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#### Pennsauken Receives Additional Grant Funds For Multi-Use Trail Project

Pennsauken's municipal government recently announced the receipt of additional funding for a project designed to connect communities throughout South Jersey for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Township applied for and was awarded a \$200,000 design assistance grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Transportation Alternatives Program for a multi-use trail project connecting Pennsauken and Merchantville. Combined with a previous award of \$755,000 in 2015, this new grant brings the funding for this project to almost \$1 million.

"Pennsauken is known for its easy access to several major highways, but this trail will provide a scenic connection through our town that we haven't had before," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. "We're excited to have been awarded this funding to continue moving this project forward."

The grants received will help extend the multi use path in Merchantville into Pennsauken. This new addition will start at Cove Rd. and continue about a quarter mile to Bethel Ave. The project will also include the installation of lights, crosswalks, and benches along the path, as well as allow for additional beautification of the multi-use trail.

This project is part of a larger initiative being implemented throughout South Jersey. The Camden County Bicycling and continued on page 23

#### Puratos Corporation Opens New U.S. Headquarters, Innovation Center In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

With the snip of a ceremonial ribbon last month, Puratos Corporation celebrated the opening of its new U.S. headquarters and innovation center in Pennsauken. Mayor Jack Killion, the Township's Economic Development Team, and representatives from the Pennsauken School District were on hand for the special ceremony that showcased the company's \$10 million, 23,700 square foot facility.

"Today is a very special day for Puratos USA and for the Puratos Group, as we are very pleased to open this state-of-the-art facility," said Alejandro Tovar, vice president of marketing for Puratos USA.

According to Puratos officials, the new headquarters is designed to bring the com-

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Last month, Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion and other Township representatives were on hand as the Puratos Corporation cut the ribbon for its new U.S. headquarters and innovation center on Suckle Highway. Photo credit: Puratos Corporation.

#### Harvest Festival Celebrates Pennsauken's Rich Culture



Pennsauken's annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6, highlights the Township's diverse cultural identity with a celebration of arts and community. By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsauken Township Public Events Committee, in association with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host the fifth annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival, a celebration of heritage, arts and community. The free event, held on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., will highlight Pennsauken's diverse cultural identity.

"We're hoping for clear skies and cool fall temperatures for this showcase of culture and community," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "We'd like to thank our many sponsors for their support of this year's Harvest Festival, including AFC Urgent Care; Aluminum Shapes, LLC; Arnold's Safe and Lock; Bayada Home Health Care; Bergey's Truck Centers; the Business, Industry, and Government Council of Pennsauken; Camden County; Cartun Hardware; Conner, Strong & Buckelew; CRW Graphics; Dr, K Orthodontics; Falco, Caruso, and Leonard Funeral Home; Jefferson Health New Jersey; McFarlan's Market; Montegrillo Cucina Italiana; Pinsetter Bar and Bowl; Republic Bank; Stevens Management; T&M Associates; and TNT Pest Control.

The fifth annual Harvest Festival has plenty of entertainment to enjoy. On the continued on page 23

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#### **OCTOBERCALENDAR**

#### **Browning Road Senior Club**

The Browning Road Senior Club invites local seniors to come and meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Meetings are held at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 Route 130, Pennsauken at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments are served; there will be a short meeting followed by BINGO. For more information, call Pat at (609) 790-6760.

#### **Rustic Raviolis From Scratch**

Learn how to make raviolis from scratch! Hosted by CocuSocial at Double Nickel Brewing Company, 1585 Rt. 73 in Pennsauken, attendees will learn how easy it is to make your favorite stuffed pasta dish. This one-night class is held on Oct. 16, and 30 and begins at 6:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, search for the "Rustic Raviolis From Scratch" event on Facebook.

#### **Basket Auction**

Mary Queen of All Saints Parish will host a basket auction on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Saint Cecilia School Hall, 49th St. and Westfield Ave. Admission is \$5 per person; doors open at 11:00 a.m. Featuring over 50 baskets, five grand prizes, and 50/50 raffle. Luncheon foods will be available for purchase. For ticket information, call (856) 665-5468.

#### **Italian American Festival**

The Camden County Board of Free-

holders host the Italian American Festival and Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 6, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Columbus Statue at Cooper River Park, located at North Park Drive in Pennsauken. Featuring Italian cars, Italian food from local restaurants, wine tasting and craft beer garden, music and entertainment, kids' activities, and more. Additional information and free car registration can be found at CamdenCounty.com.

#### **PASA**

The Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Oct. 10 at the Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, N.J., 08109, at 7:00 p.m. PASA provides programs to increase community awareness about substance abuse as well as prevention programs. The public is invited to attend.

#### **Town Watch**

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10,7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

#### **American Legion**

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community

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Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

#### **Out Of The Darkness Walk**

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is hosting an "Out of the Darkness" Walk on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Vista Deck at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the AFSP to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss Check-in and registration begins at 10:00 a.m.; the walk program begins at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Danielle Steinberg at (908) 514-6028 or dbates316@gmail.com.

#### Kick Cancer In The Face 5K

The second annual Kick Cancer in the Face 5K run and one mile walk will be on Sunday, Oct. 14, at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Help raise money to support families going through stage 4 cancer. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The 5K run starts at 9:30 a.m. and the one mile walk begins at 9:45 a.m. To register, visit KickCancerInTheFace.org/runners.

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Jersey is hosting a Bunco "Fun Raiser" on Saturday, Oct. 13, 1:00 p.m., at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Bunco is a social dice game traditionally played with 12 or more players divided into groups of four trying to score points. Donation to play is just \$5 per person. For reservations, call Eva at (856) 662-2118.

#### **Half Century Jets**

This senior group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia's School Hall, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. This month's meeting will be on Oct. 23. For more information, call (856) 662-2721.

#### **Breast Cancer Walk**

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks unite communities behind the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives from breast cancer. This year's walk is held on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Jack Curtis Stadium at Cooper River Park, 5300 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.; walk starts at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Greater-PhiladelphiaSouthernNJStrides@cancer.org or call (215) 985-5401.

#### Fall Fair

Grace Episcopal Church, 7 E. Maple Ave., Merchantville, is holding a fall fair on Saturday, Nov.3, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featuring large basket raffle, vendors, baked goods, deli table, Santa's secret shop with balloon twisting and face painting, train display, and more. Come have lunch and win a basket! Vendor tables are available for \$25. For more information, contact Norma Bush at (856) 630-0724.

#### Pennsauken Residents Polled On Proposed Farmer's Market

Pennsauken Township's Municipal Government is considering putting together a monthly farmer's market for the 2019 spring/summer season. The proposed market would be located at the Township's Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., and would be held on a weekday evening.

The Township is polling Pennsauken residents about this idea. Individuals interested in sharing their thoughts on having a farmer's market are asked to visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/penn sauken-farmers-market to complete a brief survey. The Township will be accepting submissions through Friday, Nov. 16.







#### MAYOR'S Sharing Some Great News About Pennsauken



By Jack Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken Township

Last month, I was honored to be a panelist at the

Camden County Mayoral Luncheon. Held by the Camden County

Regional Chamber of Commerce, the event was a discussion of the state of Camden County. To prepare for the luncheon, I worked with our municipal staff to come up with a snapshot of our town. What we compiled was extremely impressive; it really makes you proud to be from Pennsauken. It's something that should be shared with our great community.

Our Township's administration has worked tirelessly to be fiscally responsible, as we're held accountable by Pennsauken's taxpayers. For six years in a row, the municipal portion of Pennsauken residents' tax bills has remained flat, without a reduction in staff or services. For the fifth straight year, Pennsauken had a tax collection rate in excess of 97 percent, coming in at the second highest all-time with 97.34 percent in 2017.

Significant business growth has helped boost tax ratables in town, offsetting the tax burden on residents. Over the last six years, Pennsauken businesses have invested well over \$100 million into our community through redevelopment and construction projects. For example, Puratos Corporation recently held the grand opening of its new corporate headquarters last month. The new facility features a 23,700 square foot state-of-the-art innovation center. Bergey's Truck Centers opened a brand new, 54,000

square foot facility last October. Bayada Home Health Care cut the ribbon on a 127,000 square foot executive campus in July 2017, which serves as the company's global support center. Barry Callebaut relocated its subsidiary American Almond to Pennsauken in June 2017; it's the only facility in the Americas that processes non-peanut nut products for the company.

According to data collected by Best-Places.net, Pennsauken has seen its job market increase by 2.5 percent over the last year. Future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 39.4 percent, which is higher than the U.S. average. For the fifth straight year, Pennsauken Township has partnered with local organizations to hold an annual job fair, connecting hundreds of residents with employers in town.

Our town is a rich, melting pot of cul-

tures; and with just a short drive, you'll find a wide variety of places to live, including apartment complexes, row homes, singlefamily dwellings and 55+ communities. Pennsauken is the home of the Riverfront Village, a development that offers highquality apartments for working class families and veterans, as well as Haddon Point, a high end apartment complex currently under construction that will target young professionals and empty nesters. We're also making great headway with vacant properties in town. Out of the initial 621 properties that were identified as being either vacant or believed to be vacant throughout town,565 have been sold. That equates to an impressive 91 percent.

In addition, Pennsauken's schools are going to great lengths to foster positive growth. Last March, residents voted and passed a bond referendum, allocating almost \$36 million for a wide variety of capital improvements for all of the public schools in town. The Pennsauken School District has also launched a variety of new trade programs, including carpentry, cosmetology, automotive technology, culinary arts, welding, and electrical.

