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## E-Waste, Shredding Event On May 16

Pennsauken Township will be hosting an e-waste collection and shredding event for residents on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Complex, 5605 North Crescent Blvd. The Pollution Control Financing Authority of Camden County will be on site to collect electronic waste items, such as TVs, computers, keyboards, scanners, printers, radios, answering machines and more. Shred One Security Corporation will provide mobile paper shredding services to securely dispose of personal documents. This event is for individuals, not businesses.

Examples of electronic devices that may be recycled are:

- TVs (tube, projection, flat panel)
- Computer monitors (tube, flat panel, monochrome or color)
- Computers (desktops, laptops, notebooks, netbooks, servers, portables, etc.)
- Computer peripherals (routers, printers, modems, dialers, thumb drives, speakers, UPS units)
- Telephones (cell phones, chargers, batteries, corded or cordless phones, office telephone systems)
- Other electronics (radios, stereos, microphones, headphones, multi - meters, tape decks, CD/DVD/BluRay players)
- Rechargeable batteries (from cell phones, laptops, cameras, drills, cars, etc.)

For more information on e-waste items that will be collected, visit [www.pctacc.com](http://www.pctacc.com) or call (856) 665-8787. For additional information on the collection and shredding event on May 16, visit the Township web site at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/e-waste-and-shredding-event](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/e-waste-and-shredding-event).

## Pennsauken's 2015 Municipal Budget, Garbage District Stays Level

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Keeping in mind the recent property tax assessment mandated by the Camden County Board of Taxation, as well as the property tax levy cap law mandated by the State of New Jersey, Pennsauken Township's administration and the Township Committee have worked diligently to keep 2015's local property tax levy at the same level as last year.

Pennsauken's 2015 budget, which was recently approved by the State of New Jersey, allows each taxpayer in Pennsauken to pay .17 cents per \$100 of their property's assessed value for the garbage district budget and .979 cents per \$100 of their property's assessed value for the municipal budget.

"With so many of our residents facing a change in the assessed value of their properties, the Township Committee and our administration really worked to help lessen the impact," says Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor. "We feel that maintaining the local property tax levy at last year's level is the best way to both be fair to our residents while also maintaining the level of services the Township provides our community."

Mayor Taylor went on to explain that several factors helped the Township maintain the level of local taxes. "We had another great year regarding tax collection in 2014; it was 97.17, the second highest collection rate to date. We also had another very good year at the Pennsauken Country Club; it's a facility that truly pays

for itself. Last year, the Club generated \$190,000 above the amount they needed to cover their operation costs and course maintenance. This entire amount goes directly towards property tax relief."

The municipal property tax levy is a portion of the yearly tax bill, which also includes the school, garbage, county and library taxes. It is used to fund Pennsauken's municipal budget, which consists of operational costs, capital spending, debt service payments, salaries, pensions, and insurance expenses. The garbage district budget pays for the disposal of trash and recyclables, as well as waste management for Pennsauken residences.

The services that Pennsauken Township provides its residents and businesses would

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## Pennsauken Police Department Hires Additional Officers To Protect And Serve Residents

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Township officials and top brass from the Pennsauken Police Department were on hand to recognize the ten new police officers who had been hired onto the force over the last 18 months and are currently patrolling Pennsauken's streets.

"Within the last few months, we've hired several police officers, including approximately eight from the city of Camden who had been previously laid off," says Pennsauken Police Chief John Coffey.

Chief Coffey went on to explain that the former Camden officers had a wide range of experience – from three years on the job to almost 15 years on the force – and that the Pennsauken Police were already

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Pictured here from left to right (top row): Captain Thomas Connor; Detective Sgt. Cheryl Duffy; Officers Martinez, Kuppler, and Miller; Chief John Coffey; Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor; Deputy Mayor John Figueroa; Township Administrator Ed Grochowski; Detective Aerika Long; and Captain Michael Probasco. Seated from left to right are: Officers Truitt, Gracia, Goodwater, Polcyn, Diaz, Ruiz, and Torres.

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## MAYCALENDAR

### Mother's Day Flower Sales

Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, will hold its annual Mother's Day Flower Sale from May 7-10 in the lodge parking lot. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. until dusk, rain or shine. For more info, call R.W. Ray Taylor, Sr., P.G.C. at (856) 663-1719.

Bentley Senior Living, 7999 North Rt. 130 in Pennsauken, is also having a Mother's Day Weekend Plant and Flower Sale. Remember the special mom in your life with a beautiful selec-

tion from Haines Farm & Garden. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10.

### Mother's Day at Marco's

Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. will host both brunch and a three-course dinner on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. Brunch will be held in the Grand Ballroom and reservations will be accepted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Featuring hot items such as French toast and

seafood pescatore; interactive chef stations including carved top round sirloin of beef and Belgian waffles; items fresh from the bakery; and more. The price is \$30.99 for adults, \$14.99 for children under 10; all you can drink cocktails are just \$12.99.

Reservations for the Mother's Day three-course dinner will start at 3:00 p.m. Dinner includes soup, salad and entrees such as slow roasted black angus prime rib with au jus; cioppino with shrimp, scallops, ½ a lobster tail and little neck clams; and stuffed pork loin filled with spinach, roasted peppers, and cheddar cheese, served in a pork demi sauce.

To make reservations for brunch and dinner, call 856-438-5283.

### AARP Meeting

AARP Chapter 2861 will meet on Monday, May 11 at the Rising Community Fellowship and Outreach Center, 3465 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken. Social Time is at 12:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend!

### Healthcare Professionals Carnival

Genesis HealthCare, Cooper River

West, 5101 N Park Dr. Pennsauken, will host the first annual Healthcare Professionals Carnival on Friday, May 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Social workers, doctors, and all healthcare professionals are invited to bring their children for a night of family fun, including face painting, prizes and free food. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Friday, May 8 by calling Liz at (856) 665-8844 or e-mailing elizabeth.solitro@genesishcc.com.

### Shredding Event

Falco, Caruso, and Leonard Funeral home, 6600 N. Browning Rd. in Pennsauken, has partnered with Puppies and More Rescue and Polar Shredding to host a very special event. "The Shred Your Love" event, held on Sunday, May 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., is an opportunity to do a little spring cleaning of personal papers and have them shredded in a safe and secure way. Individuals wishing to have their documents shredded are asked to bring a donated new pet item, such as food, leashes, or toys, to support Puppies and More Rescue. This shredding event also features family-friendly entertainment, food and music.

Puppies and More Rescue will also be on hand with animals that are available for adoption. All proceeds from this event will be given to Puppies and More Rescue.

### Vacation Club Raffle

Mary Queen of All Saints Parish is holding a 50/50 vacation club raffle throughout the month of May. Each ticket is only \$20 and offers 12 chances to win. For every three tickets purchased, the fourth is free. The drawing will be held in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. Winners need not be present for the drawing. Tickets are available at the Parish Rectory, 4824 Camden Ave. For more information, call (856) 486-9012.

### Flea Market

Knights of Columbus Council #3512 will hold a flea market on Saturday, June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's School Yard, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. Vendor spaces are available for \$15, sans table. Limited tables are available for rent at \$10 each. Proceeds raised from vendor space rentals go to charity. For more information, call Larry at (856) 662-5927.

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# MAYOR'S CORNER Pennsauken Township Is Experiencing Significant Business Growth



By Rick Taylor,  
Mayor of  
Pennsauken  
Township

Business is booming in Pennsauken. There are a lot of large companies that are making the decision to call our town home.

You have Princeton Tec, a manufacturer of flashlights, head lamps, and other technical lighting sources for outdoor and scuba use, moving into Pennsauken, bringing over 150 jobs with them. There's also Stay Fresh Foods, a company that provides high pressure processing for the food and beverage industry; they've already bought their new building on Sherman Ave. This will create another 40 jobs for our town. Then there's Berry & Homer, a large format digital printer specializing in graphic and

visual communications like car wraps, murals and banners; they're making the move to town from Philadelphia. Red Hawk Distribution, a company that makes and distributes pillows and cushions, is making the trip from New York. Dicalite, a company specializing in diatomaceous earth and perlite products, has also made the move to Pennsauken.

In March, I helped cut the ribbon on Restaurant Depot's new 75,000 square-foot facility adjacent to their old property. Since opening in town in 2000, this wholesale distributor to the food industry has invested millions into Pennsauken. And there's Material Handling Supply, Inc., a company that offers a complete line of new and used/reconditioned forklift trucks for sale and rent, as well as an extensive selection of material handling parts and services; the move of

their headquarters to town will create almost 60 new jobs.

This is all very exciting business news for Pennsauken.

And it's not just new businesses coming to town; LiDestri, which came back to town several years ago, is currently expanding, with the potential to create dozens of new jobs; Commercial Furniture Interiors, or CFI, is currently undergoing expansion to make room for more inventory; Puratos, which initially broke ground on a 170,000 square feet, \$42 million state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in 2011, has already exceeded their original plans for expansion; and SodaStream, located along Thomas Busch Memorial Highway, is also undertaking a project that can potentially create almost 30 new jobs.

The bulk of this business growth would not be made possible without the

New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act. Passed in 2013, this piece of legislation merged New Jersey's economic development and incentive programs in order to enhance the state's ability to attract and retain businesses, all while creating new jobs. Using the incentives offered

through New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act, we've been able to entice businesses to come here. But it's not as easy as waving a magic wand. Our economic development team of Terry Carr and Larry Cardwell have put in a lot of

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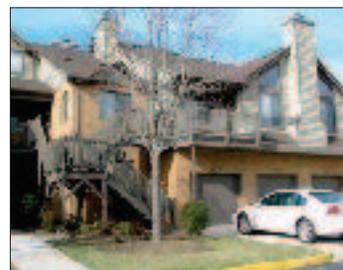
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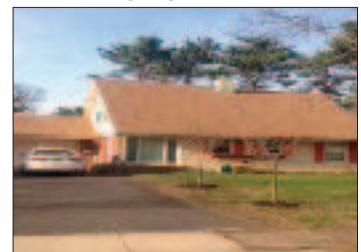
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## Pennsauken Township One Of New Jersey's Top 40 Commuter Cities

Pennsauken Township was identified as one of New Jersey's top 40 commuter cities, as identified by the Obrella Insider in a recent report.

