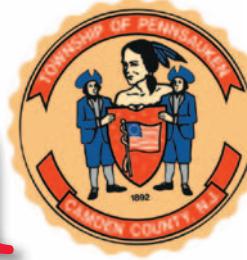


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An Important Notice Regarding Property Revaluations

Accommodations are being made for senior or disabled residents of Pennsauken who would like to discuss their assessed property values during the scheduled meetings with Professional Property Appraisers at Bloomfield Fire Hall, 5401 Lexington Ave., Pennsauken. Meetings with senior or disabled Pennsauken residents regarding the assessments will take place either at the first floor of the fire hall, or at a more convenient location for the resident.

Senior or disabled residents wishing to schedule a meeting with an employee from Professional Property Appraisers can call (800) 410-5815.

Public Notice For A Proposed Diversion Of Parkland In Pennsauken Township

The Township of Pennsauken, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A-13.5 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8 of the Green Acres regulations, will file a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to divert a total of approximately 0.17 acres of parkland situated within Block 2218, Lot 1 on the tax maps of the Township of Pennsauken, Camden County. The diversion is required as part of the installation and operation of an underground electric transmission line for Public Service Electric and Gas Company's (PSE&G) Southern Reinforcement Program. This

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UrbanPromise, Pennsauken Partners Announce \$710,000 Grant From Wells Fargo

UrbanPromise and Pennsauken Township officials recently announced the receipt of a five-year, \$710,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation to revitalize a Pennsauken neighborhood bordering Camden.

The project is called the Delaware Gardens Neighborhood Initiative (DGNI) and targets the Pennsauken neighborhood whose boundaries are 36th St. to Browning Rd. and River Rd. to Route 130.

The five-year initiative has several components: employ young adults, increase public safety, improve residential and business areas, make infrastructure improvements, and build community identity in the culturally diverse neighborhood. Funds will be used for staff, trainers, and supplies necessary to implement program elements. Along with UrbanPromise and the Town-



The Delaware Gardens Neighborhood Initiative, a program that is focused on the revitalization of a Pennsauken neighborhood that borders Camden, receive a five-year, \$710,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation.

ship of Pennsauken, project partners include Boat People SOS and the Camden County Office of Sustainability.

"Partnering with UrbanPromise and

the residents of the Delaware Gardens neighborhood is very exciting for us," said Kim Allen, senior program officer of the

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Marriage Proposal Highlight Of Annual Holiday Parade

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor and Melanie Zayas, AAP Intern

There's no better way to start off the best time of the year than with Pennsauken Township's holiday parade. And in spite of a cold, wintery Saturday in November, the 34th annual parade offered a warm greeting to the holiday season, as well as the event's first-ever marriage proposal. And don't worry. She said, "Yes."

In the midst of the parade's usual attractions, which included fire engines, holiday-themed floats, dance performances and musical entertainment, parade goers were treated to an unexpected surprise that could have been taken straight from a

romance novel.

Pennsauken residents Chris DePietropolo and Carol Wiand have known each other since they were teenagers, with their childhood crush become something more than just infatuation. But life always seemed to have other plans. Chris and Carol went off in different directions for a while, but their on again, off again relationship finally came together three years ago, and Chris was ready to propose. So he decided to pop the question in their home town, at the event that has always had a special meaning to the couple.

"We grew up in Pennsauken and

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A highlight of the 2014 Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade was Chris DePietropolo's marriage proposal to Carol Wiand.

Look! in side

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The Lions appreciate the donations of glasses and will continue to collect them throughout the year, but they ask that only glasses, wrapped in a plastic bag, without cases, be deposited in the box and certainly not trash or mail.

Shopping Spree For The Blind

On Dec. 7, the Pennsauken Lions joined the Haddonfield Lions and donated funds for the annual Blind Child Target Shopping Spree. Blind and/or visually impaired children are contacted through the Commission for the Blind and come to the Target store in Cherry Hill with their parents. They are given a \$50 gift card, supplied by donations from the Lions Clubs, and they are escorted around the store by members of the Pennsauken and Haddonfield Leo Clubs, a youth auxiliary of the Lions. This year, 29 children came and shopped for their family members. Once the presents are bought, they go to the wrapping room. While their presents are wrapped, they get to eat some snacks and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. All in all, it was a wonderful event.

p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Generally, unless there is a special event or guest, the meetings conclude by 8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending or finding out more about the club, contact Andy McFarland at (856) 663-4043, or come to one of the Monday meetings.

CLERKS CORNER

Application for 2015 Dog Licences



By Gene Padalino
 Township of Pennsauken Clerk

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Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Cell No. _____ Number of Dogs at this address _____

Dog's Name _____

M/F _____ Dog's Age _____ Breed _____

Length of Dog's Hair (Circle one) SHORT MEDIUM LONG

Color and Markings _____

Altered (Circle one) Yes / No Date _____

Rabies Inoculation Expiration Date _____

Dog's Name _____

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Length of Dog's Hair (Circle one) SHORT MEDIUM LONG

Color and Markings _____

Altered (Circle one) Yes / No Date _____

Rabies Inoculation Expiration Date _____

As of Feb. 1 all dog license renewals are late and a \$10 late fee will be assessed.

FEES: \$12 if the dog has been spayed or neutered (altered)/\$15 if not spayed or neutered (altered). Renew by mail: fill out form and enclose a check or money order for the exact amount made payable to the Township of Pennsauken and mail it to Attn: Twp. Clerk's Office, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copies for proof of rabies inoculation. Renew in person between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Township Clerk's office. Any questions please call 856-665-1000 x122.

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EDITOR'S**2015 Will Be The Greatest, Most Epic Year Of All Time****D
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K**By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

Life, particularly around the holidays, can be a little tough. It happens to a lot of people. It's not always candy canes and Bing Crosby movies. But we've all weathered the storm to varying degrees, survived the 365-day drama fest that was 2014, and have entered what could quite possibly be the greatest, most epic year ever to be bestowed on humanity. A year that pales in comparison to the fracturing of Pangaea, the giant asteroid killing off the dinosaurs, the birth of Western civilization along the Tigris and Euphrates, the Magna Carta, or the invention of the Hungry Man microwavable dinner.

We will see a new "Star Wars" movie this year. And it will be awesome.

Search your feelings. You know it to be true.

Now for those who haven't already turned the page to the Calendar of Events (I find your lack of faith disturbing, by the way), I'll give you a moment to stop jumping up and down in geeky euphoria at the mere prospect of a "Star Wars" film that doesn't kill off its best character after limited screen time or include anything closely associated with Jar Jar Binks. Even as I typed that, I felt a shiver up my spine.

May 25, 1977, a cultural phenomenon was born. Not only did "Star Wars" single handedly set the whole science fiction genre on its ear, but it changed the way people looked at the world. It was the first movie my brother and I ever

saw, and to this day, we still thank our parents for it. And while the last three "prequels" were a bit of disappointment, this year is going to be different. This is a movie directed by uber-genius JJ. Abrams, a man who knows in his heart of hearts that Han Solo really shot first and that an entire community of geekdom is longing for something incredibly awesome. He's determined to deliver. And Disney, who now owns the "Star Wars" franchise, is willing to throw enough money to fill a Sarlacc Pit to make it happen.

Isn't it great to have something to look forward to? Don't you wish that there were more moments like that in your life?

In every year, there's an opportunity to dwell on our disappointments. That's pretty easy to do, especially if you have a bad feeling about it. And if need help

with that, don't worry; other people love to lend a hand regardless. Just look at all the snarky comments on Facebook. There's also something that you can find to look forward to, to embrace, to be truly excited about. You may not see it at first, but it's there if you put a little effort into it. It can be as big as milestone event, like getting married or welcoming your first grandchild into the world. It can also be as small as coming home to your kids and the family dog really excited to see you walking through that door. It's your first step into a much larger world. And isn't a full year of those special moments as awesome as a new "Star Wars" movie?

May your 2015 be filled with many "Star Wars" moments to look forward to and embrace in this, the best year ever. And may the Force be with you. Always.

**PENNSAUKEN
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MEETINGS****Township Committee**

Reorganization Meeting:
Monday, Jan. 5, 6:00 p.m.
Pennsauken Country Club,
3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Reorganization Meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 7:00 p.m.
Pennsauken Municipal Building,
5605 N. Crescent Blvd.

Planning Board

Reorganization Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Pennsauken Municipal Building,
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Meetings are open to the public.