Now some of these things you may have already known; others may be new to you. But these facts are indicative of what goes on in Pennsauken on a daily basis. Our town is a great place to do business; a great town to live in; a great place to raise your children. But it's not possible without some pretty important people: business owners who have decided to grow their companies here; teachers and school administrators who are dedicated to our children's education; families and community members

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Pennsauken – Bloomfield Section
Pride of Ownership shows in this very well maintained split
level. Home features large formal Living room and dining
room, which are great for entertaining. Three spacious bedrooms with ample closet space. And a cozy family room with
sliders leading to the fenced in back yard. The yard features
a nice covered patio, shed and gazebo. Nothing to do here
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Maple Shade – Beautifully Updated Home
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bedrooms and 2 full baths. Kitchen has been updated with
granite countertops and wood flooring. First floor master
bedroom w/lots of closets. The second story addition features 3 bedrooms and office space, full bath w/whirlpool
tube. Also, an attached garage, tool room, laundry room
and attached carport. House number 2 is a two bedroom
rancher with huge L/R (30X15), eat-in-kitchen w/newer
cabinets and countertops and two bedrooms. \$299,900



Pennsauken – Bungalow
Move right into this adorable bungalow, interior was updated a little over a year ago with brand new flooring, paint, carpeting upstairs, bathroom completely redone, kitchen redone with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and tile backsplash. Amazing front porch which wraps around the side of the home and a backyard deck also, close to major highways and easy access to Philly and close to shopping. \$129,900



Merchantville – Great Investment Opportunity! Historic Merchantville! Over 2,700 sq feet this large three story twin duplex features two bedrooms, full bath, kitchen, dining room and a spacious living room on the first floor. Also washer & dryer in the unit. Upstairs, on the second and third floors, we have three bedrooms, very spacious living room and dining room, large kitchen, hardwood floors, enclosed porch with lots of windows and washer and dryer in the unit. And both front and back staircase. Detached garage, spacious side and back yards. \$189,500



Pennsauken – Chadwyck
This 2 story colonial is situated on one of the largest lots in the neighborhood featuring: 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths newly remodeled kitchen, dining room. Partially finished basement with separate laundry area. Outside the exterior has been freshly garden areas for you to enjoy! Don't miss seeing this home today! Conveniently located near major shoping and transportation. The location is close to all area bridges which makes for a quick commute to Philadelphia. This one wont last long. It's a great house for a good price. Short sale. Being sold AS-IS, buyer is responsible for any lender & municipal requirements, \$119,900



Pennsauken – Cape Cod
This three bedroom, two and a half bath cape cod features
a gorgeous Master Suite with its own bathroom. The hardwood floors have been refinished on the first floor featuring
a large eat-in kitchen. This beautiful home features replacement windows throughout, closet organizers in all closets,
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#### **WAGSWORLD** "American Pickers," Pennsauken Township Edition

By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

I tried to clean out some excess baggage today. It didn't work. I am, by all accounts, lazy. But as I pile bits and pieces of my life in the garage, I first remember where I accumulated the rods, reels, nets, lures, buckets, stuffed fish, and more. And that is only one tiny corner of the building! None of my children want this stuff. The eldest has almost as much stuff, and his stuff is neat and clean. The others have zero interest in this part of my life. Thinking about possibly selling

my piles of junk, I realize it would require cleaning, moving, pricing, and then selling. Way too much work.

Years ago, I thought I would add a special event at my wake. I would have someone pass out tickets as folks shuffled out of the funeral home. Then, right after the mourners had stopped mourning and sobered up, everyone could come to the garage, get a free beer, and one by one, tickets could be pulled from a bucket. Folks with a winning number could fill their arms, and the last one out gets the bucket.

But the bride pooh-poohs my idea. Plus, she told me in no uncertain terms, that I cannot die for at least two years. She will not be cheated out of her 50th wedding anniversary party. She has suffered my insanity for this long, and she demands a good fling. Besides, she reminds me, I already had my wake a few years back. It was a huge success, and I did get rid of a few rods, some duck decoys, and an instrument or two.

Perhaps I can get Mike and Frank from "American Pickers" to come to town. But unlike their TV show, they would have to take everything! Like my sock drawer; it was recently declared the knife drawer, because it holds more knives than socks. And the cars could go too. And the guitars, banios, dulcimers. and extra harmonicas. I shouldn't forget the bugles, trombone, and bass, either. Wow! This is starting to add up. Then the old hunting gear comes up for review. Good lord, there's a truck load! Besides guns and bows and boats that row, I found a blow dart gun while rummaging. right next to the bullwhip. Then I looked at the tools. Oh my! So many projects sitting on flat surfaces in my garage dust. Table saw, band saw, routers, planers, grinders, sanders, a huge wood lathe with gouges, an engine lift, two car jacks, two

air compressors, and an old wood stove. Only thing missing is the partridge. The pear tree is out back.

No wonder we don't have a shore house! Okay, if I can make Mike and Frank bite, and I have the blowout, everything-must-go sale, I can definitely have a 50th anniversary party to remember. The bride will be so pleased. Maybe Mike and Frank will stay for the party. But they are gonna' need a bigger truck!

If this works out, I only need to make a phone call. That's where I do my best work, these days. No more lifting, dusting, moving heavy boxes, or even bending over. Hallelujah, what a plan!

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#### Cigar Night Fundraiser On October 22 Benefits Work Of Pennsauken Lions

Good company, great food, and premium cigars! The Pennsauken Lions Club will be hosting its fall Cigar Night on Monday, Oct. 22, at Steak 38 Café and Cigar Lounge in Cherry Hill. Appetizers will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, dessert, and a relaxing smoke of two premium cigars.

The cost for the evening is \$65 per person; reservations can be made at Steak 38 Café, 515 Route 38, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002, (856) 662-3838; or at Macaro's Deli on Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken (856) 665-5286.

#### **Eye Screenings Update**

The Lions Club annual eye screenings have begun and are going well. They will be completed in a few days and parents, whose children need further examination, will receive a letter or e-mail telling them what the camera found out about their child's eyes.

The spot screening camera is a terrific, simple device. You just point it at the child at a distance of three feet and colored lights and noises attract their attention. It measures 23 different things about the child's eyes, including farsightedness, nearsightedness, astigmatism, and eye power equality, to name a few.

The Pennsauken Lions Club has been borrowing the District Spot Screener, but has been running a donation campaign to buy their own so they can do screenings whenever or wherever needed. If anyone would like to contribute to the campaign, the Pennsauken Lions are a 501(c) organization and will send you a letter acknowledging your donation, as well as listing you in our article in the November 2018 edition of All Around Pennsauken. Donations can be sent to Pennsauken Lions, c/o 2815 Powell Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

#### PENNSAUKEN OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Township Committee** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 3, 17 & 24

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 3 & 17

Planning Board

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 2 & 23

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

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#### Labor Day, Father Of Labor Movement Remembered In Pennsauken



Deputy Mayor Betsy McBride was on hand for the annual Southern New Jersey AFL-CIO Central Labor Council wreath-laying ceremony at the Peter J. McGuire Memorial at Arlington Cemetery in Pennsauken last month. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, Senator Bob Menendez, and Congressman Donald Norcross were also in attendance.

As part of the annual observance of Labor Day, labor leaders, public officials, and members of the local community gathered in Pennsauken to celebrate workers across our country at the annual AFL-CIO wreath-laying ceremony at the Peter J.McGuire Memorial, located at Arlington Cemetery, where the labor leader and "Father of Labor Day" is interred.

"For the last 124 years, we've been laying a wreath in honor of Labor Day; for the last 112 years for Peter J. McGuire, who was the founder of Labor Day," says Bob Schiavinato, president. Southern New Jersey AFL-CIO. "I'm really excited this year because the Peter J. McGuire Memorial is now on the state's registry of historical places."

McGuire is known for championing important labor causes that are considered commonplace today, such as the 40-hour work week, days off on the weekend, and child labor laws. His most famous achievement remains an idea he proposed in May 1882 at the New York Central Labor Union, for a day to be set

aside to celebrate the American worker and the achievements of the labor movement. In New York that September, the first Labor Day parade and celebration was held. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed the law declaring Labor Day as a national holiday.

"Peter J. McGuire is a giant by any

measure," adds New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy. "The importance of organized labor, to our state, to our state's wellbeing, to the strength of our economy, to our strength of our middle class can't be understated. We're honoring a pioneer in that respect."

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#### Trick or Treating in Pennsauken

The countdown to "Operation: Trick or Treat" has begun. Kids are already planning not just their Halloween costumes, but their trick or treat route as well, making sure to hit the houses in town that have the good stuff. To keep Pennsauken's boys and ghouls safe this Halloween, the Township has an ordinance in place.

Pennsauken has a curfew in place not

iust on Oct. 31, but the two days prior to Halloween. During this period, any minor under the age of 16, regardless of where they live, are not allowed out on the streets of Pennsauken after the hour of 8:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Your buddy who just turned 18 isn't going to cut it. It has to be an adult who's legally responsible for you.

Trick or treating is for kids, not adults. Anyone over the age of 14 cannot go out trick or treating, unless you're acting as a chaperone. And unfortunately, chaperones can't ask for any candy or treats. They have to wait until they get home to help their kids "sort" the candy. Trick or treating on Oct. 31 runs from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

#### TOUCH-A-TRUCK AND TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT HELD ON OCTOBER 28

The Pennsauken School District and the Pennsauken Education Association are hosting a joint trunk or treat and toucha-truck event on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. The touch-a-truck event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., while the trunk or treat occurs from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This free event encourages children from pre-K through eighth grade to wear their Halloween costumes and enjoy a variety of fun activities.

Members of the Pennsauken School District staff will have their vehicles decorated and will be distributing candy to participants. Children will also have a hands-on opportunity to explore various vehicles, including dump trucks, fire engines, and more. There will be a face painter available throughout the event; and PHS students and members from the school's Leo Club will have decorated the 300 wing of the high school as a "Halloween Hallway."

Attendees will be allowed to park their cars in the parking lot closest to the football stadium. In the case of inclement weather, the "trunk or treat" portion of the event will be held in the high school.

The PEA Trunk or Treat event is one of many PRIDE in Public Education activities to be carried out by the Pennsauken Education Association this year.

Volunteering to produce this event is one of the many ways that the Pennsauken School District employees give back to the Pennsauken community.

The PEA is an affiliate of the New Jer-

sev Education Association (NJEA) and represents the teachers, nurses, librarians, guidance counselors, child study team members, student assistance coordinators of the Pennsauken School District.

Pennsauken PRIDE is an ongoing campaign created to share the education successes of the Pennsauken School District with all Pennsauken residents, while building strong community support and involvement in our great public schools.

Parents and guardians are responsible for their own children. Please keep an eye on children and inspect the treats your child receives to ensure their safety.

For more information on the event, visit Pennsauken.net.

#### "BITE NIGHT" HELD HAUNTED HAY RIDE AND ON OCTOBER 24



The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Haunted Hay Ride and the "Bite Night" Food Truck event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

This month, two popular Pennsauken events are combined into one: the Township's annual Haunted Hay Ride and the "Bite Night" Food Truck Event.

Both events will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. at the softball field behind the Pennsauken Police Administration Building at Rt. 130 and Bethel Ave.

Sponsored by the Township's Youth Action Committee, the Haunted Hav Ride features ghosts, ghouls, goblins and the walking dead providing scary fun for the whole family, as guests ride around in a hay wagon pulled by a tractor. It's a great bargain, as the cost for the Haunted Hay Ride is just \$2.00 per person.

Volunteers are once again needed for this year's Haunted Hay Ride. Generous students and residents are asked to dress up as ghosts, ghouls, goblins, vampires and zombies to help provide some scary fun for hay ride goers. As this is a family event, risqué costumes are not allowed.

To sign up as a volunteer, or for more information about Pennsauken's Haunted Hav Ride, e-mail Elwood Martz at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or call (856) 665-1000 x151.

The event will also feature several food trucks, all of which offer items that are easy to walk around with. And new this year, members of Pennsauken Police and the Pennsauken Fire Department will be passing out candy to participants.

