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## Have The Best Mom, Dad Or Guardian In Pennsauken? Let Us Know!

Pennsauken children now have a chance to put a spotlight on the man or woman in their lives who they think should be named the Best Mom, Dad or Guardian in Pennsauken.

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

The contests are sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee and the deadline for entries is Monday, May 4.

The first-, second- and third-place winners will receive recognition and prizes at the Township Committee's meeting on Wednesday, May 27, held at 5:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue.

Last year's winners included Eli Cuesta, who has "one of those dads who are nice and helpful;" and Angilese Reyes, whose mom is a "wonderful lady" and "the best mom you can have." Michael Diaz, Ciara Mercado, Reise Mabolis, and Jai'lyn La-Grone received honorable mention last year for their submissions.

### Judging

Letters will be judged by a panel on originality, content and ability to express feelings and ideas.

### How to Enter

All entries for both contests may be mailed to Father's Day or Mother's Day Contest, Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken 08110, Attn. Elwood Martz. Letters may also be e-mailed to emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

## Restaurant Depot Celebrates Grand Opening Of New Facility

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor and Deputy Mayor John Figueroa helped cut the ribbon to officially open the new location of Restaurant Depot, a wholesale distributor to the food industry. Offering one-stop shopping for food, equipment, and supplies, Restaurant Depot caters to smaller independently owned, restaurants, caterers, and non-profits.

"Our typical customers are small restaurants, small pizzerias, small sub shops, and someone who typically works 18 hours a day to put the best food possible on the table," says Larry Cohen, Restaurant Depot's chief operating officer. "What we offer is a place where the small independent restaurant can come and be treated like the king that he is. That's our business and they're extremely important to us. They can walk around.



Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor and Deputy Mayor John Figueroa joined Restaurant Depot's chief operating officer, Larry Cohen, in cutting the ribbon to officially open the wholesale distributor's new Pennsauken location.

They can choose their seafood. They can choose their meat. They can buy exactly what they need and pay a lot less money

than they would through a distributor." Restaurant Depot, which has 112 loca-

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## Pennsauken Florists Display At Philadelphia Flower Show

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Flower Show is the longest-running and largest indoor flower show in the world, bringing visitors from all over to see amazing floral exhibits and displays. However, two of the exhibitors weren't from that far away at all. Pennsauken-based Michael Bruce Florist, as well as longtime native Rick Cuneo, helped to "Celebrate the Movies" at the 186th Flower Show.

### Frozen Inside And Out

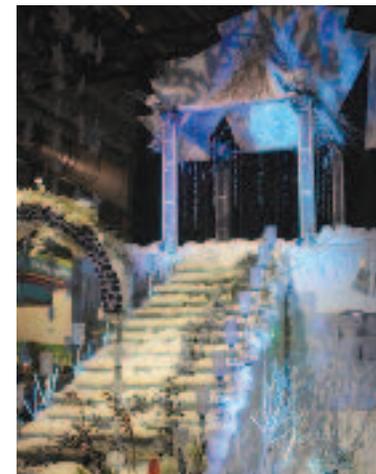
This year's Flower Show was impacted by weather, when a "nuisance" snow storm hit the Philadelphia area. But the snow inside this year's Flower Show was much more in-

tentional and better received. Michael Bruce Florist's display, "Silver Thaw," was inspired by Disney's mega-hit, "Frozen." According to the display's description, "The line between winter and summer blurs when the spring thaw occurs. A cold, hard landscape melts into spring softness as a 'Frozen' ice castle is thawed by love."

"It was a team effort," explained Bruce. "We wanted to create an exhibit that kids would understand."

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Michael Bruce Florist, based in Pennsauken, displayed their "Frozen" inspired exhibit, "Silver Thaw." Photo Credit: Matt McDevitt.



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## APRIL CALENDAR

### AARP

AARP Chapter 2861 will be meeting on Monday, April 13 at The Rising Community Fellowship and Outreach Center, 3465 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken. Social time is at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of your Pennsauken neighbors and be sure to bring a friend.

### Painting Party

Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., will be hosting a beginner's paint class led by the staff at Paint Tyme on Tuesday, April 14 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Spend the evening painting, drinking, and socializing at Pennsauken Country Club. No painting experience necessary. At the end of the night you will take home your one of a kind masterpiece! Tickets are just \$25 per person and are available at the Club's sale office. For more information, call (856) 438-5283 or visit [painttyme.com](http://painttyme.com).

### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs

Post 68 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. All veterans are welcome.

### Pancake Breakfast

The Pennsauken Lions Club will be holding the Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 19 at the PYYA Field House on Marion Ave. in Pennsauken. Start time is 8:00 a.m. and will run until 12:00 p.m. The fee for the all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancake, sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea is just \$5.00. Proceeds from the breakfast go to support the scholarships the Lions Club gives to Pennsauken Schools, as well as the other charities and services supported by the Pennsauken Lions.

### Oldies Night

St. Cecilia School will host Jerry Blavat's ninth annual "Oldies Night" on Saturday, April 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in the school hall, located at 4851 Camden Ave. Featuring a silent auction

and a 50/50. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include dinner, dancing, beer and set ups. Proceeds benefit Saint Cecilia School. Please contact Jo Howard for tickets at (856)662-0149 or (856)979-9995 after 5:00 p.m.

### Food Bank Hunger Games

Eight corporate teams get one box of mystery ingredients and 45 minutes to whip up a dish for three judges in a live, family-friendly cooking competition. The Food Bank Hunger Games: An Entertaining Cook-off, is held at on Thursday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. at the Food Bank of

South Jersey, 1501 John Tipton Blvd., Pennsauken. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards strengthening the Food Bank's Healthy Kids initiatives, and providing food to over 50,000 children in South Jersey. For more information, visit [www.foodbanksj.org/HungerGames](http://www.foodbanksj.org/HungerGames) or call (856) 662-4884 ext. 119.

### Mother's Day Flower Sale

Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, will hold its annual Mothers Day Flower Sale from May 7-10 in the lodge parking lot. Hours

are from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, rain or shine. For more info, call R.W. Ray Taylor, Sr.P.G.C. at (856) 663-1719.

### Community Book Exchange

The Merchantville Women's Club Evening Membership Department will host a Community Book Exchange on Saturday, May 30 at the Pennsauken Public Library from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean out those attics and bookshelves and bring any books you have outgrown or grown tired of. Please, no text books, user manuals, magazines, or books in very poor condition. For each book donated, attendees will be issued a ticket which can be exchanged for a "new" book. Every school-aged child will receive one ticket just for showing up - so make sure to bring the kids! To simply donate books, they can be dropped off all day on May 29 at the Library until 8:00 p.m. or any time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the May 30. If you have questions contact Arlene Minkiewicz at [arlenemink@comcast.net](mailto:arlenemink@comcast.net).



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## MAYOR'S CORNER An Open Letter From Mayor Taylor To The Residents And Businesses Of Pennsauken Township



*Township Ordinances in Place to Minimize Pollution of Creeks and Rivers*

By Rick Taylor, Mayor of Pennsauken Township

We have a new addition to the family, and no, I'm not talking about another grandchild to spoil. Bernice and I got a dog, a cute, little Havanese named Weeko. And like many of you, aside from the impromptu snow we got on the first day of spring, the warmer weather is going to make it a lot easier to take Weeko out for walks.

But whether it's warm or cold outside, there's one part of dog walking that doesn't change: bringing that plastic bag

along to pick up the "deposits" that Weeko makes along the way. It's not fun for anyone, but it makes sure that no one has to leave their shoes outside their front door, if you catch my drift.

Picking up after your dog also goes a long way to help the environment, particularly when it rains. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has determined that stormwater runoff is the largest source of water pollution impacting our creeks and rivers. Rainwater that flows down storm drains carries with it anything that is dropped, dumped, blown, or swept into the street. That means items such as pet waste, grass, leaves, oil, fertilizers, and all types of trash and litter that's left lying around will eventually be washed down a storm drain and into one of the creeks and rivers throughout the Township.

The pollution of our waterways is a serious issue; and it's not just the trash and debris that you find floating along the current. There's much more that you can't see with the naked eye that can degrade water quality and harm local marine life. That's why every year, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection enlists the help of municipalities throughout the state to remind residents and businesses of the importance of protecting our creeks and rivers.

### How Pennsauken Battles Stormwater Pollution

As I mentioned, a responsibility of pet ownership is picking up after them when they go out back, when you take them for walks, or you go for a ride to Pennsauken's "Bow Wow" dog park. Pennsauken has an ordinance in place

that requires you to properly dispose of pet waste in the trash. This is just common sense. Plus your neighbors, and their shoes, will appreciate the effort.

But it's not just about picking up after your dog. We all know about the geese that have decided to make Pennsauken a rest stop during their annual migrations. And they certainly leave a mess behind wherever they go. When washed into a waterway, geese droppings are another source of water pollution. And whether you employ border collies, cutouts of dogs, air canons and the like, it still remains very difficult to get these geese to migrate somewhere other than Pennsauken. That's why the Township has adopted an ordinance making it illegal to feed them on public property.

The Township also has adopted several ordinances intended to stop pollu-

tants from going down the drain in the first place. For example, Pennsauken has had a litter ordinance on the books for many years. It is illegal to dump or drop litter of any kind on public or private property. Stormwater pollution aside, not littering is simply essential for the appearance of the Township and the quality of life of its residents. Too often, we see motorists dump all sorts of trash into the street. Not only is it disgusting, it's against the law.

Since trash creates serious problems when washed down an inlet, an ordinance was adopted that requires dumpsters and other trash containers to be covered at all times. This not only stops trash from blowing into the street, but also helps keep liquids from leaching out and getting washed into the storm

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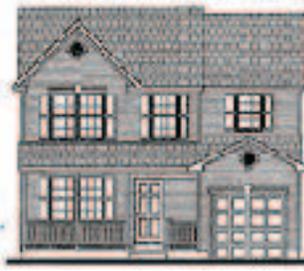
### Merchantville - Magnificent Colonial

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### Cherry Hill - This is a MUST see!

A huge custom built rancher that you won't find anywhere else. This one of a kind house comes with everything...3 full bathrooms, large family room/rec. room, 3 fireplaces, 6 beautiful skylights throughout the home, 50x18 inground pool with a heated whirlpool at one end, patio with an awning and an exterior entrance to third bathroom that is complete with a sauna. The backyard is ideal for entertaining. There is a reserved area in the back with a shed and a lot of ground. The entire yard has a newer privacy fence around it. This is one floor living at its best! \$330,000



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### Palmyra - Multi-family

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## Clip Joint Open For Business At Original Location

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

As a kid, I remember riding my bicycle with my brother, winding our way down side streets in order to get to the Clip Joint and get our hair cut. We'd sit down and wait patiently for owner Al Segrest, or one of "the girls," to trim the mops on our heads, watching out for the "Alfalfa-like" callick and somewhat odd hairline in the back. The haircutting ritual was so ingrained in our minds, we could get there almost by autopilot.

As a "grown-up," that routine hadn't changed, until August 23, 2013, when a fire displaced the business, along with the Community Sports Shop that was right next door. And while Joe and Laura Ladik, owners of The Community Sports Shop, made a successful move to 21 North Centre St., Al always had plans to return to the spot where he had been cutting hair for 46 years. And as of last

month, Al and the girls have returned to 107 South Centre St. in Merchantville.

"It's wonderful to be back," says Segrest. "It's fantastic."

The inside of the building has been completed renovated, offering a brighter atmosphere to complement the attitudes of the staff. There are plenty of laughs to be had, along with a pretty good hair cut to go with it.

The prices have stayed the same: adult cuts, \$16; kid cuts, \$14; senior cuts, \$12. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Al and the girls look forward to seeing you; there's seating available and the old location offers plenty of parking. As for directions to The Clip Joint, there's really no need. A lot of you already know how to get there by heart.



Al Segrest, owner of The Clip Joint, has moved back to the business' original location at 107 South Centre St. in Merchantville. The store front has been completely renovated after a fire broke out on August 23, 2013. Photo credit: TheValuePagesGroup.com.

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# Pennsauken Police Conduct Patrols In April To Stop Distracted Driving

Content Provided By The Pennsauken Township Police Department

April is National Distracted Driver Month. It's a time to remind motorists of New Jersey's distracted driving laws, which includes a ban on handheld cell phone use and text messaging by all drivers and a ban on a cell phone use – handheld or hands free – by novice drivers.