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**Merchantville - A little slice of Heaven**

Enjoy country living right here in Merchantville. Warm home situated on double lot. Original knotty pine throughout gives this home it's personality. Elegant hardwood and tile floors throughout. Lots of sunshine filters in through french doors in the spacious finished attic. French doors open from the living/dining room onto a patio and backyard entertaining space. Laundry located on the second level across from the bedrooms. Loads of parking on side of house next to the kitchen. \$194,900

**Pennsauken - Bloomfield**

Four Bedroom one and a half bath just down the Street from Merchantville. Amenities include a formal living room with picture window, formal dining room, modern eat-in-kitchen with gas stove, dishwasher, newer countertops, ceramic tile floor and new built-in microwave. New carpets, four generous size bedrooms with plenty of closet space, full basement, large family room, from porch office on the first floor, gas heat, central air nice size fenced in back yard with storage shed. \$2,500 credit back towards buyers closing costs at closing. \$185,000

**Pennsauken**

Cute And cozy Cape Cod priced to sell. Home features 3-4 bedrooms. 4th bed could easily be turned into a nursery, office, or sitting room. Home has a Formal Living Room, nicely decorated eat in kitchen, full huge basement with family room , laundry area, and workshop. There is also A nice size fenced in back yard. Check out the nice hardwood floors under the carpeting (LOOK IN THE CLOSETS).Lots of storage. \$149,900

**Pennsauken - Bloomfield**

Large split level home with beautiful hard wood floors in the sunken living room and dining room. The kitchen is completely remodeled with new cabinets, gas range, There is a 20 x 13 family room on the lower level. Two large bedrooms on the 2nd floor with full bath and 2 bedrooms on the 3rd level. This is an "as is" sale with buyer responsible for the CO. \$145,900

**Willingboro - Wow!!**

Spacious and beautiful Cape Cod in Buckingham. Large Family Room and spacious and bright Sunroom with cathedral ceiling. All carpeting throughout replaced within the last three years and replacement windows throughout. Garage has been converted to Hobby Room but can be converted to 4th Bedroom, Office or back to Garage. Three bedrooms, Two full bathrooms and plenty of closet space. Enjoy the large fenced in rear yard and expansive patio with canopy for summer entertaining. So many ways you can enjoy the extra space in this very nice and spacious home \$124,900

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**Merchantville - Greenleigh Court**

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JANUARY CALENDAR

AARP

AARP Chapter 2861 will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 12 at The Rising Community Fellowship and Outreach Center, 3465 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken. Social time is at 12:30 p.m. Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring a friend.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch will host its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Police Department, 4800 Bethel Ave., second floor. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to learn how to keep our community safe. For more information, call 856-488-0080 ext. 2417.

Environmental Commission

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission was established for the protection, development or use of natural resources throughout the Township. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. All those interested in the "greening" of Pennsauken are welcome to attend.

Beef and Beer Social

Knights of Columbus Council #6735 is holding its annual Beef and Beer Social on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 11 p.m. in Saint Peter's Pastor's Hall, 43 West Maple Ave., Merchantville. Featuring prize baskets, door prizes, and 50/50s. Music provided by DJ Old School Cool Robert Ruggeri. Tickets are \$20 per person.

son (21 and older) and includes beer, wine, soda and food. All money raised goes into the Knight's general fund, which is used to support various charitable organizations throughout the year. For tickets, contact Bob Altenbach at (856) 663-2115 or Baltenbnbc@aol.com.

"Lincoln's Lanes" Fundraiser

A fundraiser benefiting Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and creating awareness about congenital heart defects will be held at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave., Pennsauken, on Saturday, Feb. 7, beginning at 3 p.m. Tickets are just \$25 and include bowling, shoes, live entertainment and food. There will also be raffles and Chinese auctions throughout the evening. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Rich at (856) 383-8248 or lincolnslanes@yahoo.com.



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Comments on the Preliminary Municipal Appendix can be submitted via the "Contact Us" page, located at <http://nj4hmp.com/contact-us/>. However, please note that comments must be submitted no later than Friday, Jan. 9.

Woman's Club "Operation Santa" A Success

The Woman's Clubs of Merchantville would like to thank the many people and organizations that helped make the 2014 "Operation Santa" a huge success. Thanks goes to the Pennsauken Lions Club, Betsy McBride, the Moss Family, Maple Collision, Stephenson-Brown Funeral Home, Macaro's Catering, H&H Deli, Meadowbrook Food Market, and

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Keep Your Animal Friends Warm And Safe This Winter

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

When cold weather hits, we find ourselves all bundled up, with hats and gloves and boots to keep us cozy and warm until we're back within the safe and heated confines of our home sweet home.

Millions of animals are not so lucky.

Some of our animal friends are totally abandoned, while others are left right outside their own home to fend for themselves. Water bowls freeze up, and there's no warm or safe sheltering for these "backyard dogs." Cats may find it easier roaming "unchained," but it's still hard to find food and water, and warmth.

Please, this winter, do whatever you can do help these cold and neglected animals.

If you know of a "backyard dog," or an outside cat, please ask, or leave a note for the owners to let him or her indoors. You may also offer to take their dog for walks, and bring treats and toys to him or her.

Always make sure that there is proper shelter and fresh water, and call the authorities if there isn't. And if you have the resources, please consider being an "angel" for animals and sponsoring a doghouse or cat shelter so that one lucky pup or kitty will have a safe haven to call his or her own.

Thanks to donations from compassionate people like you, your local shelter or ASPCA will be able to provide houses, along with toys, treats, and insulating straw bedding, to thousands of dogs and cats in need.

More noteworthy information to pass along is this: many cats we see outside, we mistake for feral cats. More cats than you



Many pets, like Loverboy here, love to play in the snow. However, there are neglected dogs and cats that are left outside for far too long in wintery conditions.

can imagine are indoor/outdoor cats that belong to your friends and neighbors.

If you are a cat owner, please, in this frigid weather, keep your darling felines inside. Outdoors, cats can freeze, become lost, or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are also exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs, and wildlife.

During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

Also, with our canine friends in mind,

never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm, as dogs can easily become lost. Make sure your dog always wears ID tags.

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze, or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him, and his fur, in tip-top shape.

And, like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal

poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

Also, please make sure your companion

animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor, and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

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Shaking The Dust Off Of Lazy Bones For A Good Cause

By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

I've grown complacent the last few years, wallowing in my lazy retirement lifestyle. I know this, because my recently retired significant other, the bride, has told me so. And as much as it pains me to admit, she is usually right.

Back when I had a real job, I was pretty much a master at dodging work around the house. Now that I have no job, I am even better. But the one area I have ignored in recent years that should never have been put on the back burner is fundraising. Darn, but I was good at that. Even the good wife agrees on that point. So, when Ritchie and Heather Fontano told me about plans to do a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) as a way of saying thanks for saving their little Lincoln's life, I woke up. But more on that later.

Lincoln Fontano was born with a full head of hair, a beautiful smile, all 10 fingers and toes, and a hidden heart problem that could have ended his very young life. But CHOP found the problem, laid out a plan of attack, and fixed it. Over the next few years, as his growth continues, young Lincoln will revisit CHOP, and put the doctor's skills to use with follow up surgery.

So now we have family, friends, and folks who hear the feel good story wanting to say thanks. Raising the much

needed cashola for the continuing good work is always a great way to show appreciation. Maybe it will help save some more little kids' lives. It could be even one of your kids or grandkids.

I'm trying to keep this light and cheerful and avoid going for that whack right between the eyes that fundraising sometimes requires. But we all are surrounded by kids who we adore, and want to see grow up. And when the wee ones are threatened by stuff we just can't fix, we look for any help there is. That last hope is often CHOP.

So, the famous Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, located on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken, is where we shall meet. The date is Saturday, Feb. 7, from 3:00 until at least 9:00 p.m. There will be eating, drinking, music, bowling, and friends. Stop in to participate in some or all of the aforementioned activities. My old buddy Neal Arot will be on hand with his guys from the Collins/Flynn band. I'll play a song or three with the boys throughout the day. The bride will be there alongside, to make sure we exercise proper decorum, and buy lots of tickets to put in the bags for really interesting prizes.

Now, I'm off to drum up some fantastic prizes. Trips, ball games, golf clubs, golf trips, fishing rods are already in place. I'm looking for a motorcycle, old car, or any musical instruments donated that we can

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Tickets, which include bowling, food, music, and door prizes, are \$25 per head. Tickets for the Chinese Auction are available on site the day of.

A happy and healthy New Year to all the folks who come here month in and out to catch up on the latest foolishness. The bride says "Hi" also.



Tip of the Month

When taking out your trash after the holidays, be sure break down and cut up boxes of large ticket items and turn them inside out before recycling them. Also, write down serial numbers commonly found on boxes to help recover items if they are stolen.

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Why 3/4 of Pennsauken Homesellers Don't Get the Price They Want for Their Homes

A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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Announcing The New Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber Of Commerce

An Open Letter By Tim Ellis, Chair, Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber Of Commerce

The Business, Industry and Government Council was established in 1982 by the Township of Pennsauken and local businesses to assist in developing, promoting and encouraging greater and

more successful business and industrial activity in Pennsauken Township.

The council was dormant for some time and it was rejuvenated by a group of Pennsauken business owners in December 2009. Since then, the B.I.G. Council has played a vital part in both

the business and residential communities of Pennsauken. The B.I.G. Council has provided networking opportunities and business to business commerce and has raised thousands of dollars to give back to the Pennsauken Township community for numerous events that could

no longer be funded by the Township due to state-wide reduction of funds.

To foster a vision of area growth, we are excited to announce that a new entity has been formed in order to expand our boundaries and our membership: The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (P.M.A.C.). P.M.A.C will continue to work in harmony with the Pennsauken Township administration in supporting public events and projects for the community. We will also work with leaders in the surrounding area as we grow and expand into additional communities in Southern New Jersey.

