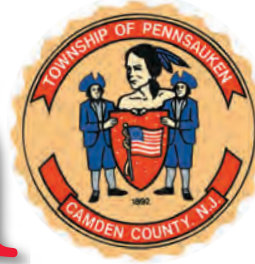


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Pennsauken Township Police Officers Now Using Body Worn Cameras

On Monday, October 25, 2021, the Pennsauken Police Department began implementing newly purchased body worn cameras. These cameras will be worn by all officers on the force.



"Every officer in this department, from the police on the streets up to the chief, will be issued a body worn camera," said Pennsauken Police Chief Phil Olivo. "This is a big step in enhancing transparency with the Pennsauken Township Police Department and the community. The body worn cameras will also enhance the capturing of evidence and statements of victims when our officers arrive on scene.

"The use of these important law enforcement tools is governed by policy that was developed based on guidance from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, feedback from community stakeholders, and our officers. I would like to thank Mayor DiBattista, Deputy Mayor Rafeh, Township Committee, and Township Administration for funding this project."

"We are proud of the work and research conducted by Chief Olivo and the leadership team at the Pennsauken Police Department. This technology is a tool and the data will show the great work of Pennsauken Police Officers every day," added Fire Chief Joe Palumbo, who also serves as the town's director of public safety. "The archival information essentially documents every incident response

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Holiday Parade, Special Events Return To Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The pandemic has been put on the naughty list and Santa Claus is comin' back to town. Pennsauken Township is ready to kick off everyone's favorite season with a return to its annual holiday traditions. Beginning later this month, residents can look forward to a parade, several community events, and the town's annual initiative to help those in need during the holidays.

Pennsauken's 40th Annual Holiday Parade Held November 27

The 40th annual Pennsauken Holiday Parade marches down Westfield Ave. at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27. This perennial favorite for children of all ages features fire engines, holiday-themed floats, musical entertainment, and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Holiday Parade begins at the Penn-



Santa and Mrs. Claus return to Pennsauken on Nov. 27 during the town's 40th Holiday Parade.

sauken Community Recreation Facility on Bethel Ave. and ends at 44th St. Pennsauken families are invited to bundle

up, set up along the parade route, and help little ones to scoop up a variety of candied *continued on page 29*

Veterans Honored In Pennsauken This Month



Each year, members of VFW Post 1270 and AMVETS Post 101 hold a Veterans Day service at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. This year's ceremony will be held on Nov. 11 at AMVETS Post 101, 519 June Rd., in Pennsauken's Delair section.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken is honoring those in our community that served our country in the armed forces as part of Veterans Day.

Veterans Day Service At AMVETS Post 101

Members of VFW Post 1270 and AMVETS Post 101 will be holding a Veterans Day service on Thursday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m., at AMVETS Post 101, 519 June Rd., in Pennsauken's Delair section. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

PHS Honors Veterans

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governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than Friday, November 12, 2021.

Zoning And Planning Board Professional Services Contracts

The Zoning Board of Pennsauken and Planning Board of Pennsauken are

soliciting statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to various professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the Board, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J.

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Rent Stabilization Board Seeks Solicitor

The Township of Pennsauken solicits statements of qualification from applicants for appointment to the Rent Stabilization Board as its solicitor. Responses should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be

treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

Responses must be received in the Office of the Township Clerk, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, N.J. 08110, no later than Friday, November 12, 2021.

For more information on all of these professional services contract requests, visit <https://twp.pennsauken.nj.us/jobs-bids>.



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Mayor's Office: x152 or 155

Parks and Recreation: x151

Planning and Zoning: x128

Senior Services: x125

Tax Assessor: x112 or 116

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Several Township Job Positions Available

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- Assessor
- Emergency Medical Technician, Part Time

In addition to specific requirements of the positions, applications, which can be downloaded via the Township's website, shall include a copy of a resume, and

valid NJ Driver's License. All applications are due in a sealed envelope and delivered to the attention of Human Resources, Township of Pennsauken, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, NJ 08110 by the deadlines specified in the online job descriptions.

Interested parties can find out each open position, as well as download an application, by visiting: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/jobs-bids.

PHS Alumni Luncheon Held On November 17

The monthly Pennsauken High School Alumni Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1:00 p.m., at Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country

Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

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MAYOR'S CORNER Exciting Changes Ahead For Pennsauken's Skate Park

MAYOR'S CORNER



By Marco DiBattista,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

As part of Township Committee's initiative to enhance our outdoor spaces, we commissioned a formal study to see how and when our parks are used by our residents. What we learned is that our Pennsauken Skate Park is the most frequently visited recreation area in our town. Kids and adults of all abilities come together almost all year round to the Skate Park, enjoying a sport that is both a fun exercise and a great form of self-expression and individuality. It's a special place in our town that deserves a special update. Design plans are in place; and at the Township Committee meet-

ing on Nov. 4, we'll pass a resolution that will take what we have on paper and make it an exciting reality.

Our Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, where the Skate Park is located, is already a top-notch facility with the great soccer fields we have there. But let me tell you, what we have planned for Pennsauken's Skate Park is going to take things to the next level. A rendering in this article, but it doesn't do it justice. These renovations – which will include upgrades to the mini-ramp and handrails, additions of pools, stairsets, blocks, and a lot more – is going to put our Skate Park on the map. It'll be more than just an amazing place for recreation. We'll be able to host competitions as well, which will draw more visitors to our community who will see firsthand the incred-

ible things Pennsauken has to offer.

The transformation of the Pennsauken Skate Park from something great into something truly incredible begins this spring. And much like the work we've done to Delaware Gardens Park on 49th St. and our new Pickleball Courts on River Rd., we're not close to being done. Case in point: Pennsauken Township has been approved to receive a \$500,000 grant through the New Jersey Green Acres program to improve Tippin's Pond. This is something incredible that's going to transform that area, with the addition of a new fishing dock, pond viewing platforms, trail improvements, a fountain, and more.

Our family, friends, and neighbors need places where they can get together, enjoy some fresh air, and just have fun. And as public officials, we are working



This rendering shows some of the extensive renovations planned for the Pennsauken Skate Park, located at Westfield and Bethel avenues.

tirelessly with our municipal staff to make that possible.

Be sure to follow our official social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@PennsaukenTwp) for the

latest details on the work we're doing for our great residents. And on behalf of Township Committee and our entire municipal staff, we wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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Pennsauken - 4 Bedroom Beauty

Check Out This Beautiful Home In The Delair Section Of Town. This Home Features 4 Bedroom and Two Full Baths. Along with fresh paint throughout, beautiful flooring and new vanities, this highly sought after gem is priced right and will not last long on the market! The HVAC is 2 years old and the water heater along with a sump pump was installed within the last few months. This house has a beautiful front porch and a sprawling backyard. Asking \$248,000



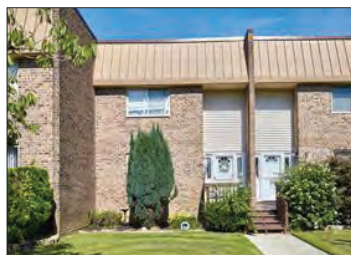
Pennsville – One Story Living At Its Best

3 bedroom, 1 bath Penn Beach rancher with central air. Sits on corner property with a fenced yard. Stainless steel kitchen appliances with new electric stove. Newer washer and dryer. Hardwood floors throughout. This property is in an area where the lenders do not require flood insurance. Asking \$179,900



Pennsauken – Just Reduced!