New Jersey is often cited as one of the worst states for commuters, but when looking closely at the data, there are plenty of Garden State cities that boast short commutes. In fact, on average, nearly 40 percent of those who live in the best commuter cities in New Jersey get to work in less than 15 minutes, and only seven percent of residents commute for longer than 60 minutes.

To determine the rankings, Obrella analyzed traffic data from the 2013 U.S. Census Bureau survey, considering only New Jersey cities whose population exceeded 10,000 at the time of the survey.

The report visualizes compelling com-

muter data at the city level, including methods of commuting and a breakdown of commute durations.

Pennsauken Township's business-friendly environment and accessibility to several highways has drawn a number of large businesses over the last few years. In fact, according to Camden County's Department of Economic Development, almost three quarters of the county's recent business development occurred in Pennsauken Township. That's good news for residents who want to work locally.



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For those who head out of town for employment, Pennsauken Township's newly opened Transit Center makes the commute less stressful.

The Obrella Insider analyzes and reports on everything insurance related, including consumer behavior and trends. Obrella is a community-focused organization that simplifies and adds transparency to the insurance shopping experience by providing helpful resources and comparing car insurance providers.

To view the full report and rankings, visit [www.obrella.com/news/2015/best-commuter-cities-new-jersey/](http://www.obrella.com/news/2015/best-commuter-cities-new-jersey/).

## Business Networking Event Held On May 19

Boomerang, USA is hosting the second annual "Be My Business Neighbor," networking event on Tuesday, May 19 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the company's offices on 9155 River Road in Pennsauken.

Last year's event brought together over 70 local business owners and professionals, as well as Township officials, in a low key, informal setting to help foster economic growth in the area.

*The event is free to local businesses, but registration is required in advance. For more information, or to register, e-mail [camryn@boomerangusa.com](mailto:camryn@boomerangusa.com). Attendees are asked to RSVP by May 11.*



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## Garden State Properties Group Opens New Merchantville Location

Garden State Properties Group, an established local real estate company, is opening an office in downtown Merchantville. Longtime local resident Eric Strohm, along with Kathy Boyle Laufer and Rita Boyle O'Brien, who are both lifelong residents of the area, have decided to bring an office to a location that is near and dear to their hearts.

"Our primary source of real estate sales has always been rooted in Pennsauken and Merchantville," says Strohm. "It was only natural to open a local office for the convenience of our clients. We like to say we're a hometown

real estate company with the feel and experience of a national brand.

"It's been quite a while since Merchantville had its own real estate office," added Laufer, who looks forward to having Garden State become a part of the downtown culture in the Borough. "We've had many locals ask us for an in-town office. It's a void that needed to be filled."

O'Brien was enthusiastic regarding the many new businesses moving into Merchantville and the surrounding area. "We're excited for the future growth for our community and we encourage our

neighbors to shop local, particularly when they think of real estate."

Garden State Properties Group handles residential and commercial properties and offer rental management services. In order to ensure smooth transactions,

they offer in-house services such as insurance, mortgage, and title. Garden State specializes in all aspects of real estate, and offers a diversity of languages to handle all client needs. Their agents have been long-time award winners for production

and customer service.

Their new Merchantville office is located at 5 West Park Ave. in the Straub Building. For more information, call (856) 665-1234.



Real estate company Garden State Properties Group has opened a new office at 5 West Park Ave. in Merchantville. Seen here are Kathy Boyle Laufer, Eric Strohm, and Rita Boyle O'Brien.



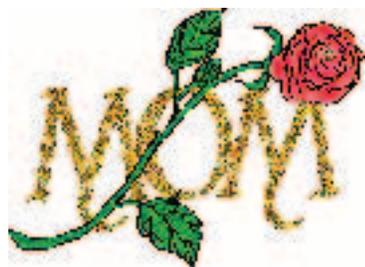
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### Beading and Jewelry

Children ages 7-13 can learn the popular craft of beading and jewelry making. Make a bracelet, earrings or whatever you want. The program will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 6-10 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The fee is \$45 per week.

### Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetters Bowling Center on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken. Basic bowling instruction will be provided by qualified instructors and skills competitions for prizes will be held the last day of the camp. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 13-17 and is for kids ages 6-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

### Boxing

This summer, kids ages 7-16 can learn basic boxing techniques at American Karate System, 44 W. Chestnut Ave., Merchantville. Certified instructors will introduce students to the basics of boxing and fitness. No previous experience is required. The camp will be offered from Aug. 10-14, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. for ages 7-11, and 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for ages 12-16. The fee is \$35 per child. Make checks payable to American Karate System.

### Hip-Hop Dance

Come and join the fun for an introduction to Hip Hop Dance. Learn basic movements in the style of today's popular music for kids ages 6-14. The camp will be from June 22-26, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for ages 6-10, and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 11-14.

Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Instruction is by a qualified dance instructor from Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio, 198 Church Rd., Merchantville. Cost is \$30 per student.

### Ice Skating

The Pennsauken Learn-to-Ice-Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Rd. in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-17 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 10-14. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed.

### Karate

Pennsauken Township and Hwa-Rand Warriors Taekwondo Studio present summer karate at 4928 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken, next to PNC Bank. The objective of this camp is to use martial arts as a vehicle to build character, self-control, as well as respect for others. Children will receive a white belt on the last day of class. This camp, for children ages 5-13, is from July 20-24. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 9-13. Cost is \$30 per child.

### Learn To Golf

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## Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Phifer Middle School on Park Ave. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates for each program are as follows: Field Hockey or Soccer – June 22-26; Basketball – July 6-10; Tennis – July 13-17; Baseball and Softball – July 20-24. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp.

## Swimming

Pennsauken Township will offer a learn-to-swim program for all children ages 5-11 at the Municipal Pool, 6100 River Rd. Dates for morning sessions are June 23-25 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; dates for evening sessions are June 30 to July 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The fee for this program is \$20 per child for all three days, morning or evening sessions. All instructors are certified lifeguards and CPR certified. The goal of this camp is to teach children the proper swim strokes and for kids to learn to respect water and not fear it.

## Theater

The annual and very popular Creative Theater Class returns again from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 3-7 at the Delair School on Derousse Ave. Children, ages 7-15, will learn stage movement, vocal projection, character study and improvisational games. They will create their own story and perform it on video for friends and family on the last day of class. The cost is \$50 per week and is operated by the Pennsauken Youth Summer Theater Program.

## FOR ADULTS

### Adult Horseshoe Program

This is not a club, no dues, just friendly competition. All Pennsauken residents are welcome to participate from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For additional information call Mike at (856) 488-5325, Bill at (856) 663-2606 or the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151.

## Free Adult Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons for Pennsauken adults 18 and up will be held at the green top tennis courts on River Road. The classes will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. during July. Exact dates are to be announced. Space is limited so don't delay. Instruction will be provided by a qualified tennis instructor. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151 to reserve your space.

## Learn-to-Swim

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

## FOR FAMILIES

### Join the Municipal Pool

The Parks and Recreation Department will begin accepting membership applications and fees for the 2015 pool season beginning on May 4. The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. The pool opens 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekends only beginning on May 23. Starting June 20, the pool will be open from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

## TO REGISTER

Registration for most summer programs begins on May 4 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A program listing and downloadable registration form is available at the Township Web site: [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs). For more information, 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).



## WAGSWORLD

### Byting The Bullet And Logging Into Facebook

By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

I finally broke down and turned on Facebook on the house computer. I call it the house computer because it lives upstairs and is anchored to my house by plugs and wires (lots and lots of wires), a printer, and some big glowing box down on the floor. My bride's "Facebook machine" is the size of a magazine. She hasn't put it down since Christmas two years back, except for church and Woman's Club meetings. And now I know why!

You get the best news, or as our family calls it, "the good poop," ALL DAY LONG! I'm seeing names I haven't thought about in 40 years. And as I scan the ongoing drama, I see folks I know from way out in left field have friends I knew back in the day, way out in right field. It's sensory overload. It does allow me to see what the grandchildren are up to, as all my millennials live on the 'net. They make constant fun of me for being such a dinosaur.

I like the unit that lives upstairs best because it has a pretty big screen and a real, grownup-sized keyboard. Beside it on the table are many pairs of reading glasses, paper and pens for writing down stuff I want to follow up on, because I will never again find it on the machine, snacks, and my good nail clippers.

Looking at the room from a slight distance the other day, it occurred to me

that it is beginning to get a sort of "man cave-ish" appearance. The day bed has two guitars, a ukulele, assorted tuners, some harmonicas, a few pillows, and a cowboy hat. The bench on the floor next to it has two half-filled bottles of water, a note pad and pens, a handful of Hershey kisses (Christmas red and green), three folded and slightly used paper towels, and an old copy of All Around Pennsauken. The "stuff" all sits within easy reach of my seat in front of the big screen on my computer. If I had a refrigerator in the room, I'd never have to come out.

My current interest in things computer has been fueled by my breakup with Comcast. I managed to lose all my e-mail stuff back to 2009, and failed to properly notify everyone of my change of address. I thought for a while I had lost all my writing and articles, but found it all. I won't lose all that 'til my computer crashes.

I found the new computer stuff to be a terrific outlet for my energy during the good wife's healing process. She is almost all better now, after her escapades on the ice. Soon therapy will end, and she will once again be able to drive. Then I can leave the confines of the computer room and go back to my old, wicked ways. I miss my old ways. Back then, I could occasionally do something right. Not too much, mind you, but a little bit. Enough

to feel good about myself. For the last two months, I don't believe I have done one thing right: not the stove, the laundry, the dishes, and certainly not the shopping. Just yesterday, I foolishly tried fitting the 12 pillows back on the bed in the wrong order. And, a pillowcase was found to be inside out.

I think I'll go tell my new 3,156 friends on Facebook about my problems. After I type this article, of course, and send it off on my shiny new e-mail. I just hope I have used the correct font this time, and I don't have to retype my article.