We would like to thank the Pennsauken Township administration, area businesses, the many people who have volunteered for community events, and those individuals who have worked hard

and supported the B.I.G. Council's growth over the past five years. We would also like to thank our participating members and all of our local businesses and organizations who have sponsored all of our events.

We are looking forward to working with many local businesses under our newly formed organization and hope that they will become members for 2015. We also hope that local business owners and professionals will attend our kick-off networking luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. and lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m.

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What To Do About The Flu: From Prevention To Treatment

Information provided by Pennsauken EMS

According to the CDC, the flu season typically begins in the winter months and peaks in January or February. Just like cold viruses, flu viruses enter your body through the mucous membranes of the nose, eyes, or mouth. Every time you touch your hand to one of these areas, you could be infecting yourself with a virus. It is very important to keep your hands germ-free through frequent washing to help prevent both flu and cold symptoms.

Cold symptoms usually begin with a sore throat, which usually goes away after a day or two. Some other common symptoms are a runny nose, congestion, and cough. Children with a cold are more likely to have a fever than adults with a cold. A common cold rarely has symptoms of a fever above 101 degrees.

Flu symptoms are usually more severe than cold symptoms and come on quickly. If you experience a sudden onset of a fever, aches, chills or extreme tiredness, you may have the flu.

Symptoms of the flu are:

- Fever (considered elevated when 100 degrees or greater)
- Body aches
- Chills (not related to a cold environment)
- Tiredness (a feeling of exhaustion or a lack of energy) when associated with one or more of the above symptoms
- Headache (associated with the flu may appear suddenly and may be accompanied by body aches or nasal congestion)

How Can You Prevent The Flu?

Always disinfect any shared surfaces such as counters, keyboards, phones, and door handles. Carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you and use it often and get the flu vaccine.

Those who should get the flu vaccine are:

- All healthy adults, especially those who are 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant woman
- Health care workers
- Anyone who suffers from Asthma, Heart Disease, Diabetes, or Weakened Immune Systems
- Caregivers of children under the age of 5

Those who should not get the flu vaccine are:

- Children under 6 months of age
- Anyone allergic to chicken eggs
- Anyone who has had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past
- Anyone with a moderate or severe illness/fever

What Should You Do If You Have The Flu?

- Avoid contact with others

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The Wright Brothers' Airplane at Central Airport



By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and
Amateur Historian

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

Airport on that 31st anniversary of the Wright brothers' historic first flight, was part of the succeeding generation of airplanes intended by the Wrights to introduce flight to men with the skill and daring to follow them. This particular airplane had been ordered and delivered to the heir to a Philadelphia brewery for tune, who had taken instruction in flying at the Wright brothers' training program in Ohio. Grover Cleveland Bergdoll of the Louis Bergdoll and Sons brewing concern had the means and leisure, as well as the skill and daring to fly. In many ways, he personified the wealthy playboy of his day, driving fast cars and chasing women. Naturally, he was drawn to the new adventure of flying.

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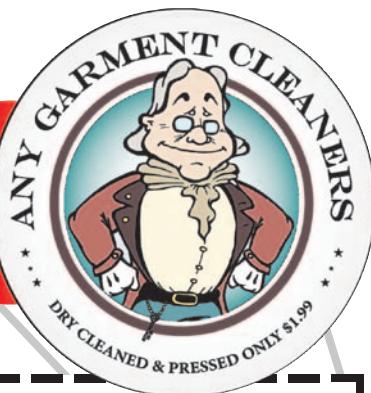
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place, served and was killed in action in October 1918.

Nevertheless, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was far from through. Convicted, sentenced and imprisoned, Bergdoll spun a story about a cache of gold he had secreted in Maryland to fund his life as a fugitive. The sum would suffice to pay fines and costs incurred by his misdeeds, and he convinced officials that he would lead them to the hiding place. Under

minimum guard, he was escorted from prison and then he persuaded his keepers to spend the night hospitably at the Bergdoll mansion en route to the treasure. In a scene worthy of the full Hollywood treatment, whether as crime drama or comedy, Bergdoll's mother produced a gun and held the flummoxed security detail captive while Grover made his escape. This time, taking no

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chances, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll fled the country and settled himself among relatives in Germany. Justice would eventually catch up to the wealthy deserter, when he was equally motivated to flee the Third Reich.

At this point, the multiple crimes of the flamboyant draft dodger, his accomplice mother and his brother, who was also a draft evader, resulted in action being begun to seize and liquidate assets of the family. This included the Wright B Flyer, which had been in storage since 1914.

The airplane had suffered from its years of storage. The engine was missing and so was the radiator. A control stick was partly missing as well. It needed work.

However, the year 1933 marked the 30th anniversary of the Wright brothers' inaugural flight and interest in early avia-

tion ran high. Orville Wright himself was coming to Philadelphia to be honored and to participate in the dedication of the hall of aviation at the Franklin Institute, where he was joined by Amelia Earhart.

Philadelphia's aviation industry was principally served by Central Airport in Pennsauken Township near the City of Camden border. The new Camden County Vocational School, located near the airport, had developed training programs for aircraft technicians. Among its instructors was Arthur Arrowsmith of Camden, who was also ground supervisor for the airport.

The Bergdoll Wright B Flyer was turned over to the Vocational School for repair and restoration in December, 1933. Orville Wright, visiting the area only weeks later, offered his consultation in the project.

At last, one year later, the Wright B Flyer was ready to be tested. The pilot chosen was local aviation pioneer Marshall Reid. Reid was among the first pilots ever to overfly the Pennsauken and Camden areas when he piloted a flight from New York to Philadelphia, crossing from Pennsylvania to New Jersey at Tacony, and then flying south to Gloucester in 1912. He had much experience in planes like the restored Wright B Flyer. Appropriately, he was accompanied on the test flights by Arthur Arrowsmith.

A few private tests were run first in November 1934 to be ready for the public flights on the anniversary of the

Wright brothers' flight.

So, on December 17, 1934, the Wright B Flyer with its checkered history was brought out on the runway of Central Airport. It was photographed beside a gleaming, modern twin engine airplane of the Transcontinental and Western Air fleet, used to fly air mail. The engines were tested and the propellers set spinning by hand. The plane taxied and revved its engines and stopped to be inspected, cleaned and adjusted.

Then it flew. The old Wright B Flyer sped down the runway and gathered lift beneath its wings and rose into the air, bearing the two men. It did not fly high or far on that day, but it flew, and the crowd cheered and waved. Between flights, dignitaries chattered and smoked cigars, while the mechanics surveyed the airplane's mechanisms, and then it flew again.

After several flights and at least one undignified hard landing, the old airplane had proven itself and the skill of its restorers. In January 1934, the Wright B Flyer went to its permanent home in the aviation hall of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. The airplane is still there, hung in the air. The museum also exhibits moving pictures of the test flights at Central Airport in December 1934.

Sources for this column include contemporary newspaper accounts, and web resources available through the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the Franklin Institute.



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Omega Institute Remains Open Through Teach-Out Agreement With Camden County College

On December 31, 2014, Omega Institute closed its Pennsauken campus after serving thousands of students over the span of 34 years. However, the school will remain open through a teach-out agreement with Camden County College at their Blackwood campus through June 30 of this year.

Omega Institute was established in Haddonfield, NJ in 1980 as a private post secondary school. In 1988, the school underwent a change in ownership, but continued to stress the development of career and life skills, while guiding and educating students to realize their career aspirations. The school's ultimate goal was to serve a population that was disadvantaged and give them an affordable way to learn valuable vocational skills on the way to earning decent wages. During its 34 years, Omega Institute has graduated thousands of students in programs such as medical assistant, surgical technology and massage therapy, as well as many other in-demand careers.

Raymond Papin, school director said, "We, at Omega, are extremely proud of our representation within the commu-

nity over the years and thank Camden County College for their recent involvement with the school."

The teach-out agreement with Camden County College was designed to ensure currently enrolled students would have the opportunity to complete their program.

"Although closing the school was a very difficult decision to make, the management team and its owners felt that it was in the best interest of the school to allow students the opportunity to complete their program of study as an Omega graduate prior to closing its doors," added Papin.

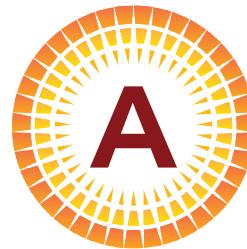
According to Tony Bieda, vice president of external affairs with the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), Omega's accreditation will end once the school is officially closed; the school is in good standing and was reviewed only a few years ago.

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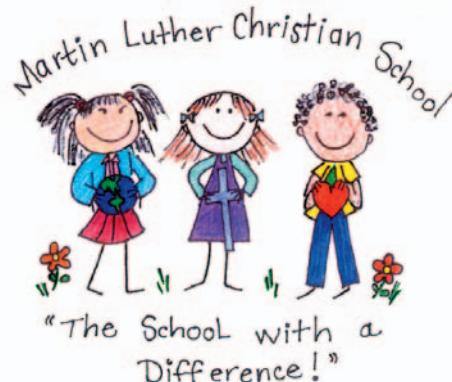
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A New Year's Resolution Worth Making... And Keeping

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

First of all, I wish everyone, everywhere joy, good health, peace, love, and happiness in this upcoming year!