Check Out This Beautiful Bloomfield Split. Home Has Been Recently Updated. Newer Kitchen With Granite Counter Tops, Updated Bathrooms, And Recently Installed Heater And Hot Water Heater. Asking \$285,000



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Pennsauken – Large Money Making Duplex

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WAGSWORLD In A Lifetime Of Changes, Taking Comfort In The Constants

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I remember talking to my grandmom Ethel about the amazing changes she had seen in her lifetime. We had a lot of great talks over the years as I was growing up, starting in my elementary school days, and lasting into my early days as a dad. One such morning, over coffee and a piece of her apple pie, I asked her what change in life was the most amaz-

ing. By this time, she was in her early eighties.

Born before 1900, she lived in a time where there were more horses than cars and trucks. Refrigeration was a luxury. Medicine wasn't far improved since the Civil War. Now, in her later years, she could fly across the ocean in about the same time it took her, as a child, to travel to the Jersey shore.

She marveled at electricity as a youngster, and indoor plumbing with

water piped into the kitchen. Now she could watch a rocket land on the moon from her own living room. The changes in the world she lived in were amazing.

She said that, looking back, the changes seemed gradual. She noted and enjoyed most, if not all, of the added comforts and improvements we now take for granted. But with all the modernization and wonderful life changing events available, she claimed that her family, her friends, and her church were what she thought most about.

With as much change as has happened around her, she said the one constant was her bible. It was the same one she read as a little girl, before glasses or electric lights. It was the same one she helped read to children in Sunday school

or discussed with adults in bible study. It had not changed since her family and friends served in World War I, or sons and daughters in World War II and a son in Korea. And it gave her comfort to read while I, her oldest grandson, served in Việt Nam.

Grandmom Ethel liked the fact that although the world continues to change every day, something like her faith, her church, and her bible stayed as solid as a rock. She always hoped, in her quiet and nonjudgmental way, that I would see the light that she saw in her good book. She never preached to me or at me. She even defended my mom and dad's church that told us small kids that ours was the only way and that poor Grandmom, bible study leader, and Sunday school

teacher, wouldn't be joining us in heaven. She told me not to overreact. Just live a quiet life, take care of your family and friends, and treat others as you would want to be treated. Maybe read that book a bit.

And then she was gone. I found her family bible not long ago while packing up mementos from Mom's house. It brought back a flood of good old memories, some great family stories, and a warm, fuzzy feeling that even my own old age infirmities cannot turn around.

I have seen many changes myself. But not as many as Grandmom Ethel Lee. To this day, I don't know what she thought was the most amazing change she saw. Personally, I think it was me!

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Township Updates Ordinances, Programs For Animals

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For the past several months, Pennsauken Township has been updating ordinances and programs that focus on the care and upkeep of animals.

Addressing Potentially Dangerous Dogs

Last month, Township Committee introduced an ordinance to the municipal code that defines the conditions that would declare a dog kept in the Township as "potentially dangerous." The municipal court can declare a dog to be potentially dangerous if clear and convincing evidence is shown that the dog "caused bodily injury to a person during an unprovoked attack and poses a serious threat of serious bodily injury or death to a person;" or caused serious bodily injury or killed another domestic animal. Potentially dangerous dogs will have an annual licensing fee of \$700, and

their owner will be legally obligated to meet several requirements for owning the animal, including fitting the dog with a special red licensing tag; tattooing the registration number of the dog in a prominent location on the animal; displaying warning notification about the potentially dangerous dog on the property; and erecting and maintaining an enclosure for the dog to be kept.

This ordinance will have its second reading later this month at an upcoming Township Committee meeting.

Licensing Of Domesticated Cats

Beginning January 1, 2022, Pennsauken Township will require residents who own domesticated cats to obtain a license for their animals. The fees are identical to those for licensing dogs: \$12 for a spayed or neutered animal; \$15 for those cats that are not spayed or neutered. More details will be shared via



Beginning January 1, 2022, Pennsauken Township will require domesticated cats to be registered, the same as dogs.

the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, and social media.

Pennsauken's TNR Program

As part of the Township's trap, neuter, and return (TNR) program, Pennsauken is looking to initiate a trap rental program, where animal traps would be loaned out to Pennsauken residents for

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Detective Sampson Retires After Three Decades Of Service

Pennsauken Police Chief Phil Olivo and the entire Pennsauken Police Department would like to congratulate Detective Shaun Sampson, Badge #142, on his retirement last month.

Detective Sampson has served as a police officer for 32 years. He began his career with the Delaware River Port Authority in January of 1989. Detective Sampson was a decorated member of the DRPA, in-

cluding saving the life of a suicidal jumper from the Betsy Ross Bridge.

On April 15, 1996, Detective Sampson started with the Pennsauken Police Department, first assigned to the Patrol Division. In 1998, Detective Sampson was transferred to the Community Policing Unit, where his proactive style led to several drug and gun arrests. In September of 2001, De-

tective Sampson was transferred to the Traffic Division, where he was the longest tenured member before his transfer to the Detective Division in November of 2020.

During his time as a Pennsauken Police Officer, Detective Sampson became an expert in many areas of police work. He was an Accident Reconstructionist, RADAR instructor, Field Training Offi-

cer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Drug Recognition Expert, Child Car Seat Installer, and Police Motorcycle Operator, just to name a few.

Detective Sampson has faithfully served the residents of Pennsauken for 25 years. Congratulations on your retirement! We wish you success for whatever the future may bring.



On Oct. 1, Detective Shaun Sampson retired from the Pennsauken Township Police Department, after spending 32 years in law enforcement.

Pennsauken Police Raise Funds For American Cancer Society

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and officers of the Pennsauken Police Department participated in a no shave fundraiser to donate to the American Cancer Society. Officers donated the money they would've spent on shaving supplies, and in turn, were permitted to grow neatly groomed facial hair. A total of \$1,135 was raised to help fight cancer!



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Jeep Ride Shows Support For Police Officers

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, almost 100 jeeps traveled to police stations throughout Camden County – including Pennsauken – to thank officers for their service to the community.

“We are traveling through a couple different departments, just shaking officers’ hands, letting them know we’re all here to support them in any way, shape or form, explained Ann Marie McCusker, organizer of the “Back the Blue” Jeep Ride. “We have 93 jeeps, which is

our biggest event yet.”

McCusker started the event five years ago. And what started out as one jeep ride has turned into three a year. The annual gesture of support does not go unappreciated by police officers. In Pennsauken, jeep enthusiasts were greeted with snacks and refreshments.

“We’re lucky enough to have some jeep clubs come out to support us with a ‘Back the Blue’ event,” said Pennsauken Police Chief Phil Olivo. “This really means a lot to us and we appreciate it.”



Last month, 93 jeeps pulled up to the Pennsauken Township Police Department as a show of support for officers.

Woman’s Club Used Item Drive A Big Success



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Merchantville Woman’s Club’s Used Item Drive. A special thank you goes to the Pennsauken Township Police Department, who not only gave a significant donation, but also helped with loading the truck with the community’s contributions!

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Pennsauken Town Watch Meets On November 10

Pennsauken’s Town Watch hosts its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the second floor of the Pennsauken Township Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave. This month’s meeting is held on Nov. 10.

Come learn how to keep your community safe! For more information, visit the “Pennsauken Town Watch” Facebook Group.



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Lions Clubs Support Food Bank Of South Jersey

Both the Pennsauken and Allentown Lions Clubs, as well as Lions District 16 L, partnered to present a \$1,000 check to the Food Bank of South Jersey on Friday, Sep. 17.

The support of the Pennsauken Lions and Lions Clubs from across our area helps to address hunger while supporting food banks in their efforts to feed insecure families. Because of the ongoing pandemic, many people have been left without adequate employment, leading to hard decisions between paying their rent, mortgage, other necessities, or putting food on the table.