For more information, visit the Township's web site at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

#### AAP'S INTERACTIVE TRICK OR TREAT MAP

Wish more kids came to your house to trick or treat? Tired of knocking on doors where no one answers? Is the prospect of eating all that leftover candy exhausting? Register your house with All Around Pennsauken's Interactive Trick or Treat Map!

New for this year, members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department will be handing out Halloween candy to participants.

Enter your address at AllAround-Pennsauken.com - look for the web banner at the top of each page - and we'll post an interactive map that Pennsauken and Merchantville's trick or treaters can access a few days before Halloween.

Only homes in Pennsauken and Merchantville will be accepted for the Interactive Trick or Treat Map. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 26. Information submitted to the Interactive Trick or Treat Map is solely provided by the general public, All Around Pennsauken is not responsible for any incorrect information provided. Trick or treaters should always be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Please use caution and common sense when participating in trick or treating.

#### THIS HALLOWEEN, CHANNEL 19 TURNS INTO "CHANNEL NIGHT SCREAM"

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It's no trick. For the sixth year in a row. Pennsauken residents tuning into Channel 19 will be treated to a wide variety of horror movies, from cult favorites to extreme camp.

This Halloween, Pennsauken Television will present "Channel Night Scream," a day-long horror movie marathon, airing several horror movies available from the public domain. Viewers can watch silent classics such as "Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde," featuring John Barrymore; cult horror gem "The Brain That Wouldn't Die;" and "Attack of the Giant Leeches," a film that "sucks" on many levels. The programming culminates with George A. Romero's zombie masterpiece,"Night of the Living Dead."



For a schedule of the upcoming horror flicks, be sure to visit Pennsauken Television online at PennsaukenTV.com as well as Facebook.com/PennsaukenTV.

#### ADDITIONAL HALLOWEEN EVENTS

#### **Haunted House**

Merchantville School's eighth grade class hosts its annual Haunted House on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20 at Merchantville School, 130 S. Centre St. A less scary version of the haunted house appropriate for smaller children runs from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; and the really spooky fun runs from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for children under 14, \$5 for adults; concessions are also available for purchase. For more info, call (856) 663-1091.

#### Halloween For The Kids At **Griffith Morgan House**

"Halloween for the Kids," returns to haunt the Griffith Morgan House, located at 243 Griffith Morgan Ln., right off of River Rd. Held on Sunday, Oct. 21, from noon to 4:00 p.m., the fun, games, and goodies will include kids' crafts and activities, a pumpkin patch, special Halloween themed tours of the old house and the lore of the season! Ghoulish. ghastly grownups too will enjoy the day with a historic look back at some of the lore from the petrifying past of

Pennsauken! This will be a fun day for all, both friendly and frightful! Admission is free, but some activities may require a nominal fee to defray the expense. Just don't go into the old house alone—it's much more fun with family and friends!

#### **Pumpkin Carving Contest**

Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern, 6324 Westfield Ave., is hosting its sixth annual pumpkin carving contest on Friday, Oct. 26, at 7:00 p.m. For a \$10 entry fee, participants will receive a pumpkin, carving tools, and a chance to win \$100. For more information, visit "Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern" on Facebook.

#### **Trunk Or Treat**

Martin Luther Chapel will be holding its third annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 28, from noon to 2:00 p.m., in the school parking lot on Baker Ave. at the corner of Rt. 130. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside in the school gym. The entire event is FREE for children of all ages in creative costumes to trick or treat in a safe place.

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#### Pennsauken Police To Participate In National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



Residents are encouraged to safely and securely dispose of unused prescription drugs using the Pennsauken Police Department's drug collection unit, located in the police station lobby.

The Pennsauken Township Police Department is taking part in an initiative designed to keep unused prescription drugs from being misused and off the streets.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, Pennsauken Police are encouraging residents to safely dispose of prescription drugs using the secure depository in the lobby of the town's police station, located at 2400 Bethel Ave. A repurposed mail box, the drug collection unit keeps prescription medicine away from children and the water supply. In addition to National Prescription Drug Prescription Day, the

Pennsauken Police's drug collection unit is available in the station's lobby 24 hours a day seven days a week.

For more information, visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/police/ police-discovery.

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#### Pennsauken Selected For PSE&G **Outdoor Lighting Replacement Program**

Pennsauken was recently selected to be part of an initiative to change existing PSE&G outdoor security lighting to the LED equivalent. The Township was one of the first communities in the PSE&G service area to apply and receive approval for the replacement program; and upon completion, Pennsauken will save over \$50,000 in yearly utility bills.

"We're always looking for ways to be more environmentally conscious and energy efficient. These LED lights not only help with that, but they will reduce energy costs by over \$50,000, which is very significant," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. "These new lights are also much brighter, which will help enhance the safety of the town's outdoor areas and municipal facilities."

Changes in outdoor security lighting will occur in almost 30 locations, including municipal complexes, parks, and playgrounds. LED lights run whiter and brighter than the traditional high pressure sodium lights, but consume only a fraction of the electricity and at a lower temperature. The project is expected to be completed in approximately 16 months' time.



#### OTH ANNUAL Pumpkin Carving CONTEST

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#### **Associated Supermarket Celebrates Three Years In Pennsauken**

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Three years ago this month, then Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor, Township Committeewoman Betsy McBride, and members of Pennsauken's Eco-

nomic Development Department were on hand for the official ribbon cutting for the new Associated Supermarket, Today, the store, located at the site of the former Costa's Market, has become an important staple on Westfield Ave.

"Local businesses are so important to the quality of life in Pennsauken," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. "We're glad that Associated Supermarket came

in to fill the important role of community food store."

The motto of Associated Supermarket is "everything you need, just around the corner."The store works to cater to all of the customers in the neighborhood. The market receives fresh shipments of bread and perishables on a daily basis; fresh produce and meat are delivered every other day; and groceries for restocking come in twice a week. A quick walk through the store shows popular brand names such as Purdue, Jif, Welch's, Motts, Juicy Juice, Turkey Hill, and more, Customers can also browse through a variety of ethnic food items, including Jamaican and Spanish offerings.

"People can expect to find everything that they're looking for at the right price," says Frank Mejia, owner of Associated Supermarket.

Associated Supermarket is located at



Three years ago, Pennsauken officials were on hand for the official ribbon cutting for the new Associated Supermarket. The store continues to be staple of the community.

6100 Westfield Ave. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit ShopAssociated.com.

#### "George's Tailgate" Fundraiser Oct. 21

By Tony Saranchak, Chaplain, GSF Sr. Scholarship Fund

This year marks 10 years of the George S. Figueroa, Sr. Scholarship Fund providing scholarship grants to Pennsauken firefighters and their families. The Fund was started after an anonymous donation to award scholarships in George's memory. It is perhaps fitting that this all started with an anonymous donation, because over the years, I have heard various stories from people on how George helped them and did things behind the scenes no one ever knew about. That was George!

For five years straight, a golf tournament was held at the Pennsauken Country Club; it almost became too big for its own good and running it became a yearlong process of planning and work. It was decided to take a break from the golf event, and that had led to other new and exciting fundraisers.

On Sunday Oct. 21, at the East Pennsauken Fire Station, 8362 Stockton Ave., we will hold another "George's Tailgate" Party. George was a huge Eagles fan, so we rent a large screen TV, get some good food, responsible drinking - and "one for the road"- and raise funds for a good cause!

There will be a silent auction for a variety of items at the event, including a 60' TV. Tickets for the event are \$20 each; children under 12 are \$5. The doors open at noon on game day. Please see any East Pennsauken Fire Company member for tickets; they are also available at H&H Deli.

There are way too many people and businesses to list here that have supported the Fund over the last 10 years; we will never forget who you are! Thank you from the Figueroa family, East Pennsauken Volunteer Fire Association, and the George S. Figueroa Sr. Scholarship Fund Committee.

#### PHS Performs "Radium **Girls'' For Fall Play**

Students from Pennsauken High School will be performing "Radium Girls" for their upcoming fall play.

Inspired by a true story in Orange, N.J., "Radium Girls" traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses

among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

"Radium Girls" will be performed on Nov. 2 and 3, 7:00 p.m., at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call (856) 662-8500 x5273.

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#### **Pennsauken Cub Scouts Change Meeting Dates**

Pennsauken Cub Scout Pack 116 will now be meeting at Martin Luther School on the second and third Fridays of the month, rather than first and third Fridays. The change is a result of the decision by the Martin Luther board to close their school due to low enrollment. The board has generously allowed the Pack to continue to meet, with slight changes to the schedule to avoid scheduling conflicts with other activities in the space.

#### **Fall Activities For Cub Scouts**

The Pack will be participating in the annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., where they will be collecting nonperishable food items. They will also be

going to Pine Hill Scout Reservation for Cub Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fun Day activities include BB and archery, hayrides, crafts, fishing, and much more. The cost is just \$5 per child with a canned good for the Scouting for Food initiative. Adults are admitted for free with a canned good.

In early November, the Pack will be participating in Paul Bunyan Day on the 3rd, followed by a Council bowling fundraiser at The Big Event, formerly known as Playdrome of Cherry Hill, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Pack will also collect non-perishable food items at the Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade on Saturday, Nov. 24. The food collected at both the

Harvest Festival and the Holiday Parade goes to the Martin Luther Chapel's food pantry on Rt. 130 and Baker Ave. The Scouts will also be passing food bags out to their neighbors to increase their collections. If a Scout approaches you to donate, please help us assist those in need in our community.

If you are interested in signing up your child, boys and girls from kindergarten to fifth grade, in Scouting, you are welcome to attend the meetings on Oct. 12, and 19, held at the Martin Luther School Gym from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail pack116pennsauken@gmail.com or call (856) 313-7751.



Got Cut? Barbershop on River Rd. recently held a special back to school event, offering free book bags and haircuts to local children.









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#### **SENIORCORNER** Health Fair, Harvest Dance Coming Up For Seniors This Month

By Sonny DiSabato, Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. The annual Senior Citizen Health Awareness Fair will be held on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill, 2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Each year, the Health Awareness Fair provides information to senior citizens throughout Camden County about all of the services that are available. Attendees will enjoy a day of free entertainment, food, activities, and health screenings. Door prizes will also be awarded throughout the afternoon.

This event is presented by the Camden County Board of Freeholders and is free to Camden County residents 60 years old and over. Registration is required to attend the Senior Citizens Health Awareness Fair. To register, please call Senior Services at (856)

#### **Seniors Harvest Dance** Held On October 16

The annual Senior Harvest Dance will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., at the Collingswood Ballroom at the Scottish Rite Theatre, 315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, N.J. Spon-

sored by Senator Jim Beach, Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, and Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt, the event features dancing and music, a dessert reception, and door prizes.

To reserve your space, please call (856) 858-3667 and leave a message with your name and the number of people in vour party. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. by Friday, Oct. 9.

I wish you good health and happiness. Keep our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in your prayers.

#### "Back The Blue" Jeep Ride Held On October 13

A community event planned later this month is designed to be a show of support to local law enforcement.