Pennsauken Police will conduct special enforcement patrols targeting distracted drivers. This will consist of both roving patrols and fixed check points.

According to Distraction.gov, the official US government web site dedicated to increasing awareness about the dangers of distracted driving, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving, which can endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. In 2012, an estimated 421,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a dis-

tricted driver; 3,328 people were killed in distraction-affected crashes that year.

## An Important Notice Regarding Emergency Dispatch

The Pennsauken Township Police Department's dispatch has been moved to the Camden County Communication Center in Lindenwold, NJ to better serve the residents of Pennsauken. With this move, officers were provided with the most up-to-date communication system available.

The Police are asking residents to make sure they tell the dispatcher that they are calling from Pennsauken when they are calling 9-1-1 or the other Pennsauken Police numbers, such as 663-1234 or 663-1235; all of these numbers go to the Lindenwold dispatch. This simple step of giving your exact location will greatly assist the dispatcher. This applies to all police, fire or medical emergencies.

## Keeping An Eye Out

As the weather gets nicer, there will be more foot traffic on the streets. There has already been an increase in burglaries to unlocked vehicles during the overnight hours. Actors are walking

through the streets at night, trying doors of cars and trucks to locate unlocked vehicles. Do not leave any items of value in sight in vehicles that are parked and remember to lock your vehicle, even if it is parked in your driveway.

The Pennsauken Police also urges residents to call the Police if you see something that looks suspicious or just doesn't seem right. Let the Police come out and investigate the situation.



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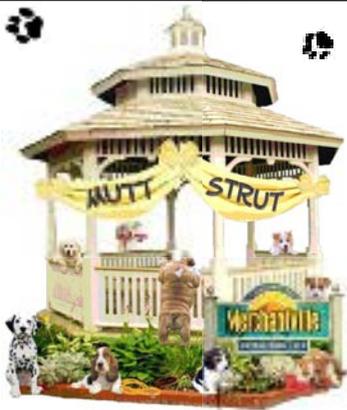
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## Pennsauken Launches Bike Share Program In April

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Beginning the first of April, Pennsauken Township and the Pennsauken Environmental Commission will launch its new bike share program, giving Pennsauken residents, age 18 or older, access to a convenient, healthy, and affordable transportation option.

“We’re very excited about starting up Pennsauken’s first-ever bike share,” says Ryan Wachter, one of the program’s volunteers. “For a small fee, residents can borrow a bicycle for the day, the week, or the entire year.”

For an annual cost of \$20, residents age 18 or older can borrow one of approximately 30 refurbished bikes stored at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Com-

plex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Participants can take out a bike for the day and bring it back, or store it at their home until they’re ready to return it. All bikes must be returned at the end of the year in order for them to be properly inspected and to have any necessary repairs made.

“If any one participating in the bike share has an issue with their bicycle, they can bring it back and replace it with another one,” adds Wachter. “We currently have a limited supply, but hope to gain more as the program starts to grow.”

The concept of the bike share began in Europe in 1965 but didn’t truly take off until the mid-2000s, due to technology and social media. As of June 2014, there are public bike share programs on



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five continents, including 712 cities, operating approximately 806,200 bicycles at 37,500 stations.

Pennsauken’s bike share begins on Wednesday, April 1. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the trailer adjacent to the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

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## WAGSWORLD

### Singing The Postal Blues Not Once, But Three Times

By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

My trusty loose leaf notebook has been lying here open and blank, for days, daring me to write the April column. So far, I have three pages of drawings of walking sticks, a phone number for the Post Office Consumer Affairs Division, and a butter stain from a wayward bagel.

All my writing starts with a white loose leaf binder. Then, after the words are arranged on the pages, I slowly hunt and peck onto my old, tired computer. When finished, I hit "Save As," and pray it actually works. I always hit print, just in case it doesn't, or I bump the wrong button, and it all disappears into computer hell. Each and every time I am successful, I am slightly amazed. When the paper acknowledges receipt, with an e-mail, I relax for another month. Today will be no different.

Except today I will be doing something distasteful. And I will be asking for the readers' help rattling out the Post Office.

I have always been a fan of the U.S. Postal Service. Since childhood, I have marveled at the appearance of envelopes at my home every day, and the amazing tenacity of the humans who trudge up my steps in snow and ice and pouring rain and blistering heat, bringing the printed word to my fingertips. Im-

portant stuff like checks and bills come in the mail. All the great catalogs, offering goods the world over, come in the mail. News from sweethearts, tales of woe, and everything in between, from just down the road, to the jungles of Vietnam, are delivered right to the door of your house. All Around Pennsauken comes in the mail every month. Or, it is supposed to. The staff of the paper pays to have it delivered to every property in the Township. The mail delivery person, still known to me as the "mailman," has a heavy job, once a month, delivering our newspaper. But a few months back, I noticed no paper delivered to my house in the mail. It was December, and stuff happens, so I just grabbed a copy at the 45th Street Pub. January was a repeat. Again, I shrugged, and figured it was just a glitch. In February, when the paper again failed to materialize, I started griping. I called All Around Pennsauken's publisher and asked if this was a common occurrence? He suggested I wasn't alone. I called the Post Office, got the run around for a bit, then a promise that all would be fixed. March came in like a lion, but without a delivery of my All Around Pennsauken paper!

At this exact moment, I am awaiting

a return call from the consumer affairs division of the U.S. Postal Service, Camden, NJ. My call will be returned in the order it was received, the voice on the tape says. I want a check for the amount of my single delivery charge for the four missed months returned to the paper. I want an apology to the newspaper for the continued bad service, after it was brought to their attention, but not addressed. And I want any of you, the readers, who have had or still have delivery issues, to e-mail the paper at AllAroundPenn@aol.com, with good or bad news. Be sure to include your full mailing address, so we can let the Post Office know exactly where the problem is. The paper needs your help to straighten this thing out. And I want to go back to liking the Post Office again.



#### Tip of the Month

Seniors are especially susceptible to online scams. Do not respond to unsolicited requests for personal information, and be wary of deals that require you to send money or give out your credit card number in advance to receive a "too good to be true" offer.

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

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prospective buyers way altogether.

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## The Benefits Of Joining A Chamber Of Commerce

By John Perozzi,  
Owner, Beacon  
Auto and Truck  
Collision and  
Member of the  
P.M.A.C. Steering  
Committee

Hello and happy spring! Last month I spoke about PMAC, the new chamber of commerce, and how it was established to help allow greater opportunities to be found for Pennsauken, Merchantville, the surrounding areas and the local businesses. Opportunities, like the spring

that has thankfully arrived, that will allow us to grow as a community, as businesses and as individuals.

While most of us have heard about a chamber of commerce, many do not know what it does or who is involved. I surely didn't, until I became involved with

our local chamber. What I learned was that a chamber is a group of individuals who come together for the greater good of the area businesses, the community and local government. For those who become involved, there exists many opportunities to help their business, the community and themselves as individuals.

First, there is the benefit of networking within the chamber. Networking helps local businesses exchange information, make contacts and ultimately gain new sales. This new business can help, not only the company itself in the form of work and profitability, but also the local community in the form of new jobs, community growth, charitable donations and community involvement.

Secondly, there is the benefit that the individual business owners, facing similar challenges in a constantly evolving economic environment, receive when they are able to sit down with one another. Challenges which by their nature, only another business owner has the ability to truly understand and appreciate. Giving the business owner the ability to speak candidly to another person trying to overcome and figure out similar daily trials.

Thirdly, the business who joins the chamber can work together with the local government to help create a partnership that allows for the two entities to work together in a smoother, more economical way for all involved. Working

to overcome and move forward past community and business problems and issues in a way that both parties feel comfortable and empowered.

Fourth, members of the chamber can work together with other businesses, local government and the community to bring new impactful ideas to light that will help move both our business and the community forward. Ideas which may or may not be possible, if one person or one business tried to move forward on their own, but within the group, it can be possible and successful. Ideas that help enrich and grow our community, our business and us as individuals.

Finally, the businesspeople that invest their time and effort into joining and engaging the chamber can give back to the community, not only as an individual, but also as a group. Giving back in a more wide ranging and impactful ways to those individuals or causes in need. It allows that business, and the individual owner, a more rewarding experience of community involvement.

All these points of benefit are ways in which a business or an individual has the ability to grow. So in conclusion, as we turn our thoughts toward this new spring and leave the winter, thankfully behind, we all can look forward to healthy and successful growth by joining and becoming involved with PMAC our local chamber of commerce.

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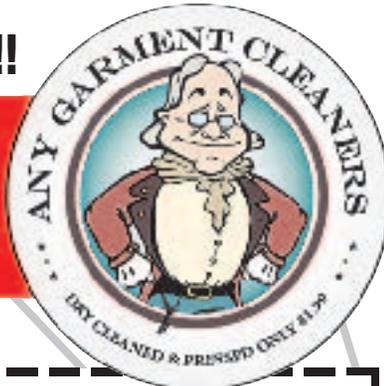
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**History "Begins" In Pennsauken In 1965**



By Robert Fisher-Hughes,  
AAP Columnist and  
Amateur Historian

**LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY**

You could say that this is the year that the "historical" becomes the "historic." The Pennsauken Historical Society has been carrying on its work for half a century as of 2015, and a half century is enough to qualify knick-knacks as antiques and anniversaries as golden. Fifty years and still going strong is enough to call for a celebration, and that is also what will happen this year at historic Burrough-Dover House, home of the Pennsauken Historical Society.

It's all the fault of the Duke of York and Peter Stuyvesant, of course. It was their showdown between an English fleet and a Dutch colony in 1664 that gave birth to the colony and state of New Jersey. The 300th anniversary of that event got people all over the state excited and thinking about their own history. To stage an appropriate celebration, they started forming committees, making plans, and reading and talking about history. That led to working together, enjoyment, and a sense of pride and accomplishment. And it has just been going on ever since.

Before 1964, a Pennsauken Tercentenary Committee was formed. Its members included Chairman Roy L. Meyers, Augusta Paschall, Robert Goodman, Harry Z. Matthews, Alice Matthews, J. Mortimer Lawrence, Leonard Oman, William Hutchinson, Mrs. John Engle, Jack Fichter, Mrs. John Wagner, and Edmund Halber. It was their job to decide how, when, and where Pennsauken would celebrate the founding of New Jersey 300 years earlier.

In Pennsauken, two appropriately historic places were first in line to host a celebration of our earliest memories: the Griffith Morgan House off River Rd.; and the Burrough-Dover House off Haddonfield Rd. The former was not yet in condition to be used safely, while the other had been inhabited only four years earlier; and while it needed work to be sure, it was feasible. The Tercentenary Committee selected the Burrough-Dover House, dating to about 1710, as the place for the celebration.

The preparations for the celebration were extensive and involved many local residents beyond the members of the local Tercentenary Committee. The weekend of September 19-20 was chosen for the celebration. The interior of the Burrough-Dover House was inspected for its suitability to house exhibits of the

home life of our ancestors. Relics and artifacts began to be offered on loan for the exhibit. Plans for appropriate ceremonies and festivities, along with appropriate hospitality, went forward.

Longer term plans also began, such as the commencement of research and interviews for a projected history of Pennsauken Township to be authored by history teacher Jack Fichter and illustrated by art teacher Edmund Halber. The previously published history of the Township, from the 1940s, comprised of only a short pamphlet issued by the chamber of commerce and was too cursory and out of date to suffice for the newly inspired interest in local history.

All this work and preparation generated discoveries and revelations, both about the community's history and about the neighbors who joined in the work. Interests in the story of the Township grew, as did friendships among the participants. At meetings, the topic of how to keep the project going after the Tercentenary year ended began to be discussed. Knowing that the Tercentenary Committee would not outlive the Tercentenary, 25 of its members and volunteers began to plan for the formation of a historical society to continue its work in perpetuity.

The first organizing meeting for the creation of the Pennsauken Historical Society took place on September 10, 1964 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building. The organizing chairperson was Augusta Paschall, who had taken a lead in preparing the Burrough-Dover House for its star role in the upcoming celebration. The 25 member unincorporated association voted to elect officers, and to have legal incorporation, bylaws, and tax exemption papers prepared.

The first president was J. Mortimer Lawrence, a member of the Tercentenary Committee who also happened to reside in another home originating with the colonial Burrough family in East Pennsauken. That house survives today, beautifully preserved and restored, still as a private residence. The survival of this other example of our colonial heritage was in jeopardy just a year after the Tercentenary, however, when initial plans for the construction of approaches to the projected new Delaware River Bridge, now known as the Betsy Ross Bridge, would have brought a highway directly over the old stone house.