Second of all... how are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? Did you make any? Hmm?

As for me, I'm at the point where the normal resolutions of life are... well... they don't always work out as planned, do they?

I typed that with a smile on my face by the way.

Looking back over old diaries... here are a few of my resolves of the past.

1964... I will meet George Harrison before the year is out! Actually, that DID happen!

1965... I will marry George Harrison before the year is out. That did NOT happen.

1967... I won't have any children until I'm 30! By the time I was 27, I already had four.

Then as the years rolled on...

1989... I will get my weight down below 150.

1992... I will count my calories daily until I get below 160.

1994... I will follow my new diet unfailingly until I get below 175.

1996... I will develop a more realistic attitude about my weight.

1998... I will work out 5 days a week.

2000... I will work out 3 days a week.

2003... I will faithfully watch Richard Simmons' "Sweatin' to the Oldies" CD every day at lunchtime while eating celery sticks and drinking mineral water.

I need not say any more... you get the idea.

But in 2004, 11 years ago, I decided that maybe I should turn those me, me, me, resolutions outward... and you know what... it worked!

It only took me half a century, but I "got it!"

My resolutions became a way of life. I decided I would become more tuned in to others. Not that I wasn't a good kid to start with, but there's always room for improvement. And not that I haven't been taking care of myself; I'm just channeling my energies a lot better.

Humor is still the key ingredient in my life... and it's good for me and the people I'm around.

And of course, on the heels of that also comes love, friendship, kindness, compassion, patience, giving and forgiving, and FUN! Ya'gotta' have some fun!

So, as a writer, here's how I look at it. 2015 is the first blank page of a 365-page book for you and for me. So make sure you write a good one. One with chapter after chapter filled with love, passion, friendship, kindness, service to others, compassion, patience, giving, and forgiving, and FUN! Ya'gotta' have some fun!

The difference between an ordinary life and a joy-filled extraordinary life is like the difference between a lightning bug and lightning. Be the lightning!

Happy 2015, my friends!

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~Judy



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Thanks to all who attended "Ladies' Night." It was a great success!

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PHS Students Visit College Fair



Pennsauken High School students attended the HBCU College Fair at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, NJ. Fourteen students were accepted on-the-spot to various colleges and universities. PHS is so very proud of these students. Congratulations to these outstanding young men and women!

Carson Second Graders Hold Publishing Party

On Nov. 18, the second grade students of Carson Elementary School held a very special event: a publishing party!

For the entire first marking period, the second graders worked on their personal narrative piece for Writing Workshop. The students chose a special moment in their lives to write about. They wrote the stories, illustrated them, and designed covers for their books.

To celebrate, Mrs. Ruane, Mrs. Goldstein, Ms. Dustman, and Mrs. Messina's classes all gathered in the Carson school library, along with many parents who were visiting for open house. Each student happily shared their completed works of art with friends in other classes. All of the students sat together in groups of three, listening carefully to each of their stories.

Next, the students gave "three stars and a wish." The "three stars" were three positive comments about their buddy's story; and the wish was something they can improve on for the next time.

This publishing party completed the



Carson second graders celebrated their completed personal narratives with a special publishing party.

unit on personal narratives. For the month of December, the authors wrote non-fiction, informative books.

Keep up the fabulous job, Carson second grade authors!

PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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

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PHS Students "Adopt-A-Grandparent" At Bentley Senior Living

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Members of the Pennsauken High School football team gave back to the community during the holidays with a special "Adopt-A-Grandparent" event at Bentley Senior Living on Route 130.

The idea for the event came from Nicole Martin-Swain, a Pennsauken resident who was very active in the Camden Police Athletic League for over 20 years. "I wanted to help bridge the gap between our youth and our elderly in our community."

Nicole reached out to local businesses, including Elite Transportation, Montegrillo Cucina Italiana, Tresses Full Service Salon, Euro Star Automotive Service and Repair, and Blue Rose Nail Salon, for financial support. In turn, Nicole, an

independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, used the donations to put together health and beauty care packages for residents at Bentley. She then turned to her son Na-Khi Martin, who attends PHS and plays on the football team, to help round up some of his teammates to distribute the holiday gifts.

"Everybody deserves a good Christmas, so I'm here to volunteer," says Na-Khi, who admits it took a little arm twisting to get some of his friends to participate. But as is the case with giving back, the young people who volunteered got back much more back than they gave.

"The players received as much joy as the residents did," adds Nicole. "The event was a great success."



Members of the Pennsauken High School football team gave back to the community during the holidays with a special "Adopt-A-Grandparent" event at Bentley Senior Living. Members of the team gave out care packages to residents.

Welcome To Board Bits!

The Pennsauken Board of Education announces the start of "Board Bits," a new monthly article in All Around Pennsauken that is designed to inform the public about our work on behalf of our school district and our community.

Please follow this column monthly for

more information about your Board of Education. The Board encourages all Pennsauken residents to come to our meetings, held twice a month. Visit www.pennsauken.net for the dates, times and locations of the meetings, as well as for other important information.

Visit our Web Site: www.pennsauken.net

Delair PTA Sponsors Annual Craft Night

Last month, students and parents of all ages attended the Delair PTA Winter Craft Night. Tables of supplies provided by the PTA were set up for craft-making fun.

The purpose of this event was to celebrate the winter, make crafts, and spend time together.

Both students and parents had a wonderful time!



Having fun making ornaments was one of the highlights of Delair Family Craft Night.



From the smiling faces on this student and his mother, you can tell they were enjoying making snowflakes at Delair School.



Friends having fun making paper rings during Craft Night.

PHS Students Perform Holiday Play For Day Care Children



Students in Pennsauken High School's Speech and Drama II class performed a holiday play for the children who attend day care there with the Parenting class. An adaption of Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," the play was written, blocked, and directed by the students, who also constructed a set, props and their own costumes.



Enjoying Boxes At Baldwin And All They Contain

Mrs. Mimm's class at Baldwin's Early Childhood Center has begun a study on boxes. They have learned that kids can be more excited about the box, then what is inside.

The class will be exploring different sizes of boxes, shapes of boxes, how many corners, how many sides and the different uses of boxes. In addition, the students will work to expand their imaginations by creating various dramatic play props.

Is it a cave, rocket ship, house, car or boat? Some of the books they will enjoy

Mobile Dentist Visits Carson Schools

Carson School had some special visitors on Dec. 1-2 when Little Smiles New Jersey... Mobile Dentists came to visit students.

This program is a highly acclaimed, on-site dental care program created in compliance with the CDC and US Surgeon General. Dental exams, screenings, cleaning, Fluoride treatments and dental

x-rays are provided.

All children are eligible for these services. Dental insurances are acceptable and grants are available. Permission forms were available through the school nurse. More than 50 students were seen at Carson in December and they will have their six-month check up in June, when the mobile dentists will return.



Carson student Josean Caraballo gets his dental x-ray by Little Smiles New Jersey... Mobile Dentists.

are "A Box Can Be Many Things," by Dana Rau, "The Big Brown Box," by Marisabina Russo, "Not a Box," by Antoinette Portis and "Cubes, Cones, Cylinders, and Spheres," by Tana Hoban.

Children in Baldwin's Early Childhood Center are excited to learn about boxes of all shapes and sizes.



Delair Students Have A Blast At Laser Science Assembly

Early in December, students at Delair Elementary enjoyed a popular show arranged through The Bureau of Lectures and Performing Artists.

The show, called "Wonderry Sound Science," taught students concepts such

as persistence of vision; how our eyes make laser shows possible; how light has both momentum and inertia; how energy is converted into light; stimulated emission; how lasers work; Albert Einstein's ideas regarding light; and the im-

portance of science, engineering and art. The assembly also included a professionally choreographed music and laser display, which brought all of the concepts together.



Students pose for a photo with the presenter of the "Wonderry Sound Science" show.



The presenter shows students how the fire on the board moves to the beat of the music being played.

Phifer Middle School Makes Donation To Fight Breast Cancer



In October, students and teachers at Phifer Middle School had an opportunity to make a donation to have a special dress down day. Through this effort, Phifer helped to raise \$756 for the Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation, a Philadelphia-based non-profit dedicated to creating awareness, fostering education and supporting medical research to fight breast cancer. Pictured here is Principal Thomas Honeyman and Donna M. Duncan, MBA, executive director, Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Attend this program on a regular basis and you will gain the skills and knowledge to help you achieve satisfactory scores on the new HSE (High School Equivalency) tests, which are given throughout the year at selected New Jersey sites.

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Fine Third Graders Have Exciting First Few Months

The first few months of school have been extremely exciting in Ms. Komis' third grade class.

In literacy, they have been learning about realism and fantasy. The students had the opportunity to write their own realism and fantasy story about animals. Students then created their own fantasy animal based on the story that they wrote. When they completed the project, the class was able to share their stories with

one another. The students were extremely excited to see the crazy new animal species they created – like an octoshark!

Students have also been studying the water cycle and the creation of clouds. They used cotton balls to construct the three different types of clouds. Soon, students will be working on various experiments based on the water cycle. Students are thoroughly looking forward to getting their hands wet!