The third annual "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13; last year, almost 70 jeep owners gathered at the Cherry Hill Mall and then traveled to the police stations in several communities to thank officers for their dedicated service.

"We're just visiting police stations and shaking the hands of officers, thanking them for keeping our communities safe," says Ann Marie McCusker, the organizer of the "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride. "It's a great show of support to those who serve and protect us every day. We're excited for this year's event and we hope to have a larger turnout from the community."

The "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride has planned stops to thank officers in several police departments in Camden County, including Pennsauken Township.

Jeep owners who wish to participate on Oct. 13 should arrive at the back parking lot of the JC Penney's at the Cherry Hill Mall by 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit the "Back the Blue" Jeep Ride's event page on Facebook.



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#### **GRAYMATTERS**

#### October: A Month Full Of Special Days, Including One To Count Buttons

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

I always write a Halloween column this month.

That could have gone without saying. I mean, seriously, how many Halloween columns show up in mid-March?

That said, although my natural affinity for chocolate coincides with a free candy day at the end of this month. I have decided to honor a few other lesser-known days during this tenth month of 2018.

So, sit back along with me, and enjoy a Snickers, Milky Way, or Clark Bar, and have a few laughs over the fun and funny things some of us celebrate in October.

First off... drum roll please... Octo-

ber is World Menopause Month. Now, if this means that somehow men will be able to join in with us women in this glorious, let your freak-flag-fly experience, I vow to purchase a personal air conditioner for every single male over the age of 40 in Pennsauken Township.

Now, on to the dailies... Oct. 1 is National Apple Jack Day. Personally, I would prefer, National Peanut Butter Captain Crunch Day... but, somehow I'll manage.

Oct. 6 has been declared National Frugal Fun Day. Apparently, you can only spend thirty-five cents to celebrate. Let me know how that worked out, okay?

Oct, 7 is Bald and Free Day. Does that mean our national bird, the Bald Eagle? If not, I'm reveling in the day with my recently divorced and hair-free pal, Ralphy Schenkman.

Oct. 17 is known as National Fossil Day. If that was, National "Old Fossil"

Day. I'd be celebrating with most of my girlfriends from dawn to dusk. What a difference one word makes!

Oct. 21 is Count your Buttons Day. Folks, I lost my buttons so long ago, this

day can get lost right along with them.

Oct. 28 is Mother-in Law Day. And to think I wasn't going to write anything scary this month!

Happy October from me and all those ghoulies and ghosties and longlegged beasties, and things that go bump in the night! ~Love, Judy

#### **Sharing Some Great News** About Pennsauken

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There are a lot of exciting things going on in our town; and there's plenty of wonderful, talented people making it happen, including our neighbors who call Pennsauken home. I'm proud of Pennsauken; our community's future looks bright. And that's news worth sharing.



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Thanks to community donations, students in Ms. Gilbert's class will receive a free book of their own every month of the school year.

#### **Baldwin Receives Generous Donation** Of School Supplies, Backpacks



Pennsauken-based business The Property Alliance collected a wide variety of school supplies and book bags for students at Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center who might need a little assistance at the beginning of the school year. Seen here from left to right are Dana Ubele and Sara Gladden from The Property Alliance; Dana Gery, principal at Baldwin; and Anna Grant, Pre-K to 3 supervisor of special services.

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#### **Gifted Students At Carson Ready For Learning**

Students in Mrs. Tryon and Mrs. Savino's gifted classes have been very busy since beginning school in September. They have set goals for their learning and participated in many community-building activities, to ensure that our classrooms are fun, engaging, and stimulating!

We are looking forward to our continued video conferencing collaboration with students from Hindsford School in England and are excited about all the learning and memories we will create throughout the year!

> Students in Carson's gifted classes participate in community-building activities at the start of the school year.



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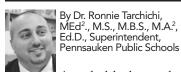
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#### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As we look back at another successful September, I would like to first thank the teachers and students for their hard work during this first month of school. I would also like to thank the parents for their dedication, commitment, and devotion to their children and to Pennsauken Public Schools. I have stated in the past that teachers are the backbone of our District; and I am especially grateful for their diligence. I would like to add that the dedicated parents are the backbone of Pennsauken Township; and I would like to thank them for their daily attentiveness to our schools and their children. Students: as school work gets harder, please remember these words from Pelé, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

We had a wonderful opening with our teachers and administrators and I would like to thank Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Schmitt, and all others that assisted for their diligence in the preparation for possibly one of the

#### A Great Start To A New Year In Pennsauken Public Schools

greatest staff openings Pennsauken Public Schools has ever had. I would especially like to thank Mr. Baiada of Bayada Home Health Care for being our guest speaker and telling the Pennsauken Public Schools staff a very inspirational and rousing story.

The high school has been running efficiently and proficiently since the first day of school with Mr. Bonkowski as the principal. Mr. Munford has competently taken charge or our alternative school for our twilight program as the new principal. Ms. Allen, principal of Phifer Middle School, has done an excellent job in the conversion from a seventh and eighth grade building to a sixth through eighth grade building. Mrs. Harmon has done very well converting our intermediate school from a fifth and sixth grade building to our upper elementary fourth and fifth grade building. Mrs. Gery, assistant principal of the full day preschool program, has been tremendous in the start of the new initiative in Pennsauken Public Schools. Finally, all of our elementary schools have moved to a pre-k to grade three model; the principals include Mrs. Lawrence at Delair, Mr. Harris at Burling, Mr. Honeyman at Fine School, Mrs. Joyce at Carson, and Mrs. Galloza at Franklin.

We've made some important accomplishments over the summer. Regarding our vocational programs, our Automotive CTE program is now NATEF certified, permitting students to receive ASE accreditation. Our Welding CTE and Electrical CTE programs are complete and filled with students. The welding shop is truly the most beautiful in the State of New Jersey. CTE programs to date in Pennsauken Public Schools include Cosmetology, Culinary Arts. Graphic Arts and Design, Air Force JROTC, Carpentry, Automotive Technology, Welding, and Electrical Construction, with HVAC/Plumbing in development. We are under heavy construction as our stadium and track are being upgraded and the security vestibules are being built. All work on referendum projects will be consistent throughout this school year.

With the school wide status of Pennsauken Public Schools, elementary students are eligible to receive additional instruction for language arts and mathematics. Moreover, we have started a tutoring initiative for mathematics in Pennsauken High School and the Park Avenue Campus Math tutoring will run from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the high school

library; and from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the middle school's library. Any students that are struggling or would like to learn more in pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, calculus, etc. are encouraged to come and learn.

We also look forward to student and parent participation in the "Touch a Truck" and "Trunk or Treat" events taking place Oct. 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pennsauken High School and the Halloween parades taking place in our elementary schools at various times on Oct. 31.

The year has been going well with our athletic programs and I would like to share some of our coach and student accomplishments. Congratulations to Coach Tabb, who has led our varsity Indians football team to a 3 and 1 record this year. Some of our stand out athletes and performances include:

- Donte Jamison ran back the opening kickoff 90 yards
- Nahzir Russell had 11 carries, 167 yards and three touchdowns
- Darrian Tabb had two catches for 122 yards and two touchdowns
- Deswa Evans threw for 2 touchdowns
- The defense had 11 sacks led by Kenneth Corbin with three sacks; NJihad McCoy and Jaleen Brady each had

two sacks a piece

• The defense posted a second straight shutout and hasn't allowed a touchdown after the first quarter in any game this year

Also, congratulations to Coach Nardello, head coach of the freshman football team, who has led our Freshman Indians to a 3 and 0 start for the season. This year's highlights include:

- Daniel Sconiers, running back and cornerback, had three touchdowns
- Isaiah Johnson, full back and defensive tackle, has had five touchdowns
- Ozmere Jones, tail back, scored two two-point conversions with four touchdowns this year
- David Crèam, offensive left tackle and team captain, has been a constant leader throughout the season and has not missed a single practice

#### **Spend Time With The Super**

Please join me for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," taking place on Monday, Oct. 15, 5:00 p.m., before the board meeting at Pennsauken High School. These are times where concerned parents or Pennsauken residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

#### **American Legion Recognizes Apache Marching Band**



F.W. Grigg American Legion Post 68 & Unit 68 members recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the award-winning Pennsauken High School Apache Marching Band. The band was sponsored by Post 68 in the annual American Legion Parade in Wildwood and was judged the "Best Band" in the parade. The check was awarded by the American Legion Department of New Jersey.

# DelGrippo And Mammi Recognized As "Mr. and Miss Pennsauken"



Congratulations to John DelGrippo and Sabrina Mammi, who were recognized at the beginning of the school year for their dedication and support to the District!



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

Providing a quality education for job readiness and growing employment opportunities for Pennsauken students are some of the top priorities of the Pennsauken School District. Students at Pennsauken are able to explore many career paths through career and technical education programs, take dual credit college courses offered through Rowan College of Burlington County, and can even earn up to an associate's degree as a high school student. On top of all the advancements in the 9th-12th grade curriculum, the District has begun working rigorously in community outreach by collaborating with local businesses to give students learning opportunities as well as potential job placement.

Two representatives of the Pennsauken School District had the opportunity to join in on the grand opening of Puratos' U.S. headquarters, right here in Pennsauken. Puratos is an international organization which offers a full range of

#### Networking With Local Businesses To Provide Opportunities To Pennsauken Students

innovative products and application expertise throughout the entire culinary industry. Brenda Fermin, research director for Puratos, recently took a trip to the Pennsauken High School and was thrilled to see the state of the art culinary school, as well as the advanced training Pennsauken students were receiving.

Students were invited to visit and tour the Puratos Innovation Center in Pennsauken, where the 23,700 squarefoot facility houses the latest food technology, culinary equipment, training, and advanced research in the field. This learning opportunity for our culinary students is going to have a lasting impact, giving them the insight needed to be successful in their future careers in the culinary arts. There is also an opportunity for Puratos food scientists to visit Pennsauken High School and meet with Culinary I students. The Pennsauken School District is excited to collaborate with a distinguished organization like Puratos to bring even more hands on learning to our students. The Board of Education looks forward to approving this great initiative in the near future.

Pennsauken School Teacher Ashley Jost also collaborated with Disk Makers, a media manufacturer located in here in town, participating in a school supply drive that benefited students in need of essentials for the beginning of the year.

Sharon Cavallaro, project manager of Disk Makers, stated, "It was awesome to see my entire company come together and donate so many items for kids right here in our community."

Having a community partner like Disk Makers is another great resource for the School District to show students successful businesses in our township that may spark future career interest.

The Pennsauken Board of Education would like to express our sincere gratitude to all teachers and administrators who have played a significant role in building partnerships in the community and beyond.

If your local business is interested collaborating with the Pennsauken School District, please contact Central Administration at (856) 662-8505.

#### A Colorful Back To School Lesson



On the first day of school, Mrs. Field's second grade class read, "The Crayon Box That Talked." Each student decorated their very own special crayon to reflect their colorful personalities. This story teaches that although each one of us is special and unique, when we get together, the picture is complete!