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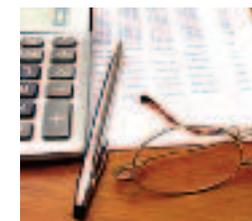
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## The Benefits Of Joining A Chamber Of Commerce

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

Hello and happy May. Hopefully, you are enjoying the flowers and not the rain this month. Yet, as tough as it is to deal with the rain, we need the rain to make the flowers grow. Like the rain, PMAC, your chamber of commerce, helps grow your business.

Last month I mentioned a number of ways in which you, the community, and the local government can benefit from working with your chamber of commerce. I spoke about the importance of networking to grow your individual and business knowledge and how PMAC, as

a resource, can be beneficial in that process for you, your business, the community and government.

To grow, we as people have to gain insight and information. The better our insight and information, the better we succeed as individuals or as businesses. When you become a part of PMAC, you have the benefit of gaining and exchanging information in an environment of trust and understanding. Gaining good quality information can be at times difficult. Of course, there are numerous sources for acquiring information. We have the internet and the library to name a few, but call me old school when I say, "there is nothing like gaining information the old fashioned way: by hearing it from a person or people that you personally know and trust." When we gain information from a trusted place, we have a higher level of confidence in what we are learning. We can all remember back to our early days in school and those wonderful teachers who we trusted and from whom we learned. While most of us are well past school age, we still have a constant need to learn. By becoming a part of PMAC, you will have the opportunity to meet other business professionals who are looking to learn and expand their source of knowledge.

When you come out to a PMAC

meeting or join an event committee, you surround yourself with people who are knowledgeable. More often than not, these people have insight in areas where you may have limited knowledge or experience. I run an auto body business. After 30 years of being in the business, first hand, I have a good amount of knowledge about auto body repairs. However, as a four-year member of the Pennsauken Car Show committee, I sit with people who are knowledgeable about finance, health care and real estate. All of these members have helped me in some way during the past few years. My co-committee members, at different times, have helped educate me and made me much more knowledgeable in their area of expertise; as such, they've expanded and enriched not only my business but myself as a person.

The key to this expansion of knowledge is to become involved. We're no longer in school, so we as individuals have to take our own steps toward learning something new and increasing our knowledge. Take your first step and come out to a PMAC meeting, on the second Wednesday of the month. The food is good and everyone is welcoming. Who knows? You just might meet that person who can help you in more ways than you think.

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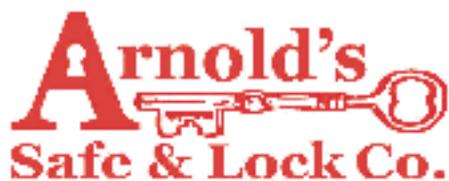
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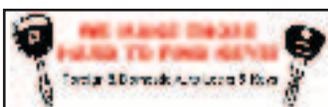
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**We Were Where We Ate: Pennsauken Eateries Past**



By Robert Fisher-Hughes, AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

**LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY**

Restaurant and hospitality businesses have gone through as many evolutions over time as any other enterprises, suiting the needs of the historic communities they serve. Changes in transportation, communication, household technology and germinating ethnic and cultural diversity in the population contribute to this evolution, as do specific historic events such as Prohibition and its repeal. Changing tastes in food and advancing understanding of diet and nutrition also help determine both menus and the economic success of dining establishments. Add to these influences the atmospheric and entertainment dimensions of a night out, and the public accommodations of the past become an interesting way to trace our historic timeline.

Pennsauken Township, as well as the previous entities of which it was a part: Stockton Township, Delaware Township and Waterford Township, has had an interesting and surprising history of providing hospitality, sustenance, and entertainment in its taverns, restaurants, cafés, and clubs. As far back as the 1600s, Griffith Morgan himself was issued a license to maintain an "ordinary," or small tavern or inn, for the respite of travelers. In those colonial days, this was considered such an important public good to encourage commerce and communications, that townships were mandated to provide at least a minimum of such establishments to accommodate the need. A large home on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken, originally part of the Burrough family's property, is also believed to have served a similar purpose along the stage coach route to Moorestown and onward. The Vennell Tavern at Fish House Cove is another example, although its titular career as a tavern did not come until later, as it served in the late 1700s as a private home. Its nearby competitor was the Shiller Heights Hotel, operated by the Tippin family.

Perhaps the best known of the early taverns of Pennsauken history was the Sorrell Horse Inn, which was located near the intersection of today's Route 130 and Haddonfield Rd., the latter byway still bearing the alternative title of "Sorrell Horse Rd." This old tavern can be traced to at least 1807, according to Camden County historian George Prowell, and was operated by the Van-

sciver and Lawrence families in its early days and later by Harry Hayes and Charles Starn. During the Civil War, the Sorrell Horse Inn also served as a recruiting station. During Prohibition, the tavern scraped by with ostensible compliance with the law, but on at least one occasion in 1925, a report of a disturbance was received during a Township Committee meeting, resulting in Committee members and Township police joining in the response and charges against the establishment for serving "beverages stronger than soft drinks."

Long after the Sorrell Horse Inn was gone, its memory was perpetuated by the "Sorrell Horse Lounge" inside the Ivystone Inn opened by Burt Ross in 1959. The Ivystone Inn itself served as a major venue for dining, imbibing, and entertainment of many varieties; and in several new incarnations over time, the Ivystone Inn was the site of social and public events like trade and civic association dinners and the early meetings and public events of the Pennsauken Historical Society. In fact, the parents of a certain editor of a very well read local newspaper had their wedding reception there on January 21, 1967. Today, the old Ivystone Inn is the Bentley Senior Living facility on Rt. 130.

A kind of golden era of dining and entertainment can be found in Pennsauken history, roughly coinciding with the heyday of the automobile age, and the boom times of World War II and its aftermath. This was an era when dining on a large scale with live entertainment of all kinds and a sense of sophistication and exuberance gave meaning to the phrase "conspicuous consumption." This was the era of what entertainment insiders called "niteries," fancy nightclubs like Pennsauken's own Old Mill Inn, Deighan's, Weber's Hof Brau, the Red Hill Inn, and many smaller clubs and cafés that provided an entire evening's experience of food, cocktails, dancing, music, comedy, and more to a prospering and aspiring patronage in white gloves, pearls and suits, ties and hats.

Some of the diverse and interesting entertainment offerings at Pennsauken venues in the 1930s through the 1950s included house bands like Joe Ritchie and

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his band at the Old Mill Inn, Bill Bilger and his Royal Bavarians at the Hof Brau, George Marchetti and his orchestra at Deighan's, Joe Voorhees and his orchestra at Brown's Log Cabin, and others, usually with a floor show or revue. Masters of ceremonies acted as ringmasters as well as contributing their own talents, such as Eddie Austin or Mickey Diamond, "The Fighting

Comic," at the Old Mill; or Murry Wood, "World's Smallest M.C., 36 Inches of Song," at the Red Hill Inn.

A sampling of other acts worth catching at Pennsauken niteries were: "Monya Requella, Exotic Danseuse;" "Ramona, Queen of the Rhumba;" "Mario Rongi, European Bombshell;" "Tip Top Dancers;" "The Flying Berrys;" "Marie Dell, Peer of Prestidigitators;" hypnotist "Professor Whiz;" Ralph Eden

on the Solo Vox; "Two Maids of Song;" "The Slappy and his Swingsters;" "Bunny Briggs, Sepia Star;" "The Pioneers;" and many more. Acrobats, magicians, balancing acts, ice skaters, yodelers, polka, local singers and Hollywood crooners gave meaning to the term "variety show." Not infrequently, the evening's entertainment at one club or another was broadcast on local radio stations, making the folks at home wish they could be there, too.

In addition, entertainers of truly legendary stature also performed at Pennsauken's clubs, including Duke Ellington, Mel Torme, Billie Holliday, Lenny Bruce, Woody Herman, and others, particularly at the Red Hill Inn in the 1950s until its fiery demise in 1965.

The era of the grand night on the town represented by the great clubs and restaurants of the 40s and 50s has receded. Restaurants and clubs closed or were succeeded by new management adapting to an era of television and even greater mobility. Deighan's was succeeded by Club Shaguire, which was succeeded by The Pub, perhaps the lone hold-out in the tradition of the eateries on a grand scale, though lacking the dancing and entertainment of its predecessors. The Hof Brau, like the Red Hill Inn, eventually burned. Owners retired, chefs prepared their last dish, and crooners sang their final note.

Other eating options have come and left their own indelible marks, including wonderful diners like the Penn Queen

and many others, including take-out, pizzerias, travel stops like Kent's Chimney House and Howard Johnson's, and many fast food restaurants.

Perhaps today, we enjoy an even more diverse set of dining options in terms of cuisines and ambience, from more parts of the world and from white tablecloths to take-out. In a real sense, the history of our dining establishments continues to track our times and nourish our community memory.

Sources for this column include: Contemporary newspaper accounts and advertisements; Billboard Magazine; "A History of Pennsauken Township," Jack Fichter, 1966; "History of Camden County, New Jersey," by George R. Prowell, L.J. Richards & Co. 1886.



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## Camden County Concert Series Comes To Pennsauken On June 11

Camden County's summer concert series makes a stop in Pennsauken on Thursday, June 11, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Community Recreational Complex, 1601 Bethel Ave.

Pennsauken residents and neighbors from throughout Camden County will be treated to a free performance from Another Tequila Sunrise, "America's most authentic Eagles tribute band."

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For more information on the County's summer concert series, visit [www.camden-county.com](http://www.camden-county.com).



Eagles tribute band Another Tequila Sunrise will be performing at Pennsauken's Community Recreational Complex on June 11 as part of Camden County's summer concert series. Photo credit: Another Tequila Sunrise.

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## Pennsauken Historical Society To Celebrate 50 Years

The Pennsauken Historical Society will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 13 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Burrough-Dover House, located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Ln. The Historical Society is hosting a special open house filled with a wide variety of activities.

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.

At 1 p.m., there will be demonstrations by the Pennsauken Fire Department, using the most modern and up-to-date equipment to be found anywhere in the area. Don't miss it.

Starting at 2 p.m., the grounds of the Burrough-Dover House will be occupied by the 12th New Jersey Civil War re-enactors. See how soldiers of the past camped and look over their equipment. Re-enactors will also be happy to answer questions from the public.