Thanks to various Lions Club members and the support of individuals from

the community, we have to date raised \$4,388 that has enabled the Food Bank of South Jersey to help provide well over 13,000 meals to over 4,000 people.

Lions Vision Screenings

Each year, the Pennsauken Lions Club conduct free vision screenings for all children in kindergarten through fourth grade, attending public and parochial schools in both Pennsauken, Merchantville, as well as several pre-schools, daycares, and nursery schools. Thanks to the lessening of COVID-19 restrictions, we are happy to begin this process after an 18-month absence.

The screening equipment used may



Lions Clubs from Pennsauken and Allentown, as well as Lions District 16, raised \$1,000 for the Food Bank of South Jersey. Pictured here are Pennsauken Lion Ely Mateo; Allentown Lion Al Matolla; Janet Kotsakis, Food Bank Talent Management Administrator; and Allentown Lion Charles Tkachuk.

determine the presence of eye issues, including far and near sightedness, astigmatism, anisometropia, strabismus, and

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SENIORCORNER

Camden County Holds Senior Virtual Health Fair

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

The Camden County Board of Commissioners is holding its Senior Virtual Health Fair. The goal of this fair is to connect the senior population with services offered by the county's Department of Senior & Disabled Services. All Camden County seniors are encouraged to participate.

The Senior Virtual Health Fair will have guest speakers discussing topics such as home care, self-care, and COVID-19 booster shots. Virtual sessions require participants to pre-register as some are limited in their availability.

November Events

- Thursday, Nov. 4, noon to 1:30 p.m., Caregiver's Support Group
- Monday, Nov. 8, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Painting The Seasons

- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cooking Together
 - Wednesday, Nov. 10, 11:00 a.m. to noon, CAMcare Services For Seniors
 - Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., COVID-19 Vaccine/Third Shot/Booster Information
 - Wednesday, Nov. 17, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mind, Body, and Soul
 - Thursday, Nov. 18, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Baby Boomer Focus Group
- These events are for Camden County residents only. To pre-register, visit <https://bit.ly/3uedCvo>.

For questions or assistance with registration, please contact the Camden County Senior & Disabled Services Department at (856) 374-6396.

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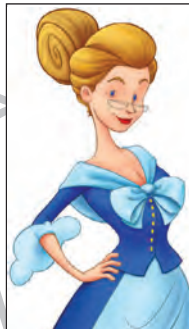
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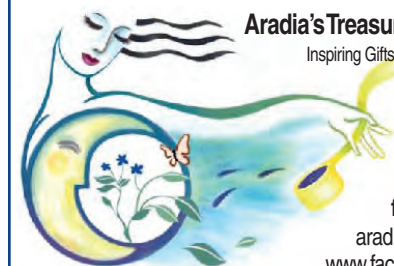
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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

This article marks the beginning of leaf collection operations at Public Works.

By the time this article hits your mailbox, our crews will have begun the process of driving each street of town in search of piles of leaves. It is highly encouraged that you bag your leaves whenever possible. However, there are parts of town, where the density of large, mature

trees makes bagging your leaves prohibitive, requiring the Department of Public Work's collection efforts. 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 storm water system. In addition to this, any 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 South Jersey Sanitation on Wednesdays are taken to Smith Orchards for recycling. Each year, the Township compiles a tonnage report based off of the yard debris collected, similar to the white goods collected and our annual recycling collection; and receives credit towards our annual recycling grant.

You may not be aware of what happens to those mountains of leaves that the Department of Public Works collects. Our department operates and maintains one of the best functioning and best kept leaf composting sites in New Jersey. Each year, inspectors from the state and county comment on how great the site looks in comparison to others they visit. After the compost matures, it is delivered to the brick bin at the Municipal Pool parking lot on River Road, where residents can supplement their gardens at home with this nutritious soil. Although it is closed to the public, the compost facility is located on Park Ave., resting beside the Pennsauken Creek, before you cross into Maple Shade. Currently, you will view an open piece of land. Within the next month, you 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 in a grass area and collect at a basin. This prevents "ponding" or stagnant water, which could breed mosquitos and an unpleasant odor.

Between the normal Wednesday yard debris collection of bagged leaves and the Department of Public Work's curbside collection, Pennsauken remains compliant with our compost site's permitted capacity, while clearing out 2021's fallen leaves. A few of you may have your own composting methods at home for the reuse of food scraps and yard debris. Although our facility only handles leaves, the process is very much the same, just on a much larger scale.

Leaf collection season runs until Dec. 31, so don't worry if you push this chore into December. Typically, the bulk of our annual efforts are completed by mid-December, with "spot collections" occurring the last two to three weeks of the year. Spot collections are only performed during this time.

Park Avenue Road Improvements

Camden County is continuing their restoration of roads in Pennsauken and the surrounding towns. Work along Park Ave., between Union Ave. and Cove Rd. will continue into December, weather

permitting. Per the most recent progress meeting, the stretch between Cove Rd. and the railroad crossing should be complete with final paving by the time this article hits your mailbox. On the stretch of Park between Union Ave. and the railroad crossing, there is significant storm water management infrastructure that is being installed on the west side of the roadway to alleviate the flooding in the area. This will get the rainwater down into the system instead of needing to run down the curb all the way to the creek next to the railroad crossing. You can already see the new concrete gutter and curb, along with new, ADA handicap ramps that are being installed, along with some driveway apron grading. Due to the time of year, the project will likely shut down during the winter and pick back up in the spring, mainly for paving. Any and all questions regarding the project should be directed to the Camden County Public Works Department at (856) 566-2980 or highway@camdencounty.com.

All of us at Public Works wish you a very enjoyable Thanksgiving! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178, by email at public-works@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or find us at "Pennsauken Twp. Dept. of Public Works" on Facebook.

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Taking A Closer Look At Hispanic Culture

Over the course of Hispanic Heritage Month, Delair third grade students took a closer look at Hispanic culture. Through art, readings, technology, and conversation, students engaged with Hispanic culture in many different ways.

Third graders learned about Hispanic countries and societies, and how they share similarities and differences with their own community in Pennsauken. The students also explored Hispanic traditions and values, including holidays, art, and music.

The students took initiative of their own learning by participating in class discussions and activities that encouraged

diversity and inclusion of other cultures they may not be familiar with. Students with Hispanic heritages were able to enhance everyone's learning experience by sharing first-hand accounts of their culture. Students were able to discuss how their culture is celebrated in their own homes through food, language, traditions, and holidays.

Lessons on culture cultivate a closer sense of community within our classrooms and develop long lasting relationships among peers, which is an essential aspect of a successful classroom environment. By celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, students are exposed to diversity

and are encouraged to respect others who may be different from them by having a deeper understanding of the culture. Our Hispanic students were able to build confidence in their own identities and felt a sense of pride in sharing what makes them special.

Delair third graders are looking forward to acknowledging the importance of Hispanic Heritage in their community for much longer than just a month, and having this type of positive experience as they explore other cultures throughout the year.

Third graders at Delair Elementary took a deeper look into Hispanic culture, learning through exposure to art, music, and traditions.



Fine Students Recognized For Summer Reading



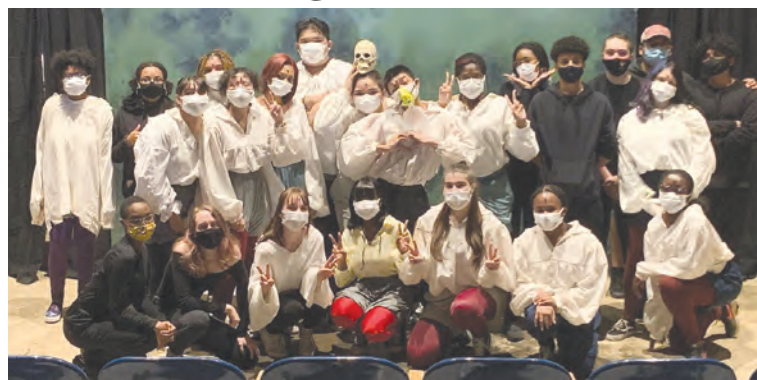
Fine students who turned in their summer reading projects were treated to some special treats!