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## History “Begins” In Pennsauken In 1965 *continued from page 9*

The other officers were Augusta Paschall, first vice president; Howard W. Powell, second vice president; Mrs. John W. Wagner, recording secretary; Edmund Halber, corresponding secretary; Alice Matthews, treasurer; Jack Fichter, curator; and trustees Harry Z. Matthews, William B. Hutchinson, and Roy L. Mey-

ers. Harry Matthews was the Township's superintendent of highways and William Hutchinson was a former member of Township Committee and mayor.

It was also decided at the organizing meeting to offer charter memberships for sale at the “Open House to History” event, with a \$1 annual membership.

Among the charter members who joined before the Society was incorporated and its work began were Township Mayor William Garritty; as well as Dorothy Strickland, who was a principal organizer of the fledgling Pennsauken Free Public Library. In all, about 200 memberships were sold at the “Open

House to History” weekend alone.

Later in the year, Articles of Incorporation were signed; these were filed with the county and state in November. As 1965 began, the Pennsauken Historical Society was ready to begin as well.

Fundraising for the costs of getting started was important. Printing and stationery costs, legal fees, program expenses, and much more were going to be incurred quickly. The initial membership fee was doubled, from \$1 to \$2! The Community News helped by offering a special, discounted, multi-year subscription rate with half the proceeds donated to the new Society. Support began to flow in.

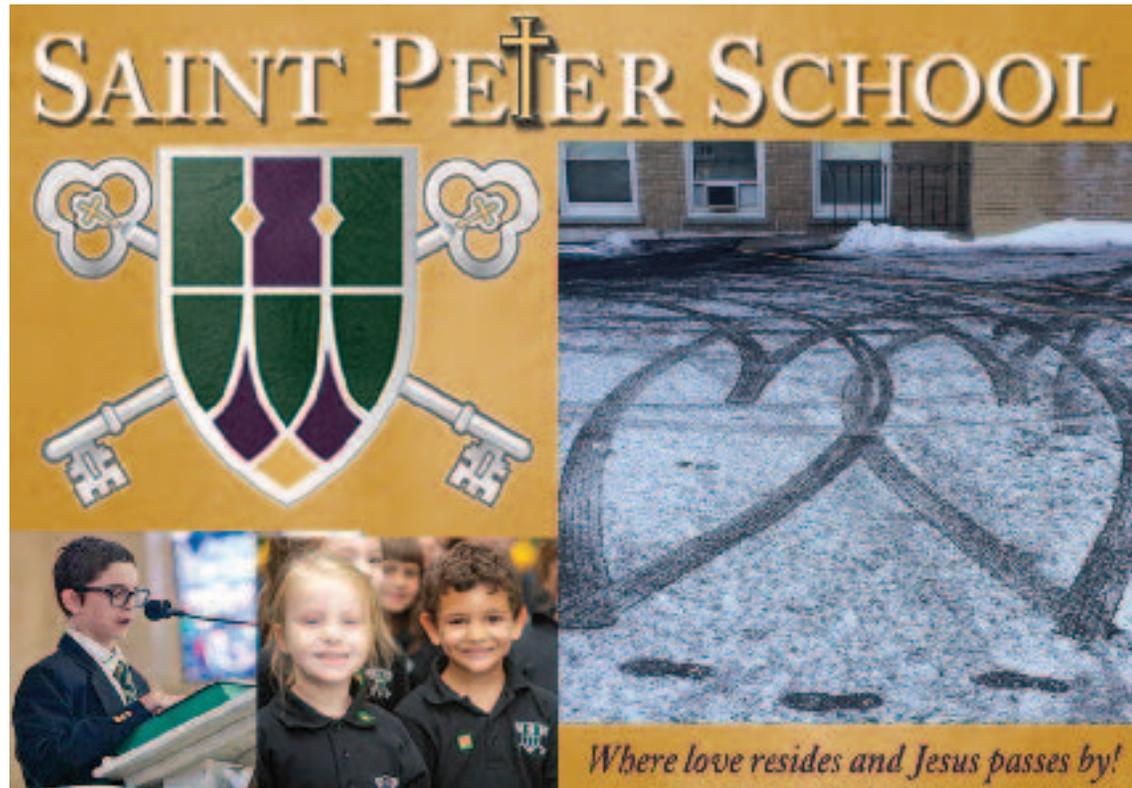
The spring 1965 meeting of the Pennsauken Historical Society on March 19 was an auspicious beginning. It included a display of early glassware and ironwork, an original production by Merchantville Playcrafters entitled “Oh, Thus Be It Ever,” and a lecture by Edwin Moore of the Colonial Philadelphia Historical Society on the timely topic, “Restoration and Preservation of Historical Homes.”

This first membership meeting to inaugurate the new Society was held at the Ivystone Inn because, as yet, the Society had no home: the Burrough-Dover House was still Township property. During March 1965, an offer was made to lease the old house to the Society for a term of 20 years. However, the lease contained a number of restrictions on its use and did not provide for restoration or re-

newal for additional terms. Perhaps surprisingly, but in keeping with the zeal of the new Society, the lease was declined in May. After much discussion, it was decided to sell Burrough-Dover House to the new Pennsauken Historical Society, subject to the stipulation that it be devoted to use as a public historical site. The sale, for the sum of \$100, was held in October, 1965. The Pennsauken Historical Society had its home, and much work to be done to get it ready for visitors.

Meanwhile, the work of history could begin in earnest and continues to this day. Your chance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pennsauken Historical Society and the devotion of its many members and volunteers over the decades will come on Saturday, June 13 at the Burrough-Dover House. More about this special event will be coming soon. The Pennsauken Historical Society looks forward to welcoming its community members and particularly wants to extend an invitation to the families of our founding officers and charter members to join us in honoring the work that has left such a legacy for us today. Let us hear from you; you can e-mail the Pennsauken Historical Society at [PennsaukenHistoricalSociety@yahoo.com](mailto:PennsaukenHistoricalSociety@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there!

*Sources for this column include contemporary newspaper accounts and the archives of Pennsauken Historical Society. For more on the 50th anniversary, see page 11.*



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Starting at 12 p.m., the Burrough-Dover House will be open for tours with docents in all rooms. Visitors can also tour the grounds and the nature trail.

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Members of Pennsauken's Township Committee will be on hand at 3 p.m. to dedicate the "Joseph E. Fitzpatrick Nostalga Museum." There will also be the cutting of the Historical Society's anniversary



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sary cake; and all those present are welcome to have a piece!

Throughout the day, there will be musical entertainment as well as the "Gimmee Delights" Ice Cream Cart, which will be distributing free ice cream.

Don't miss this important celebration by the Pennsauken Historical Society, recognizing the organization's 50 years of presenting Pennsauken history to our citizens. Show your "Pennsauken Pride" and bring your family and friends out for a wonderful day.

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## GRAY MATTERS

### One Day Isn't Enough To Celebrate A Birthday

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Happy, happy April!!!

This is a joyous month for our family, for on the fifth day of April, we celebrate the first birthday of our darling great-grandchild – Lilia Hope Beisel, or Lily, for short. April 3 marks my own birthday; and so I decided a year ago that Miss Lil and I would have not just a birth "day," but a birthday week for the rest of our lives! This cool idea was not of my own making, although I'd love to take credit for it. It's actually the brainchild of my dear friend, the fun and funny, brilliant best-selling author Shelly Fredman. Birthday WEEK you say? Now just think about it. A birthday means having only one day to celebrate the specialness that is YOU! Just one day out of 365. And you, along with everyone else who loves you, expects to get it right. This includes remembering it in the first place and then possibly throwing a party; or making it to an already planned party, buying a thoughtful gift, baking a cake, spending time with the birthday person, or writing a lovely card or running to the mall to have those delightful prose makers at Hallmark do it for you. ONE DAY!?! Hah! But one WEEK? You have seven days to get it

right. No rush, no fuss... pick any day, and you won't be late! And personally, it's just pretty cool to have a whole week to feel that birthday buzz. It really is. Buy yourself a "It's My Birthday Week!" t-shirt and you'll garner quite a few fun and interesting conversations about it; you'll possibly even make some delightfully nice, new friends in the process. Now that's a win-win.

So how does all of this really make me feel in light of the fact that I am now the oldest of all my old pals from way back when? Those precious Flower Children of my yesteryear who lovingly never let me forget it? For example, a phone call from my pal, Lynda: "Jude, you're gonna' be 67! I mean a six and a seven!" Well, once again, it's all about how you choose to look at things. And, as I told my friend, Lyn... "I'm not 67. I'm 19 – Celsius." That's my story and I'm stickin' to it.

So light up those candles, and celebrate! Even if these days, the candles cost more than the cake does! Happy Birthday Week to everyone!!! And a very special, first Happy Birthday Week to our darling Miss Lily. Peace and Love, and all good things... like Birthday Week!

~ Judy Kristen

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## Friends Of The Library Art Show This Month

Here's the final tally of all workshops taking place during our Art Show and Sale, running April 19-26:

- Sunday, April 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m., "Watercolor;" and 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Introduction to Digital Photography"
- Tuesday, April 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m., "Pressed Flowers"
- Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m., "Picture Framing Made Easy and Done Right"
- Thursday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m., "Hand Applique Quilt Project"
- Saturday, April 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m., "Stained Glass Mosaic"
- Sunday, April 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.,

"Meet the Artists Reception and Sale"

Since all workshops have limited space, please remember to sign up at the Library's circulation desk to assure a space. All children 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session.

### Poetry Contest Submissions Due May 1

Residents of Pennsauken and Merchantville can pick up applications for the Friends' 15th annual poetry contest at the Pennsauken Library circulation desk; they can also be mailed to Friends

of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. Please keep in mind that no submissions will be returned.

Changes this year include the new "shape poem" and "word poem" categories for kindergarteners and first grade students, as well as "ridiculous rhymes" for high school and adult participants.

### AARP Safe Driving Course Held In June

The Friends will be offering the AARP two-day Safe Driving Course June 2-3 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Library. Since the maximum number of attendees is limited to 25, you'll want to sign up soon. Cost is \$15.00 per person for AARP members and \$20 per person for non-members. You must provide a check at the time you sign up at the Library's circulation desk.

### April Membership Drive

April is the start of the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library's annual membership drive. If you're already a member of the Friends, it's time to re-up your commitment for the year. If you're not, please consider joining us and lending your financial and other support to the Friends and to the Library.

We hope to see you at one of the Friends of the Pennsauken Library meetings, held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's community room. Also, don't forget to visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthepennsaukenli>

## Girl Scouts Celebrate World Thinking Day



The United Pennsauken Merchantville Girl Scout Service Unit celebrated their annual World Thinking Day in February. Every year, the two towns' troops come together to participate in an event shared by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. Adults and girls come together representing different countries and do activities to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. It's a reminder that Girl Scouts are a part of a

global community. Girls learn to think and act in a way that promotes an inclusive environment, respecting and valuing diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and life experiences. To continue teaching girls these values, adult volunteers are needed to be leaders. Please contact Monica Francesconi to find out how to become a Girl Scout volunteer at [gs.troop.30131@gmail.com](mailto:gs.troop.30131@gmail.com).

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## Woman's Club Basket Auction A Big Success

The Woman's Club of Merchantville's Evening Membership Department's Basket Auction survived the snow; and after a week's delay, the event raised over \$5,000 for state and international charities.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville is grateful to the following businesses for donating items for the auction: Meadowbrook Food Center; Amy's Omelet House; Café Bella Vita; H & H Deli; Adobos Mexican Grill; Blue Monkey Tavern; Whole Hog Café; Montegrillo Cucina Italiana; Shop Rite – Cinnaminson; Gymboree; Pinsetter Bar and Bowl; White House; Mulhern's Auto Repair; Cabana Water Ice; Sky Zone Trampoline Park; Great Clips; Fire & Glaze Stu-

dio; Advanced Auto Parts; Edge Salon & Spa; Jersey Mike's Subs; Laurel Lanes; Merchantville Community Sports Shop; Vincent's Pizza; Aunt Charlotte's Candies; Orange Theory Fitness; Chick-fil-A; and Mama's Homemade Cookies. Another big thank you goes out to the many club members who donated refreshments and baskets to help make the event a success.