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



The Pennsauken Historical Society will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 13 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Burrough-Dover House.

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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## GRAYMATTERS

### Honoring Our Loving And Dedicated Caregivers

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

The mothers of all of us, above and beyond biology, whether we realize it or not, are service workers.

In these harried times, there are so many things we rely on others to do for us. We send our children to day care, and many must leave their young ones in the hands and hearts of others from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. We're too pooped to pop after work; that makes for a quick call for pizza, cheese steaks, or Chinese food. We go on vacation and someone has to walk and feed our animals... you get the idea.

Most dads don't do the "after hours" work our grandfathers did. Either they don't know how or they don't have the time. So they hire a lawn guy or a handyman for all the things that inevitably need doing.

Think about what our lives would be like without service workers! Let's face it: if you can't do it, someone else has to step up to the plate.

The majority of my friends are in a service-oriented line of work, and I have more respect for them than words could ever say. And yet, on a regular basis, I hear stories from these compassionate, hardworking souls that leave me shaking my head.

A dear friend works at a nearby restaurant; she waits tables as efficiently and friendly as you would hope to find anywhere. She once seated a family of six for dinner, with a bill totaling \$97.43, only to find a dollar tip left on the table. Sadly, this was not an isolated incident.

Another friend, who cleans houses for a living, was admonished for asking for a very small raise after years of spotlessly beautiful service. She was barked at and told all the ways in which she could save money by being thrifter and then she wouldn't have to ask for a raise.

Then there are my friends who are day care workers who call parents because their child has fallen ill, only to be asked, "Is it really that bad? I have work I need to finish up."

But the saddest of all was a story from my friend in Philadelphia who worked as

a nurse's aide in a very upscale center.

A patient in a state of continual decline became very close to my friend, Pat, the aide on her shift, and she treasured her time with Patty.

The family came by as they could, but, as the end drew near, visits were few and far between. And when the woman finally passed, she was holding my friend, Patty's hand. No family was in sight.

Pat did her best to comfort them, telling them that their mother was smiling and peaceful when the angels came for her. One daughter immediately spoke up to ask Patty if she was just saying that to make them feel guilty because they weren't there. The woman continued to inform Pat that they were all well paid, respected professionals who deeply loved their mother but that they led extremely busy lives. Then she smirked, "Say, don't you have a bedpan or something to empty?"

Patty turned to leave the room and with the goodness and grace that is such an innate part of her, Pat said to her accuser and family, "I'm very sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful woman. It was an honor for me to know her."

Now obviously, these people are extremes in ugly behavior, but they happen. We are all guilty of this in one degree or another – taking for granted a generosity of spirit that goes far above and well beyond the call of duty. We have become a society of quick fixes and short memories for the precious goodness, heart, and compassion that we are blessed with in this ever too busy world of ours.

This is my ode to the caregivers and nurturers, male or female. I want them all to know that the work they do is goodness-based, respectable, and most appreciated. It would gift all of us to honor these people, remembering with our hearts this perfectly timed quote:

"We are, each of us, angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing and respecting one another."

~Judy

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Saia believes that the best environment for a dog is to learn where they live. That's why Peaceful Pets comes to their clients' homes. "There's no hassle in tak-

ing your dog to a strange place for training. Amazing results can be achieved with positive reinforcement at home." She went on to say that oftentimes, what humans consider "bad behavior" is completely natural for dogs.

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Charlene Saia, seen here with Toby, is the owner and lead certified trainer of Peaceful Pets Dog Obedience Training.

## First-Ever Mutt Strutt Held On May 17

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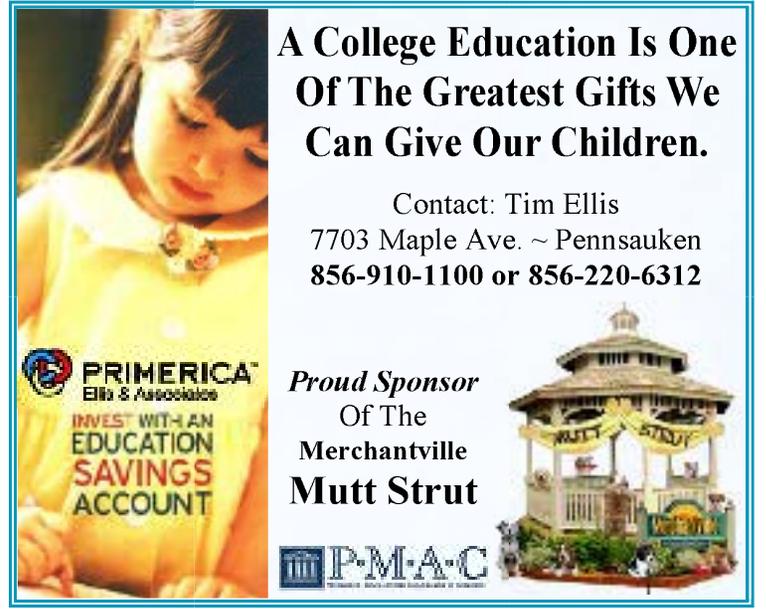
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Mary DiSabato reads an original story at the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Garden District Performance Arts Festival.

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.



The Merchantville Woman's Club Tappers perform at the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Garden District Arts Festival, winning first place. Pictured here, from left to right: Marlene O'Donnell, Marty Wiggins, Jean Davis, Sandy Biazzo, Johan Hughes, Mary Lenkowski, Helen Piccoli, and Connie Potenza.

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## Third Graders At Carson Are Multiplication Masters

The third grade students at Carson Elementary School have been working hard to learn their multiplication facts.

Teachers Trish Eckert and Valerie O'Brien report that students learned many different strategies and techniques to help them attain the ultimate goal of being a "Multiplication Master." Students designed their own flash cards, played games such as "circles and stars," made colorful arrays, and challenged themselves with timed tasks.

We look forward to many more students becoming Multiplication Masters at Carson School!



Carson students Lexsanni Flores, Nhan Nguyen, Ahn Le Ha, Sky Ni and Matthew Cummings were the first students to earn the title of ... Multiplication Master!

## Baldwin School Learns To ZUMBA



What better way to incorporate exercise, listening skills and social time than to dance for fitness? That's exactly what the Baldwin students did under the direction of Thomas Jefferson University nursing student Wing Ho Zeng, a certified ZUMBA instructor. Not only did he captivate and engage all of the students, the faculty and staff enjoyed as well!

## Two Hundred Franklin Students Participate In Reading Challenge



For the month of March, Franklin students were encouraged to read for 26 days straight as part of a special reading challenge. The 200 students who did were rewarded by being able to duct tape their principal, Mr. Landrus Lewis, to the wall of the school!

## Students Compete In Brain Drain Competition



Carson's fourth grade gifted and talented students participated in the annual Brain Drain competition, held at Cinnaminson Middle School on March 27. Students were placed on teams with other area schools and competed in a variety of activities. Carson's Kyla Marshall worked on a team that earned first place in the competition; and fellow classmate Chelsea Madera was on a team that placed third. The students and parents all enjoyed the Brain Drain!

## Reading Is A Treasure At Carson

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Carson Elementary School kicked off Read Across America Month with a pirate treasure hunt skit, thanks to Ms. Fessler and Ms. Amer, to remind students that "Reading is a Treasure" and that books can take them on many exciting adventures.

Throughout the month of March, students from kindergarten to fourth grade were challenged to dive into a good book and read as much as they could. Those students who completed the challenges throughout the whole month were the lucky participants in a "Pirate Celebration" before spring break. For each week of participation, students earned gold stars for their treasure maps, which led them to more pirate fun last month!

We applaud our students for reading each day, for we know, in the famous words of Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Carson students were excited to celebrate Read Across America Week.

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## Franklin Celebrates With Students Of The Month



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

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School celebrated its Students of the Month for March. March's theme was: "Kind and Helpful."

March'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, "Splat Says Thank You," by Rob Scotton.

Congratulations to these great students!

## Carson Kindergartners Love Reading



Mrs. Koch's class celebrated the arrival of spring, learning about the season and the newness of life that it brings. Students read, "The Velveteen Rabbit," and had the opportunity to bring in their favorite toy. They also wrote about their favorite toy and even found out the length of their toys in math class! Happy spring from the little bunnies in room 127!

## Schools Raise Over \$16,500 For American Heart Association



Pennsauken schools raised over \$16,500 for the American Heart Association during a variety of entertaining fundraising events, like Franklin School's annual Jump-a-thon.

The Pennsauken School District is proud to announce the final totals for the 2015 Jump Rope For Heart events:

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This year, Pennsauken elementary schools raised \$16,542.81 for the American Heart Association, the nation's oldest, largest voluntary organization devoted to fighting cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

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## Student Wins Prestigious Statewide Reading Award

Congratulations go to Genan "Gina" Farhat, a student at Pennsauken Intermediate School who was one of only nine winners of the New Jersey Association of School Librarians 2015 Enthusiastic Reader Award. Gina was selected from over 300 applicants for this honor by a panel of state librarians; she is also the only student representing South Jersey middle schoolers.



The Enthusiastic Reader Award winners were honored on Saturday, March 14, at William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ. The students ranged in grade from third to 12th grades, and represented a wide variety of interests and backgrounds with one thing certainly in common: the love of reading.

The winners were greeted at William Paterson by accomplished children's and young adult author Carol Plum-Ucci; and all winners received a bag of "goodies," featuring a signed book by Ms. Plum-Ucci, a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card,

Genan "Gina" Farhat, a student at Pennsauken Intermediate School, was one of nine winners of the 2015 Enthusiastic Reader Award. Gina is seen here with Bruce DuBoff, librarian for both the Intermediate School and Howard M. Phifer Middle School, and her mother.

lunch with the author, and a prize pack that included a certificate of recognition, pens, bookmarks, and other fun reading accessories. Although Gina was unfortunately not able to attend the ceremony, her sponsor for the award, Intermediate/

Phifer Librarian Bruce DuBoff, delivered the prizes to her the following Monday.

In addition, after winning the NJASL Enthusiastic Reader Award, Gina was honored as a Pennsauken Public Schools Student of the Month for Feb-

ruary. Congratulations to Gina and her family; they have many reasons to be proud. Congratulations also to all of Gina's teachers and friends who helped her to become a conscientious, respectful, enthusiastic reader!