A "Fine" group of students at George B. Fine Elementary were recognized for their summer reading and journal writing skills by literacy instructor, Patricia Holland, and Principal Honeyman! Students who turned in their summer writ-

ing and drawing projects were treated to a popsicle, certificate, and book of their choice.

All of these students were proud of their summer work and excited to keep reading for their enjoyment!

The Play's The Thing At Pennsauken High School



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Celebrating Student Birthdays At Delair



Delair Elementary School would like to send out a very happy birthday to these wonderful students! During September, these birthday boys and girls enjoyed a celebration filled with singing, a birthday certificate, and a special pencil.

Wellness Week Celebrated At Baldwin



Wellness Week at Baldwin included lessons on healthy lifestyles that crossed through art, music, and PE classes.

Art, music, and physical education classes collaborated for Wellness Week at Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center! The students learned about leading a healthy lifestyle. Diet, exercise, and

social emotional health were highlighted during activities including a nature walk, MyPlate color sort, healthy habits song and dance activities, meditative breathing, and much more fun!

Learning To Bake At Phifer



Phifer's cooking class prepared delicious banana muffins. Students really enjoy eating their own creations!

Phifer Students Are Sew Awesome!



Phifer's new sewing class with Ms. Lawrence made new masks to look stylish in school. Students learned how to use sewing machines and identify basic sewing equipment. Sew on Phifer students!

Franklin's New Instrumental Program

By Mr. Matthew Ford, Franklin Music Teacher

Hello parents of talented students! My name is Mr. Ford, and I am the third grade instrumental music instructor for the Pennsauken School District. Our district is in the midst of expanding its band and orchestra program to be one of the best in the area. Beginning its students one year early in the third grade is going to give the kids here a huge advantage!

The third graders are so much fun to work with. Their enthusiasm and their keen ability to pick up musical instruments is a testimony to how great this program will be. Over the years, we hope to build this third grade instrumental music program into a dynamic musical experience for the children of this community. The children that are signed up

this school year will forever go down as helping pioneer this vision!

It is also really special that the children in the K-2 grades will see that musical instruments are something they can do once they get to third grade!

Be on the lookout for when we have our first concert. The children and I are very excited to perform for you all!

Third Graders Enjoy Book Bingo



Third graders at Fine came out to enjoy a fun night of Book Bingo!

Fine third graders came out on Sept. 22 to play some Book Bingo with teachers!

The Book Bingo Committee at Fine wanted to start the year off with a small event to keep numbers on the lower side since we are still battling the pandemic. Families that showed up all won books to take home and even received a free pair of binoculars donated by Mr. Honeyman. Third grade teacher, Mrs. Keim, read off the numbers and generated a fun atmosphere for all!

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Final Chapter Of Improvements In Pennsauken Public Schools Is Approaching

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, M.Ed.², M.S., M.B.S., M.A.², Ed.D., Ph.D., Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools, and the Pennsauken Board of Education

The 2021-22 school year is in full swing. Our schools are full, and enrollment is the highest it has been in an over a decade. Pennsauken High School will see an enrollment of 1,600 students, which has not been that prominent in a very long time. The word is out, and students and families are returning to our great school district. This is thanks to all the residents that voted for our last bond referendum and overall district facilities improvements in 2018. Through the bond referendum and knowledgeable district budget usage, we were able to completely overhaul the school district through the improvement of athletics, academics, and career and technical education programs. Working together with the support of our Board of Education, Pennsauken Public Schools has built state-of-the-art athletic facilities, created a full day pre-kindergarten program, created new academic and vocational programs, and revamped buildings with security vestibules, needed door and window upgrades, and the creation of brand-new academic programs.

One example is Pennsauken Public Schools' Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. All families interested in CTE options for students can choose from many vocational options, such as automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, electrical construction, welding, criminal justice, Air Force JROTC, HVACR, EMT and fire safety, and health occupations. Additionally, our dual credit courses at the high school level allow students to attain up to an associate degree (60 college credits) before they graduate high school. These programs did not exist five years ago and many of our students and families have already directly benefited from their existence.

The job of an administrator is not simply to make sure students graduate from high school. There is a responsibility to ensure that all students have a real future when they graduate and robust opportunities while they are in our schools. If a student in Pennsauken Public Schools does not want to go to college, it is the responsibility of the school district that they have a career option when they leave. But Pennsauken Public Schools are not comfortable with them simply getting a job. Moreover, it is also the responsibility of the administration to offer many options of extracurricular activities for students while they are in district. In five years, we have added free music lessons for students beginning in third grade, ensured opportunities in music and per-

forming arts, began an ice hockey team, a crew team, an eSports team, and built two prominent weight rooms and athletic facilities that rival all others in our state, simply to name a few.

This final chapter of improvements, which the public will decide on December 14, 2021, will complete Pennsauken Public Schools, and separate it from other school districts, in overall academic offerings, athletic/extracurricular opportunities, and facilities usage. We are building four more classrooms and a gymnasium at the Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center. We are offering all of our families full day pre-k, which will have a direct impact on how students perform in high school. We all know that Phifer Middle School needs air conditioning; this upcoming referendum vote will not only utilize a full HVAC replacement, but also will change the overall air quality in the building. At Phifer there will also be parking lot repaving and expansion: the creation of a new bus loop and concrete walkway which will ensure that Park Avenue traffic will be smooth and comfortable. We would also like to upgrade Phifer Middle School's fields through new six-foot wide asphalt paving, new scoreboards, new exercise station areas, new fencing, and a new football field. Our goal is to be able to offer the usage of our facilities to the community at large, as we are a growing team. Pennsauken Public Schools will be there for our community.

Pennsauken High School will receive a great degree of upgrades as well, including a magnet high school facility for students that will be comprised of 10 classrooms and three laboratories for biological and physical sciences. This will create a direct K through 12 pathway for our students in gifted and talented programs throughout the district, along with students in our new Roosevelt K through 8 Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy, which will open in September of 2022. Pennsauken High School will also benefit from a state-of-the-art wrestling room/gym expansion, as well as a brand-new baking CTE program, conducted in partnership with Puratos International Baking Company, along with an outdoor dining courtyard with vast student dining opportunities. This baking division will ensure student career opportunities that will spread throughout not only the country, but the globe, as Pennsauken will be the only Puratos Baking School in the United States. Additionally, we will be building our second turf field on the soccer field on Remington Ave. Lastly, it is our hope to build an eight-lane competition 25-meter natatorium (competition swimming pool) with a lobby,

bathrooms, locker rooms, offices, and spectator seating. This would benefit our students and the Township, as there would be partnered community usage for Pennsauken residents. Students would take swimming throughout their academic careers, learn to swim early, and leave physical education class with lifeguard certifications. This would not only change the athletic dynamic of the school district but also ensure the students a full gamete of opportunities when they step foot on our campuses.

It is our hope that a student would be able to say they are in our culinary arts program, joined the marching band and is an elite high school swimmer. A second example is if a student wants to play ice hockey, be on the crew team, and/or join a swim team, all while welding and being in our magnet high school division, those things will be possible in our school district. If there is a yes vote by our residents on December 14, 2021, it will be possible in Pennsauken Public Schools.