As part of their studies on the water cycle, students at Fine were happy to display their cloud projects to the class. Pictured from left to right are Macenzie Hunter, Aiden Roberts, Shania Manana, and Trinity Joly.

Delair All A Honor Roll



Students who received all A's on their first marking period report card were presented with a certificate during the honor roll assembly. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

Middle School Students Of The Month

Eighth Grade:

Sana Farhat, Kevin K. Nguyen, Sabian Santiago, Catie Evans, Mostaly Kim, Yamilette Colon, Omaira Cruz, and Davis Tran.

Yesenia Rivera, Juan Azcona, Jaden Johnson, Nyla Nasir, Brandon Khop, and Yulia Abou Harb.

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grilled chicken breast with homemade guacamole, mozzarella & tomato - 7.5

BLACK BEAN VEGGIE BURGER

house-made chipotle spiced veggie burger with homemade guacamole & tomato on a toasted roll - 7.5

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1/2 lb. 100% Angus beef dusted in Cajun spices, topped with crispy bacon, homemade guacamole, pepper jack cheese & jalapeno lime mayo - 7

BRAGO BURGER

1/2 lb. 100% Angus beef layered with a tangy slice of pork roll, a crisp slice of scrapple covered with provolone cheese and secret Brago sauce 7.5 Optional Egg - 1

O'DOWD BURGER

1/2 lb. 100% Angus beef topped with cheddar, bacon & mushrooms. - 7

BLEU BURGER

1/2 lb. 100% Angus beef, seasoned with Cajun spices, topped with fresh crumbled bleu cheese & lettuce and tomato - 7

SOUTHWEST BURGER

1/2 lb. 100% Angus beef topped with crispy bacon, tangy BBQ sauce with onion rings & cheese - 7

TEXAS BURGER

1/2 lb 100% Angus beef burger topped with pulled pork, BBQ sauce, onion rings and coleslaw with lettuce & tomato - 8 Optional Egg - 1

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New Menu

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KITCHEN SINK BURGER

1/2 lb. 100% Angus beef topped with Fresh Cut Fries, Mozz Sticks, BBQ Pulled Pork & Cole Slaw - 8

SANDWICHES

All Sammy's are served with cole slaw, home made fresh cut fries and a pickle

BBQ PULLED PORK

with tangy barbecue sauce on a toasted roll - 7.75

BUFFALO CHICKEN WRAP

chopped and grilled chicken covered in our buffalo wing sauce with lettuce and tomato in a grilled wrap - 7.75

TURKEY CLUB

roasted turkey breast, bacon, lettuce & tomato on toasted bread - 7.75

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CHEESE STEAK

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Served with glass of house red wine or white wine, house salad or cup of soup

PEROGIES

big bowl of mouth watering potatoes and cheese inside pasta with melted butter and sauteed onions - 11

NEW YORK STRIP STEAK

12oz of seasoned steak grilled to perfection served with baked potato - 16

FILET MIGNON

8oz tender tasty filet, served with baked potato and house veggies - 16.5

THE ANGELINA

Chicken Piccata - fresh cut chicken sauteed with lemon juice, white wine, butter and olive oil simmered with a dash of capers, shallots, mushrooms and hints of garlic served over pasta - 13.5

CHICKEN PARM

breaded chicken breast, sauteed and covered in marinara and cheese over pasta - 13.5

CHICKEN MARSALA

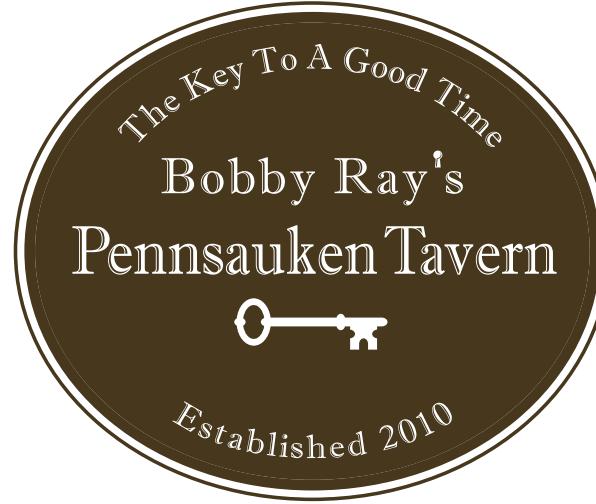
sauted chicken breast with a homemade Marsala served over pasta - 13

CHAMPAGNE RAVIOLI

deliciously and tenderly cooked ravioli in a light creme champagne sauce - 12

BLACKENED TILAPIA

cajun crusted & seasoned tilapia served with house veggie mix - 13.5



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SENIOR CORNER

By Sonny DiSabato
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. Hoping all is well.

You may be eligible for some help keeping your home warm during the winter, thanks to several government-sponsored programs.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded program, providing one-time aid to low income households for their heating costs. Even if these costs are included as part of an individual's rent, they may still be eligible to receive aid. Applications are accepted now through April 30. Benefit eligibility is dependent upon income, household size and heating type. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is administered by the department of Community Affairs.

Created by New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities, the Universal Service Fund helps low-income households pay

What To Do About The Flu: From Prevention To Treatment

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- Stay at home and rest until you are fully recovered
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue anytime you cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer
- Drink plenty of water to prevent fluid loss

In some cases, you may need to seek medical attention right away.

In adults, these signs include:

- Severe chest pain
- Severe headache
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Persistent vomiting

In children, additional signs of an emergency are:

- Difficulty breathing or rapid breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Lethargy and failure to interact normally
- Extreme irritability or distress
- Symptoms that were improving and then suddenly worsen
- Fever with a rash

By keeping these tips in mind, Pennsauken residents can help themselves stay healthier during this year's flu season.

Energy Assistance, Preventive Services Available For Seniors

for their electric and natural gas bills. To qualify, a household must be income eligible based on program guidelines and spend more than three percent of household income on gas and/or electricity.

The Lifeline Utility Assistance Program helps eligible low-income senior citizens and the disabled with their electric and natural gas costs. Homeowners and renters can apply for Lifeline by filling out the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the

Aged and Disabled (PAAD) application.

The Temporary Relief For Utility Expenses (TRUE) program was designed to help low to moderate income households to pay their natural gas and electric bills. This program provides benefits only to income eligible households who have not received assistance through the Universal Service Fund or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in the past 12 months, have a notice of

overdue payment for gas or electric service, and have a good payment history on their utility bills.

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps elderly, handicapped and low-income persons to weatherize their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. Eligible recipients will receive both an energy audit and installation of the recommended energy efficiency measures at

no cost. The program is available year round to New Jersey residents.

For more information on these and other programs that benefit seniors and the disabled, visit Camden County O.E.O. at 5287 Rt. 70, Pennsauken. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can also call the office at (856) 910-1180.

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when seconds count to insure your safety and welfare.

If you are fortunate enough to have a fire hydrant in front of your home or property, we are asking you to partner with us to protect this valuable component of your neighborhood infrastructure. We ask for your assistance particularly at this time of year with the hopes of you keeping your hydrant clear of snow. When seconds count, your dedicated firefighters will be able to quickly find and secure a reliable water supply.

While snow is always a problem, parked cars, high weeds, vegetation and other obstructions can all restrict access and needlessly delay fire operations. On some occasions, fire hydrants have been struck by motorists, damaged and left not reported. If you think your hydrant is damaged in any way or leaking, call us immediately at 856-663-0044, day or night, and we will send someone out to inspect and/or repair them.

Please know that when there is any appreciable snowfall, local firefighters and water company personnel try to hit critical access arteries and highways to locate and clear hydrants; sometimes we cannot get to all neighborhoods in a timely fashion. Many times during snow emergencies, fire and emergency services personnel encounter increased call volume and may be dedicating their services to emergencies and never get to clearing all hydrants. On some occasions,

water company personnel can be tied up on water emergencies as well. If you could take an extra few minutes when clearing your property to "adopt" the hydrant in front of your home, clearing it of snow and making it visible, you become part of our life safety team that keeps you, your family and your neighbors safe. Keeping an eye on it all year round, maintaining the partnership, would certainly be helpful and appreciated.

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The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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Planning A Winter Getaway?

- Set the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to check on your house daily to make sure it is warm enough to prevent freezing.
- If you are planning an extended winter vacation, shut off and drain your water system. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated when you shut off your water. You may want to consult with a licensed plumber when draining your water system.



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Simple Planning Helps Prepare For Winter Emergencies

Provided by Fire Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, Sr., CPM and the Pennsauken Fire Department

If we have off from work or school, there's nothing quite like watching the snow fall on a winter's day. But when it comes to emergency situations, that beautiful scene can become a hazard. But as always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. By planning ahead and preparing for the issues winter emergencies can cause, you'll be taking important steps to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Preparing For Winter Storms

Before a snow storm arrives, the National Weather Service provides helpful indicators on what kind of winter weather to expect.

- Winter Weather Advisory: Expect winter weather conditions (e.g., accumulation of snow, freezing rain, and sleet) that could cause severe inconvenience and life-threatening hazards
- Frost/Freeze Warning: Expect below-freezing temperatures
- Winter Storm Watch: Be alert; a storm is likely
- Winter Storm Warning: Take action; the storm is in or entering the area
- Blizzard Warning: Seek refuge immediately! Snow and strong winds, near-zero visibility, deep snow drifts, and life-threatening wind chill

In order to prepare for severe winter storms, homes should have at least a three-day supply of water for each member of the family. That equates to one gallon of water per person per day. There should be at least a three-day supply of

non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food for each person as well.