#### **Remembering The Life Of Mark Lilley**



Lilley

own with the passing of teacher and coach Mark Lilley last month after a valiant fight against

Mark was a teacher

The Pennsauken School

Family has lost one of its

at Pennsauken for over 25 years. He coached various sports at Pennsauken and football at many schools. During his last few years, Lilley spent most of his time teaching at Pennsauken and coaching football at Lenape High School.

"Although this is only my third year in the district, I grew close to Mr. Lilley," said Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools, in an email to District staff. "He would always stop by my office and ask me if I needed anything, despite how he was feeling. That is how he was, a good man of character that put others before himself. There are some people you meet in life that you know you will never forget; Mark was one of those people.

"Pennsauken lost a legend but Heaven welcomed an angel."

Messages from colleagues and friends that were shared via social media echoed these sentiments. Mark was a mentor and a true friend to many; teaching important lessons in and out of the classroom that will last a lifetime for those touched by Lilley's enthusiasm and energy.

Mark was the beloved husband of Kerri Lilley (nee Port); loving father of Ryan, Samantha, and Jack; and son of Sandra Lilley (nee Martin). He was predeceased by his father, Richard Lilley; he is also survived by his sister, Donna and Michael Buono; mother and father-in-law, Beverly and John Port; sisters-in-law, Pam and John Marshall and Shelley and William Blessing; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Mark's name to Lilley-Strong, Inc., P.O. Box 2517, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077.



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#### Fantastically Franklin At The Start Of A New School Year

Benjamin Franklin Elementary opened with lots of new faces this year. We are delighted to have not one but two preschool classes! We also have welcomed some new teachers and students from Longfellow, Delair, Roosevelt, and Phifer Middle School.

We look forward to an exciting year. We have planned two parent involvement nights and several book and craft nights. Our amazing PTA is also planning exciting activities as well. There will be Chick-fil-A days, skating parties, a movie night, and more!

Franklin parents, please look for our monthly newsletter coming out at the end of this month. This year at Franklin, we will be focusing on vocabulary words and will have several word challenges to learn at home.

Finally, the classrooms are very engaging and exciting with new learning opportunities. Third grade is talking about the environment in social studies.

#### Second grade is looking at what is design in science. First grade is learning about what engineers do and how they use technology. Kindergarten is discovering their position words, shapes, and colors. Preschool is becoming engaged with their new classroom and routines.



Parents and guardians drop off their children at Franklin Elementary for the first day of school.

#### Working As A T.E.A.M. At **Delair Elementary**



Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year from the third grade team at Delair! This year, Delair is focusing on working as a T.E.A.M.: Together Everyone Achieves More. Students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community are all valued members of the Delair T.E.A.M.!

#### PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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

Nicole Roberts, Editor nicole.roberts@pennsauken.net

#### First Day Of School In Ms. Anderson's **Kindergarten Class**



See me skip, See me run, I'm going to like everyone. See me smile, See me grin. When the teacher calls me in. See me work, See me play, I'm in school, Hip, hip, hooray! - Anonymous

#### A Full Day Of Learning And Fun For Carson Pre-K Students

Mrs. Fidvk's pre-kindergarten class at Carson has had a great first few days of school! Preschool students are in school all day this year and have been adjusting

So far, students have learned each

other's names, learned the names of the classroom centers, and learned the names of special places in school, such as the main office and the nurse's office.

It should be an exciting year of playing and learning!



Students in the pre-kindergarten program at Carson Elementary students enjoy books after afternoon rest time.

#### **Honoring Our Country With** Red, White, And Blue



Pre-K students at Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center honored our country on Patriot Day. The Baldwin family wore red, white, and blue clothes and created torn paper mosaics with patriotic colors. This was a special day for our little ones to honor the memory those lost on September 11, 2001.







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#### **Tackling Vacant Properties: Planning For The Months Ahead**

By Tracey Howarth, Pennsauken Township

Fall has arrived! We know that this time of year brings its own set of challenges when it comes to the preservation of a vacant property. We've taken a proactive approach to preparing our game plan for taking care of these properties in the coming months.

First, we have begun addressing the vacant properties with the worst overgrowth. These properties would have things like dead trees, trees with low hanging branches that will snap with the first snow fall, or large overgrown shrubs and weeds blocking sidewalks or obstructing the view of pedestrians and drivers. These are real safety hazards and are being addressed before the weather breaks.

We are getting the assistance of the property maintenance companies to get dead trees removed and trees with large overhang trimmed in an effort to minimize the potential for a buildup of debris on roofs and in gutters. At the same time, these companies are working to address any gutters and downspouts that may need to be replaced or repaired as well as cleaned out and cleared of all debris that may be blocking the flow of water right now.

As a township, we are reviewing the possibility of a snow removal program for vacant properties. This program would be for the removal of snow on sidewalks in front of any vacant prop-

erty, again to ensure the safety of our residents to the best of our ability.

As a precautionary measure, the Township is reviewing records from last year to re-inspect any remaining vacant property for any type of easy access. This includes things like unsecured doors and windows, or places where vermin may gain easy access. Once we get through those properties, we will review any remaining property that has received a violation for unauthorized access this season to ensure that the property is locked up and secured going forward.

Lastly, any vacant property that received a stagnant water or pool violation will be inspected to ensure they are emptied and properly covered and secured for coming months.

As always, the help and information from all of our concerned citizens is requested and appreciated. We depend on the information that our residents provide. Anything you can share with us is appreciated. We will do everything we can to get to the property and the noted issues resolved as quickly as possible.

After last month's article, we received requests for an update on where we are with our foreclosed/vacant and abandoned property program; I thought this would be a good time to bring everyone up to date on where we stand and what is coming up for vacant properties.

To date, 795 foreclosed/vacant or

abandoned properties have been sold in town. A new and positive trend that we are seeing are properties being taken out of foreclosure and or loans being modified to be more in line with the current home value, making it more affordable for the home owner and keeping them in their home. To date, 113 properties were taken out of foreclosure and 83 loans were modified in the Township. So in total, that is 991 properties that are no longer part of the foreclosed/vacant or abandoned property program.

We told you a few months back about 10 properties that the Township was pursuing possession and control over. That process is coming to a close. We are in the last stages of the Rem Foreclosure process and will shortly take possession of those 10 properties. Our intent is to sell the properties, recoup the tax dollars and get the properties put back into productive use.

In addition, there are 11 more properties that were mortgage released. That means that they are no longer owned by a bank and the previous owners have not taken responsibility for the property. These properties have all been declared abandoned, opening up the opportunity to take the necessary legal action to get the properties back in the tax rolls. Five of these properties have outside liens against them, so we have reached out and notified those lien holders of their opportunity to force foreclosure and

move forward with their plans. The Township will take the remaining properties through the process of possession and control and ultimately gain title, then sell the properties with the intent to place permanent occupants and new neighbors in each home.

Overall, we currently have remaining 105 Foreclosed/Vacant properties and 364 foreclosed/occupied properties obligated to register with the Township. There are currently 116 vacant properties being actively sold by real estate companies. These are properties that banks have turned over to an REO to sell on their behalf. Technically, because these properties are being actively sold, they cannot be considered vacant. How-

ever, that does not mean that we don't continue to monitor their property conditions and hold them accountable to their responsibilities.

As always, it's important to remember that every department in the Township has participated in getting us to where we are right now with this initiative. As the saying goes, "It takes a village." We know we still have work to do to get where we want to be. This number will never be at zero, simply because foreclosures will continue to occur. But we know that based on our results today, utilizing the tools available to us, and continually challenging ourselves, we are headed in the right direction.

Thank you again for all your help and support!

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#### **FOODADVENTURES** Finding Great Meal Options For Every Pumpkin In The Patch

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

I once read a quote that said, "Autumn is finding a purpose for every pumpkin in the patch." During this time of year, that task is extremely possible, because pumpkins are such versatile fruit.

Pumpkins are a member of the gourd family and their discovery is rooted - pun intended - in North American history, as they were a staple food item in the diets of all Native Americans. Today, there are over a billion pounds of pumpkin harvested each year; only a fraction of that is for jack o' lanterns and pumpkin pies.

The pumpkin is a low calorie food. They are great to use as the base for a soup and would basically replace something like a potato in a recipe. The best trick in using pumpkin in a soup is to cut it up and boil it to soften it a bit before adding other ingredients. The size of the pumpkin doesn't matter, but if you are planning on making a large amount of soup, it's best to just get one big gourd instead of a bunch of tiny ones.

Smaller pumpkins make great soup bowls! You simply cut the top off and scoop out the insides until you have a smooth, clean interior. Then fill it with your favorite soup. You can also use pumpkins of this size for making an alternative to stuffed peppers. You can use any size pumpkin for this, but I find the small and medium sized ones are the easiest. You have to soften the pumpkin in a pot with a little bit of water until it's tender; then add whatever filling you prefer before baking it for a short time longer.

Another option is going the decoration route. You can buy a large pumpkin and clean out the insides. Fill the insides with ice and you can use it as a beverage cooler at a party or simply as an ice bucket for drinks. You can also fill it with punch and use the pumpkin as a punch bowl and a centerpiece at the same time. Easier, slightly less messy options on decorating a pumpkin would also be painting it or gluing on rhinestones, beads or other miscellaneous items to give it its own flare.

My last and personal favorite option for a pumpkin is scooping out the seeds, rinsing then off and roasting them in a variety of different flavors. I highly recommend cinnamon sugar or simple salt and pepper; the flavor options are only limited to your imagination!

We are lucky enough, in New Jersey, that we are only a few minutes' drive from a ton of great farms where you can quickly buy any number of pumpkins or even take a havride out to an actual pumpkin patch for a fun family jaunt. For those on a tighter budget for time and money, I suggest any local grocery store in town. Places like Walmart. Save-A-Lot, and ALDI offer very reasonably priced pumpkins. You can also find the

ingredients for a nice pumpkin soup while you're there.

Let me know if you end up trying out any of these suggestions by heading over to my Facebook page, "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures." Like the page and post a picture of your latest pumpkin creation. To all my fellow foodies. Happy Autumn and Happy Halloween! Enjoy your Food Adventures!

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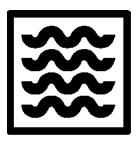
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# MPWC WATERLINES

#### The MPWC Adopt-A-Hydrant Program: Keeping You And Your Neighbors Safe

By Sean Fitzgerald and Ryan Magee

A couple of years ago, the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission (MPWC) launched its "Adopt-A-Hydrant" program. Adopting a fire hydrant can pay some big dividends when it comes to the safety of your home and neighbors.

Safety, education, and public outreach are the main thrust of the MPWC's Adopt-A-Hydrant program. Fire departments across the country are losing precious seconds and minutes when battling fires due to hydrants being concealed by plowed snow or heavy foliage. Local water utilities work aggressively at maintaining all of their fire hydrants; and in the unlikely chance that the fire department finds a hydrant not

functioning properly, they report it and it is fixed immediately.