We are growing and our enrollment numbers will not dictate the opportunities that we can offer to our students. These changes ensure that no matter how much our enrollment expands, every child will receive sufficient opportunity in academics, athletics, and career/vocational careers. There was a negative tax impact for the first referendum and minimal tax impact for this final referendum. Question one is a \$1.66 a week increase; and Question 2 is a \$1.15 a week increase. For \$11.04 a month,

Carson Students LOVE Reading!



Ms. Taylor's Kindergarten class is learning to love reading. All the students have their heads buried in a book and masked smiles on their faces! They also love listening to stories from their teacher and from Mrs. Joyce.

all these changes will be complete and Pennsauken Public Schools will be complete. That's the truth regarding this vote. Please be wary of any misinformation that is put online or anywhere else. For years, Pennsauken Public Schools had a declining enrollment, and the reputation of our schools was not in a positive light. Administrators felt that positive changes were not part of their job description. In five years, our administration and Board of Education put \$52,000,000 into the district and added countless academic, vocational, and athletic programs. Please help us to complete the district and offer opportunities to our children that are numerous which enable their potential to limitless.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, students, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, secretaries, food service workers, teacher assistants, non-teaching assistants, custodians, maintenance workers, and every other staff member that went on this journey with us. Working closely with our Board of Education, we will continue to ensure Pennsauken Public Schools offer more opportunities than any other school district in the State of New Jersey. We cannot continue to thrive without our employees, parents, students, and community and we appreciate you.

Pennsauken Public Schools will continue doing our best for students to ensure learning opportunities and educational experiences in and out of the classroom. For accurate information, please see our website (Pennsauken.net) for information about the upcoming bond referendum vote on December 14, 2021. We are in this

together as a community, and it is our responsibility to create these wonderful opportunities for our children. We want them to see that opportunity will meet their potential once they step foot in Pennsauken Public Schools. Life will throw them curveballs as it has for all of us, but while our students and children, let's work together to help them see that dreams can come true and are not dictated by their circumstances. Thank you Pennsauken Community!

Collaborative Mural Creates Balloon At Baldwin



This collaborative, interactive hot air balloon mural was created in art class by all the Baldwin students!

Marching Band, Color Guard Have Strong TOB Showings



Pennsauken High School's Apache Marching Band and Color Guard had strong performances at the Tournament of Bands competitions at Kingsway and Deptford High Schools!

District To Hold Meetings For New Bond Referendum Vote

The Board of Education has plans to further enhance Pennsauken Public Schools through “The Final Chapter” of improvements for our residents. On Dec. 14, the Pennsauken community will have the opportunity to vote for vast additions to Baldwin Pre-Kindergarten/Early Childhood Learning Center; full air conditioning/HVAC replacement and additional site work at Phifer Middle School; the Pennsauken High School Magnet addition and renovations; and the construction of a natatorium at PHS.

Please put one of the following dates on your calendar for an in-person and virtual community forum to learn even

more about the Pennsauken Public Schools’ Bond Referendum hosted by Dr. Tarchichi and the Board of Education:

- Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m., Pennsauken High School (800 Hylton Rd.)
- Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7:00 p.m., Pennsauken High School
- Tuesday, Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m., Phifer Middle School (8201 Park Ave.)

Residents can submit questions about the bond referendum vote prior to these information sessions by visiting the District’s website at Pennsauken.net.

Making Applesauce At Franklin



Ms. Vesper’s class made applesauce and learned about Johnny Appleseed. Students also practiced their sight words by writing them with chalk. First grade is always excited for a new learning experience!

Carson School Celebrates Week Of Respect



During the Week of Respect, Carson student wore PJs to show their dreams for peace.

As we are all transitioning this school year, the upbeat infectious greetings of “good morning” from teachers to students and from students to teachers predicts a great school year!

At Carson School, we are focused on positive culture and climate for staff and students. In October, “respect” was highlighted. Students learned: What does the word respect mean? How can you show

respect? How can we treat others the way you want to be treated?

One way we celebrated the Week of Respect was through daily themes. “Keep the Peace” day had students wear clothes that symbolized peace; and “We dream of a world full of respect” day had students wear PJs to symbolize their dreams.

Turkey Trot And Food Truck Festival On November 20

Pennsauken Public Schools is planning a Turkey Trot and Food Truck Festival on Saturday, Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The day will include a 1-mile walk, a 2-mile run, and a 100-yard event for younger participants. There will also be

family fun activities, such as multiple bounce houses, face painting, music, and much more.

In addition, the District has booked several delicious food trucks that are sure to meet a variety of tastes! All activities

are free, with the exception of the food trucks. The day will also feature tours of our facilities to interested members of the public.

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EDITOR'S DESK Worry Free Until It Comes To The Tree

EDITOR'S
DESK



By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

I am not one to look past Thanksgiving, which I affectionately call the "Super Bowl for eating." But this year, I am dreading the day after Turkey Day, Friday, Nov. 26. This is when I get a severe case of Christougenniatiko dentrophobia, otherwise known as a fear of Christmas trees.

Now don't get me wrong, I love my 100 percent, grade A, straight from the factory artificial tree. I've had it for years and you would have to take a close look to realize it's fake. It even

sheds "needles," which we find in the house through Fourth of July. And one of my favorite holiday activities is to fall asleep to a well decorated tree while listening to "A Charlie Brown Christmas." But for my house, it is a pain in the butt to get to that point and usually winds up being a last minute "Santa is comin' to town next week" type of endeavor.

I am not ashamed to state that I didn't get my Halloween decorations up until mid-October. And the decorating mess that occurs in between seasons is scarier than the plastic skeleton my son used to almost give me a heart attack last month. I don't know whether it's

something in the water (it's not – don't need a talkin' to by the good folks at the MPWC) or just the state of the world we live in, but there seems to be less time to get things done, particularly when it comes to "O'Tannenbaum." Of course, this does not impact the delusions of grandeur I get when it's finally tree time. Decorating involves at least nine sets of lights: a solid base of white and then enough twinklers and blinkers that can be used to send morse code in case of emergencies. This is followed by making sure all "my" decorations are prominently displayed. I joke that it's not so much a Christmas tree, but rather a "Batman/Star Wars/ Doctor

Who/Comic Book" tree. Then there's the train platform, jam packed with two to three different layouts of various gauges, tiny houses, fake snow, little plastic people... you get the point. This holiday endeavor takes time, which I seem to have misspent or at the very least misplaced (it might be in the basement somewhere); effort, which has been depleted due to mid-pandemic ennui; and patience, which I believe I lost in 1993 during a freak blimp accident. Let's face it, I have zero desire to maneuver around half empty containers of decorations strewn across my home, imitating some weird interpretive dance, so I can get to the kitchen and make myself

a cup of decaf. That is neither holly, nor jolly. And yet, I persevere. Personally, I think I should receive a paper medal for my efforts.

I don't know why I'm panicking. Thanksgiving will arrive just on time, and so will Christmas. The tree will go up and everything will be put in its place, even if that place is down the basement to join all the other stuff I hastily threw down there that will ultimately come back up after the holidays are over and wind up in my dining room.

Happy Thanksgiving! And good luck with your tree, whether actual or metaphorical.

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Please note that we will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26.

MPWC Infrastructure Project Update

Customers residing in Pennsauken on the 7200 and 7400 blocks of Walnut, Cedar, Githens, Rogers, Irving, and Harvey avenues, as well as the 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, and 3200 blocks of Finlaw Avenue, were informed that the MPWC would be conducting water main relining procedures on their streets. The work began in mid-October and will continue through Dec. 1.

Relining the water mains ensures that customers receive the best water quality, pressure, and flow. The relining process involves cleaning out any deposits in the water main, then installing a new liner inside of the main to keep any deposits

from reforming.

All work will be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Contractors will be placing 2-inch temporary water lines down the sidewalks and installing temporary service lines to the outside hose spigots. During the project, brief shutoffs of water will occur (less than 1 hour).