## Fine School Supports The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

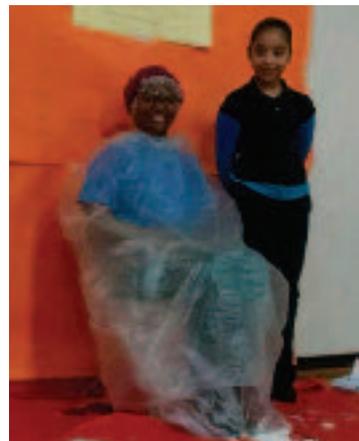
Pennies for Patients committee members Miss Gordon and Miss Marshall report that Fine School recently completed the Pennies for Patients challenge, raising \$2,189.82 to help support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

In the culminating event, staff mem-

bers volunteered to get "pied" by students. Students who purchased tickets to participate in the event were randomly selected from a jar containing all of the tickets. Among the 20 staff members volunteering were Ms. Komis, a third grade teacher; Ms. Ida, an educational assistant;

and Mrs. Lawrence, Fine School's principal. Student Itzel Hernandez was chosen to pie Ms. Komis; and Saida Saoud was chosen to pie Mrs. Lawrence.

Fine School would like to thank of those that donated their time and money to support this worthy cause!



Students enjoy the assembly program when Principal Lawrence and other Fine School staff were "pied" by fellow students. Funds raised from the event supported the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

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## BOARDBITS:

### Changes To Registration Procedures For Pennsauken High School

Last month, the Board Bits article focused on a discussion of the laws and subsequent policy that addresses residency eligibility and registration procedures associated with student enrollment and attendance in our district. This information was provided to emphasize the importance of this issue for all members of Pennsauken Township. The Board of Education wants to ensure that only students who are eligible to receive an education in Pennsauken are benefitting from this service. In order for the Board to achieve this goal, it is crucial for all parents and guardians to keep the school district administration informed of their current address, phone numbers, or any living arrangements or guardianship changes that may have occurred since the initial enrollment of their child.

As we approach the end of this school year and begin our preparations for the next academic year, we would like to take the opportunity in this month's article to update the public on changes that have taken place regarding the registration procedures for students attending

Pennsauken schools.

The Pennsauken Board of Education, with the assistance of our attorney, consulted with neighboring districts on their procedures relating to this important task of ensuring all of our student enrollment information is current and correct. We also researched how other districts in New Jersey conduct the registration process.

As a result of this research, at the March 2015 business meeting, the Pennsauken Board of Education approved a revision to Regulation 5111, Eligibility of Resident and Non-Resident Pupils, directing the administration to request revalidation of student eligibility to attend school in Pennsauken. State law dictates that the Board of Education may periodically request re-validation of eligibility for continued attendance in the school district. Therefore, beginning this year, all currently enrolled eighth grade students who wish to attend ninth grade at Pennsauken High School must re-validate their eligibility, or re-enroll as a student in our district.

In addition to this change, the Board of Education will be creating a centralized registration office to handle all registration needs. The Pennsauken School District administration is working to implement the re-validation procedure and creation of the centralized registration office. Once these policy directives have been finalized, complete details will be available to parents, guardians and the community at large via the district website, future mailings from our administrative offices, Channel 19, and future articles.

#### Board Bit Of The Month

Did you know... the Pennsauken School District serves 2,207 breakfasts and 3,675 lunches for a total of 5,882 meals every day?

*The members of the Pennsauken Board of Education are Nick Perry (President), Dung Nguyen (Vice President), Armando Diaz, Mike Hurley, Diane Johnson, Dr. Alyson Meloni, Leona Moss, Meg Snyder, and Joann Young. For more information on the Board of Education, visit [Pennsauken.net](http://Pennsauken.net).*

### Phifer Holds First Annual Recipe For Success

Tens of families, complete with folks from two to 92, enjoyed useful knowledge, a delicious, nutritious meal, and fabulous prizes at Phifer Middle School's first annual Recipe for Success Night. It was an exciting and informative evening designed to increase student achievement for children in need. Families attended sessions focusing on language arts, math, and nutrition; then enjoyed a wonderful meal and a raffle for gifts donated by local businesses. All attendees left the building at the end of the two-hour event with faces wide with smiles

and arms wide with prizes.

A dedicated faculty team of volunteers brainstormed, planned, and organized this event for months, and although snowy weather caused two postponements, it was worth the wait. This night of facts and fun would have been impossible without the tireless and caring assistance of dozens of individuals and companies. Special thanks go to Mr. Meloni, food service director; Ms. Baker, food and nutrition teacher; and the dozen Phifer teachers who formed the committee and ran the event. Food items

and gift cards were very generously donated by local companies such as DiPascale's at Meadowbrook Deli, Montegrillo's, Wegman's, Wawa, Nardone Brothers, J&J Snack Foods, the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association, Lucca's Bakery, Chick-fil-A, Pechter's, Service First, Cream-O-Land, A&A Soft Pretzels, and Pennsauken Food Services. Books and literacy-based prizes were very generously donated by such companies as Townsend Press, Follett, Mackin, and Scholastic Book Fairs. At the raffle drawing, every family won at least one awesome prize, and all of the families walked away with an enviable stash of clothing, gift cards, and books, books, books!

Phifer Principal Mr. Honeyman was thrilled with the turnout and involvement. He has already committed to make the Phifer Family Night even bigger and better next year. The buzz from this year's attendees should generate wider interest for next year and increase number of participants. Mr. Honeyman added that he wants as many families to attend next year's event as possible; he promises a few exciting surprises!



Families learned how to increase student achievement during the first annual Recipe For Success Night, held at Howard M. Phifer Middle School.

### Longfellow Recognizes Honor Roll Students



Longfellow School's administration and faculty believe it is important to recognize students for social and academic achievement. At the end of each marking period, students are presented awards for achieving the required criteria needed to make the honor roll. Congratulations to these outstanding students!



### Longfellow Friends Welcome Guest Readers

Read Across America Week is not only filled with Dr. Seuss stories galore, but excitement, guest readers and much, much more!

In celebration of this wonderful week, Ms. Grant's friends welcomed special guest readers Mrs. Sutton, Tanjae Lewis, and Liliana Fumo into their classroom. Each reader brought one of their favorite stories and shared it with the class – an activity all the students greatly enjoyed. The guest readers modeled exceptional reading strategies and their love of literature was evident from the beginning of the story to the end.

"We love reading and we love Dr. Seuss!" exclaimed the class. Ms. Grant



Guest readers such as Tanjae Lewis, seen here, welcomed the opportunity to read to the class during Read Across America Week.

added, "Reading has become even more special thanks to each of these wonderful readers!"

### Longfellow Students Of The Month



Longfellow School and Principal Lewis would like to recognize the Students of the Month for February and March. Congratulations!



For full-sized, color photos from our InSchools section, visit our photo galleries at [Facebook.com/AllAroundPennsauken](https://www.facebook.com/AllAroundPennsauken).

## Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission Voted Best Water In New Jersey

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The tagline for the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission (MPWC) is that "Only Tap Water Delivers." This statement was never truer than when the public water utility recently received the award for the best tasting water in the state by the New Jersey Section of the

American Water Works Association (AWWA), the largest non-profit, scientific, and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water.

"We're all excited about it," says Mike Saraceni, chief operating officer for the MPWC. "When water is clean and drinkable, it's easy to take it for granted. But

water's just like air: if you didn't have it, you'd be upset. In the same way, it's hard for our staff to see something they do daily that translates into something tangible. Just knowing that you have high quality water that meets all the standards at the lowest possible rate sometimes isn't enough. This award helps push it over for

everybody here. It basically shows you're not only doing a good job, you might be doing it better than most.

"For a small organization of only 37 employees that provides safe drinking water to four communities, we get a lot accomplished with a small group of people."

The MPWC submitted a water sample for a public water taste test during the New Jersey Section American Water Works Association's 80th annual conference held in Atlantic City. The public utility that provides water to Pennsauken, Merchantville, and portions of Cherry Hill and Camden, competed against six other utilities, including New Jersey American Water and Aqua America, two of the largest water providers in the state.

"The AWWA wanted to keep the competition smaller this year. They wanted to have people that they knew were passionate about water. They wanted people who cared," explains Sean Fitzgerald, a water treatment technician for MPWC. "So they brought it down to a smaller numbers and we jumped on that right away."

The MPWC had to submit a minimum of five water samples at room temperature for the competition; participants were not allowed to have any state or federal drinking water violations from the last 12 months. Personal attendance was also required for the competition. Samples were then reviewed and judged by approximately 300 water professionals and industry experts.

"Kathleen Udasco from the AWWA said that it wasn't even a contest. We were the hands down winner, which was very nice to hear," says Fitzgerald.

MPWC Superintendent Craig Campbell added that the Commission beat out another public water utility and the two-time reigning champ – The Township of Livingston.

"I think this award says a lot about our program in regards to our people and the efforts that they put out to make sure that we have a good quality water and we still maintain it at a decent price," says Campbell. "It's a group effort. It just shows that everybody here really does care."

Campbell went on to say that the MPWC's very proactive approach to maintaining water quality was the major factor in the utility's first place win. "We maintain our stations and we maintain our system. Nothing sits. If we have issues with anything, it's fixed, it's repaired. We don't sit on it."

"Our main repair is done by our people. They'll go out there and fix it themselves," continues Saraceni. "They'll



Joe Scavuzzo, president of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, accepts the New Jersey Section of the American Water Works Association's award for best tasting water in the state on behalf of the Commission and staff of the MPWC.

reduce pressure; they won't shut the water off. Our gang won't disrupt service. We'll reduce the pressure enough so that we can do the repair; and if we don't reduce it too low, we don't have to worry about anything creeping in to contaminate the water. So there's extra care and vigilance there."

"People often call and they're surprised to find that we haven't needed to turn the water off. The complaints are very few," adds Brandy Eisenmann, MPWC's customer service director.

The staff of the MPWC also takes pride in the rapid response offered to customers in need of a service call.