### Woman's Club Meetings

The Evening Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. at 7:00 p.m. There will be a speaker from the Na-

tional Alliance on Mental Illness-NJ (NAMI) to discuss opportunities for helping this organization. Members will also be participating in the NAMI walk on May 16 in Seaside Park, NJ.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15 at the Merchantville Community Center at 12:00 p.m. There will be a tea luncheon and a presentation from Lourdes Health System on "Staying Active and Healthy as You Age."

The Merchantville Woman's Club has been one of the leading service organizations in the region. Women from our community are members committed to making a difference. Among other things, the Club raises money for local and state charities and scholarships. Activities include monthly card and game parties and members volunteer at the Food Bank of South Jersey and the Cathedral Kitchen.

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

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## County Hosts Events That Focuses On Women

Camden County's 2015 Women's Health Conference has been permanently moved to the spring and will be held this year on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees. Each year, more than 1,200 women attend the free all-day event, which includes a continental breakfast and box lunch, a keynote address and four sessions of workshops that range from Zumba dancing to cancer cures, financial independence to relationships, and much more.

This year's theme will be "Mothers and Daughters," with a special workshop; the Women of Distinction Awards that highlight this relationship; and special prizes geared to mothers and daughters, including a deluxe spa and salon day for one lucky mother and daughter. In addition, this year's keynote speaker is

CBS 3 co-anchor, Jessica Dean.

"We present this free, all-day conference every year to ensure that information and health and well being is available to women, who traditionally take a role in their family's health and well being," said Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez, liaison to Camden County's Health and Human Services Department. "We hope you join us for an educational and enjoyable, interactive day."

Event sponsors currently include: Cooper Hospital, SNJ Business People, SJ Living Magazine, Kennedy Hospital Systems, TD Bank, McCarter & English, Deborah Hospital, SJ Radiology, The Courier-Post, Camden County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and CBS 3.

For more about the event, visit [www.camden-county.com/WHC2015](http://www.camden-county.com/WHC2015).

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## Phifer Students Learn About Robotics, Engineering

For the first time, Howard Phifer Middle School is offering robotics for a full marking period as a “related arts” class. The robotics program, taught by Mrs. Tracey McSweeney, is designed for students to explore, build, and program small LEGO NXT robots.

Mrs. McSweeney encourages her students to reflect and collaborate on the learning process by using skills such as application of knowledge and problem solving. The lessons are cross-curricular in that they incorporate “STEM” or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. For example, the students use mathematical strategies and teamwork to help engineer a solution to their robotics problem. Students utilize their collective problem solving skills to construct and program the robots to perform various tasks. Some tasks include programming the robot to travel a de-

sired distance based on wheel circumference and also navigating through its environment with programmed touch, sonar, sound, and/or light sensors.

Robotics brings students the realization that working as a team helps them complete tasks faster and more efficiently. In addition, video clips, articles and current events are incorporated to show students the benefits of updating technology and utilizing robots to perform daily tasks that were once performed by humans.

To generate interest in the field of engineering, Mrs. McSweeney invited Mr. Aron Rubin, an engineer from Lockheed Martin, to speak to her class. On Friday, Jan. 23, Mr. Rubin excited the students with a presentation about humanoid robots and a helicopter drone project, which he is currently assigned. Mr. Rubin brought in different robotic

hands for the students to manipulate. He also described his experiments with a military spy drone that would potentially be able to fly into a building opening at 20 mph, take a video of a room and quickly exit. The grand finale of Mr. Rubin’s presentation was a hexacopter, which he brought and allowed the students to fly in the classroom! Mr. Rubin’s wonderful presentation hopefully stimulated student interest in engineering and technology fields.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, Mrs. McSweeney invited additional Lockheed Martin engineers, Joe Mirizio, Rebecca Cargan, and Eric Birkhead, to speak to her students for “Engineers Week,” a time of year dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers.

Mr. McSweeney’s students are look-

ing forward to learning about possible careers in engineering as well as performing an exciting rocket launch “STEM” activity that the engineers have planned.

Robotics is a fast growing technology field that is revolutionizing business, manufacturing, the military, the medical field, and our daily lives. The goal of this robotics program is to prepare students for tomorrow. The job market of the future will be more demanding of its applicants than ever. The best applicants will be able to apply their cumulative knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to perform their daily tasks.

Through this robotics course, Mrs. McSweeney hopes to spark an interest in her students about robotics so that they may possibly pursue a career in engineering.



Students at Phifer Middle School are learning about robotics and engineering during a special class taught by Mrs. Tracey McSweeney.

## Learning’s A Ball At Baldwin School



During the month of February, Ms. Jennifer Voorhees’ pre-k class completed a unit of study on balls. Lessons included how balls move, which activities use a ball, and the concept of inflate/deflate. Students also integrated literacy and math into all of these activities. In February, the pre-k students at Baldwin had the opportunity to visit the bowling alley at Pinsetters as a culmination to their study. Fun was had by all!

## Carson Students Enjoy Class Trip To Aquarium

In February, the first grade classes from Carson Elementary School had their class trip to Adventure Aquarium in Camden.

Students first attended a class and learned about land and water habitats; they then had the opportunity to touch horseshoe crabs, stingrays and sharks.

Walking through the aquarium, the students observed sharks swimming right above their heads! Other sea animals such as sea turtles, crabs, sea stars, fish, jellyfish, and sea horses were seen in various tanks throughout the aquarium.

It must have been a lazy day for the hippos, because they were snuggled up sleeping peacefully.

Carson staff would like to give a big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to chaperone for the trip. The kids had a great time!



These smiling faces show how much Carson first graders loved the field trip to the Adventure Aquarium.

## Carson Celebrates “Read Across America” Week

In March, Carson School celebrated “Read Across America” with a week’s worth of fun activities designed to fuel students’ excitement for reading. The theme for Carson School’s 2015 reading celebration was, “Reading is a Treasure!”

A special kick-off event featured a pirate play. Teachers Ms. Christina Fessler and Ms. Julie Amer dressed as pirates and performed an entertaining play about two buccaneers squabbling over a lost treasure. The pirates finally opened the treasure chest to reveal a fortune worth its weight in gold: BOOKS!

The students and staff had a great time!



Carson’s “pirates,” Ms. Fessler and Ms. Amer, pose with students by some lost treasure during the kick-off for “Read Across America.”

## Franklin Celebrates With Students Of The Month

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School celebrated its Students of the Month for February. February’s theme was: “Following Classroom and School Rules.”

February’s Students of the Month were treated to a lunch with Principal Lewis, featuring pizza and juice boxes. During lunchtime, Principal Lewis read the story, “Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon.”

Congratulations to these great students!



Franklin Students of the Month for February pose with Principal Lewis.

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## Delair Students Celebrate Love Of Reading

The students at Delair School, along with thousands of schools across the nation, celebrated "Read Across America" Day on March 3, which is also Dr. Seuss' birthday. This NEA-sponsored event promotes the importance of reading to children.



Ms. Korinthios and some of her kindergarten students proudly stand in front of their "Read Across America" display.



Guest reader Mr. Oliver reads to second grade students as part of the "Read Across America" celebration.

## Phifer Middle School Celebrates Pi Day

Pi Day is an annual celebration commemorating the mathematical constant, which is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. March 14 was chosen as the day to celebrate Pi, since the numerical date, 3/14, represents the first three digits of Pi. The U.S. Representatives have even passed a resolution designating March 14 as National Pi Day.

This year, Pi Day, was extra special because when the date of 3/14/15 was combined with the time of 9:26:53 a.m. or p.m., it matched the first 10 digits of Pi! This is a phenomenon that will not hap-

pen again until the year 2115.

In honor of this remarkable date, Phifer Middle School math teachers celebrated with "Pi related" activities. The activities included finding the circumference and area of many circular objects and creating Pi bracelets.

In addition, the students at Phifer Middle School were challenged to memorize as many digits of Pi as possible. The student who could memorize the most digits would get to "pie" the principal, Mr. Thomas Honeyman. The third place winner was Kenny Lieur, who memorized 79 digits; the second

place winner was Isaiah Norman, who memorized 110 digits; and the first place winner was Madison McCall, who memorized 115 digits!

To see the activities, hear Madison recite 115 digits of Pi or watch Mr. Honeyman get "pied" in the face, check the school's web page at [www.pennsauken.net/school/phifer.html](http://www.pennsauken.net/school/phifer.html).

Phifer Principal Thomas Honeyman got "pied" in the face by student Madison McCall as part of the school's celebration of Pi Day. This year, Pi Day fell on 3/14/15; when the time of day was 9:26:53 a.m. or p.m., it matched the first ten digits of Pi.



Second graders from Mrs. Gery and Mrs. Babiaz's classes highlight their Dr. Seuss bulletin board.



Mrs. MacClemmy and her students take the opportunity to pose for a photo during "Read Across America" Week.

## Carson Students Show Heart!

During February, kindergarten through fourth grade students showed their support of the annual Jump Rope for Heart Marathon. Students participated in various heart-racing exercises under the direction of Ms. Aktinson, the physical education teacher.

Students used hula hoops, jump ropes, relay racing, etc. to show their support for children in need. All the funds raised by the event are donated to the American Heart Association.

Carson participated with enthusiasm and a lot of heart!



Students in Mrs. Mozee's kindergarten class have fun doing the hula hoop and relay racing.



This student enjoyed using the ball bouncer during the Jump Rope for Heart Marathon at Carson School.

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## BOARDBITS:

### Residency For Pennsauken Students An Important Issue

As spring is finally here, the Pennsauken School District is already busy making plans for the upcoming school year. The flurry of activity relating to the preparation for the 2015-2016 school year begins with registration for students. On April 15, 2015, the school district will hold its annual registration event for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs. Registration for students in other grade levels will continue on a rolling basis throughout the summer.

Each student attending Pennsauken Public Schools must be registered in the district prior to attending school. The purpose of registration is to ensure that each student who is receiving an education in the Pennsauken School District is eligible under district policy and state law.

Discussion of registration often brings to the forefront issues regarding the residency requirements for enrolled students. Residency issues continue to be a topic of concern for members of the Board of Education, school district administration, and the citizens of Pennsauken Township. It is our duty as Board members, in conjunction with the administration, to make certain that we are using the resources of the district to educate the students who are eligible to attend our schools, as defined by state law.

Last year, the Board of Education, in an effort to monitor registration and residency, set aside funds in the annual

school budget specifically to address this need. This money is being used to create a centralized registration office, which is currently in development. The funds allocated will also be used to hire additional staff, including a second district investigator who will examine claims regarding students who may be illegally attending our schools.

In addition, after consulting with neighboring school districts and reviewing state law, the Board of Education Policy Committee wrote a new district residency policy and regulation. This mandated policy, entitled Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Pupils, was adopted by the Board on July 24, 2014. The residency policy clearly defines, according to state law, who is eligible to attend school in our district. The regulation outlines the procedure that must be followed in order to register children in the district.

The Policy also states that any individual who has fraudulently enrolled a student in the district can be held liable for the tuition associated with educating a student in our district, along with removal of the student from school. Other consequences, including fines, are possible. The penalties associated with fraudulent enrollment can also extend to individuals who fraudulently signed an affidavit swearing that the family lives in Pennsauken. For example, a landlord or a family member who owns a home in

Pennsauken and fraudulently claims that the student lives with them, would be subject to this policy as well. All of the penalties, as well as those individuals who can be potentially affected, are clearly defined by NJ State law.

Information pertaining to the details of this policy and regulation can be requested by any Township resident or any individual with an interest in Pennsauken Schools by contacting the Pennsauken Board of Education offices. As with all of our policies currently undergoing review and revision, this policy will be available on the Pennsauken School District website in the near future.

The Pennsauken Board of Education takes residency and registration issues very seriously. While we understand that all children in NJ are entitled to a free, public education, the law is clear that the students must live in or legally be eligible to attend school in the district. We ask that anyone who has suspicion of a residency violation report it to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. Working together, we can ensure that all children enrolled in our schools are eligible to attend.

#### Board Bit Of The Month

Did you know... the Pennsauken School District transports over 4,000 students per day?

### Delair Students Raise Money for American Heart Association



In February, Delair School participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Program. This annual event, which benefits the American Heart Association, was organized by physical education teacher Mr. Paris. Seen here are physical education teacher Mr. Lodge and several students

### Longfellow Students Of The Month



The theme for Student of the Month for January was "Hardest Worker." January's recipients stand with Principal Lewis for a photo.

## PRE-K / KINDERGARTEN EVENING REGISTRATION

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Pennsauken Public Schools has scheduled their annual evening registration session for pre-k and kindergarten students for the 2015/2016 school year.

