And for the big clean-up jobs, a call to the Township's property maintenance department can begin an official process to address a problem property.

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## Phifer Eighth Graders Promoted To High School Class Of 2022

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joy boomed from every corner of the gym, from proud parents, grandparents, guardians, siblings, aunts and uncles, teachers, staff, friends and neighbors. No one could deny that these students and those who witnessed this uplifting occasion were experiencing one of the highlights of their lives.

The program worked like a charm, and the evening, from start to finish, was just what this Class of 2022 had hoped for.

After their procession into the gymnasium, the students and their audience stood for the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and the reciting of our Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Logan Endes, National Junior Honor Society president.

Immediately after that came the customary "welcome" by Youssef Rafah, NJHS member and Student Council representative, who congratulated his fellow classmates on their special accomplishment.

"We did it. We finished eighth grade," said Youssef, to the roaring applause of his fellow students.

"We're going to be freshman, leaving eighth grade behind for high school. It's not going to be easy. We're going to have more work and more responsibility than

we've ever had. But I believe that we can accomplish this."

Mr. Thomas P. Honeyman, principal at Phifer Middle School, also gave a warm and well received welcome to the Class of 2022 and to all in attendance.

"Tonight is a special night and it's extra special for the Class of 2022," said Honeyman. "We start in September and ask the students to come up with a slogan to not only put on the back of t-shirts, but to aspire to live by. The winning quote was, 'Knowledge will give you power, but character gives you respect.' So many of them put these words into action."

A long and prestigious list of awards followed, with over 60 students recognized. The presentation to those deserving of such an accolade was given by Mr. Ramon Sanchez, seventh grade assistant principal; Mr. John Doherty, eighth grade guidance counselor; and Mrs. Susan Galloza, eighth grade assistant principal, who offered some personal thoughts about this special group of students.

"I've know this group for two years. I can truly say that you've made me proud," commented Galloza. "I expect to see great things from all of you."

The crowd and the students cheered on the award winners and soon it was time to cheer on all of the class with the

official introduction of students. All of the 362 graduates' names were called out, and each student stood to thunderous applause from their fellow students, as well as those in attendance.

It was an easy segue for the presentation of the class by Mr. William Snyder, future coordinator of student services, who welcomed students to the Pennsauken High School family and encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities available to them in the next four years.

"I want you to get involved. I'm here to personally invite you to play a sport, join the band, perform on stage, travel with our color guard, get involved in our clubs, get involved in service projects," said Snyder. "You are the key to Pennsauken High School; you and your involvement."

Board of Education member Michael Hurley conducted the formal acceptance of the class; he took the time to recognize various groups in attendance: school administration, his fellow board members, teachers, and staff. He especially acknowledged the many sacrifices made by parents and guardians to support their children their pursuit of receiving a quality education.

"I see a lot of smiling faces. Without you, [these students] would not be here,"

explained Hurley.

This beautiful and unforgettable evening ended with the chorus singing, "Seasons of Love," under the direction

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## Library Honored By Girl Scouts As Outstanding Community Partner

The Pennsauken Free Public Library was recently honored as an outstanding community partner by the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey during the organization's annual volunteer recognition event.

The Girl Scout's Outstanding Community Partner Award recognizes a business, organization, or individual who champions the Girl Scout mission for a

minimum of three years through collaborative efforts to bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in all communities.

For more than a decade, the Pennsauken Free Public Library has graciously supported Girl Scouts and volunteers by allowing the UPM Service Unit to utilize the Library's community room for meetings. The Library staff provides support to troop leaders with educational programming, facility tours, and opportunities for girls to earn badges.

"We're honored by this recognition

from the Girl Scouts," says Stephanie D'Angelico, acting director of the Library. "One of the missions of the Pennsauken Free Public Library is to serve as a gathering place for the community to come

together and learn. We're happy to provide these opportunities for the Girl Scouts and the many other organizations that utilize our facilities."



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## July Library Events

- Adult Exercise Classes – Wednesdays, July 11, 18 & 25; 11:00 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. July features Chair Yoga with instructor Michelle Carlino. Registration is required by calling the Circulation Desk at (856) 665-5959, ext. 4.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, July 23; 6:30 p.m. The governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month, members meet to review current issues, budget, policies and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- SUMMER READING 2018 IS HERE! Check out the flyer in the Library's Children's Department for more information.

## Summer Reading Camp Reunion On July 21

Members of Ms. Starr's Summer Reading Camp program held between 2003 and 2006 are invited to reminisce at a special event featuring food, photos, and fun!

The Summer Reading Camp Reunion is on Saturday, July 21, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., and is open to all former members of the program.

Interested parties can R.S.V.P. for the event by signing up at the Library's reference desk or by calling (856) 665-5959, ext. 4.

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## FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

It's a great time of year, summer. The season lets us all slow down a little and kick back before we start up again full time in the fall. But slower pace or not, the Friends have plenty of things in store you won't want to miss.

On Wednesdays, July 11, 18, and 25,

## Fun Summertime Activities Courtesy Of The Friends Of The Library

we'll be sponsoring three adult chair yoga sessions from 11:00 a.m. until noon in the Community Room with yoga professional Michelle Carlino. For those of you who find regular yoga challenging, these sessions might be just the ticket. And for those of you who do enjoy a good regular yoga workout, these classes may be a nice change to

add to your routine – and you can do them standing up if you wish! These sessions are free, compliments of the Friends.