If you have any question or concerns, please contact the MPWC during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at (856) 663-0043; between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., please contact Suez at (330) 717-3880.



As part of the MPWC's water main relining project, contractors will be placing temporary water lines down the sidewalks, as well as installing temporary service lines to outside hose spigots.

MPWC Water Service Line Inventory Continues

The MPWC sincerely appreciates our customers' response to our request for assistance in identifying customer owned portions of the water lines in our service area.

If you are not already aware, New Jersey Assembly Bill 5343 requires all water systems to inventory and replace lead service lines. The majority of our service lines are copper. However, we are required to provide an accurate inventory of the various service line types on the customer owned portion of the service for our entire service area.

YOU CAN HELP by informing us of the type of water line coming into your property. If you know what kind of pipes you have (copper, plastic, galvanized steel, lead, etc.) you can call our office

and report the information to one of our Customer Support Reps. You can also visit our website at www.mpwc.com for valuable information and pictures to assist you with identifying your water service line and service line type.

If you are unsure, you may schedule an appointment with a Service Technician, or you can snap a photo of the pipe coming into the property that connects to your water meter.

Send your photos along with your property address to info@mpwc.com or call us at: (856) 663-0043

We thank you for your continued cooperation as we work to meet the state's deadline for confirming our system inventory and continuing to provide the best quality water possible!

Meetings of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission are held in person on the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

The location is the G. Burton German meeting room at the MPWC's Administrative Headquarters, 6751 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. The public is invited to attend. For more information, visit our website, MPWC.com

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With the end of the year quickly approaching, remember to submit your enrollment form for your 2022 discount! **Please note that even if you are currently receiving a discount, you must apply EACH year to continue receiving your discount. Now is a good time to collect any information you may need for your application.**

Stop by our administrative headquarters on Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken to pick up an application. You may also print a copy of the enrollment form by visiting our website at www.mpwc.com. Our Customer Support Representatives will be happy to assist you in completing your enrollment form. Your enrollment form requires your block and lot number, so please bring along a copy of your tax bill.

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In the GARDEN

Still Plenty To Do Outside As The Weather Cools

By Victoria Rose, AAP Columnist

Fall – and all things pumpkin spice – is in full swing. There's nothing quite like the crunch of crisp leaves as you walk around your property. But they're not just pretty to look at and walk through. Leaves can be helpful for your gardens as free mulch and fertilizer. Place enough to cover the beds, but don't overdo it. The remaining leaves can be saved for compost, or bagged and left at the curb for yard waste pickup on Wednesdays.

Now is also a good time to pull those pesky weeds that are still hanging around. They're easier to find now that flowers and other plants have died back.

You can still water your grass, trees, shrubs, and flowers, like winter pansies, until we start hitting freezing temperatures. It's also the time of year to plant

spring-flowering bulbs like hyacinths, irises, daffodils, crocus, tulips, Spanish bluebells, and snowdrops. The rule of thumb is to dig a hole that is three times deeper than the height of the bulb you're planting.

And if you haven't done it already, all those garden decorations should be pulled up, cleaned off, and put away. Larger items, such as concrete birdbaths and metal lawn furniture, should be covered with tarps and tied off to get ready for the arrival of more wintery weather. Brrrrr...

So even though the weather is cooler, there's still plenty to do outside to maintain your gardens for the winter months, while preparing for the spring.

Thank you for taking the time to read my column. Until next time, bee kind, bee beautiful, and bee happy!

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Township Updates Ordinances, Programs For Animals

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a nominal fee. This program is currently in development; more details will be forthcoming from the Township's municipal government.

In addition, due to the overwhelming response by residents reporting stray cats to the community cat management program, there is currently a delay in

responses by several weeks. This is a volunteer-run initiative; more residents are needed to participate as community cat caregivers, who assist in the trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating, ear-tipping, and returning of community cats to the area where they were first trapped.

To learn how to get involved, join the "Pennsauken's Community Cats" public

group on Facebook. To report a community cat colony in Pennsauken, visit <http://bit.ly/pctnrhelp> to complete and submit the online form. To report cases of cat hoarding, inhumane treatment of animals, and the like, contact Pennsauken's animal control officer, Nancy Welsh, at (856) 663-3058.

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Fire Department Battles Four Alarm Blaze At U.S. Auto Auction



On Oct. 26, the Pennsauken Township Fire Department battled a four-alarm fire at U.S. Auto Auction on the 6600 block of Rt. 130 S. One firefighter suffered a minor injury, and no civilians were injured. The fire remains under investigation by the Pennsauken Fire Marshal.

Celebrating Decades Of Service



During the Pennsauken Fire Department's awards dinner, several individuals were recognized for significant milestones in their careers of public service. Deputy Fire Chief William Hertline, III, Captain Edward Paul, III, and Fire Chief Joseph Palumbo received their 25-year service recognitions; and EMS Lt. Sandra White and Senior EMT Todd Watkins were each recognized for their 30 years of service. Congratulations!

Walk Supports Domestic Violence Victims



Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista was on hand for the Camden County Women's Center's Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, lending support to Camden County victims and survivors of domestic violence and their children.

PENNSAUKEN NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second floor of the Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave.)

Township Committee
6:00 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 4
and Mon., Nov. 15

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wed., Nov. 3
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Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 and 30

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Please do not flush baby wipes, "flushable" wipes, disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority is asking residents to think twice about what they are flushing down their toilets.

Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfectant wipes, and supposedly "flushable" wipes should not be flushed down the toilet.

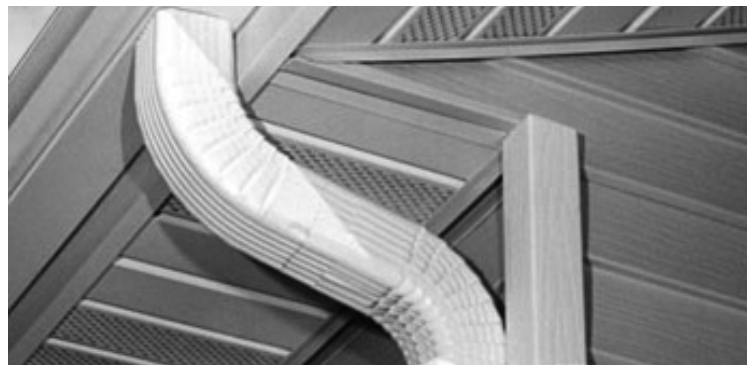
The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority remains available 24 hours a day to assist residents. We will

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Improper Connections Cause Property Damage

The connection of sump pumps and down spouts to the sanitary sewer system is prohibited. During periods of heavy rain, these connections often overwhelm the main lines. This could result in a sewage back up into your own home or the home of your neighbor. If you need additional information about these types of connections, or suspect you or a neighbor, may have an improper connection and want information about having it removed, please call our office at (856) 663-5542.



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Veterans Honored In Pennsauken This Month

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announce a Veterans Day celebration on Thursday, Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will include the posting of the colors, a flag folding ceremony and presentation, remarks from Board of Education member and Air Force veteran Diane Johnson, a ceremony at the Pennsauken High School Alumni Veterans Memorial, and more.

All local veterans are welcome to attend. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, individuals are asked to R.S.V.P. by emailing bzino@pennsauken.net or calling (856) 662-8500 ext. 5286.

Veterans Day Special At Pennsauken Country Club

For the eighth consecutive year, all military personnel, whether active or retired status, can play golf as guests of the Pennsauken Country Club on Thursday, Nov. 11. The Country Club is located at 3800 Haddonfield Rd. For more information, or to set up for a tee time that day, call the Country Club's Pro Shop at (856) 662-4961.