While the MPWC takes the responsibility seriously, as residents or business owners, you may see a problem before we get to it on our scheduled maintenance. Keeping it accessible and clear of obstructions can make the difference between life and death when seconds count. It is very critical that if a problem is observed that it be reported to the right party immediately, so that the appropriate action can be taken.

The MPWC, along with the fire departments of Pennsauken, Merchantville, and Cherry Hill, have been working tirelessly to address each of these topics before they can become issues. The MPWC partnered with Hopeworks 'N Camden

to GPS map each and every fire hydrant throughout the service area, to ensure that we have accurate mapping for our end-users: our fire-fighters. The MPWC also works throughout the year flushing, inspecting, and clearing foliage and debris from around our fire hydrants. During the winter months, fire personnel in Merchantville, Pennsauken, and Cherry Hill will clear snow out from around fire hydrants. Despite the hard work of each of these organizations, often times it's just not enough.

Enter the Adopt-A-Hydrant program. Whether you're a safety con-

scious homeowner, a civic organization, or a school-aged kid looking for community service hours, adopting a hydrant can help keep you and your town safer year round. Helping to keep the hydrant clear of snow and foliage, letting the MPWC know if anything has happened to the hydrant (say an accidental car hit for instance), or letting us know if the hydrant needs a new coat of paint to keep it visible, you'll be helping to keep you and your neighbors safe.

So please check in at our website at www.mpwc.com for more information on how you can Adopt-A-Hydrant!



#### **Hydrant Flushing**

MPWC would to remind customers that we will continue to flush fire hydrants through Thursday, Oct. 4, between the hours of 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

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

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

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#### Harvest Festival Celebrates Pennsauken's Rich Culture

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main stage, music and dance acts will showcase a wide variety of cultural performances. Held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Month, a time of year to focus on promoting the importance of fire safety in the community, the Pennsauken Fire Department will hold several demonstrations, including rappelling and a car extraction, as well as hosting their annual chili contest. This year's theme is, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere."

"There are simple steps people can take to reduce their risk to fire and to be prepared in the event that a fire occurs," explains Captain Dan Kerr, fire marshal of the Pennsauken-Collingswood Fire Prevention and Inspection Bureau. "Look for places where a fire can start; listen for the sound of the smoke alarm; and learn two ways out of each room."

Rows of vendors and crafters will line the parking lot of the Community Recreational Complex, located next to the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission building, north of Cove Rd. Attendees looking to enjoy a meal or snack will have several food trucks to choose from. There will be plenty of free activities for the kids, including scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, sack races, pony rides, soccer shootouts, inflatable bouncers, jump rope making, balloon twisting, and face painting.

New this year to the Harvest Festival are contests for pie baking and fall desserts. All pies must be in a disposable 9"baking tin and will be judged on taste, presentation, crust, and uniqueness. All entries for either contest must be made with natural ingredients; no store bought desserts will be accepted. Participants must submit their pie or fall dessert by

1:00 p.m.; judging begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information and how to enter, contact Patrice at fabrails@aol.com.

Regular and handicapped parking will be available for attendees, both on site as well as the areas adjacent to the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex; during the event, traffic assistance will be provided by Pennsauken Police. A shuttle to the Harvest Festival will also be provided at the World Harvest Christian Center, 7201 Westfield Ave.; the shuttle begins at 11:00 a.m. and runs continuously during the event. The rain date for the event is Sunday, Oct. 7.

For more information, visit "Pennsauken Harvest Festival" on Facebook or go to www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/ harvest-festival-2018.

#### Pennsauken Receives Additional Grant Funds For Trail Project

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Multi-Use Trails Plan began in 2008 as an effort to connect bicyclists and other non-motorized users to attractions in Camden County, such as open space, schools, universities, train stations, shopping destinations, and employment.

Developed by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC),

with the assistance of the Camden County Improvement Authority and Camden County Division of Open Space and Farmland Preservation, as well as with input from municipal stakeholders and the public, this network will enhance travel for pedestrians and bicyclists of all levels and improve the quality of life for everyone who lives and works in the county.

The multi-use trail project is currently in the design phase. Upon approval by Township Committee, the project will go out for bid; once awarded, the actual work on the path will begin. The anticipated completion date of the project will be sometime in 2019.

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#### **Labor Day Remembered In Pennsauken**

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Pennsauken native Congressman Donald Norcross, who worked with Senate President Steve Sweeney and Governor Murphy to place the Peter J. McGuire Memorial and gravesite on the state's registry of historic places, reflected on what Labor Day means to the average American.

"People know what Labor Day is. Most people understand it's the end of summer. We understand that it was that one day a year that America would come together to pay homage to those who create all wealth. That is labor."

"We salute Peter J. McGuire today and every single working man and woman in New Jersey and across our country who truly are what makes America great," continued Senator Bob Menendez.

Work is currently underway to have the Peter J. McGuire Memorial and gravesite recognized on the federal level.



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#### **Keeping Your Pets Safe On Halloween**

By Nancy Welsh, Pennsauken Township Animal Control Officer

Halloween is the spookiest night of the year; but it really can be a nightmare for dogs and cats. But keeping your pets safe doesn't have to be tricky. There are several simple precautions you can take to ensure your pets stay safe.

#### **Halloween Candy Is Not For Pets**

All forms of chocolate can be dangerous, even lethal for dogs and cats. Symptoms of chocolate poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and even seizures. Some Halloween candies contain the artificial sweetener "xylitol," which is poisonous to dogs even in small amounts. If you believe your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the pet poison control center at (888) 426-4435. Locally, Mt. Laurel Animal Hospital and Red Bank Animal Hospital are 24 hour emergency centers.

#### Don't Leave Pets Out On Halloween

Halloween pranksters can tease, injure, or steal pets. Keep them safely inside your house. Many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October to prevent them from being harmed. Make sure your cats, especially the black ones, are safely indoors a few days before and after Halloween to prevent abuse.

#### Keep Pets Away From Trick Or Treaters

Indoors is certainly safer than outdoors for your pets on Halloween; but remember you will be opening and closing the door to trick or treaters for several hours. This can be very scary for dogs and cats, which can result in unexpected aggression or attempts to run and escape. Putting your dog or cat in a secure room or crate away from the sights and sounds of the front door will reduce stress and prevent them from escaping into the night.

#### Keep Halloween Decorations Out Of Reach

Ingesting decorations such as pumpkins and corn can cause gastrointestinal

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upset in animals, causing diarrhea or even a blockage. This may require an expensive surgery to correct. Also, if you are using candles to light your jack-o-lanterns, make sure they are high enough so they don't get knocked over by wagging tails.

#### **Costumes And Pets**

Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they love it. If you are trying a costume on your pet for the first time, try a practice run before Halloween to determine if wearing a costume stresses or annoys your pet. If it does, then take a quick picture and take it off. Costumes should not constrict movement, hearing, eyesight or breathing. A Halloween bandana may be a good option instead of a costume.

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#### **Proper ID For Your Pets**

If your pet escapes, you can make sure he or she is returned by having the proper tag with the pet's name, address, and phone number on it. A microchip is also a good option if the contact information is up-to-date with the microchip company. If the pet is picked up by animal control, it will be scanned and you will be contacted so you know your pet is safe. Shelters, veterinary hospitals and some police stations also have pet microchip scanners. But an up-to-date tag on the collar is the quickest way to have your pet returned to you.

#### What To Do If You're Pet Goes Missing

You should look for your pet as soon as you realize he or she is missing. You should call the local police and report your pet missing. Remember, it is not the police department's job to keep track of lost pets, but often they do. If you don't find your pet, be sure to call local animal control at (856) 663-3058 to see if your pet was picked up and give a lost report, so if animal control receives a call or picks up your pet, they will contact you immediately.

If you find a lost pet, call the police right away. They can respond the fastest and make sure the pet is safe until animal control can get there to pick him or her up.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

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#### Pennsauken Township Gathers Again On The Seventeenth Anniversary Of 9/11

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

A crowd starts to gather close to midnight on September 10,2018 to greet familiar faces, and to welcome new ones.

They are a loving and diversified group of beautiful people: mothers and fathers; children, grandmothers and grandfathers. They are firefighters; police officers: EMTs: blue and white collar workers; active military; visitors from Canada, Germany, and Great Britain; and then some.

I call them, "The Faithful." And they

And before we all know it, it is once again Sept. 11.

The placing of 2,997 American flags at the Pennsauken 9/11 Memorial is as touching and heartfelt a moment as one can witness. And each year, I am honored to see another phoenix rise from the ashes of that yesterday. The memory of that horrific and senseless act remains, but it continues to grow into a positive movement that reminds Americans of the stuff we're really made of, despite what life or death throws our way.

This night I watch as "The Faithful" place those flags into the soft green grass on the grounds of the memorial, one flag for every life lost on that day back in 2001. A flag that also symbolizes the millions of broken hearts left behind because of it.

I am touched so deeply as I see total strangers join hands, join in prayer openly and silently, hug a newfound or old friend, and show their deepest respect

and gratitude by saying, "Thank you" to Pennsauken's own first responders: EMTs, firefighters, and police officers, those brave and selfless souls who put their lives on the line for each and every one of us every single day of the year.

I listen to the stories of our neighbors who make it a part of their own daily living, to do something positive, to make the life of one person, or a needy family, or one lost and forgotten animal friend. feel better, feel loved, cared for, and respected. Their kindness has breathed hope into many a hopeless situation.

Why? Because this is who we are.

Americans will never forget 9/11; our natural resilience, showing our strength in numbers with countless acts of kindness and compassion, is the greatest honor of all to those who lost their lives on that fateful September morning 17

As the great parliamentarian Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

That said, evil will never triumph over our spacious skies, or amber waves of grain; for within each one of us lives the best in all of us.

We are larger than 9/11. Love is forever victorious over hate. And we are powerful because of the strength found within the genuine goodness of our people.

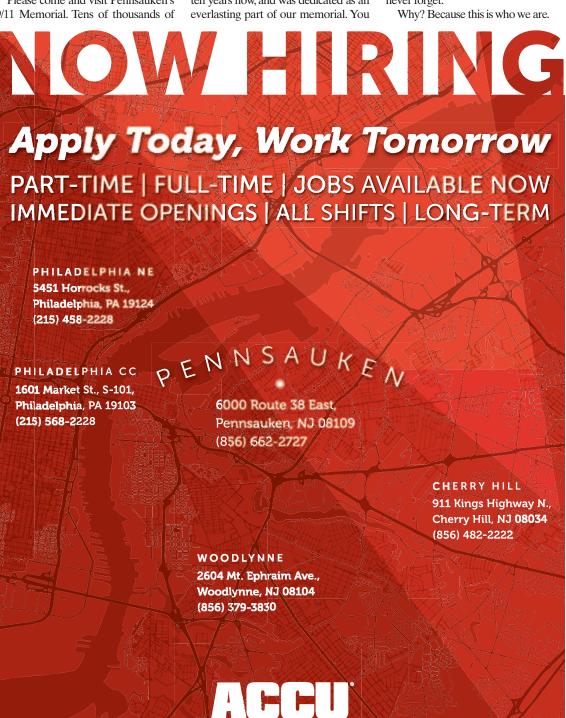
And, in less than 24 hours, on September 11, 2018, once again close to midnight, a crowd gathered, greeted familiar faces and welcomed new ones.