Registration will take place on Wednesday evening, April 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Carson Elementary School on Garfield Ave. This will be the only registration session scheduled for enrollment in our pre-k or kindergarten programs for September.

All Pennsauken residents with children who will be eligible for pre-k or kindergarten in September 2015 may register during this evening registration.

Children who are four years old on or before October 1, 2015 are eligible for the half-day pre-kindergarten program. Children who are five years old on or before October 1, 2015 are eligible for the full-day kindergarten program.

As part of the evening, the school district has invited local organizations to provide information to parents of young children, including organizations that provide before- and after-school day care services for the full-day students in our district. The local PTA organizations will also be on hand with information.

To register your child you will need to bring the following information:

#### • Proof of Pennsauken Residency

##### \*\*IF YOU OWN YOUR HOME

One of the following documents is the only acceptable Proof of Residency for Home Owners:

- Current Mortgage Statement
- Current Property Tax Bill
- Deed
- Settlement Papers

##### \*\*IF YOU RENT

Please bring the following paperwork with you:

- Rental Lease
- Driver's License with Pennsauken Address
- Two pieces of mail with the Pennsauken address listed on it. (Examples - Telephone Bill, PSE&G, Bank Statement, Credit Card Statement, or Water Bill)

- Child's immunization records
- Child's original birth certificate

Volunteers will be available to watch the children while parents/guardians complete the registration.

For further information, residents may call (856) 662-8505 ext. 6507 or any elementary school in Pennsauken.

#### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

##### Pre-Kindergarten Entrance Requirements

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. DPT or DTaP vaccine                | 3 doses and 1 booster  |
| 2. Polio vaccine                      | 2 doses and 1 booster  |
| 3. Measles vaccine*                   | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 4. Mumps vaccine*                     | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 5. Rubella vaccine*                   | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 6. Hib vaccine                        | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 7. Varicella vaccine (chicken pox)    | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 8. PCV vaccine (pneumococcal vaccine) | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 9. Influenza Vaccine                  | 1 dose – must be given between 9/1 and 12/31 of pre-school year(s) |

##### Kindergarten Entrance Requirements

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. DPT or DTaP vaccine             | 3 doses and 1 booster (must be given on/after 4th birthday) or any 5 or more doses                           |
| 2. Polio vaccine                   | 2 doses and 1 booster (must be given on/after 4th birthday) or any appropriately spaced 4 doses              |
| 3. Measles vaccine*                | 2 doses of live Measles containing vaccine given on/after 1st birthday with at least one month between doses |
| 4. Mumps vaccine*                  | 1 dose given on/after 1st birthday   |
| 5. Rubella vaccine*                | 1 dose given on/after 1st birthday   |
| 6. Hepatitis B vaccine             | 3 doses  |
| 7. Varicella vaccine (chicken pox) | 1 dose given on/after 1st birthday   |

\* Children usually receive these vaccines in combination (MMR)

## What To Look For When Picking A Contractor

By Frank Sinatra, Editor,  
All Around Pennsauken

Spring has sprung (for good, we hope) and the warmer weather has you thinking of getting some work done at your home. Maybe it's a do it yourself project that you can handle, but for the bigger things, like having a tree removed or a bathroom remodeled, you're going to need some help. For the most part, people don't have problems finding a contractor to get the job done. But we've all heard of the horror stories associated with home contractors. You may have even experienced it firsthand: shoddy workmanship; cut corners that turn into bigger problems; and unfinished projects with contractors missing in action.

So what can you do to make sure you're not left holding the bag and forced to spend extra time and money correcting contracting mistakes? Here are some simple steps that can help prevent bigger issues down the road.

### Make Sure They're Registered

All individuals who do home improvements in the state of New Jersey need to be licensed with the Division of Consumer Affairs. Contractors are required by law to "prominently display" their registration numbers at their place of business, all advertisements placed in the state, on business contracts, and any correspondence with consumers of home improvement services in New Jersey.

Contractors need to renew their license with the Division of Consumer Affairs on an annual basis, so be sure that their documentation is up to date. You can search for licensed contractors online at [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/HIC/](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/HIC/).

In addition, home improvement contractors also need to have a certificate of commercial general liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$500,000 per occurrence.

### Do I Need A Contract?

All contracts exceeding \$500 and all changes in the terms and conditions of the contract need to be in writing. The contract needs to have some key elements to it, including, but not limited to:

- The legal name, business address, and contractor's registration number, and the legal name and business address of the sales representative who negotiated the contract
- A copy of the certificate of commercial general liability insurance for \$500,000 per occurrence, and the telephone number of the insurance issuing the certificate
- A description of the work to be performed and principal products and materials to be used or installed

- A statement of any guarantee or warranty with respect to any product, material, labor or service made by the seller of home improvement
- The description of any mortgage or security interest to be taken in connection with the financing or sale of the home improvement
- The total price including finances charges
- Signatures by all parties involved

By law, the contract can be cancelled at any time before midnight of the third day after receiving a copy of the contract. If a home owner cancels this contract within the three-day period, they are entitled to a full refund of their money. Refunds must be made within 30 days of the contractor's receipt of the cancellation notice.

More information on the process can be found at [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/HIC/hicpacket.pdf](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/HIC/hicpacket.pdf).

### Do Your Homework

Research the contractor using Angie's List and the Better Business Bureau and do a thorough internet search to see if there have been any documented issues with the company. Ask for references from past customers and give them a call. Also be sure to ask the contractor plenty of questions about the proposed project beforehand, so you have an understanding on timing, resources required, etc. Some good questions to ask would be:

"Do you take on projects of my size?"

"What's the longest this project will take?"

"How many other projects will you have going on at the same time?"

"How long have you worked with your subcontractors?"

Another good idea is to get at least three or four quotes by different contractors for your project. Rely on your support network. Often times, family or friends can help refer contractors they've successfully worked with in the past with good outcomes.

### Don't Pay Them Everything

Always hold some money back until the project is finished. A good rule of thumb is to pay your contractor one third of the amount in the beginning of the job, one third at the half way mark, and the final payment after the work has been completed to your satisfaction. Remember that a final payment is not needed in order for a final inspection on new construction/remodeling by the Township's Building Department. Be sure that you're satisfied with the work

before you hand over that last check.

### Trust Your Gut

If something's too good to be true, it probably is. It's your property and your money; you have every right to feel 100 percent comfortable with the contractor you're about to start working with. If you don't have a good feeling about some-

thing, find another contractor before beginning your project.

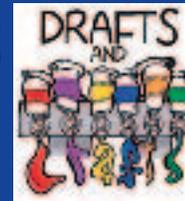
You should definitely walk away from using a specific contractor if:

- They want you to apply for the permit under your name
- The contractor does not have a valid Home Improvement Contractor's License

- They cannot provide a copy of their insurance
- The contractor insists on cash or on payment in full before starting work
- They will not give you a contract

For more information about New Jersey's requirements for home improvement contractors, visit [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/HIC/](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/HIC/).

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### April 29th - Weds night at 7pm - Couples Painting Event \$60 per Couple

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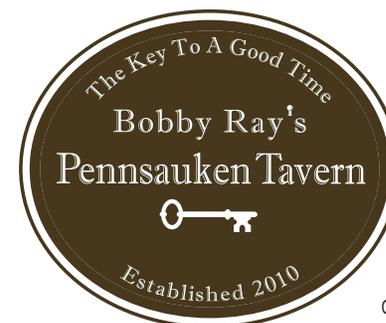


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## SENIORCORNER Preparing For Home Repairs, Avoiding Scams

By Sonny DiSabato,  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

It's spring, a beautiful time of the year. As we enjoy the warmer weather, home owners begin to start fixing up their homes. Before hiring a contractor for home repairs, make sure they possess a current and valid State of New Jersey Home Improvement Contractors License. The Township of Pennsauken Building Department is available to answer any questions from seniors. Please contact them at 856-665-1000 extensions 130 or 131.

### Senior Scam Alert

A growing trend is for debt collectors to harass seniors for money they don't owe according to statistics provided by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Older Americans, debt collectors attempting to collect money from seniors that they don't owe accounted for over 100,000 complaints to the office from July 2013 to December 2014.

Here are some tips that seniors can

use to avoid being taken:

- Request details about the debt; ask for important info, including the collector's license number, company name, address, phone number, etc. If they refuse, it's most likely a scam
- Be aware of what's on your credit report; you can get three free reports each year at AnnualCreditReport.com
- Get it in writing; demand that they

send written proof that you owe the debt, whether it's a credit card statement detailing the unpaid charges or an invoice from a doctor's office outlining the outstanding payment for services

- Get informed; visit [www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-watch-network/](http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-watch-network/) to learn about identify theft and avoiding scams

### Senior Prom A Great Success

On March 29, we had our annual Senior Citizen Prom. There was food, beverages, dancing and corsages for the ladies. Then, seniors enjoyed a wonderful performance of "Guys and Dolls," put on by the talented students of Pennsauken High School. A great time was had by all.

A very special thanks to the Penn-

sauken Teachers Association, who sponsored this wonderful event; as well as the Pennsauken students who graciously volunteered their time.

Wishing you good health and happiness. Please remember to say a prayer for our men and women currently serving our country overseas. May they come home safe and sound.

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## Little Angels Story Book Fun Fair Held On April 25

Put a big red circle on your calendars for Saturday, April 25! That very special day marks the annual Story Book Fun Fair at St. Cecilia's Little Angels Day Care and Pre-School. This is the day care's largest happening of the year, as it celebrates the culmination of the "Month of the Young Child."

Since 1971, the National Association for the Education of Young Children has sponsored the "Week of the Young Child," an opportunity to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. In 1985, it expanded its celebration to the entire month of April. And Little Angels is so



Local children's authors Mookie the cat and Judith Kristen will be on hand during the Little Angels Story Book Fun Fair, held on April 25 at 4800 Camden Ave. in Pennsauken.

proud to be a part of it all.

One of the most important things we

can do for our young ones is to engage them in the joys of early learning and early literacy. And this year, Little Angels is promoting literacy by featuring fairy tales and wonderful stories to touch the hearts and minds of children and parents alike! They will even have a very extraordinary princess and a snowman as their special guests! You won't want to miss out on that!

Little Angels will also host a very unique author with his own special way to look at our world. Many of our local school children are familiar with his books, but few have actually met him in person. His name is "Mookie" and he's a darling tabby cat whose owner also happens to be an author. Judith Kristen

comes to the Fun Fair along with Mookie; she will read his "Mookie and the Rescued Cat" to the children. And a Mookie book will be given to each child ... autographed by Ms. Kristen and "pawtographed" by Mookie himself.

And they don't call it a FUN Fair for nothing! A huge moon bounce will be set up for the children to enjoy and play on with their friends. There will also be numerous fun and delightful games for the kids to play; an amazingly talented and entertaining balloon artist; and for your musical pleasure, a fabulously groovy DJ – so don't forget your dancing shoes! There will be many other fun and exciting activities at the Fun Fair, along with lots and lots of wonderful books to

read. And, on top of all that goodness, food trucks, with healthy, as well as yummy snacks, desserts, and drinks, will be available to everybody.

Camden Ave., the street in front of St. Cecilia's, will be cordoned off for every participant's safety. So, please remember that date! Saturday, April 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come One! Come All!

St. Cecilia's is located at 4800 Camden Ave., right in the heart of Pennsauken. For further information about their Story Book Fun Fair, please call Little Angels Day Care and Pre-School at (856) 662-9228.

## Spring Trees Available For Curbside Planting

The Shade Tree Commission is in the process of purchasing trees for residential curbside planting again this spring. There will be a limited supply and disbursement will be made on a first come, first serve basis. Interested residents can e-mail Commission president, Michael Carruth, at [mcbronco2@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbronco2@yahoo.com).

It is understood that while the Commission will plant the tree, the residents are responsible for water and care. A treegator will be provided; a slow release watering bag designed to efficiently and effectively irrigate a new tree.

**Tune in to Pennsauken TV on Cable Channel 19**

## An Open Letter From Mayor Taylor To The Residents And Businesses Of Pennsauken Township

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sewers. We ask Pennsauken businesses to be especially diligent to keep their dumpsters covered and to avoid overfilling them with too much trash.

Pennsauken's ordinance on improperly disposing of waste materials prohibits anything other than rainwater from going into an inlet. Dumping oil or other unwanted household chemicals into a storm inlet is not only dangerous but also deadly to marine life. Please take advantage of the hazardous waste disposal days that the County has during the year. Many times, they occur right at Pennsauken's sanitary landfill on River Rd., allowing you to quickly and easily dispose of your hazardous materials in a proper fashion.