In case of a winter emergency, be sure to have a flashlight with extra batteries; a battery-powered or hand-crank radio; a fully stocked first-aid kit; a seven-day supply of necessary medications, as well as needed medical items, including hearing aids with extra batteries, syringes, canes, and the like; a toolkit or a multi-purpose tool; sanitation and personal hygiene items; and cell phones with chargers. If your family has an infant, be sure to have plenty of baby formula, bottles, baby food and diapers. The same goes for those families with pets; keep plenty of pet supplies handy, like a lease and collar, ID, food, pet carriers, bowl, etc. It's also important to have a list of medications and pertinent medical information handy, as well as phone numbers for family members and emergency contacts.

Keeping Warm During The Cold

During snow storms, layering is key. When headed outside, dress in several layers of lightweight clothing and wear winter gloves and a hat, preferably one that covers your ears.

When inside, keep plenty of extra blankets, sleeping bags and warm winter clothing handy for when the temperature drops. Having a fireplace with plenty of dry firewood or a gas log fireplace can also help. If you're looking to supplement your heater, use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements. Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water and never leave children unat-

tended near one. Also, be sure to keep heat sources at least three feet away from furniture and drapes. Never use an electric generator indoors, inside the garage, or near the air intake of your home, due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. And never use charcoal grills or portable gas camp stoves indoors. The fumes are deadly. It's situations like these that stress the importance of having

working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout the home.

In the case of power outages caused after winter storms, particularly ones that can potentially last for long periods of time, it's important to move to a warmer location. Options are designated public shelters, or a nearby relative or friend's house that has power. If possible, avoid driving in conditions such as sleet, freez-

ing rain, or dense fog. It's also important to winterize your vehicle and keep your gas tank full to prevent the car's fuel line from freezing.

For more safety tips on how to prepare for severe winter weather, download the Winter Storm Safety Checklist from the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org/Images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4240231_WinterStorms.pdf.

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Dear Neighbors Helping Neighbors,

Thank you so much for all your helping hands in a time of financial crisis. This one time grant kept myself and my cat from becoming homeless. Without your help I would have found myself in serious trouble. Once again, thank you so very much and may all of you have a great Holiday and happy and healthy New Year. Special people like you make the world a brighter place.

Keep It Flowing In 2015 And Prevent Frozen Pipes

Frozen pipes can cause major disasters in the frigid winter, damaging homes and personal property.

Hutchinson Plumbing Heating Cooling provides seven precautions to help prevent the mess, money and aggravation frozen pipes cause.

"Frozen pipes cause major home maintenance disasters every winter," says Tom Hutchinson, Hutchinson Plumbing Heating Cooling president. "However, this disaster is highly preventable by taking a few simple precautions."

1. Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic. Remember: the more insulation you use, the more protected your pipes will be.

2. Heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. Follow all manufacturers' installation and operation instructions.

3. Keep the cold out. Seal leaks that let cold air in where pipes are located. Air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents, and pipes, and use caulk or insula-

tion to prevent pipes from freezing.

4. Shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.

5. Trickle water. Hot or cold water will help keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight from a faucet on an outside wall.

6. Set your thermostat. Keep your thermostat set at the same temperature during both day and night. If you're in the habit of turning your heat down when you are not at home, it increases your chances of frozen pipes when the temperature drops, commonly overnight. A rule of thumb: keep temperature at 55° F or higher when leaving for an extended period of time.

7. Open your cabinets. Allow heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

If your pipes do freeze, don't panic.

Follow these following steps:

1. Call a plumber. The most obvious tip, but make sure to turn your faucets on while you wait.

2. Do NOT use electrical appliances in areas of standing water. You may be electrocuted.

3. Never attempt to thaw a frozen pipe with a torch or other open flame.

4. You can thaw a frozen pipe with your hair dryer. Warm the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, making your way towards the coldest section of the pipe.

5. If it's too late and your pipes have already burst, turn off the main water valve in the house and leave the water faucets turned on.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

AAP Columnist Judith Kristen Recipient Of Pioneer Achievement Award

Author, humanitarian and All Around Pennsauken columnist Judith Kristen was recently recognized by the Frankford High School Alumni Association with their Pioneer Achievement Award. The award, instituted in 1963, is given to graduates of Frankford High School who have distinguished themselves for leadership, achievement and service.

From 2005 to 2007, Kristen, an alum of the high school's Class of 1965, created a "Teen Writers Guild" at Frankford, where young writers not only find their "voice," but learn life-long skills: the importance of making a deadline, critical thinking, good decision making, the power of teamwork, and joy for the written word. Working closely with Judith, who donated over 1,000 hours of her time to the program, Frankford High School students published two books, "What We Want To Tell You," and "The Writings On The Wall," that contained their poems, essays, and stories.

"I am so overwhelmed and so very



Author and humanitarian Judith Kristen is the most recent recipient of the Pioneer Achievement Award, given to graduates of Frankford High School who have distinguished themselves for leadership, achievement and service. She is seen here with W. Bruce Beaton, president, Frankford High School Alumni Association.

happy, grateful, and over the moon," says Kristen about receiving the award. "Thank you to everyone at Frankford High, my husband Andrew, and all of my friends and students and faculty who attended the celebration."

FOP Of Pennsauken And Merchantville Give Back For The Holidays

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 3 Pennsauken/Merchantville embraced a season of giving through a variety of holiday events.

FOP members, as well as their families, participated in both the Pennsauken and Merchantville holiday parades, giving out candy, as well as rubber duckies, Eagles footballs, and Sixers piggy banks to children in the crowd.

In addition, the FOP held several donation drives for a variety of local non-profits. During the month of December, over 100 coats and 250 hats, gloves, scarves, and socks were collected for Joseph's House, an organization which works with others to provide emergency shelter, a range of supportive housing, and access to comprehensive social services to assist Camden's homeless. Just in time for Christmas, the FOP donated over two dozen toys to the Camden County Women's Center, which is dedicated to assisting survivors of domestic violence build violence-free lives, and reducing domestic violence through community education initiatives. The FOP also received donations of turkeys, as well as all of the fixings, which were delivered to the Food Bank of South Jersey.



During the holiday party for the children of local Fraternal Order of Police members, it was announced that over 100 coats and 250 hats, gloves, scarves, and socks were collected for Joseph's House, an organization which works to get and keep Camden's homeless off of the streets through access to comprehensive social services.

sey, based right here in Pennsauken, on Christmas Eve.

The local Fraternal Order of Police would like to thank the Pennsauken and Merchantville communities for donating warm clothing, toys and food, as well as providing financial support, to help with their ongoing efforts to provide for those who would most likely go without this holiday season.

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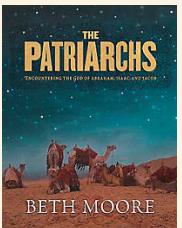
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Public Notice For A Proposed Diversion Of Parkland In Pennsauken Township

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application is subject to NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval, and once filed, will be available for review at the Pennsauken Township Clerk's office at 5605 North Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken Township, NJ, 08110 and at the NJDEP Green Acres Program offices, located at 501 East State St., First Floor, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0412.

A public hearing will be held on Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, 5605 North Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken Township, NJ 08110. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. In addition to oral comments presented during the hearing, written comments may be submitted to the agencies listed at the end of this notice. All written comments must be received within two weeks following the hearing, by Feb. 5.

The proposed parkland diversion is located on the edge of Bethel Field, adjacent to the Pennsauken Township Police Department and Municipal Court-

house parking lot. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26. 10(e), monetary compensation will be provided by PSE&G to Pennsauken Township for parkland acquisition or improvements. Information regarding this diversion request can be obtained by contacting Robert McCarthy of Public Service and Gas Company at (908) 412-6904.

Comments on the diversion request may be directed to Pennsauken Township Parks and Recreation Department by phone at (856) 665-1000 x151, and in writing to 5605 North Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken Township, NJ 08110; Attn: Bethel Field Comments. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420.

This notice was posted on the Pennsauken Township web site, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, and on AllAroundPennsauken.com as of Friday, Dec. 19, 2014.

Marriage Proposal Highlight Of Annual Holiday Parade

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moved back here and we would always go to the parade every year," explained DePietropolo. "By proposing at the parade, everybody could be out there: all of our family and friends. It added a fairy tale ending to it."

Chris first started to plan the parade proposal in September. With the help of the Parks and Recreation Department, a fake letter was sent to Chris stating that he'd be honored at the parade for his work with the Pennsauken Youth Athletic Association. Chris would ride along the parade route in the horse-drawn carriage that carried the Pennsauken Township Committee and Carol came along as his guest. What Wiand didn't realize was that the trip to the parade grandstand on Browning Rd. would lead to the biggest question of her life.

"I was nervous from when it started all the way down," says Chris. "But as soon as I stepped off [the carriage], all my nerves went away."

DePietropolo stepped off, got down on one knee, and asked. For Carol, the world stopped, and there was only the two of them.