"If you're not out there in 20-30 minutes, that's a problem," says Fitzgerald. "We live here too. Our customers really are our neighbors. It means a lot to us to provide quality water and quality service."

"We advertise 24/7 and we mean it," adds Eisenmann. "We work with our customers, scheduling appointments that are convenient to them."

The MPWC's commitment to quality water and service has gotten them this far and the staff is confident that their hard work behind the water area residents and businesses use will take them a little further – as the utility now has an opportunity to compete for best tasting water on a national level at the AWWA's annual water convention this June in Anaheim, CA.

"The state of New Jersey is being represented by us in the AWWA's national competition," says Saraceni. "That's not small potatoes."

For more information on the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, visit their web site at <http://www.mpw.com>. You can also find the water utility on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheMPWC](http://www.facebook.com/TheMPWC).

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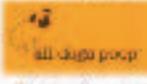













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## SENIORCORNER Seniors Have Access To Community Services Through SCUCS

By Sonny DiSabato,  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

Everything is starting to bloom and weather has finally started to be consistently warmer. It's a great time to get outside and get things done.

But sometimes, it can be pretty difficult for seniors to get out; other times they're in temporary need of a wheelchair or walker. Senior Citizens United Community Services, Inc., or SCUCS for short, offers a variety of community services for local seniors, including:

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

**Lending Closet** – Medical appliances like wheelchairs, canes, walkers, shower chairs and commodes are available on a

temporary basis to senior residents in need.

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

**Emergency Food** – Nonperishable

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

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

and level of need.

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

**Senior Savings Day At Walgreens**

One day each month, Walgreens holds a special "Seniors Day," where seniors 55+ with a Balance Rewards card or a valid AARP membership card

will receive 20 percent off of regular price merchandise. There are some restrictions to what items are discounted. Be sure to ask your local Walgreens for details.

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.

### American Legion Holds Monthly Meeting On May 14

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. All veterans are welcome.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

### Fire Department Remembers Fallen Firefighters

The Pennsauken Fire Department will host its annual memorial service on Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m. at the Rising Community Fellowship and Outreach Center, 3465 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken. Members of the fire department, their families, and the Pennsauken community will gather together to remember the faithful service of active and retired firefighters who have passed away, as well as those who gave their lives in the line of duty in the past year.

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# CLERKS CORNER

## Changes In Polling Locations For June Primary

By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

As we have been asked by the Camden County Board of Elections to move our Township's polling locations out of our schools, it is possible that your polling location will change from the June primary election onward.

If you voted at the following locations your polling location will change, beginning with the June primary:

- St. Cecilia's School, Districts 1 and 24, moves to Pennsauken Fire Company #2, located at 2215 Merchantville Ave.
- Intermediate School, Districts 3 and 23, moves to Faith Independent Bible Church, 7651 Rogers Ave.
- Carson School, District 4, moves to Lutheran Senior Residence 5610 Rt. 130
- Ben Franklin School, Districts 13 and 18, moves to the Masonic Lodge 6926

- Park Ave.
- Fine School, District 17, moves to The Rising Community Church, 3465 Haddonfield Rd.
- Camden County VocTec, District 21, moves to Stonegate at St. Stephen's Senior Residence, 5101 Stonegate Dr.
- Burling School, District 20, moves to Stonegate at St. Stephen's Senior Residence, 5101 Stonegate Dr.
- Delair School, Districts 9 and 14, moves to St. Mathew's United Methodist Church, 1665 Derousse Ave.
- District 6 moves from The Rising Community Church to Pennsauken Senior Towers, 8001 Maple Ave.

Below is a list of polling locations for the upcoming election.

Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 ext. 122 or 124.

Polling Location	Street Address	District #
Pennsauken Fire Company #2	2215 Merchantville Ave.	1 & 24
Baldwin School	41st & Sharon Terrace	2
Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Lutheran Senior Residence	5610 Rt. #130	4 & 16
Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Library	5605 N. Rt. 130	7
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
St. Mathews United Methodist Church	1665 Derousse Ave.	9 & 14
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 North Route #130	11
Longfellow School	1400 Forrest Ave.	12, 15 & 19
Masonic Lodge	6926 Park Ave.	13 & 18
The Rising Community Church	3465 Haddonfield Rd.	17
Stonegate Apartments	5105 Stonegate Dr.	20 & 21
Cooper River Plaza	2400 McClellan Dr.	22

## Pennsauken Township Is Experiencing Significant Business Growth

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work, both with these companies and with state officials, to make these business moves a reality. Some of these deals have been several years in the making. And they're not done; currently, Larry and Terry are working with four additional companies that have been approved for tax incentives to make the move into town or undertake development projects here.

Within the last five years, Pennsauken

businesses have invested well over \$100 million into our community. And with the incentives provided through the Grow New Jersey Assistance Program, made available to businesses through the Economic Opportunity Act, our town will offer at least 500 new jobs by 2018. In addition, we've spoken to these new businesses looking to hire and asked them to strongly consider Pennsauken residents for available positions that they're qualified for.

And we can't forget the many smaller

businesses that have hung their shingle in town: the mom and pop stores, local chains, and sole proprietorships that make up the vibrant fabric of our community. From the family doctor's office to the place with the best hoagie, we have businesses of all shapes and sizes here in Pennsauken. And whether they are bringing dozens of new jobs to town, or just making sure that a family can get some groceries for dinner, they are important to our town and the people who live here.

## Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Theatre To Hold Auditions For Summer Production

Auditions for the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's performance of "Shrek Jr. The Musical" will be held on May 19, 20 and 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Adapted for children ages 7 to 14, "Shrek Jr. The Musical" is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film.

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.

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

## Pirates Invade Burrough-Dover House On May 16



Avast, me hearty! The Sea Dogs, a New Jersey-based band and pirate/privateer re-enactment group, will be invading the historic Burrough-Dover House, 9201 Burrough-Dover Ln., on Saturday, May 16 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In addition to musical performances of sea shanties and songs of the sea, the Pennsauken Historical Society will be holding its spring festival at the Bur-

rough-Dover House. Visitors can enjoy free tours of the historic home and museum. Hot dogs, drinks and cup cakes will also be available for purchase.

Be sure to heave to and enjoy the spring festivities! For more information, visit the Pennsauken Historical Society's page on Facebook.



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## Food Bank Of South Jersey Benefits From Comcast Cares Day

Nearly 200 Comcast employees donated their time and talents to the Food Bank of South Jersey (FBSJ) on Comcast Cares Day, held on Saturday, April 25. The volunteers from Comcast executed multiple projects on behalf of the non-profit organization, including prepping a vegetable garden at FBSJ's headquarters, located on John Tipton Blvd. in Pennsauken; assembling more than one thousand bags of food to be delivered to children and seniors through FBSJ's direct service programs; and assisting in FBSJ's "marketplace" – sorting and or-

ganizing donated food and loading food/supplies into the commercial vehicles of agencies that are part of FBSJ's pantry distribution network.

Comcast Cares Day, which takes place each April during National Volunteer Month, is Comcast NBCUniversal's companywide celebration of their year-round commitment to service and the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer effort. This year, 95,000 Comcast and NBCUniversal volunteers participated in more than 700 projects across the country and around the globe.



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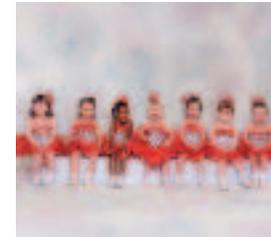
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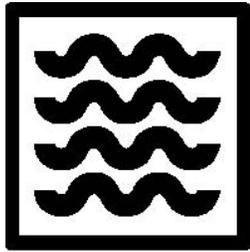


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# MPWC WATERLINES

## MPWC Employees Recognized for Outstanding Achievement

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM MICHAEL A. SARACENI, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Since 1926, the men and women of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission have remained focused on achieving the mission that is proudly posted on our website and throughout our facilities:

“The mission of the MPWC in 1926, and continuing today, is to supply the best product at the most affordable cost to our customers.”

As one of only two regional water authorities in the State of New Jersey, the MPWC is the smaller of the two agencies. The dedicated employees see the attainment of a model water utility in the State of

New Jersey as a journey and not a destination. This can be evidenced in so many ways by what they do daily. I offer these comments as an observer sitting courtside who continues to witness the dedication, commitment and vigilance of a team in the pursuit of excellence.

In March of 2015, water samples from the MPWC were entered into the annual New Jersey Chapter of the American Water Works Association taste testing competition held in Atlantic City. Out of seven total applicants, the MPWC placed first. Every man and woman who serves the MPWC owns a piece of that award and recognition.

It is sometimes very difficult to see

what might appear to be the intangible – safe and tasteful drinking water. The men and women of the MPWC know what it takes to produce a high quality product and the service that goes along with that product, and they do so with pride and distinction.

To each and every employee, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for all that you do and for placing us in a position to compete for this recognition. We have collectively produced the best tasting water in the State of New Jersey – very nicely done!

*For more information on this award, visit page 18 of this issue of All Around Pennsauken.*



### ATTENTION CUSTOMERS: The MPWC is on Facebook!

Looking for information about the water you drink? Where does it come from? How does it get to my home? Do you want to learn more about the MPWC's ongoing infrastructure projects? Have a question about your meter? Visit us on the web at [www.mpwc.com](http://www.mpwc.com) and from there, click the “like us on Facebook” button.

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ing, please contact our office right away. Our customer support representatives will schedule an appointment to obtain a meter reading and to verify that your remote is still functioning properly. It is important that you have your bill corrected prior to the due date in order to avoid unnecessary interest charges, overpayments or adjustments.

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

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## Pennsauken's 2015 Municipal Budget, Garbage District Stays Level

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not be possible without local property taxes. These taxes make up the largest revenue source in the municipal budget.