Chair Zumba will take place on Thursdays, August 16, 23, and 30 from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. with Marni Kelly, so clear your calendar in advance. As with the yoga, some find regular Zumba

sessions somewhat taxing, so our chair variety will slow things down a little with less impact. Don't worry, though; participants will still get plenty of exercise! And for those of you who prefer, you can do the session standing instead of seated.

If you'd like to plan even further, we'll also be holding two Tai Chi Chih (moving meditation) sessions with Michelle Carlino. Both will take place on Wednesdays, September 12 and 19, from 11:00 a.m. until noon.

Here's another reminder about the Library's Museum Pass Program, sponsored by the Friends. Check out one of the many passes to area locations you can visit, including the Academy of Natural Sciences, Air Victory Museum, Battleship New Jersey, Camden Children's

Garden, Garden State Discovery Museum, Independence Seaport Museum, Morris Arboretum, National Liberty Museum, Paws Farm Nature Center in Mt. Laurel, Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. We're also working on adding a few others; we'll tell you more once they're finalized. Learn about the specific details for all the passes – and how to reserve them – by visiting the Pennsauken Library's website: [www.pennsaukenlibrary.org/news.cfm](http://www.pennsaukenlibrary.org/news.cfm). Keep in mind that museum pass borrowers must be members of the Library, so if you aren't already, don't you think it might be a good time to become one?

Enjoy the summer!

## PYACT Performs “Mary Poppins Junior” July 27-29

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's performances of “Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins, Jr.” will be held on Friday, July 27 through Sunday, July 29 at the Pennsauken Intermediate School, 8125 Park Ave.

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.

Performances will be at the Pennsauken Intermediate School in the facility's air-conditioned auditorium/music room. Shows on Friday and Saturday will be held at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday's matinee performance begins at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$7 for adults and will be available for purchase at the door.

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

## Pennsauken's Hutton Promoted To Fire Lieutenant



At last month's Township Committee public meeting, third generation Pennsauken firefighter Jonathan Hutton took the oath of office from Director of Public Safety Bill Orth for his promotion to fire lieutenant. Lieutenant Hutton had the honor to receive his badge from his father, Chief James B. Hutton.



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# inSports

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Several Pennsauken High School seniors recently made commitments to further their academic and athletic careers in college. Brianni Lugo will be attending Central Methodist University, Missouri and playing soccer; Philip Nguyen is headed to Rutgers University, Camden and will run cross country; Aaron Chester has committed to Manor College and will play soccer; and Braheem Whitfield has selected Rowan University and will join their track and field team.

"Coaches, friends, family, and teammates are here to celebrate four of our outstanding student-athletes as they sign letters of intent to participate in inter-collegiate athletics," says Eric Mossop, athletic director at Pennsauken High School, who addressed those in attendance at the signing ceremony. "Thank you to all those who helped pushed these kids to the next level; without your support, they wouldn't be here today. It truly takes a village and we have a village here to celebrate everybody signing."

Brianni, an all conference soccer player in high school, plans to major in communications, focusing on media and broadcasting. She feels the assets and skills she's

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developed at Pennsauken High School have prepared her for college.

"Academically, I bring a lot to the table. On the field I'm bringing hustle and heart," says Lugo.

"I'm very excited and proud of my daughter," says Louis Lugo, Brianni's father. "I will continue to support her as much as I can and continue to encourage Brianni in her future dreams, both in soccer and in academics."

Philip Nguyen, who was all conference in cross country and track and field, is excited to join the Rutgers Scarlet Knights as a business major.

"I think they have a great program for cross country and academics," explains Nguyen.

Philip also chose Rutgers' Camden campus as it's close to home, something his father, Steve Nguyen, appreciates.

"I'm very happy and excited for my son," says Steve. "I want him to have everything."

Aaron Chester, an all state goalie for the Indians, is planning to use his education as a way to give back to his alma mater.

"I'm majoring in health and physical education with the intent to come back and teach at the high school," explains Aaron.

His parents, Rich and Donna Chester, are extremely happy for their son.

"He made [the decision] on his own," says Rich. "He's quite content."

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Pennsauken High School seniors Brianni Lugo, Aaron Chester, Braheem Whitfield, and Philip Nguyen have signed their national letters of intent to further their academic and athletic careers in college.

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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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der, civilian and military.

Runners and walkers of all levels and of all ages are invited to come out and thank local veterans, their families, and first responders in an annual, fun, and family-friendly environment.

Visit [www.travismanion.org/community-engagement/911-heroes-run/2018-pennsauken-nj](http://www.travismanion.org/community-engagement/911-heroes-run/2018-pennsauken-nj) for more information, to register, or donate.

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"We're very, very proud of him," adds Donna. "He has come a long way and he will be a great college student on and off the field."

Multiple time state champion Braheem Whitfield has chosen to study criminal justice at Rowan. Focusing on keeping his grades up, he hasn't picked out any athletic goals he's looking to achieve.

"I just want to be the best runner I can be," says Braheem. "I want to focus on the education part. The track will take care of itself."

Braheem had a small army of family

in attendance for his letter signing. But it was someone special who could only be there in spirit that was in the front of everyone's mind.

"I remember at his mom's funeral, Braheem wrote a letter to her saying that she wouldn't be able to see him go off to college," says Tatiana, Whitfield's aunt and Rowan alumnus. "But he kept every promise and we're very proud of him."

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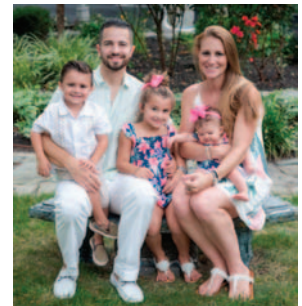
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