"I'm pretty sure my heart stopped. I couldn't feel anything. I couldn't breathe," says Wiand. "It was something I waited a very long time for. Everything about Pennsauken has been home for so long; I couldn't have picked a better place."

The moment was truly picture perfect. And after a lot of cheers, and an interview of the happy couple by local television station NBC 10, the parade resumed with performances from Pennsauken High School students, the Eagles Pep Band, Gloucester City String Band, and even an appearance of members of the 501st Legion, an all-volunteer group of "Star Wars" fans who came dressed up as characters from the movie to help raise funds for the Children's Tumor Foundation. Of course, the parade concluded with visit from Jolly Ol' Saint Nick, who delighted all those in attendance and helped start Pennsauken's official countdown to Christmas Day.

Chris and Carol are planning for a May 2015 wedding.

For more photos and video from the Pennsauken Holiday Parade, be sure to visit AllAroundPennsauken.com.

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UrbanPromise, Pennsauken Partners Announce \$710,000 Grant From Wells Fargo

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Wells Fargo Regional Foundation. "We believe the neighborhood is poised for growth and new energy as a result of this initiative."

"We are thrilled by Wells Fargo's investment in Delaware Gardens. Our 600 surveys in the neighborhood informed us that residents are most concerned with providing opportunities for teens. The Initiative gives us the opportunity to help forge this effort and its primary goal and thereby impact the future of this important border area of Camden and Pennsauken," explained UrbanPromise Executive Director, Jodina Hicks.

"It's vitally important that we continue to invest in our neighborhoods and make sure they maintain their vibrancy and special quality of life," added Freeholder Deputy Director Ed McDonnell. "Camden County is a proud partner in this initiative and we are looking forward to our role in the project."

Jack Killion, mayor of Pennsauken at the time of the announcement, said, "This neighborhood of Pennsauken has seen many changes over the last 10 years. That being said, Delaware Gardens has many great assets that can be improved and

highlighted. Work in this area over the next five years will be transformative and will benefit all of Pennsauken. We are excited by the opportunity to partner on this initiative."

Established in 1988, UrbanPromise's mission is to equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership through after-school programs, summer camps, two schools, experiential learning, job training, and other programs that challenge youth to realize their potential. The Wells Fargo Regional Foundation chose UrbanPromise as the

lead partner in this project because of their successful history.

Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, established in 1998, is a private grant-making body with the primary mission to improve the lives of children and families by supporting the revitalization of neighborhoods in New Jersey, Delaware, and Eastern Pennsylvania. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$76 million in grants to more than 242 non-profit organizations. For additional information on the Foundation, please visit www.wellsfargo.com/about/regional-foundation.

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At this moment, colleges, trade schools, and other options of higher education are taking applications for new students. While a degree may not be a golden ticket to making millions, it may give you the skills, knowledge, and experience that you need in the current, highly competitive job market.

What's that? You are afraid of the cost and don't know where to go? There's a book for that!

Come by the library and take a look at our display near the Reference and Inter-

net Services Desk! We have a display with books on finding scholarships, seeking grants, and checklists of what you should be looking for with a school and help with deciding your major. If you check it out early enough, you might be lucky enough to walk away with a paper copy of some of these checklists and guidelines. What more could you need?

The Library also has a link on its web site that helps you prepare for college admission exams. By visiting Pennsauken Library.org and selecting "Online Resources," you'll find the "Learn A Test" link, which can help you get ready for the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, ACT, the AP exam and more! You can also take a look at StudentAid.gov/resources and see how you

can afford an education for yourself or someone dear to you.

Just don't forget: we're here at the Pennsauken Free Public Library to help you find the information you need to get through this process. Let us help you plan your tomorrow today!

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January Library Events

For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- LEGO Club – Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28; 4:30-5:15 p.m. Children can build the wild vehicles, buildings and creatures in their imaginations! For all ages.
- Little Storytime – Mondays, Jan. 5, 12, & 26 and Thursdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29; 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join Miss Sonora for stories and songs perfect for all your little ones! For ages 0-5.
- Pajama Storytime – Wednesdays, Jan. 7 & 21; 7:00-7:30 p.m. You know you want your kids to read more, and bedtime is the perfect time to make reading a part of your children's daily activities. To that end, we're here to help! For ages 2-7.

For Teens & Adults:

- Book Club – Thursday, Jan. 8; 10:00-11:30 a.m. Discussing this month's book choice, "Me Before You," by Jojo Moyes.
- Friends of the Library Meeting – Wednesday, Jan. 14; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Calling All Artists For The Annual Friends Of The Library Art Show And Sale

we'd love to allow artists to enter unlimited works, space considerations force us to limit submissions to two per artist.

All works in the show may be (but aren't required to be) priced for sale; the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library ask for a donation of 20 percent of the sales in return. Submission delivery days are Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Friday, April 17 from 12:00 – 5:30 p.m. All artists participating in the show are invited to a "Meet the Artist" reception in the Community Room on Sunday, April 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Student artists in grades eight through 12, as well as adults, are welcome to submit work in any or all of the following media: drawing, painting, photography, video, three-dimensional, and fabric art. All work must have been completed within the last three years and be ready to hang or be placed on display. Please make sure all paintings are completely dry before bringing them in. Three-dimensional work must fit within the boundaries of 15" x 15" x 13." All hanging pieces must not be larger than 30" by 36" (including the frame).

An ID card should be attached to the rear of the work; you can get one of those in the informational brochures at the Library lobby desk. Unfortunately, while

The Friends will be hosting a number of related events throughout the week of the Art Show. One such program is "Framing Made Easy and Done Right," taking place on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Other workshops still being planned include photography, watercolor, stained glass mosaics, and dried flowers.

Here's hoping to see you at one of our monthly Friends of the Library meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. For more information on the Friends and their activities, e-mail FriendsofLibrary@yahoo.com.



By Kathleen Harvey
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

A new year is upon us. It's cold and dreary outside. I gaze longingly at the frozen garden, dreaming of the spring to come. In order to hit the ground running, so to speak, when spring finally arrives, it's time to inspect, clean, sharpen, and lubricate all the garden tools. Key gardening tools include a shovel, trowel, knife, loppers, pruners, and pruning saws.

Properly maintained, good quality garden tools are a joy to use and can last for generations. Regularly cleaning, oiling, and sharpening your garden tools will prevent rust and prolong their life. Start by inspecting tools to ensure all parts are properly connected and won't fly apart when you go to use them. Get rid of worn out tools; there are some re-

ally nice ergonomic tools available on the market that can reduce hand, arm, and back injury. If using electric power tools, check cords for any worn or nicked spots. Repair, or replace any worn electrical equipment to prevent house fires. If Santa left a gift certificate in your stocking, think about using it for a shiny new garden tool to add to your arsenal.

Once tools are inspected and worn out ones have been tossed, it's time to clean and lubricate those that remain. Remove soil with a scrub brush, and use paint thinner to remove sap and pitch. Next, use steel wool or a wire brush to scour away any rust that has accumulated on metal parts. A rotary wire brush attachment chucked in a drill can make the job easier and faster. Sandpaper can be used to remove any remaining rust

from surfaces and crevices, and lightly polish the metal. Remove rust with as little grinding and scraping of the steel as possible to keep tools from becoming thinner and weaker over time. Smooth worn wooden handles with medium grit sandpaper to remove splinters and deteriorated finish. When finished scraping, sanding, and cleaning, thoroughly wipe down the tools to remove any wood or

metal sanding dust.

Next, use a metal file to lightly sharpen tool edges. Again, don't grind away too much of the metal, just smooth out nicks, remove burrs, and provide a nice clean edge. On some cutting tools like hedge clippers, pruners and axes, follow up with a sharpening stone lubricated with oil for a finer edge. After tools have been cleaned and sharpened, it's time to lubri-

cate. Using a clean rag, apply lubricating oil to wooden handles, joints, and metal blades. Rub the oil into the surface, then wipe off any excess. The oil will loosen joints, help prevent rust on metal parts, and condition wood to keep it from absorbing water and prevent cracking. Now the tools are ready for a new gardening season.

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The Township does offer its residents a courtesy program for the removal of curb line trees which meet certain requirements. However, trees on private property, including those between the curb line and the sidewalk, are the sole responsibility of the individual property owner, according to the municipal code. A homeowner may remove a curb line tree or any other tree on their property at any time. No permit is required for the removal.

When removing a tree, the homeowner may choose to hire a private company. Before signing a contract, residents should make sure that the company is not only insured but also responsible for removing the debris from your property. As with any home project, it is always best to get several estimates and to check references.

If a property owner decides to take on the removal of a tree themselves, all small limbs and debris should be bagged, placed in containers, or bundled and put out for collection on Wednesdays. Those limbs larger than four inches in diameter and the tree trunk itself should be cut into pieces approximately two feet long and placed at the curb. Contact Public Works to have these larger pieces removed.

The homeowner is also responsible for

removing the stump within 90 days of the tree removal. Contact a stump removal company directly to have the stump removed. If it is not removed, it can expose the homeowner to potential liability if someone is injured tripping over the stump or result in a code violation.