Pennsauken has tirelessly worked to keep costs down in order to better manage financial challenges that the Township faces each year. And by maintaining a conservative approach to Township operations, Pennsauken is also better prepared to handle capital improvements that need to be addressed on a yearly basis. For example, in 2015, the Township will be building a new and expanded salt storage facility to better handle harsh winters and icy conditions. In addition, Pennsauken is continuing to move forward on the construction of a "boundless" all-access playground at Meadowbrook Park on Cooper Ave., which will allow both handicapped and able-bodied children and their parents to play together. Pennsauken will also address improvements and repairs to its infrastructure, as there are 102 miles of road that the Township is responsible for maintaining, while replacing damaged curbing and improving storm drainage. Pennsauken's 30 parks and playgrounds are also upgraded on a continual basis. The Township has also purchased two new ambulances for Pennsauken's EMS, five new squad cars for the Pennsauken Police Department, and a new seven-yard dump truck for Public Works.

"Creating a municipal budget that maintains all of the services that residents come to expect, while be fair to taxpayers can be quite the balancing act," says Taylor. "But we have a lot of smart, dedicated people in our administration who can make it happen. That's our goal each and every year and we've worked very hard to make it possible for 2015."

### Board Of Education Budget Pending

At the time of printing, the Pennsauken Board of Education anticipated a tax reduction for the 2015-2016 school year. The School Board's budget is pending approval at the public hearing on May 5, held in Room 327 of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. at 7:00 p.m.

The complete budget will be available through May 5 in the Pennsauken Board of Education Office, 1695 Hylton Rd. for examination by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



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# inBooks

**PENNSAUKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Spring has finally arrived! Ya llego la primavera! Take a walk over to the Library and see what we have to offer. If you haven't been here in the last year, you are missing out.

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Library cards are available free of charge to anyone who lives or owns a

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### Anniversaries and Birthdays

We congratulate Alberta Luzi, who has served as a library page for 42 years, and Martha Vega, who has been our circulation supervisor for 15 years. We also wish John Patane, our library's director, a very happy birthday this month!

## May Library Events

### For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- LEGO Club – Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27; 4:30-5:15 p.m. Children can build the wild vehicles, buildings and creatures in their imaginations! For all ages.
- Story Time – Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26; 11:00 a.m. Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina invite you to join us for a time of songs, stories, crafts, and fun! Perfect for you and your little ones! For ages 0-5.

### For Teens & Adults:

- Book Club – Thursday, May 7; 10:00-

11:30 a.m. Discussing "Lethal," by Sandra Brown.

- Friends of the Library Meeting – Wednesday, May 13; 7:00-8:30 p.m. "The only way to have a friend is to be one." – Ralph Waldo Emerson. Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, May 18; 6:00-9:00 p.m. The Library Board is the governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month the members meet to review current issues, budget, policies and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.

## Pennsauken Library Kicks Off Summer Reading Season With Celebration

Summertime is right around the corner; and the Pennsauken Free Public Library is excited to start the summer reading season with a special kickoff event on Saturday, June 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The whole family is welcome to join in on the celebration!

This great, annual event features food, a raffle, giveaways and more. It's the perfect time to sign up your child or your family for the 2015 Summer Reading Challenge, which rewards youngsters with prizes for reading books of their

choosing throughout the summer! Hope to see you there!

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# GOING GREEN Garden Insects: The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly

By Kathleen Harvey,  
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC



Insects like the praying mantis can help rid gardens of unwanted pests.

Spring has finally arrived, and with it insects have come out of hibernation. When we mention garden insects, many of us think of pests such as mosquitoes and Japanese beetles that annoy us and damage our flowers and vegetables. However, some insects are downright helpful, and this group of insects is referred to as “beneficials.” Beneficial insects are those that are a part of Mother Nature’s integrated pest management, and should be left alone, or even encouraged to thrive in your garden. Insect allies far outnumber garden thugs in our yards and gardens. Bees, flies, and many moths help gardeners by pollinating flowers; predatory insects eat pest insects; parasitic insects lay their eggs inside pests, and the larvae that hatch then weaken or kill pests; dung beetles, flies, and others break down decaying material, which helps enrich the soil.

Here’s a sampling of beneficials that can be found in our area and how they can be helpful.

## Ladybugs

The familiar round, orange spotted ladybugs are a species of beetle. Most ladybug adults and larvae feed on aphids and other soft-bodied insects. Ever see rose buds covered in aphids in spring? They are a feast for lady beetles.

## Praying Mantis

Nature’s perfect predators, the praying mantis is named for its prominent front legs, which are bent and held together at an angle that suggests the position of prayer. Typically green or brown, they are well camouflaged on plants. Mantis lie in ambush or patiently stalk their quarry. Front legs snare prey with reflexes so quick insect pests never see them coming. Rear legs are equipped with spikes for snaring prey and pinning it in place. Praying mantis feast on prey up to three times their size and include moths, crickets, and grasshoppers.

## Spiders

All spiders feed on insects and are very important in preventing pest outbreaks. Spiders that inhabit gardens do not move indoors, nor are they poisonous. Permanent perennial plantings and straw mulches will provide shelter and dramatically increase spider populations in vegetable gardens.

## Lacewings

Pale green or brown lacewing adults

have distinctive large, veined wings and feed mainly on flower nectar. Lacewing larvae, however, are voracious predators that feed on aphids, thrips, scales, moth eggs, small caterpillars and mites.

## Hover Flies

Also known as flower flies, adult hover flies look like small bees with striped abdomens. Flower flies are attracted to flowers to feed on nectar and pollen. The larvae

feed on aphids in tight places where other good bugs can’t go, and are especially helpful in early spring, before other beneficial insects are active. Flower flies also pollinate strawberries and raspberries, producing larger fruits and higher yields.

## Predatory Bugs

This group of insects is the garden posse. They prey on many criminal insects, including tomato hornworms, thrips,

spider mites, leafhopper nymphs, corn earworms and other small caterpillars. Predatory pirate bugs are attracted by willows, buckwheat, corn, flower nectar and pollen. Predatory bugs are also attracted to bunch grasses, shrubs, and other permanent plantings that provide shelter.

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## **PUBLICWORKS** Public Works Taking Advantage Of Spring's "Sweet Spot"

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,  
Department of Public Works

Well folks, we have hit the "sweet spot" of spring; that special time between the early spring warm-up from winter and the exhausting heat and humidity of summer. This is where your Public Works Department hits the ground running and you can too! A particular spot that is a favorite of mine is the walking trail around Crescent Park or "The Pit." A special THANK YOU to the local Girl Scout Chapter, who, under the direction of Monica Francesconi, did a FANTASTIC JOB removing litter from this park on April 12.

You will see our crews preparing all of the parks and athletic fields for another year of sports and playground activities. Don't forget our town's memorial parks, such as Liberty Park on Westfield Ave. and the 9-11 Memorial on Rt. 130. I can remember my grandfather, a veteran, walking my sister and I to Liberty Park

(mainly by bribing us with Tootsie Rolls). I'm sure this park was special to him and continues to be for others.

The leaves and litter that the winter's winds have blown into fence lines and brush lines are cleared for panoramic views of a freshly cleaned park. Once the big clean-up of our town's facilities are completed, maintaining this beauty begins with the regular cutting of grass until fall.

Speaking of grass cutting, did you know that by "mulching" or not bagging your grass clippings and allowing them to remain on your lawn, you can provide your grass with vital nutrients it needs to grow lush and healthy? It is also recommended by lawn care professionals to only cut one third of the height of grass away. If you or your landscaper chooses to bag your lawn's clippings, please remember to place them and other yard debris at the curb on Tuesdays after 4:00 p.m. for Wednesday pickup. Similar to recycling, you can place as many items

out as you have for pickup. PLEASE NOTE: Waste Management WILL NOT pickup yard debris (grass clippings/sticks) if placed in the yellow recycling buckets. Also, please use string, rope or twine to tie up branches into bangles that are three to four feet in length; these bundles should weigh no more than 50 pounds. Any tree limbs and trunks over 3" in diameter can be placed at the curb and will be picked up by Public Works after a phone call to (856) 663-0178 requesting a wood pickup.

Another sign of fair weather is the sight of our fleet of street sweepers making their passes through town. Although there is no fixed schedule for any particular neighborhoods, please keep your vehicles off the street during the day for easier and more thorough cleaning, if possible. Street sweepers clear the curbs of debris such as leaves, stones, and litter to prevent them from entering the storm

inlets and polluting our storm sewer, which leads to our local streams and rivers. These vehicles have a bin where this debris is collected. Once the bin is filled, the operator needs to dump it at a temporary site before hauling to the landfill. Depending on how much debris is at the curb, this emptying is necessary several times a day. You can help us

cover more ground, help the environment and perhaps add additional passes through town by keeping the curb along your property clean. This is literally curb appeal for your home!

Stay tuned for June's Public Works article on bulk pickup and a look back at our department from 1955!

### TALKIN' TRASH

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 is a trash holiday. Monday's normally scheduled trash and recycling collection moves to Tuesday, May 26. Tuesday's trash and trash recycling collection moves to Wednesday, May 27. White goods and yard waste collection moves to Thursday, May 28. Thursday's regularly trash and recycling collection will be collected on Friday, May 29. Friday's trash collection will occur on Saturday, May 30, beginning at 6 a.m.

Camden County is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the parking area at Atco and Raritan avenues in Atco, NJ. For more information, visit [www.camdencounty.com/government/offices-departments/division-environmental-affairs](http://www.camdencounty.com/government/offices-departments/division-environmental-affairs).

## Mama's Homemade Cookies Holds Grand Opening On May 16

Mama's Homemade Cookies makes its Pennsauken debut on Saturday, May 16. The business, which started in 1997, features made-from-scratch cookies that are battered and never frozen. In addition to "love" as the main ingredient, Mama's Homemade Cookies never include additives or preservatives.

Mama's Homemade Cookies is located

at 2591 Haddonfield Rd., right by the Wyndham Rd. traffic light. Hours for the shop's grand opening on May 16 are from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor will be on hand for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12:00 p.m.

For more information, visit *Mama's Homemade Cookies on Facebook.*



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## Local Veterans Remember Fallen Comrades At Memorial Day Events

Throughout Memorial Day weekend, several local veteran groups will hold ceremonies to remember and honor those men and women who lost their lives in service of their country in the Armed Forces.

VFW Post 1270, located at 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken, right off of Rt. 130 and Cove Rd., will hold its wreath laying ceremony on Sunday, May 24 at 11 a.m. The ceremony begins at the VFW Post, then moves to Liberty Park, located on the corner of Merchantville and Westfield avenues.