Remember, pollutants can also be grass, leaves and fertilizers. While some think of these as "organic," they are in fact pollutants to clean water and a danger to aquatic life. In addition, too many leaves raked down a storm inlet can also cause the sewer to clog and possibly result in flooding. Only rainwater should go down a storm drain.

The ordinances mentioned are intended to remind residents and businesses of the need to stop waterway pollution at the source. In addition, the NJDEP has directed municipalities to start using the new eco-style inlets. Pennsauken has many of these already in place. The openings are purposely small enough to stop large debris, such as plastic bottles and soda cans from

being washed into the storm sewer, but still allow rainwater to pass through.

In addition to the Township retrofitting the new eco-style inlets, businesses are also required by ordinance to retrofit storm inlets whenever a parking lot needs to be repaved or if the seal coating of a parking area is done.

Pennsauken Township's Highway Department inspects inlets every year and cleans those blocked by debris. However, with approximately 1,400 inlets throughout the Township, the Highway Department cannot always get to them immediately. Cleaning off a storm inlet and placing the debris in a trash container is a way that Pennsauken residents can help keep the environment clean. This is particularly important in

neighborhoods that are prone to street flooding in a heavy rain.

The ordinances discussed in this article can be found on our Township web site, [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us), and by clicking on the "Code Book" tab. Specific requirements are included in Chapters 101, Animals; Chapter 197, Litter; Chapter 256, Sewers and Drainage Systems; and Chapter 269, Solid Waste. While it is important to be aware of the ordinances that the Township has adopted to protect our waterways, it is really up to each one of us to take responsibility for keeping the environment clean. Everyone, whether they are a longtime resident, or a brand new business owner moving into town, has the ability to help in some small way.



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homeowner's responsibility.

If you have had a problem in the past, you are probably aware of the signs to look for (slow drainage or a periodic back up). If you experience these problems, consider calling a plumber to check for tree roots. The

plumber can remove the roots from your line. And, if you suspect the problem is in the main line, please call the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority at (856) 662-0686, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Lifelong Pennsauken Resident Turns 90 Years Young

Charles Ackerman, a lifelong resident of Pennsauken Township, recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

For most of his life, Ackerman lived along Westfield and Horner avenues, with the exception of the three years he spent serving his country. After graduating Merchantville High School in 1942, Ackerman joined the United States Navy and served on a Landing Craft Support (LCS) ship during World War II, a class of amphibious warfare ships used in the Pacific Theater. Upon returning home, he married his first wife, Frances Froelich, in 1949 and had two daughters. After his wife's passing, he married Rose Fedalen in 1967. He adopted Rose's son, and the couple had a daughter of their own. Fast forward to today, Ackerman now has two grandsons, one granddaughter, and two great grandchildren.

Charles is a retired maintenance machinist and worked at Smith Klein, US Steel, and Campbell Soup. He was a member of Rosedale Baptist, Bethel Methodist, and Calvary Baptist churches, and actively served on many committees



Charles Ackerman, a lifelong resident of Pennsauken Township, turned 90 this February.

and as an usher. Ackerman currently resides at Genesis Healthcare Cooper River West.

To celebrate his 90th birthday, Charles's family and friends surprised him with not one, but two parties in his honor.

Happy 90th birthday and best wishes for many more.

### Coming Next Month: Pennsauken's Summer Program List

Every May, All Around Pennsauken highlights great activities that children and adults can take advantage of during the summer months. From the annual Summer Fun Camp to adult tennis lessons, there's a little something for everyone!

Registration for most summer programs begins on May 4 at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave.

Forms will be available at the municipal building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. A program listing and downloadable registration forms will also be posted on the Township web site: [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us). For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151 or send an e-mail to [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).



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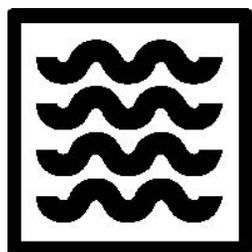


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# MPWC WATERLINES

## FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

### The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission's Spring Flushing Program Will Take Place Beginning April 12 And Ending April 23 Between The Hours Of 7:00 And 11:00 P.M.

Hydrant flushing is an important element in the continuing program to improve the quality of water in our system. This procedure clears the distribution system of non-harmful sediment that may build up over time. The MPWC schedules hydrant flushing during night hours to create the least impact on our customers.

While we are flushing in your neighborhood, you may experience decreased water pressure and/or temporary discoloration of your water. If discoloration occurs, customers are advised to simply run their cold water for a few minutes until it is clear. Customers are encouraged to check for discolored water before doing laundry.

If you have not previously signed up to get notifications from the MPWC, please visit our website at [www.mpwc.com](http://www.mpwc.com) and click on the "Notify Me" button so that you may receive notification of hydrant flushing and other events in your area. Any specific questions regarding the flushing program, please contact the MPWC at (856) 663-0043.

## ESTIMATED METER READINGS

The MPWC estimates meter readings when we have been unable to access your property to obtain an actual meter reading, when your remote device is not functioning properly, or if we are unable to

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is actual or estimated. If you receive a bill with an estimated meter reading, please contact our office right away. Our customer support representatives will schedule an appointment to obtain a meter reading and

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

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

#### Questions about your service?

Call 663-0043 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., emergencies – call 663-0045 anytime.

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## Pennsauken Florists Display At Philadelphia Flower Show

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exhibit because we didn't want to take it into the realm of confusion for the children. So when they looked at it, they got it. They knew it was 'Frozen,'" added Bruce. "We were very excited because it was more like stage set production than we'd ever done before. It kind of looked like it might have been on Broadway."

Michael Bruce Florist, who has exhibited at the Philadelphia Flower Show for 11 years, is a recent transplant to Pennsauken. Formerly based in Collingswood, the business moved from a retail sales-based model to focus more on being an event florist; they will be happy to arrange fresh flowers if customers call ahead, but the business no longer accepts walk-ins. They also moved much closer to Pennock Floral, the premier wholesaler serving the Eastern Seaboard with a full selection of cut flowers, floral containers and supplies, and specialty items. "Pennock is 300 little footsteps from my front door. It's extremely convenient and wonderful."

The Pennsauken location, which is double the size of their old shop and includes a 20-foot ceiling, also allowed Michael and his staff to do more prep work in advance of the show.

"This is the first year, because we have this spot, that we could actually work on our displays for the Philadelphia Flower Show prior to showing up," says Bruce.



**Pennsauken native Rick Cuneo has worked on exhibits at the Philadelphia Flower Show for almost 40 years. Photo courtesy of Rick Cuneo.**

"That's huge. Before, we would have to show up at the flower show and see how it went together because we didn't have the space."

"Silver Thaw" received a warm reception at the Flower Show, receiving a PHS Bronze Medal for the floral category as well as a People's Choice award. The team at Michael Bruce Florist is already hard at work for next year's exhibit.

Michael Bruce Florist is located at 7025 Colonial Hwy, Unit 4, in Pennsauken. For more information, visit MichaelBruceFlorist.com.

### Pennsauken's Cuneo Part Of Best In Show

As a kid, Rick Cuneo used to work at the old Carlin's Market, which used to be the go to place for produce, flowers

and more along Westfield Ave. Today, the member of Pennsauken High School's class of 1977 owns the Cherry Hill Flower Barn and has worked on exhibits at the Philadelphia Flower Show for almost 40 years.

"The most exciting part of the Flower Show is just getting to work with really motivated, talented designers," says Cuneo. "It's great to be around other creative people."

Rick worked on the exhibit displayed by the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), the floral industry's leading non-profit organization dedicated to establishing, maintaining and recognizing the highest standard of professional floral design. An AIFD member since 2009 after passing a stringent accreditation process which included a four-hour "Top Chef" style design competition, Cuneo helped to present "Princesses," an exhibit that received the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Cup Best in Show for floral design.

In addition, Cuneo put together a pod display for the Show's Designer's Studio, which invites the nation's best floral designers to "show their stuff live on stage." For years, Rick has done live presentations for Show attendees. He has also won four ribbons at this Flower Show event for the last two years.

*For more photos from this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, view this story online at AllAroundPennsauken.com.*



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# inBooks

PENNSAUKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Sonora R. Miller, MLS

It is with deep sadness that I tell you all that within several days of reading this, I will be ending my time at the Pennsauken Library and moving to New York State to embark on a new adventure.

I have recently accepted a full-time position as the director of the Royalton Hartland Community Library in Middleport, NY. Middleport is a small town right on the Erie Canal, very close to where I grew up, and just a handful of miles from Niagara Falls and the Canadian border. And it's the prettiest part of the country you'll ever see—vineyards, orchards, dairy farms and clear night skies filled with stars.

As many of you know, I am not originally from Pennsauken, and this posi-

## Saying Goodbye To Pennsauken Friends

tion will give me the opportunity to return to my roots. I will be available to care for my family, and to start my own with my partner, a local farmer and beekeeper extraordinaire. I am tremendously excited to be able to finally bring my personal and professional lives together to one place.

If you are ever in the upstate New York area on your way to Niagara Falls, please feel free to stop by the Royalton Hartland Community Library. You're welcome to drop in anytime to bring Pennsauken news and make my day. No doubt, you'll find me running children's programs, teen and adult programs and connecting the library to its residents.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have worked with the entire community of Pennsauken for the past eight years, and I will miss everyone terribly. Penn-



Librarian Sonora Miller, seen here with her partner, Eran, will be leaving the Pennsauken Library to become the director of the Royalton Hartland Community Library in Middleport, NY.

sauken folks, you have welcomed me, taken me under your wing and taught me more about community, respect and love than I ever thought possible. I have been blessed to be your librarian, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

## April Library Events

### For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- I Scream for Ice Cream – Thursday, April 2; 6:30-7:30 p.m. We'll make ice cream from scratch and decorate our own sundaes. Also, Miss Sonora is leaving the library in just a few days, and she'd love to give you all goodbye hugs! For all ages and families.
- LEGO Club – Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; 4:30-5:15 p.m. Children can build the wild vehicles, buildings and creatures in their imaginations! For all ages.
- Little Storytime – Thursday, April 2; 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join Miss Sonora for her final storytime; it's perfect for all your little ones! For ages 0-5.
- Pajama Storytime – Wednesday, April 1; 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.
- Pop-Up Play – Thursday, April 2; 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers, playing is learning! After our regularly scheduled storytime, join us for educational toys and pop-up books that parents and children can share to foster critical early literacy skills. For ages 0-5.
- Storytime – Tuesday, April 7, 14, 21 & 28; 11:00-11:30 a.m. Miss Susan is leading a weekly storytime for the months of April and May. Join us! For all ages.

### For Teens & Adults:

- Book Club – Thursday, April 2; 10:00-

11:30 a.m. Discussing last month's book choice, "Face of Betrayal," by Liz Wiehl and April Henry, and this month's book choice, "Orphan Train," by Christina Baker Kline.

- Friends of the Library Meeting – Wednesday, April 8; 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting.
- Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment – Tuesday, April 21; 10:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The open enrollment ended Feb. 15 for the Health Insurance Marketplace, but throughout the year, appointments are available for those who would like to investigate their eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP, or for those who have had qualifying changes to their health insurance (such as losing your job, getting married, having a baby or having a death in the family). Call 877-922-2377 to make a private appointment to meet with a trained Health Navigator at the Pennsauken Library. She will help you apply and enroll in a health insurance plan that best fits your family's needs.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, April 27; 6:00-8:00 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- Tax Help – Wednesdays and Thursdays, April 1-2, 8-9, & 15; 1:00-4:00 p.m. AARP Foundation is the nation's largest volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service. Its tax preparation service is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

## Library Requesting Proposals For Professional Audit

The Pennsauken Free Public Library is requesting proposals from qualified independent certified public accountants or independent public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. The audit is to be conducted in accordance

with U.S. generally-accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

To be considered, three copies of a proposal must be postmarked or received by the Library Director at 5605 Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey by 5:00 p.m. on the first day of May, 2015.

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## GOING GREEN Spring Cleaning With Fewer Chemicals

By Kathleen Harvey,  
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

Since Earth Day is this month, I thought it appropriate to talk about switching to natural cleaning options. Some folks, especially babies, are sensitive to chemicals and their fumes. Natural cleaners can save time, money, and reduce chemical exposure. There are some items typically used as food ingredients that are likely already in your pantry that can be put to use in other ways, are as effective as chemicals, and healthier for us and the planet. Consider these ingenious uses for pantry staples.