Then, lovingly and most respectfully, one at a time, the 2,997 flags were removed from the grounds of our memorial, until "The Faithful" return again in 2019, right before midnight on another

Please come and visit Pennsauken's 9/11 Memorial. Tens of thousands of people have visited it over the years, and you will only have to make one trip there to understand why.

While you're there, you'll notice lone steel beam from the World Trade Center's North Tower. It has stood there for ten years now, and was dedicated as an cannot stand in front of it and not be moved by its presence.

I think what most people come away with when they actually touch this piece of human history is that nothing lasts forever... but even still, somehow, we will never forget.



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#### **Ghostly Plants For Halloween:** Aren't They Boo-tiful?

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

As we enter the season of ghosts and goblins, I thought it would be fun to explore a few plants with ghost in their

I grow a variety of orchids, but you stand a ghost of a chance of finding the ghost orchid growing in our area. Dendrophylax lindenii, the ghost orchid, has long, delicate petals and a spur of nectar for the moth that pollinates it. It has become a symbol of South Florida swamps of cypress, pond apple, and palm trees, which are the preferred environment for this finicky plant. The ghost orchid, like many orchids, has specific habitat requirements such as high humidity, mild temperatures, dappled shade, and the existence of a certain type of fungus. The ghost orchid is leafless, but has photosynthetic roots that allow it to produce sugars in the presence of sunlight. Its roots engage in a symbiotic relationship with a type of fungus that helps it gather nutrients in exchange for extra sugars. Without this fungus, the orchid would be unable to thrive and thus is extremely difficult to cultivate in home or even greenhouse environments.

Speaking of fungus, Monotropa uniflora is frequently called a mushroom. Common names for this shiver-inducing plant include ghost plant, corpse plant, death plant, and fairy smoke. The plant itself is unusual, emerging like ghostly white fingers from the leaf litter beneath certain birch and evergreen tree species. It is a plant with no green parts, entirely lacking the chlorophyll necessary for making its own food. Plants with no chlorophyll, called heterotrophs, are fairly rare and grow in heavy undergrowth in thick, dark wooded areas where little sun can penetrate. The leafless stem, which is covered with bracts that look somewhat like the scales on a lily bulb, extends 3-10 inches above the ground, and curves at the top, with one single downward-facing flower. They are very tender and bruise easily, and degenerate into mush when handled or picked. While some varieties have tints of pink or red, in addition to the almost translucent white, most turn brown or blackish as they age, and decompose into a mass of gooey, black sludge. Its normal range is from Maine southward to the Carolinas and westward to Missouri, but that range is shrinking with the harvesting of old-growth



The foul smelling Amorphophallus titanum is more commonly known as the corpse flower. Photo credit: Sailing Moose, Wikimedia Commons.

hardwood forests.

Amorphophallus titanum has the largest unbranched inflorescence in the world, and can be seen in cultivation at botanical gardens around the world. Due to its odor, which is like the smell of a rotting corpse, the titan arum is characterized as a carrion flower, and is also known as the corpse flower or corpse plant. The corpse flower is pollinated by carrion beetles and flies. Remember those horror movies set in Egypt where beetles clean a corpse down to the skeleton? Those are the beetles that climb on this plant!

The inflorescence's deep red color and texture contribute to the illusion that the spathe is a piece of meat. During bloom, the tip of the spadix is approximately human body temperature, which helps to activate the fragrance, and is also believed to assist in the illusion that attracts carcass-eating insects. The bulblike corm is the largest known, typically weighing around 100 lbs, but has been known to grow to over 300 lbs. The plant can grow up to 20' tall, and 16' across, not exactly good for windowsill growers.

As you venture out with all the ghosts. ghouls, and goblins on All Hallow's Eve, where the veil between the living and the dead is considered to be at the thinnest each year, don't be surprised if you encounter some ghostly plants on your route. Happy Halloween!



#### **PMAC Co-Sponsors Holiday Parade Poster Contest**

The Township of Pennsauken and the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber

of Commerce (P.M.A.C.) are once again implementing a poster contest in conjunction with the Pennsauken Holiday Parade. Open to area students in grades 5 through 12, young artists are asked to depict this year's theme, "Home for the Holidays," through their drawings.

The three top place winners of the

Pennsauken Holiday Parade Poster Contest will be honored at the upcoming P.M.A.C. networking luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The organization would like to thank the Pennsauken School District for their support of this annual contest.

#### Networking Luncheon Held On October 10

The next networking luncheon of the

Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 10, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by Monday, Oct. 8.

#### **Veterans To Receive Assistance During October 16 Event**

American Legion F.W. Grigg Post 68, in conjunction with the Philadelphia office of Disabled American Veterans (DAV), will provide an all day informational and service event for veterans seeking help with dealing with service-related issues.

Held on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. Merchantville, N.J., the DAV will have staff on location to assist veterans with their claims and answer their questions.

According to the DAV, almost 50 percent of returning veterans are diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder or PTSD. Those suffering from the condition can face a variety of issues, from alcohol and drug abuse to anxiety and depression. In fact, an average of 22 veterans commit suicide daily, with PTSD identified as a major contributing factor. The DAV helps these patriots, many of whom who are reluctant to get help because of the stigma associated with PSTD, and receive benefits they have earned serving our country.

"If we can help one veteran, save one life through this event, it will be success," said John Brouse, commander of Post 68, who personally knows the challenges of dealing with PTSD every day. At 9:00 a.m., there will be a seminar to explain the claims and benefits process. Following the seminar, counselors will be available to meet one on one with veterans to answer questions, file claims and provide any other services as needed.

The Camden County Office of Veterans Affairs will be available to assist veterans with locally available services Other service providers will also be on hand to provide information.

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# PUBLIC WORKS

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director, Department of Public Works

Pennsauken's annual Car Show last month signals the end of summer where warm weather hangs around just long enough to keep the grass growing and ushers in autumn.

As I write this article in mid-September, we are experiencing days of rain and anticipate weather from Hurricane Florence. When we prepare for significant rain or winds, we look up and down. We look up at tree branches overhanging our homes, streets, and playground equip-

#### Autumn In Pennsauken: Cooler Temps, Hurricanes, And Leaf Collection

ment for signs of dead branches that could fall due to high winds. Whenever possible, our residents should do the same to eliminate larger problems that could result from damage. The other direction we look is down. Down at our storm sewer system, ensuring that our inlets are prepared for water flow. With over 1,100 storm inlets throughout the local Pennsauken roads, it's impossible to check each one daily. When we are anticipating large rainfall, we go to the areas of town that are prone to flooding and ensure the system is clear. The main cause of flooding in these areas is due to the system not being able to handle excessive amounts of rain in a short time window. With that being said, if you have an inlet cover near your property, keep an eye on it and call our office if you believe it is clogged.

The changing of the calendar to October points to the Department of Public Work's next season: leaf collection. Leaf collection operations generally begin in late October and complete around the end of December. Every section of town will have leaf pickup at least twice during this time. This is in addition to the weekly Wednesday "yard debris" pickup, when Waste Management collects your bagged leaves and other bundled yard items. We ask for your patience while we are working in your neighborhood, as our large equipment could end up blocking parts of the street or intersection.

It is highly encouraged that you bag your leaves whenever possible. However, there are parts of town where the density of large, mature trees creates mountains of leaves. The main reason we encourage residents to bag leaves is to protect our storm water inlets along our streets from becoming clogged, preventing the flow of water from the street into the system. In addition to this, any cool fall breezes that come through won't blow that leaf pile back onto your lawn or all over the street! The bagged leaves that are collected by Waste Management on Wednesdays are taken to Smith Orchards in Mantua for recycling. Each year, the Township compiles a tonnage report based off of the vard debris collected by Waste Management, similar to the white goods collected and our annual recycling collection; using this compiled information, we receive credits towards our recycling grant.

#### **Our Leaf Compost Site**

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THERE ARE NO "TRASH HOLIDAYS" IN OCTOBER.
Camden County is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Oct. 20,

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Camden County Public Works facility, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd.,

Lindenwold. For information on what to bring, visit

www.camdencounty.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/What-To-Bring.pdf.

Our Public Works Department operates and maintains one of the best functioning and well kept leaf composting sites in New Jersey. Each year, the state and county Department of Environmental

Protection representatives who inspect our facility comment on how great the site looks in comparison to others they visit. After the compost matures, it is delivered to the Municipal Pool on River Rd., where residents can supplement their gardens at home with this nutritious soil.

The leaf composting site is located on Park Ave., resting beside the Pennsauken Creek before you cross the Burlington County line. Currently, you will view an open piece of land. Within the next month, vou will begin to see the collected leaves being formed into rows called "windrows" Once our facility is nearing its 10,000 cubic yard capacity, you'll notice the windrows are pointed in a specific direction. The windrow field is sloped downward to allow water to filter into a grassy area and collect at a basin. This prevents the possibility of "ponding" or stagnant water, which could breed mosquitoes and create an unpleasant odor.

This balance of Waste Management's collection of bagged leaves and the Department of Public Work's curbside collection ensures that we are compliant with our compost site's permitted capacity, while clearing out 2018's leaves.

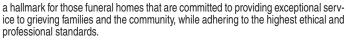
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"The opening of our new headquarters here in Pennsauken is an important step towards building a \$1 billion business in the U.S. by 2030," explains Karel Zimmermann, president of the Puratos Corporation. "We'll do this by growing our business year by year, but one key objective is to really expand our geographical footprint and presence here in the U.S."

The Puratos Corporation has spent four decades growing in Pennsauken, investing well over \$50 million into their business operations here. First leasing space in 1985, the company then purchased a building on Suckle Highway in 1996 to serve as its manufacturing plant. In 2011, they broke ground on a \$42 million, 171,000 square foot expansion of that facility, the largest investment in the history of the Puratos Group, which created an additional 300 local jobs. The project earned the company the Camden County Business Growth and Job Cre-

ation award during the annual Tri-County Economic Development Summit in October 2013. Puratos then purchased the building across the street from their plant in 2016, transforming it into their new headquarters and innovation center.

"It started with history. At some point, you find a building that is in line with your expectations," said Daniel Malcorps, Puratos Group CEO, as he explained why the company made the decision to grow here in Pennsauken. "If the city is welcoming you, facilitating things and so on, and other properties become available, you stay there and develop there. And here in Pennsauken, we have always been welcomed by the city and by the people. It's a great collaboration and there's no reason to look for another place."