AMVETS Post 101, located 519 June Rd. in Delair, will hold its ceremony on Monday, May 25 at 11 a.m. The ceremony begins at the post, then moves to

the World War II/Korean War memorial, located on River Rd.

F.W. Grigg Post 68 will hold its annual Memorial Day service on Monday, May 25 at Wellwood Park, located at Linden Maple avenues in Merchantville. The service will begin promptly at 10 a.m. This year's guest speaker will be Captain Joseph McGettigan USN Retired. Captain McGettigan is a former Pennsauken resident and Camden Catholic graduate.

Local Boy and Girl Scout units will present the colors. Additionally, local organization will place memorial wreaths on the World War I and World War II memorial monuments. In the event of rain, the service will be held at



VFW Post 1270, AMVETS Post 101 and F.W. Grigg Post 68 will remember those who gave their life in service of their country during several ceremonies held throughout Memorial Day weekend.

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## Pennsauken Police Department Hires Additional Officers To Protect And Serve Residents

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leveraging this experience to better protect and serve residents. "The benefit that we saw, as a municipal police department, was that they had all been trained. They'd all been to various schooling. So essentially, the only thing we had to do was outfit them with their uniforms. Our new officers went through an abbreviated field training program. They were already familiar with the procedures, policies, and the area. So they pretty much hit the street running after only a few weeks. These officers are all currently working right now."

"These hires have greatly improved the safety of Pennsauken Township in my estimation. Many of these officers are either from Pennsauken, or very familiar with the area."

Coffey went on to say that all of the new officers are currently on patrol duty during the evening hours, quite literally making sure that Pennsauken residents sleep a little easier. "We put the most amount of officers on during the times when we most need them. So most of them come in and start their shifts at 7:00 p.m. at night."

The influx of new officers, combined with several other factors, has helped create a reduction of crime in Pennsauken.

"Over the last few months, crime is down about 16 percent," explains Coffey. "You can have a whole lot of different reasons for that. One is obviously police presence and being proactive. One could be the weather. We like to see it when the crime numbers are down. Our calls for service are also down. There's less happening. We hope to continue that trend."

Pennsauken's Police Chief also commented that the department has also seen 30 percent fewer internal affairs complaints from residents. "I think it's because of a lot of the training we've been doing," explains Coffey. "It's a nice thing to see, especially in light of the fact that we still re-



Detective Sgt. Cheryl Duffy stands with Detective Aerika Long, who was recently promoted to the Pennsauken Police's Detective Bureau. Long will be taking over many of the responsibilities of Detective Sgt. Duffy, who will be retiring at the end of 2015 after serving 25 years as an officer on the force.

main a very proactive department in the sense that we do stop a lot of cars, we still do make a lot of criminal arrests and we're a very active police department."

Currently, the Pennsauken Police Department has 79 full-time officers. They also employ four Class II officers who provide security at Howard M. Phifer Middle School and Pennsauken High School.

Coffey concluded by saying that he appreciates the support that the Pennsauken community continues to give to the Police Department. "I get a lot more compliments about the police force than I do complaints. It's nice when people stop me in town and they'll talk about a call that recently happened at their home or on their street and they just compliment the officers. I just love hearing that type of information."

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## Residents Show Artistic Side During Friends Art Show



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with glass mosaics, pressed flower designs, hand forged decorative knives, and sculptures in a something-for-everyone collection. The Art Show displayed original paintings and drawings, clever copies of greats like Dali and Miro, stark black and white sketches next to others rendered in incredible



color, eye-witness photographs, a beautiful batik-like pen and ink drawing, and, among the whimsical 3-D sculptures, Bruce the Shark, longingly eyeing the colorful surfboard sans surfer he no doubt just helped vacate! And what about those platform shoe pianos? Add in all the daily how-to workshops



covering a wide range of topics, and you can be certain of one thing: you



definitely won't want to miss next year's show!

## Schedule Change For AARP Safe Driving Course, New Way To Donate Online

The AARP Safe Driving Course, sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, has been moved from June 2 and 3 to June 3 and 4 in order to free up the Library's Community Room for the upcoming primary election. The classes will still meet from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There are only 25 spots available for the course and the cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. You must provide a check as payment at the time you sign up at the Circulation Desk.

### Online Giving

As part of the Friends' goal to raise funds so that the Pennsauken Free Public Library can increase its offerings, we're always looking for new and interesting ways to make it easy as possible for library patrons to donate.

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just by shopping online. Just visit [www.iGive.com/PennsaukenFOL](http://www.iGive.com/PennsaukenFOL) and register. After you install the iGive button on your computer or phone, you'll be able to donate to the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library every time you shop online at Amazon, Best Buy, Kohl's, Fandango, Petco and over 1,000 other stores.

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In the meantime, here's hoping you submitted your poetry entry before the May deadline and that you're a winning poet. If so, we'll see you on awards night on June 3 at 7 p.m. at the Library. Maybe we'll also see you at one of our FOL monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month, also at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Come join us and share your ideas.



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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS Track Teams Blast Off From The Blocks

By Billy Wright, Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

The pistol has sounded, and the PHS boys and girls track teams have both exploded off the blocks this year. On the opening weekend of the season, the All Sports Booster Club hosted the 30th annual Camden-Gloucester County Relays at Vince McAneney Field. Over 2,000 athletes and 45 teams competed for the cherished CamGlo special edition medal. The Indians exhibited a fine collection of athletes as they collected six

first place finishes.

Both teams showed their sprint prowess by winning the 4x100 and the super sprint relays. The boys added a gold in the 4x200 meter relay and the girls showed good depth by winning the distance medley relay.

The sprint tandems for the boys were indoor state 55 meter dash champion Martin Booker Jr., indoor sectional 400 meter dash champ Marquan Jones, Ryan Wemegah, and Mark Farmer in the 4x100 and the super sprint; and Mar-

quan, Martin, Ryan, and Brandon Harley in the 4x200. The three first place contributions by Booker led to him being recognized as the Division II Most Valuable Player.

For the young ladies, senior standout Olivia Jamison joined Indigo Pascall, Asia Davis, and freshman Brianna Bryan to win the 4x100. Olivia, Indigo, and Brianna teamed up with Ajani McEady to win the super sprint relay; and the Big Red won their first-ever distance medley relay with the quartet of

Amanda Bakley, Briana Roberts, Tenille Stewart, and Destiny Campbell-Scott.

Two weeks later, the teams competed at the prestigious Woodbury Relays, with the boys finishing third and the girls fourth in the Group III competition. This time, a gold watch would be presented to the winning relay foursome and the boys 4x100 quartet of Martin Booker Jr., Marquan Jones, Josh Howard, and Ryan Wemegah; they were not to be denied, winning in 43.0 seconds, the third fastest time of the day from the 45 schools competing.

The girls distance medley finished fourth at the Woodbury Relays, setting a new PHS school record. The new record-holders are Florissa Crawford, Destiny Campbell-Scott, Briana Roberts, and indoor school mile record holder Amanda

Bakley. Amanda came back two hours later in an impressive showing of strength to win the 3000 meter steeplechase by 30 seconds. Amanda's winning performance was worthy enough that NJ.com and the Newark Star Ledger newspaper ranked her win as one of the 20 best performances of the weekend statewide.

### Bond Off To Rousing Start

PHS business teacher Brandon Bond became the fourth head coach for the girls lacrosse team in four years when he took over the reins of the 2015 squad. Setting up a winning culture was high on his list of team achievements. Right out of the chute, Coach Bond put a winning stamp on the program as the Indians won

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## South Jersey Thunder Holds Recruitment Drive

Pennsauken's semi professional football team, the South Jersey Thunder, is recruiting players, coaches and cheerleaders for the fall 2015 season.

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 has worked to create a "family oriented" team that supports "young men with talent who showed promise in their skill set but missed their opportunity because of family responsibility."

There is a reasonable registration fee for participants; practices and home games are held at Home games are held at the PYAA Football Field on Elm Ave.

For more information, visit "SJ Thunder" on Facebook.



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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!

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**Track Teams Blast Off  
From The Blocks**

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their first three games, defeating Williams-town, Winslow, and New Egypt. Senior all-conference volleyball player Olivia Summerville is leading the offensive attack as she scored 10 goals in the three games.

**Booster Club Hosts  
Wine Tasting Social**

The Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club is hosting the fifth annual Craft Beer and Wine Tasting Social on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. The venue has changed this year, as Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club is the proud host. This event is always well attended and a lot of fun. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door with the first 130 ticket purchasers receiving a souvenir wine tasting glass. The evening features tasty finger foods, music, and a silent auction that helps to support the event. Proceeds go to the Marie Giebel Scholarship Fund.

**Fifth Annual Awards Night**

With the support of the Pennsauken All Sport Boosters Club, the Pennsauken High School Athletic Department will conduct its annual end of year awards night on June 2, 5:30 p.m. at the high school. The Club provides the food and drink for the affair, as parents and coaches celebrate the annual athletic achievements of our 550 student athletes.

Club President Denise Wallace said, "The evening is such a delight. To observe athletes dressed for the occasion, to hear the numerous stories from the coaches, and to watch the kids proudly receive their awards is truly heartwarming."

The highlight of the evening is the awarding of \$5,500 in scholarships by the Boosters Club.

*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.*

**PYAA Baseball  
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Day On May 9**

PYAA Baseball will be having its annual picture day on Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the baseball field located at 3501 Elm Ave. Players should come dressed in their team uniforms.

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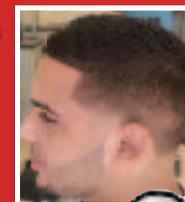
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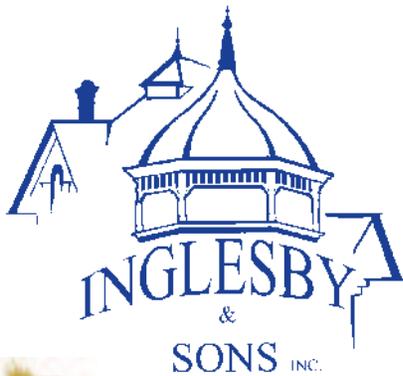



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