### Vinegar

Cleaning mini blinds can be torturous, but it doesn't have to be. In a small bowl, mix a solution of equal parts white vinegar, hot tap water, and a drop of liquid dish soap. Put on a white cotton glove, moisten the fingers, then slide your fingers across both sides of each slat and prepare to be amazed. Periodically wash off the glove to remove dirt and dust.

Have rings from wet glasses that have been left on the coffee table? To remove marks on wood furniture, mix equal parts vinegar and olive oil and gently apply it with a soft cloth while moving with the wood grain. Use another clean, dry cloth to remove the excess.

To get water rings off of leather furniture, dab them with a sponge soaked in full-strength white vinegar. You can also

restore it to its former glory by mixing equal parts white vinegar and boiled linseed oil in a spray bottle. Shake well, and spray it evenly over your furniture. Wait a couple of minutes for the mixture to settle in and then rub it off with a clean cloth.

Got a scratch on a wooden tabletop or hardwood floor that grabs your attention every time you look at it? To make it much less noticeable, mix vinegar and iodine in a small jar and paint over the scratch with a small artist's brush. Use more iodine for darker woods; more vinegar for lighter shades.

### Hydrogen Peroxide

Peroxide is one of the most commonly used household disinfectants in the world. People typically use hydrogen peroxide for sanitizing small cuts. However, there is much more to this little brown bottle. Soak toothbrushes in hydrogen peroxide to kill staph bacteria and other germs common to the bathroom. Rinse well before using again. Soak fingertips and toes in hydrogen peroxide mixed with warm water and dish soap to naturally whiten your nails and reduce nail fungus.

### Baking Soda

As spring arrives, so do the insects. Sprinkle baking soda under the sink, around pipe openings, and along basement windows to keep carpenter ants, silverfish, and roaches from invading.

Roaches eat the baking soda, dehydrate, and die.

To remove stains from coffee and tea cups, wipe them with a damp sponge dipped in baking soda paste. A paste of baking soda and water cleans ovens without the chemicals or the hassle of the self cleaning cycle. Just dab the paste on the bottom of the oven, leave for a few hours and wipe off for a shiny, chemical free oven. For soap scum on tubs and

showers, mix two parts baking soda, one part salt, and one part borax.

### Salt

Rub two to three tablespoons of salt onto the stains inside your glass vases, and then scrub them clean with a damp bristle brush. For narrow necked bud vases, insert uncooked dry rice along with the salt and shake the mixture. The rice will agitate against the glass to help remove stains.

A mixture of salt and vinegar will clean brass. For perspiration stains on clothing, add enough water to salt to make a paste, then rub into the cloth. Wait for an hour, and then launder as usual. Stainless steel can be cleaned by rubbing it with a gritty paste of two tablespoons of salt mixed with lemon juice. Rinse well and pat dry with a soft cloth.

Happy Earth Day! Time to start spring cleaning!



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## **PUBLICWORKS** Properly Disposing Of E-Waste, Community Clean-ups

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,  
Department of Public Works

Finally bought that sleek, space-saving flat-screen TV you've had your eye on? Like many of our neighbors going through this transition from tube to flat, you're ready to ask the strongest person you know to help wrestle the awkward and monster-sized tube TV out of your home. STOP! DO NOT PUT THE TV AT THE CURB! Waste Management, your trash collector, WILL NOT take TVs or other electronics.

Here's what happens when you put the TV at the curb: the weekly scavengers or "scrappers" ride around your neighborhoods, looking for ferrous and non-ferrous metals (magnetic and non-magnetic) to trade-in for scrap at local recycling centers. The problem is that these individuals DO NOT take the entire TV with them and break them down to sort out the entire unit, recycling each part appropriately. What they do instead is smash the glass screen or break apart the shell to get to the "scrap metal" pieces that have a monetary value and they leave the rest. Sometimes these individuals will take your TV off the curb, but then you, or Pennsauken's Department of Public Works, will find them dumped in our parks and athletic facilities. The unsightly result of this action exposes the ground, our stormwater, and our neighbors to the chemicals and broken glass that are used in TV manufacturing. This is why there are now strict guidelines on

recycling electronic waste or "e-waste."

### How You Can Dispose Of A TV

It may take some planning, but recycling your unwanted TVs will pay off, both helping the environment and keeping Pennsauken a safe place to play and live. The Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, located at 9600 River Rd., accepts non-compromised TVs. A compromised TV, or one that is smashed open or torn apart, WILL NOT be accepted by the landfill. All intact TVs can be dropped off at the landfill during normal business hours at no charge to residents. For more information, call the landfill at (856) 665-8787.

You may have already placed a TV out at the curb for trash before reading this article and found that the next morning it's still out there, but in a ton of pieces. Unfortunately, this is the homeowner's responsibility to clean-up and dispose of. The Township is currently looking at options for the proper disposal of compromised TVs, but this may involve a fee to residents. This is when it really pays to properly recycle your electronic waste the first time.

For more information about e-waste recycling, visit the Public Work's Page on the Township's web site at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or call Public Works at (856) 663-0178.

### The Importance Of Neighborhood Clean-ups

Public Works was contacted by a local Girl Scout troop who wanted to lend a

helping hand by participating in a clean-up project this month. Public Works, along with the Township's Parks and Recreation Department, completes an evaluation to analyze and prioritize the needs of each park, playground and sports facility in Pennsauken. Often times, Pennsauken's parks get some "extra" help from residents, businesses or community groups. The location chosen for this event was "The Pit," which is officially called Crescent Park. You may recall a complete overhaul of the area a few years back with the installation of a new turf football field, walking path and parking lot. The park in general still looks brand new; the only eyesore for this gem is where trash collects at the surrounding tree line from the wind. In a perfect world, no debris or trash would exist in any park, but through efforts by the Girl Scouts and similar groups, we can help to eliminate litter together.

Another annual clean-up in town is held over on 44th St., which has been organized for several years by a recent retiree of the Department of Public Works, Brian Mount. I recently came across last year's flyer for this event. It reads: "Hi Neighbor! It's that time of the year. We're going to have our annual alley way clean up! This is a great time to meet your neighborhood family and help make our neighborhood a place we can all be proud of. We'll be providing our new neighbors with all the information

they need to properly put out their trash and recyclables."

This is an excellent tradition that many people, myself included, don't hear enough of in today's world. A little effort goes a long way in helping Pennsauken continue to be a great place to live.

For assistance with your own community clean-up, please contact Public Works at (856) 663-0178 or [publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us). We'd be happy to help provide supplies, such as trash bags, etc., for your event.

### TALKIN' TRASH

THERE ARE NO TRASH HOLIDAYS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL.

Camden County is hosting an electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Camden County Public Works Complex, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold.

For a list of items to bring to this event, visit [www.camdencounty.com/parks/recycling-info/electronic-recycling-collection-events](http://www.camdencounty.com/parks/recycling-info/electronic-recycling-collection-events).



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The Easter Bunny also made it over to the annual "Brunch with the Bunny," held at the historic Borough-Dover House. Proceeds from the event benefited the Freedom Center for Wildlife.

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The ABCs of Learning Child Care Center is hosting a spring food collection drive benefiting the Food Bank of South Jersey. Located at 3465 Haddonfield Rd., the child care center will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items and canned goods through April 24.

Audiences were thoroughly entertained during "Guys and Dolls," the spring musical performed by students at Pennsauken High School.



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## Restaurant Depot Celebrates Grand Opening Of New Facility continued from page 1

tions nationwide, first came to Pennsauken in 2000, purchasing an almost 50,000 square-foot facility along Thomas Busch Memorial Highway. "It was our first store in this market," says Cohen. "The appeal of Pennsauken is that it's right outside Philly and lets you cater to a portion of the Philly market, but it also has many highways and a great infrastructure. So it's very easy to get to from all parts of New Jersey and Philly."

But as Restaurant Depot established itself in Pennsauken, the successful business experienced "growing pains" when it came to parking and space for goods.

"After a couple of years, we realized it was too small," explains Cohen. "We started looking for a new location; at one point, we thought we were going to have to leave Pennsauken."

While conducting a comprehensive search, the business realized that the answer was literally right next door: a 75,000 square-foot facility adjacent to their old property. "We looked at it and we knew we had the right place. It's about 40 percent bigger and has better height in the ceilings."

Restaurant Depot has invested millions into Pennsauken: purchasing the new location, rehabbing the building, fixing the floors, installing new lighting, as well as putting in giant refrigerators and freezers. On the outside, there is a brand new parking lot with a large overhang to protect customers during inclement weather.

"If you're dealing with the retail public and it snows or rains, they don't shop that day. But a restaurateur is open seven days a week," explains Cohen. "Whether it's raining or snowing, he needs his product. We've made a lot of investments that show our commitment to our customers."

"Restaurant Depot not only made the initial investment here in Pennsauken in the year 2000, but they made a bigger commitment with their new building," adds Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor. "It's certainly a state-of-the-art facility for food and equipment. And it's located right in the Mecca of restaurants and mom and pop establishments."

During the ribbon cutting, Cohen took an opportunity to thank the Township for their assistance during Restaurant Depot's move and renovation process. "We've worked with the Township throughout the years. It's not always easy to deal through construction issues or business issues, but they've taken a common sense approach and they've worked with us through problems."

"Having businesses and the community working together is one of the most important things we can do," says Deputy Mayor Figueroa. "It keeps businesses happy; it keeps the Township taxes lower; and it creates jobs. It's a big thing."

*Restaurant Depot's new facility is located at 1070 Thomas Busch Memorial Highway. For more information, visit RestaurantDepot.com.*

## McLaughlin Dance Studio Holds Fundraiser On April 11

The Ensemble Team from the Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio, a staple in Merchantville, NJ since 1967, has an opportunity to travel to Orlando, FL this July to perform at Disney World. The team has been holding fundraisers to cover the cost of the trip, but with a twist. In addition to working towards going to Florida, the dancers have been also giving back to the community.

Recently, the Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio Ensemble Team raised donations for the Ronald McDonald House in Camden; last December, the dancers also put together a holiday care package for a family from a local parish.

The Ensemble Team's next fundraiser



will be the "Wing Fling" at Curran's Irish Inn in Palmyra, NJ, on Saturday, April 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person.

To reserve your spot in advance, for more information on supporting future fundraising events, or to inquire about class offerings, please e-mail the studio at [mclaughlindance@verizon.net](mailto:mclaughlindance@verizon.net).

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## Remembering Franny Orsini, Founder Of Don't Call Me Francis

Pennsauken native Francis D. Orsini, founder and lead singer of the popular band, Don't Call Me Francis, lost his battle with cancer on March 3 at the age of 52.

Orsini, who grew up on Browning Rd. off of Westfield Ave. and was an alumnus of Pennsauken High School's Class of 1980, described Don't Call Me Francis as a, "get out of your seat and dance to the beat kind of band" that was very much into crowd participation. For over 25 years, Orsini, who also played trumpet in addition to singing lead vocals, helped build the band's reputation as one of the most popular bands in the Philadelphia Tri-state area.

On the band's Facebook page, broken-hearted members of Don't Call Me Francis lovingly remembered their leader.

"A man of many hats - A father. A brother. A family man. A friend. A band leader. A businessman. An entertainer. A musician. An irreplaceable presence. An inspiration to many. A relentless fighter. An unforgettable person.

"Frank poured his heart and soul into his band and his music. He built years of wonderful memories both on and off stage. In his own words, he would want nothing more than the Don't Call Me Francis legacy to continue on. The band is proud to fulfill his wish."

The post from the band added, "If you believe in forever as a Don't Call Me Francis fan, you know there is a rock and roll heaven. And they have one hell of a band."

The horn section definitely has added someone with real chops.

Donations in honor of Orsini can be made to The Francis Orsini Marching Band Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made payable to Pennsauken Board of Education, 1695 Hylton Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.



Pennsauken native Francis D. Orsini, founder and lead singer of the popular band, Don't Call Me Francis, lost his battle with cancer on March 3 at the age of 52. Photo credit: Don't Call Me Francis

## Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Announces Summer Production

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Theatre is excited to announce that "Shrek Jr. The Musical" will be the summer production for 2015.

"Shrek Jr. The Musical" is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and is adapted for young performers. The production features a host of over-the-top roles for an expandable cast; there's a part for everyone in this dazzling adventure story.