Information On Local Veterans Groups

Gross-Hollinshed VFW Post 1270 is located at 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken. There are three qualifiers for membership in the VFW: U.S. Citizenship, honorable service in the armed forces, and having served in a "war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile

waters." For more information, visit <http://vfw1270.org>.

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68, based out of Merchantville, is one of the original posts in the American Legion Department of New Jersey. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit; any women who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join. The post has a very active Facebook page: [@fwgriggpost68americanlegion](https://www.facebook.com/fwgriggpost68americanlegion).

AMVETS Post #101 in Delair is located at 519 June Rd. Membership is open to all who served honorably in the military of the United States. They can be contacted by calling (856) 663-8950 or e-mailing amvets101@gmail.com.

Online Wall Of Honor

Located on Pennsauken Township's website, Pennsauken's online Wall of Honor recognizes Township residents, past or present, living or deceased, that proudly served in our nation's armed forces.

This is not a complete list and will be periodically updated. If individuals know of a past or present resident, living or dead, who has served in the military that is currently not included on the Wall of Honor, they can submit the name via an easy-to-use online form.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Pennsauken Artist Featured By In Touch Ministries

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Dressler Smith, a longtime Pennsauken resident and lifelong artist, has been featured in a special video piece produced by In Touch Ministries, an outreach initiative created by renowned pastor and televangelist Dr. Charles Stanely, whose programs – both radio and TV – are broadcast in over 50 languages throughout the world.

Smith is a painter, author, and colorist with a focus of depicting tranquil landscapes, inspired by “the beauty of things created by God and not by man.” In addition to having her work purchased by celebrities like Oprah Winfrey, the late Coretta Scott King, as well as former Eagles quarterback Randle Cunningham, her work as a stained glass window designer – particularly her work at Saint

John Baptist Church in East Camden – turned a chance opportunity for an article into a larger video feature.

Dressler explained that while listening to WFIL, a Philadelphia-based Christian radio station, there was an opportunity to be chosen as the subject of an “In Touch Magazine” article, which will be published this December.

“I answered a survey because I always listened to Dr. Stanley’s messages because I found them to be uplifting,” said Smith, who has lived in town since age 4 and is one of the women whose photo is etched in glass at the Pennsauken Transit Center on Drouse Ave. “They assigned me a writer. And when he saw the windows I designed at my church, they reached out to a production team to do a short film as well.”



Pennsauken artists Dressler Smith was recently the subject of short film produced by In Touch Ministries.

In Touch Ministries flew in three times from Atlanta to interview Dressler for the segment, titled “Masterpiece in the Making,” talking about her life as an artist dealing with tragedy and loss. It also focuses on her work with students, as well as a landscape piece titled, “The Journey.”

“I always begin my paintings with prayer,” explained Smith, who is an adjunct faculty member at Camden County College and teaches at Arts Council of Princeton and in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. “I believe that God gives me the ability to do what I do. That’s where the ability comes from.”

Dressler is still a little in shock about the opportunity she’s received: to be able to share her artistic talents with a worldwide audience.

“I am so grateful. I hope the piece inspires others to do their art and make a living,” said Smith. “It’s just been a phenomenal experience that I couldn’t think that would happen to me. To see my work shared across the world is incredible.”

Dressler’s story aired on Oct. 24, on Fox 29, and PHL 17, among other channels. The video is also online at In Touch Ministries’ YouTube Channel. To find out more about Dressler and her work, visit DresslerSmith.com.

The New Mr. And Mrs. Martinez



Congratulations to Township Committeeman Vince Martinez, who married his soulmate Ellie Oquendo last month during a destination wedding to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico!

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FOODADVENTURES “Unlunchables” An Alternative To The Popular Lunch Time Treat

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

I am currently enjoying my first time as a school parent. My son just started kindergarten in one of the Pennsauken elementary schools. We are both so excited at this new adventure. I've also found an opportunity in continuing a tradition, making my child's lunch like my mom used to make mine. I've discovered that there's so many fun things you can do in making lunch. I've dabbled with some ideas to try to mirror the beloved Lunchable food kit that has recently become quite hard to get my hands on. It seems like everybody has opted to go the way of the Lunchable, as it has always been a convenient and tasty snack for all school-age children.

My son is a big fan of ham and cheese

Lunchables, so I decided to make my own take on this to see what I come up with. For the ham and cheese, I got his favorite kind of cheese and lunchmeat – in this case, salami – and I created simple rollups. I then added a snack pack of club crackers. Any cracker your child likes will do. My son's lunch always includes one fruit and one vegetable. This is normally carrot sticks or grape tomatoes, and grapes. My son is a fan of coconut water, so I try to include Creative Roots coconut water for kids. It comes in a ton of different flavors and when it's available, it's worth trying.

Never hesitate to add a little extra treat, like a small piece of their favorite candy, and a special note each day for an extra special touch.

I'm sure there will be people out there saying that they don't have time to hand make these lunches or go out and buy everything, but I assure you that the prep for these takes no time at all. I find that I can cut up carrot sticks while I'm watching my favorite show or even take the task of making the lunches as an opportunity to share with my child. In the long run, these moments will be a treasure once they get older.

This is only a template for what I normally include in my son's lunches. I think it all depends on the child. If your child isn't too fond of vegetables, I suggest finding cookie cutters or fun ways to cut those fruits and vegetables to make interesting shapes. I discovered a little hack with carrots where you can make them



Adding a fun design to your child's lunch bag is a great way to make schooltime lunches special.

look like little pumpkins if you slice them right. Visit my Facebook page, "AAP Food Adventures," for the details. I also add cool art to my son's lunch bag every

day. It adds to the fun of his lunch and snack time and becomes a topic of conversation. Sometimes I simply add a few additional problems or a tic tac toe board to keep him sharp.

There is a wonderful peace of mind that comes from being able to pick what your kid eats in a day. I will admit that the school lunches aren't bad, and my son has been thrilled to get them on the days that he chooses, but all around you can tell he prefers Mommy's lunches.

I'd love to hear your thoughts on packing a school lunch or getting one from school. Did you grow up having to bring your own lunch? Did you have a favorite lunch box and Thermos? Make sure to follow me on my Facebook page at "AAP Food Adventures" or on Instagram: @AAPFoodAdventures. Whether you're just starting to make school lunches, or you've been doing it for years, always enjoy your Food Adventures.

Local Food Pantries Helping Those In Need

The following is a list of food pantries in Pennsauken and Merchantville that regularly assist local families in need:

- Circle of Hope (food delivered to an individual's home); every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon; (856) 320-8230
- Gates of Praise, 6345 Wisteria Ave.; every second and fourth Friday, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; (856) 473-5417
- First Presbyterian Church of Merchantville, 10 W. Maple Ave.; Nov. 7 and 21, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.; (856) 662-6252
- Martin Luther Chapel, 4100 Terrace Ave.; every second Wednesday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; (856) 665-0116

- Mary Queen of All Saints, 4824 Camden Ave.; every Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (856) 662-2721
- Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd.; every first Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon; (856) 662-8500
- Saint Matthew's Methodist Church, 1665 Derosse Ave.; every third Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; (856) 662-3610
- Serenity Christian Worship Center, 3555 Haddonfield Rd. – Suite B; every third Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and every second Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon; (856) 330-4915

- Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Rt. 130; every fourth Saturday, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.; (856) 663-7783
 - World Harvest Christian Center, 7201 Westfield Ave.; every other Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; (856) 389-9191
- Volunteers, as well as food and financial donations, are greatly appreciated by these organizations; to do so, please reach out using the contact information provided in this article.