It is important to remember that curb line trees are the responsibility of the property owner; as such, if the property owner believes that the tree is a hazard or could present a potential liability, they have the right to remove the tree at any time.

Sometimes curb line trees can become a hazard and deemed to be in need of removal. Public Works will assist a homeowner with the removal of a curb line tree only if it is determined a tree is over 60 percent dead, is an eminent safety hazard, or if the homeowner has documented evidence of three blockages of the sewer lateral caused by tree roots.

If the sidewalk is lifted up by the roots, it is not a reason for removal by Public Works. The department is also not permitted to remove any tree on private property.

The process to have a curb line tree removed by Public Works begins with a call or e-mail to the Public Works Department to request an inspection of the tree in question. An inspector will visit the property to determine if the tree meets the stated criteria. If the curb line tree meets the required criteria, the homeowner must sign a permission slip to allow a Public Works crew to remove the tree. This is a very important part of the process. By signing the permission slip, the homeowner relieves the Township of any liabilities caused by the removal. The homeowner must also commit to repairing any damaged sidewalks or curbs after the removal of the tree.

Once the homeowner signs the permission slip, the tree will be added to one of two lists, the Township's regular removal list or the PSE&G list. It may take over a year before the tree is removed.

Public Works employees are not permitted nor qualified to work within a certain distance of power lines. Our employees do work alongside and assist a qualified utility company contractor in these situations. This is general done only on Fridays, weather permitting. In addition, the utility company regularly trims

limbs on curb side trees that are threatening power lines and is responsible for clearing away all the debris from the trees they trimmed.

There is only one crew designated to remove curb line trees. That same crew is also responsible for the maintenance of all trees on any Township park, recreational facility or other Township-owned property. Also, they are the crew that responds when trees are blocking Township streets as the result of a storm. Additionally, they are responsible for the installation and removal of the holiday decorations on Westfield and Maple avenues, Marlton Pike and River Rd.

Each week, a list of trees removed is forwarded to the Code Enforcement Department to insure that homeowners comply with their agreement to remove the stump and repair any damaged sidewalks or curbs.

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Pennsauken Township's Trash Holidays For 2015

Per Waste Management's contract with the Township of Pennsauken, there are only six holidays which change the trash and recycling collection schedule:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

When a holiday falls on a Monday, collections are pushed forward one day. Monday's trash collection is done on Tuesday, etc. If one of these holidays occur later during the week, the schedule remains the same for the days preceding the holiday and the schedule is pushed forward one day for the remainder of the week. If any of these holidays fall on a weekend, the collection schedule does not change for the following week.



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inTown Celebrating The Spirit Of The Season



Saint Nick listens intently to a little girl's Christmas list during Pennsauken Township's annual Breakfast with Santa. Photo credit: Kristen Weber.



Jack Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken for 2014, and Betsy McBride, Deputy Mayor of Pennsauken for 2014, presented a proclamation to Danny Nguyen for his participation in the inaugural Harvest Festival and his commitment to volunteerism.



Members of the Freeholder Board "break" the ribbon officially opening the Winterfest skating rink at Pennsauken's Cooper River Park.



To help needy families during the holidays, John Lancaster of Discount Harry's donated over \$200 worth of toys to Pennsauken's Angel Tree Program. Also, local businesses came together to donate toys and \$1,000 to make sure that Pennsauken children had presents to open under the Christmas tree.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

By Billy Wright, Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

The PHS wrestling team concluded the 2014 season on a high note, as the Indians set a school record with a 20-win season, qualifying for the NJSIAA state tournament for the first time in school history. Code Red starts off 2015 just as high, as the team is 15th in the Courier-Post's initial rankings. The defending BCSL divisional champions will open up the defense of their crown on Wednesday, Jan. 7, as they host Rancocas Valley at 6:00 p.m.

Pennsauken's Grapplers Start Season Ranked Fifteenth**Bello Sisters On A Roll**

Every year, the PHS bowling team is the first winter team out of the chute with an early Dec. 1 starting date. So far, the Indians' girls squad is on a roll, having won five of six matches. The girls are led by the one-two punch of the Bello sisters, Jessica and Michele. Jessica, a senior and the older of the two, is a two-time All Conference honoree with the second highest average in the league with a 190.78. Michele has a 186.83 average, the third highest in the Burlington County Scholastic League standings behind

Ewing's Jessie Garzio. In addition, Pennsauken's Siani Tripp is holding down the third spot on the talented team.

The lone loss of the season was to Ewing, where the girls were close to splitting the match but came up short, losing the second game by 16 pins and the third game by six. A spare here or there and the loss would have been a win.

Joey Bulicki leads the Indians' boys squad with a 168.11 average, followed by Kriquan Cephas with a 165.83 average and brother Joey at 154.68.

Athletes Of The Month

The fall athletic season came and went like the wind and four Indian student-athletes left their mark. The October Athletes of the Month were boys soccer player Carlos Portillo and girls volleyball player Olivia Summerfield.

Carlos was a commanding force on the soccer pitch, while Olivia was named first team All Conference and led the team in every offensive statistic.

The November honorees were Briana Roberts and Aaron Swann. Briana

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Franklin Students Enjoy A Visit From The Philly Soul

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Students at Benjamin Franklin Elementary enjoyed a visit from the Philadelphia Soul in December.

Jessica Devito, marketing manager, first-year Cheerleader Alyssa M., and Philadelphia Soul Nose Guard Tyron Hurst were on hand to talk to students about the importance of healthy eating and exercise.

Several students participated in fun, educational games and even got a chance to show off some of their favorite exercises.

The event helped kick-off a special program at Franklin. Students who keep a two-week log of the healthy food they eat and the exercises they do will be treated to a free ticket to an upcoming Philadelphia Soul arena football game.



Students at Franklin Elementary got a chance to learn about healthy eating and exercise from the Philadelphia Soul arena football team.

Select VIP students will also get a chance to high five the Soul players as they are announced before kick-off.

Overall, the kids walked away with

some encouragement to live healthier, eat better and even had some fun in the process, which is a great way to learn.

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PYAA SPORTS**Registration For PYAA Spring Soccer Now Open**

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tion will be on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., Pennsauken, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The price per child is \$75.

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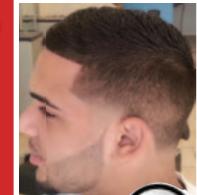
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PYAA Predators Win Columbus Day Soccer Tourney

The PYAA Predators won the prestigious 2014 Columbus Day soccer tournament. The 10-year-old boys travel team beat a team from Delaware in the final game to win the championship. Through dedication and teamwork, the Predators were also division champs this year, finishing the regular season undefeated. Back row (left to right): Coach Walt Hatley, Damian Pagan, Miguel Martinez, Tyrone Eubanks, Kyle McCarty, Jack Schuler, and Coach Bill O'Neill. Front row (left to right): Will Hatley, Andrew Hatley, Adian Riley, Gavin McGovern, Liam O'Neill, and Logan Kane. Frank Coar is not pictured.

Pennsauken's Grapplers Start Season Ranked Fifteenth

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was the first Indian runner across the finish line in every meet this season, was named first team All Conference for the third consecutive year, and became the first Indian girls cross country runner in school history to qualify for the state championships. Aaron had a great season playing on both sides of the ball and was honored as a second team All Conference player. In the season ending Thanksgiving Day 26-14 win over Bishop Eustace, Aaron rushed 41 times for 231 yards and scored two touchdowns; he also had seven tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

Bates, Rodriguez And Rhett Post Alumni Honors

Three former PHS athletes have quickly and successfully transitioned to college competition. Freshman field hockey player Alivia Bates was named the Eastern College Athletic Confer-

ence Division II tournament MVP, as she led her Plymouth State University Panthers to the league title in a 2-0 win over Gordon College. Alivia turned away nine shots in the win.

Philadelphia University soccer standout Dominic Rodriguez was named the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Athlete of the Week, when he scored the winning goal in a 3-2 victory over Georgian Court.

Another Pennsauken graduate, Moravian freshman boys basketball player Khalil Rhett, has played significant minutes early in his first season with the Greyhounds. Khalil tossed in a career-high 13 points in a 83-75 win over Centenary College; during the game, he hit three of five shots from behind the three-point line and also pulled down six rebounds.

Weaver And Booker Honored

The Touchdown Club of South Jersey honored two of Pennsauken's finest at

their weekly luncheon. Senior stand-out Justin Weaver was been named to the club's 2014 All-Academic team, a first-time honor for a member of the Code Red football team. Justin carries a 3.66 GPA and scored 1900 points on his SAT. A proud football student-athlete, Justin is being recruited primarily because of his academic pursuits and strong leadership skills.

Also honored was sophomore running back Martin Booker, as he was named running back of the week for his 213 rushing yards against Washington Township.

If you want to keep up with all of the athletic happenings, the school district website, sports button is the place to be. Contest schedules for the winter, and spring 2015 season can be found at www.pennsauken.net, as well as information about the Varsity Club, All Sports Booster Club, college recruiting, and a wealth of other athletic related information.



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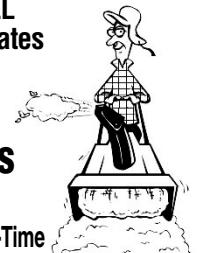
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