"We could expand here, so we bought the building next door when we saw that it became available," added Zimmermann. "We wanted to build this new innovation center; this was the opportunity to do it. Suddenly, you create this community of people that are directly involved in the factory and they're right across the street. It strengthens the sense of business development. It's a good place. The Township has been very helpful with all the projects we've done so far."

As part of the festivities for the day, attendees learned about the future goals of the Puratos Corporation, its plans to expand and grow their business, and their commitment to maintaining the feel of a family-run organization, regardless of their size. Puratos also places a strong emphasis on being environmentally conscious and giving back to the communities they work in, particularly offering opportunities to those less fortunate to learn a marketable and employable skill in the fields of bakery, sweet goods, patis-

serie and chocolate making. The snapshot of Puratos' history and objectives was not lost on Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion, who had a unique perspective regarding the day's events.

"In 2011, I was mayor at the time and I was on hand for the ground breaking for the expansion of the plant across the street; now I'm here for the grand opening of Puratos' headquarters in the United States," said Killion. "I think we've all learned a lot today. Puratos has a vision. It's a great vision. I want to thank you and your company, coworkers, and associates for coming to Pennsauken and trusting in our town."

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#### **Stamp Exhibition** Begins At Library On October 20

For the fourth year in a row, the Friends of the Pennsauken Library and the Merchantville Stamp Club will jointly sponsor a week-long stamp exhibition titled "Knowledge through Books & Stamps," during the Stamp Collecting Month, which is observed every October. The exhibition will be held at the Community Room of the Pennsauken Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., and is open during normal library hours.

An opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Tanya Finney Estrada, the new director of the Pennsauken Free Public Library. The public is invited to attend this special event. Immediately following the opening ceremony, there will be free refreshments of pizza and hoagies for all attendees.

#### **PENNSAUKEN LIBRARY**

856-665-5959 www.pennsaukenlibrary.org

HOURS: CLOSED for Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8

Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **October Events**

- Friends of the Library Book & Media Sale - Friday, Oct. 12, through Sunday, Oct. 14; Open to the public during regular library hours. Show your 2018 Friends of the Library membership card and get a free hardbound book for the first five books purchased.
- Bake Sale Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12th & 13; In the Library Lobby during operating hours or until supplies last. A variety of home baked treats will be available. Show your 2018 Friends of the Library membership card and get a premium item for free.
- Munch and a Movie Tuesday, Oct. 16; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. For this month's movie selection, please call (856) 665-5959.
- Friends of the Library Meeting -Wednesday, Oct. 3; 7:00-8:30 p.m. You are welcome to join the Friends for their business and planning meeting.
- Raffle Throughout October. Tickets for the Friends of the Pennsauken Library's annual raffle will be available at the Library's Circulation Desk during regular operating hours. The cost is \$2 a ticket or three tickets for \$5. The raffle is for four gift baskets filled with gift certificates and goodies from local restaurants and businesses worth over \$300 each! The drawing will be Wednesday, Nov. 14.
- · Library Board Meeting Monday, Oct. 22; 6:00 p.m. The governing body

- for the Pennsauken Library. Each month, members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- Dine to Donate at Mod Pizza Wednesday, Oct. 24; 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. When you show a special flyer (available at the Library), 20 percent of your food purchased will be donated to the Friends of the Pennsauken Library.
- Knowledge through Books and Stamps - Saturday, Oct. 20, through Friday, Oct. 26; This exhibit of The Merchantville Stamp Club is open to the public during regular library hours.

#### For Children Accompanied By **Their Caregivers**

- Wee Readers Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10. 17, & 24; 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Storytime for little ones up to age 2.
- Preschool Storytime Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, & 24; 11:15 a.m. and Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25; 2:00 p.m. Storytime for children ages 3 to 5.
- Parachute and Play Tuesdays, Oct. 9 & 23; 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina for parachute songs and games, followed by free-play with our puppet theater, Duplo blocks, and more! Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.
- Tail Waggin' Tutors Wednesday, Oct. 17; 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Reading on your own can be "ruff," so children ages 6 to 12 are invited to practice their independent reading skills with a certified therapy friend from Therapy Dogs International! Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for your 15-minute time slot.
- Pajama Storytime Thursday, Oct. 25; 6:00 p.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for night-time storytime fun - and feel free to wear your favorite pajamas! For ages 0-8.
- Toddler Movement Thursday, Oct. 18:11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 2-5.
- Baby Ballet Thursday, Oct. 18; 11:30 a.m.-noon.Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 2-5.
- Halloween Toddler Movement Saturday, Oct. 27; 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. For ages 2-5. Costumes encouraged!
- Halloween Baby Ballet Saturday, Oct. 27; 11:30 a.m. - noon. For ages 2-5. Costumes encouraged!
- Halloween Party Wednesday, Oct. 31; 10:30 a.m. For ages 0-8. Costumes encouraged!

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#### FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

#### Book, Bake, And Tech Sale Held October 12-14

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

The piece de resistance for the Friends' events this month is our annual Book, Bake and Tech Sale, held in the Library's Community Room from Oct. 12 to 14 during regular business hours. We're collecting donations as we speak, so there's still time to bring any books, DVDs, or CDs you've uncovered that vou don't want anv longer. We'll be happy to take them off your hands for someone else to buy and enjoy, so bag them up and bring them over to the Library in time to be sorted for the sale. As a bonus, on Sunday, Oct. 14, we'll be awarding a door prize of a small gift basket of coupons and other goodies from local merchants. It's our way of thanking everyone who helped make the sale a success – and one lucky person in particular! The drawing will take place at 4:00 p.m.; you don't need to be present to win.

On Friday and Saturday that weekend, we'll also have our famous bake sale. If you'd like to bake something to

donate, we'd love to have it! Bring it over to the Library and drop it off before you shop for book bargains; it'll most likely be sold before you finish. Just be sure to let us know what you've brought and if it contains any nuts, so we can let our shoppers know.

In addition to all the above, you'll have your chance to buy some tickets for this year's November raffles: four amazing baskets worth at least \$300. filled with gift cards, certificates and other merchandise from local businesses. Plus, each basket will also have a super prize hidden away. One such super prize is a \$185 voucher for the "Bon Marche Collection" of wines at Moore Brothers in Pennsauken! Tickets for the raffle are \$2 each or three for \$5; and if you're a Friends member, show your card and receive an extra ticket when you buy three! You'll also be able to buy raffle tickets at the Pennsauken Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave. Just look for the Friends table and get first pick of the

winning tickets!

On Tuesday, Oct, 16, we'll hold our next installment of Munch and a Movie from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. You know the drill: you bring lunch; we'll provide the snacks, beverages, and movie. If you're desperate to know which flick we're showing. call the Circulation Desk.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 will be a good time to show up at Mod Pizza for our next"Dine to Donate" event, held from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Just visit their store along Haddonfield Rd. in Cherry Hill and show the event flyer - available at the Library's lobby - to the cashier and 20 percent of your total sale will be donated to the Friends at absolutely no cost to you.

Join us for our next Friends meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 3. We'll be surrounded by donated books, so come out, sign up for some book sorting during the next week, and give us your thoughts on future events you'd like to see.



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#### Pennsauken's Historical Houses Part Of Camden County History Week

By Robert Fisher-Hughes, AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

The biggest historical event in Camden County in many years is coming in October, and both Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House in Pennsauken are part of it!

Camden County History Week is a project of the Camden County History Alliance, a group formed to promote local history through cooperative projects involving the many and diverse historical sites and organizations in all parts of the County. The Camden County History Week project culminates on the weekend of Oct. 20 and 21, when literally dozens of historic sites and museums, members of the Alliance, will be open to the public simultaneously with special programs, exhibits and activities! From the Battleship New Jersey to the Winslow Township History Center, from the Railway Historical Society in Haddon Heights to the Underground Railroad Museum in Lawnside, 36 sites and organizations in Camden County will be welcoming the public!

Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House will welcome visi-

tors both Saturday and Sunday of this history-making weekend! On Saturday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Griffith Morgan House will host a hearth cook, who will prepare foods of colonial Camden County, back when it was still part of old Gloucester County; and Burrough-Dover House will be the site of participatory living history activities like butter churning, tin punching, quill pen writing, outdoor games, and more!

On Sunday, Oct. 21, noon to 4:00 p.m., both Pennsauken's historic homes will again be open to the public. Griffith Morgan House will offer its annual "Halloween for the Kids" event, with spooky crafts, activities, and a pumpkin patch where the kids can select their own pumpkin for decorating for just \$1 each while supplies last! Burrough-Dover House will host the certified wildlife rehabilitators and educators of Freedom Center for Wildlife, along with a few feathered or furry education animals from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

During this historic weekend, admission to Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House is free; parking at both sites is free; and tours of the historic

homes are also free!

Additionally during that weekend, you can get a Camden County History Week passport and get it stamped as you work your way around the County's historic sites to be entered in a drawing for some very special prizes, including a family overnight stay on Battleship New Jersey! So trek across the county and across the centuries for your chance to win!

Indian King Tavern, Pomona Hall, Walt Whitman House, Barclay Farmstead, Camden Shipyard and Maritime Museum, Gabreil Daveis Tavern, Collings-Knight House, and, of course, Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House are just a few of the historic places you can visit and enjoy during Camden County History Week's special weekend!

Don't forget: both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House will also be open for tours on our traditional "First Sundays" in October on the 7th and in November on the 4th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; admission, parking, and tours are free.

Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Had-

donfield Rd., opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Route 73.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House and Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group, "Pennsauken History Forum," on Facebook for more details and directions; or call (856) 486-9561 and leave a message or e-mail pennsaukenhistorical-society@gmail.com. Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours, events, and research by prior appointment.

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A golf event at the Pennsauken Country Club raised funds to help families of fallen and disabled service members.

The first annual Folds of Honor Match Play Shootout was held in September by the Pennsauken Country Club Golf Association. The event raised \$2,365 for Folds of Honor, a non-profit that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members.

The Pennsauken Country Club thanks all those that participated, captains Bob Alexander and Jim Bisignaro for their hard work, and all those who donated their time and money to the event.

For more information of the work of Folds of Honor, visit FoldsofHonor.org.

#### **Pennsauken High School Shuts Out Cherry Hill East**



Pennsauken High School's Nahzir Russel bounces back for a 15-yard TD run in the third quarter to put PHS up for good against Cherry Hill East, 37-0. Photo credit: Pennsauken Athletics, Facebook.

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PYAA Basketball is hosting registration for boys and girls, ages 6 to 16, who would like to play in the upcoming season.

Registration is held on Mondays and Tuesdays in October, as well as Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., Pennsauken. In person registration will also occur on Nov. 1 and 2, at the same times and location.

For more information, please e-mail trudyp1983@yahoo.com or visit www.pyaa.net.



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