In a faraway kingdom, the green ogre Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits, runaways who've been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wise-cracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task - if he rescues feisty Princess Fiona from the Dragon-guarded tower, his swamp will be returned to him. But, a fairy tale wouldn't be complete without unexpected twists and turns along the way.

Auditions will be held sometime in May and will be open to children ages 7 to 14. Performances will be held in July. For additional information, contact Elwood Martz at (856) 665-1000 x151 or e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.



"Shrek Jr. The Musical" will be the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Theatre's summer production for 2015.

## Ryla Community Pharmacy Opens In Pennsauken

Ryla Community Pharmacy, located at 4301 Maple Ave., has recently opened its doors in town. A locally owned, independent retail pharmacy run by Dr Bushra Bufahredin, a Pennsauken resident, Ryla serves customers in Pennsauken, Merchantville, Camden and surrounding vicinities.

The pharmacy will be hosting a special grand opening event on Friday, May 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor will be on hand for the official ribbon cutting.

Ryla Community Pharmacy is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They accept all major insurance plans and offer free delivery of prescriptions.



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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS Booker Wins State Title, Dow Earns Gold

By Billy Wright, Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

For Martin Booker, Jr., the first sign of possible greatness came in the Washington Township football game last November, when he scooted around the line of scrimmage three times for long touch-down runs. In the sloppy, muddy conditions that day, it was obvious that Martin was the fastest man on the field. When the winter track season began, Martin once again showed his speed, as he won repeatedly in his specialty, the 55 meter dash. But Martin's latest conquest came at the expense of other NJ Group III competitors, as he raced away with the state championship. The gold medal was the first in school history for a winter track athlete. Martin's first place finish

provided 10 of the 17 points that PHS scored that day, good for fourth place in the team battle.

Also scoring was Marquan Jones, who placed sixth in the 400 meter dash; and the 1600 meter relay quartet of Martin, Marquan, Brandon Harley and Julian Jackson.

On the girl's side, Olivia Jamison was fourth in the 400 meter dash and junior Amanda Bakley became the first PHS placer in the 1600 meter run at states with her 5:18.07 school record performance. On any given day, Amanda can be found patrolling the local roads, getting in some miles or running fast repeat intervals in the PHS hallway with girls' cross country and spring track coach Phil Zimmerman. Phil volunteers his time and energy to help out Coach Tabb – and to sneak in

some training runs for himself – while preparing Amanda for elite status among Group III competitors.

### David Dow Earns Gold

When the wrestling season began this past Thanksgiving, a District wrestling title and regional qualification for PHS senior David Dow was expected. David and the PHS coaching staff were also hoping for a top eight performance at the state tournament. At the Region 7 championships held at Robbinsville High School, David pinned his first two opponents to meet up with defending Region champion and two-time state placer Tyreek Smith of Moorestown. David had lost to Smith two weeks earlier 8-7 in a match where he pretty much dictated the tempo. At the "Regions," David again forced the issue and was successful in taking Smith down for a convincing 6-4 win. The gold medal was the first for a PHS wrestler in 31 years, as Gerald Smith won in 1983 at 103 lbs.

David advanced to the state finals and joined 23 other competitors, three from each of the eight regions. The tournament started at the District level, where the top three from the 32 Districts advanced to the regions. Of the 384 wrestlers entered in each weight class, the tournament is now down to 24 with the top eight earning a medal. The last state place winner for PHS was current PHS volunteer and South Jersey Hall of Famer Mike Panerella in 1968.

David is also among Pennsauken's finest in the classroom, as he maintains a 3.37 GPA.

### Athletes Of The Month

February honorees are Amanda Bakley and Martin Booker Jr. Amanda became the first PHS female to place at the NJSIAA Group III state championships with her bronze medal fourth place finish and new school record. Martin also garnered a first as he became the first PHS winter track athlete to win an event at the state championships with his 55 meter dash championship.

### Twelve Earn All Conference Honors

At the BCSL coaches meeting, 20 member schools met to nominate and vote for season-ending award honors. The PHS league championship wrestling team led all PHS winter sports, with six team members named to the BCSL All Conference first or second team.

Code Red had three first team honorees: David Dow, Jerry Babilonia, and Aaron Swann. Bowling had three honorees: Jessica Bello, earning her third consecutive first team honor; and sister Michele, earning her second consecutive first team recognition. Girls basketball point guard Tenille Stewart was named second team, joining boys basketball center Anthony Dadson. Tenille and Anthony were both invited to play in the post season BCSL Senior Showcase.

### Boosters Club Wine Tasting Social On May 21

The Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club is hosting its fifth annual Wine and Beer Tasting Social on Thursday, May 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Held at Marco's Restaurant and Catering at the Pennsauken Country Club, this event is well attended and a lot of fun. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. All attendees will receive an anniversary wine class. A silent auction will be held with tasty finger foods and music to support the tasting. Local businesses who would like to contribute a raffle basket can contact Booster Club President Denise Wallace at PennsaukenASBC@gmail.com.

Booster Club meetings are conducted the second Tuesday of the month in the PHS library. Come out and join this worthy organization, which is attempting to make the high school athletic experience more rewarding for each student athlete. The Club will provide \$5,000 in scholarships this year to worthy seniors and will also sponsor the end-of-year Athletic Awards Night, scheduled for Monday, June 1.

### Play Ball – Spring Has Arrived

The spring season has sprung and over 250 athletes are representing the Pennsauken community in baseball, softball, boys and girls track and field, boys volleyball, and girls lacrosse. Come out and support our youth, who are working so hard to win. A highlight of the early season is the Camden-Gloucester County Relays, hosted by the All Sports Boosters Club on Saturday, April 4, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Vince McAneney Field. Come out and see some of South Jersey's finest track and field stars, as over 40 high schools and 1,000 athletes are expected to compete for the cherished Cam-Glo medal.

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 spring and fall 2015 season can be found at [www.pennsauken.net](http://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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## South Jersey Thunder Begins Inaugural Season In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

There's a new semi-pro football team in the Northeast Atlantic Football League, and they've decided to call Pennsauken home.

The South Jersey Thunder kicked off its inaugural season in February as part of the Northeast Atlantic Football League, a group of minor league football teams, who according to the league's Facebook page, "are striving to bring minor league football to a more professional level."

The Thunder is owned by Raymond Lynn, Jr., a husband and father who like

many, is working to find a balance between his love of football and his family responsibilities.

"I chose to build a team that would support young men with talent who showed promise in their skill set but missed their opportunity because of family responsibility," explains Lynn on the GoFundMe page that was set up to help support the team. He went on to say that the Thunder's roster is made up of "young, responsible men."

"We have gathered some of the most talented men from all over South Jersey," added Lynn.

The Thunder is currently in fourth place in the League's Patriot Division. Lynn explained that the team is working to gel together and that they are continuing to improve.

The South Jersey Thunder has three remaining home games on its schedule: April 11 against the Delco County Cowboys, from 2 to 5 p.m.; April 25 against the Levittown Rebels, from 6 to 9 p.m.; and May 9 against the South Jersey Phoenix, from 6 to 9 p.m. Home games are held at the PYAA Football Field on Elm Ave. Parking is available at the PYAA Field House. Tickets are \$3 per

person and bleacher seating is available.

For more information about the

South Jersey Thunder, visit [www.league-lineup.com/sjthunder](http://www.league-lineup.com/sjthunder).



Last month, Pennsauken's own South Jersey Thunder, seen here in green, played its home opener at the PYAA Field on Elm Ave. The semi-pro team is playing its inaugural season as part of the Northeast Atlantic Football League.

## Richard's River Run To Be Held On April 19

Go 4 The Goal's ninth annual Richard's River Run will be held on Sunday, April 19 at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. The certified 5K will bring out countless runners and walkers to support local children battling cancer.

Race day registration for the 5K run/walk will be held from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. The race begins promptly at 9 a.m., followed by a ceremony awarding the Tim Frantz Memorial Medal to the top male and female finishers.

Since the inception of the run, Go4theGoal has been able to support local children battling cancer at Chil-

dren's Hospital of Philadelphia, Cooper Hospital, Saint Christopher's, and Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children.

Runners can sign up for the race online by visiting <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Pennsauken/RichardsRiverRun5K>. Online registration ends April 17 at 10 p.m. For additional information, visit [www.go4thegoal.org/contact.html](http://www.go4thegoal.org/contact.html).

The Go4theGoal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization founded in 2006 by Dr. Richard and Beth Stefanacci, soon after their oldest child was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. Through the organi-

zation's efforts, including National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Day, Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer,™ and Spring Into Action 4 a Cure,™ Go4theGoal provides children undergoing cancer treatment and their families with financial assistance, runs fun hospital-based programs, grants special wishes, and supplies state-of-the-art electronic products to children and pediatric oncology units in over 60 hospitals across the country. Since 2007, Go4theGoal has raised nearly \$1,000,000 in innovative pediatric cancer research grants.

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## Animal Welfare Association Holds Annual Race On May 16

The Animal Welfare Association's (AWA), annual Paws and Feet Run 5K Race and Doggie Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken, NJ. AWA counts on the money raised from the event to provide shelter and medical care to over 2000 homeless dogs and cats AWA adopts out each year. Last year, animal lovers and members of the community help raise over \$100,000 for the animals, making it the highest grossing event in AWA history.

"This year's theme is 'Superheroes' and our fundraising goal is set for \$110K,"

shares Maria Clarke, AWA's Director of Events, Business and Community Relations. "Thousands of people participated in the run and walk in 2014, but Paws and Feet is more than just a race and walk. It's a celebration of the human animal bond."

"We believe that ordinary people do extraordinary things for pets. We see this everyday in our work and through our interactions with people," adds Clarke. "We want to encourage folks to unleash their inner superhero and help us raise the funds necessary for us to be able to help more people and pets in 2015."

After the race/walk, people and their

dogs can participate in the fun-filled day of superhero-themed activities: grab a bite to eat; shop for pet related items from our vendors; and view adoptable animals from non-profit animal shelters and rescue groups.

Returning this year are the Jersey Disc Devils and their high flying K-9 athletes. Six of their performance dogs will dazzle you with their high-flying leaps in the air. Also, police working dogs will wow you with their amazing skills. In addition, dogs can bob for hot dogs, play musical sit, run through the agility course, romp in the doggie swimming pools and more. Visit our signature "Bark-tini Bar for Dogs" for a "Joker-tini" or "K-9 Kerpunch" and participate in the Doggie Superhero Costume Contest. Want to be a part of the fun? Please visit the event website and register online at: [www.awanj.org/pf2015](http://www.awanj.org/pf2015). All superheroes are welcome!



A Doggie Superhero Costume Contest is part of the fun at the Animal Welfare Association's annual Paws and Feet Run 5K Race and Doggie Fun Day, held on May 16 at Cooper River Park.

## PYAA SPORTS

### PYAA Holds Basketball Clinics Beginning This Month

PYAA is hosting several free basketball clinics for local youth that begin this month.

Beginning April 1, the Indian Basketball Clinic for boys in fifth through eighth grade, ages 9 to 14, will be held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to

8:30 p.m.

Beginning April 7, the Indian Basketball Clinic for girls in fifth through eighth grade, ages 9 to 14, will be held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Both free clinics will be held at the Pennsauken Intermediate School, 8125 Park Ave.

Spaces are limited. Parents and guardians can register their child by e-mailing [admin@pyaa.net](mailto:admin@pyaa.net). Please include the child's name, address, date of birth, and phone number.



PYAA Basketball would like to congratulate the following basketball teams on winning championships: the 2015 Junior Team, led by Coach Mike and Coach Rick; the 2015 Beginner Team, led by Coach Marcus and Coach Tyrone; and the 2015 Minor Team, led by Coach Coop and Coach Malik. PYAA Basketball would also like say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the coaches, volunteers, and parents for a great year!

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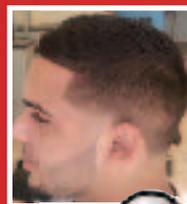
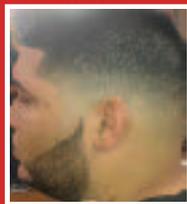
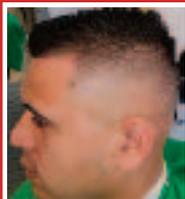
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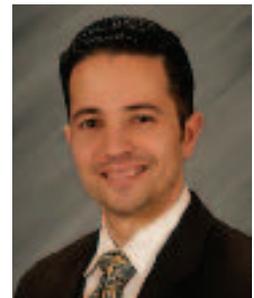
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