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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Congratulations to Wayne Rodan of Pennsauken, the lucky winning ticket holder in this year's Friends 50/50 raffle! Wayne took home a purse of \$505, half the amount of donations collected. The other half goes toward purchasing materials on diversity for the library's collection, as part of the Lemonade 4 Change Campaign events this past year. We've far exceeded our original goal of \$4,500 and thank all the generous participants who helped make the campaign such a success at the summer lemonade stands and through our raffle.

Here's something else to get excited about! Since we extended our Wellness Program, you can still catch the remaining two sessions of Chair Yoga coming up on Friday, November 12 and 19 on Zoom beginning at 10:30 a.m. If you haven't already registered for previous sessions, you'll need to do so by going online at <https://tinyurl.com/FOLwellness>. Future Wellness Program plans will include several mindfulness sessions for right after the holidays to help everyone unwind and get back down to earth after the end-of-year frenzy. So as soon as we tie up all the loose ends, we'll give you details. We're also looking into some inter-

esting spring activities including a plant and seed swap right around the time we'll all be starting to plan our gardens for the 2022 growing season.

With the holidays coming up, keep in mind a beautiful way to remember a loved one who has passed or someone you simply want to thank for being special in your life. Leaves on Ira's Tree of Knowledge, located in the lobby of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, are available for engraving with just the right sentiment. You can find out more about

how to order one of these beautiful leaves and have it displayed by picking up a brochure with everything you need to know on the lobby desk just opposite the Tree of Knowledge.

Finally, a reminder that we keep adding to our Museum Pass offerings, so check out the display in the library near the Circulation Desk, where you'll find brochures for all the participating museum sites and what each one offers. Be sure to consult the library staff to make sure your choices are available or to put

in a request for when they will be. Remember the Museum Pass Program is open to all library members in good standing and is fully funded by the Friends. It allows borrowers to visit a variety of local museums with free or discounted admissions and passes for children, friends, and family members as well, so it's a good time to start planning some outings soon.

As always, thanks for your support to all the Friends activities!

DEATH NOTICES Remembering Longtime Pennsauken Residents

Frank J. Nardi, Sr., age 73 of Pennsauken, passed away on Oct. 23.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara M. (nee Cuneo) and son of the late Joseph and Rosina Nardi; devoted father of Barbara Hertline (Bill) and Frank J. Nardi Jr.; loving grandfather of Abigail and Isabel Hertline; dear brother of Marie Francesconi (Thomas) and the late Joseph Nardi Jr. (late Rita); also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Nardi was an English teacher with the Camden City Board of Education for over 30 years. He also was a talented vocalist, performing throughout the local area for



Nardi

many years and singing with the Philadelphia Opera Company for 27 years. Frank loved music and all things Camden Catholic and St. Joe's. He was also an avid Philadelphia sports fan.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 or to Mary, Queen of All Saints, 4824 Camden Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Michael T. Niessen, Sr.

Michael T. Niessen, Sr. gained his wings on Friday, Oct. 22, at his home in Pennsauken.

Niessen is survived



Niessen, Sr.

by his devoted wife, Gail of 35 years; his children, Michael Jr., Carol (Chris), Leiren and Victoria (Anthony); his grandchildren, Paul, Mikey, KC, Amber, Giovanni, Brianna, Johnny, Nathan, Katelyn, CJ, Devin, Dominic and Chloe and his grandpup, Blue. He is also survived by his sister, Elizabeth (Tim); his niece, Amanda, and various friends and family. He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Eleanor.

Michael worked at AFG for over 10 years, Stretcher Limo for over 10 years, and finally at Cartun Hardware, where he recently retired after 40 years of employment. Mike loved spending time with his family, going down to his campsite, and all things Disney.



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GRAYMATTERS Celebrating The Joy Of Thanksgiving All Year Round

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

Even though it's still 3 weeks and 4 days away – but who's counting – Happy Thanksgiving to you!

And I truly hope that it's a happy one... and that it's also a generously lovely and grateful Thanksgiving, even if you're seated at a table for one... or for 101.

This holiday season brings out a lot of stuff in all of us, and by stuff, I mean, a range of emotions because we may feel under seasonal pressure – in degrees, certainly, but some pressure, nonetheless. It seems like it's part of the “Tis the Season” thing. You know Thanksgiving is the official start of the holidays clear through to New Year's Day. And so, the heat is on, in far more places than the oven.

I can remember cooking for over 40 people, and while I look back on it fondly, my first instinct is to marvel how I ever managed to pull it all off in the first place.

The older I get, thankfully, the less

pressure I feel, because there's no point to it at this time in my life (you know, me still being 18 and all that). I do my best to keep the spirit of it all with me all year long, so when the “season” is officially upon me, I just feel it's an extension of the other months in the year... only now the houses are decorated, frozen turkeys are flooding ShopRite, tofurkeys are flooding Whole Foods, and Bing Crosby is singing everywhere.

Also, at this point in my life, I get in-

ited to be a guest for Thanksgiving! How sweet is that? And, you know, looking at it, either as a guest or a hostess, it's a beautiful thing, as long as you have the welcoming spirit of Thanksgiving within you.

Now that I have three darling great-granddaughters: Lily, Adele, and Margaux, there seems to be even more to be grateful for, and certainly plenty of reasons to feel more love, more joy, have more fun, hear more laughter, and again,

I get to be the kid I always say I am.

As I write this, I think of two Thanksgiving jokes Lily told me a few years ago. I don't think I recalled too many jokes about Thanksgiving when I was growing up, but this warrants some attention because, well, maybe you'll share them with the kids in your family.

Here goes: Why didn't the turkey eat dinner? He was already stuffed!

And then there's this one: If fruit comes from a fruit tree, where does a turkey come from? A Poultry!

Bless her heart. I still smiled when I typed them!

But Lily's message and mine, and

those of her sisters, her mom and dad and friends everywhere are all the same, deep down in our heart of hearts. That is that we wish you, for Thanksgiving and every other day that comes along to grace your life, with a bounty of goodness that goes far beyond drumsticks, stuffing, and pumpkin pie.

May you embrace your life, find love and joy, kindness and compassion, a good sense of humor, purpose, and gratitude.

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Happy Thanksgiving all year round, my friends.

~ Judy



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She currently lives in Cherry Hill with her husband Dave and their twins, Emily and David. Lisa worked part-time for Subaru of America for 19 years before making the switch over to ARI (Automotive Resources International) a subsidiary of Holman Auto Group.

Lisa and her family are members of St. Peter Parish in Merchantville where her children attended grade school and now attend Camden Catholic High School. In her early days Lisa enjoyed spending time on the farm riding horses over playing sports. Lisa's greatest joy is spending time with her family and attending all her children's sporting events. Lisa has been a part of the Falco, Caruso & Leonard family since 2008.



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favorites.

“We’re so excited that we can once again hold Pennsauken’s annual Holiday Parade along Westfield Ave.,” said Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. “It’s not the holiday season without our parade, and the entire Township Committee can’t wait to see all of our residents.”

Pennsauken natives who have moved out of the area and others unable to attend can watch streaming video of the Holiday Parade via Facebook Live on the “Pennsauken Television” page.

Community groups are encouraged to participate in the parade. Their involvement will go a long way to bringing joy and hope to Pennsauken families during this festive season.

For more information about the Holiday Parade, or to learn how to participate, call (856) 665-1000, ext. 104 or email emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us. You can also visit “Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade” on Facebook.

Holiday Light Extravaganza Held On December 7

For the second year in a row, Pennsauken’s municipal complex will be aglow during the town’s Holiday Light Extravaganza. Held on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., residents will be able to drive through a holiday light display at the Township’s Municipal Building Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd.

“Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their friends will once again help us light the tree for the holidays,” said Mayor DiBattista. “Afterwards, they’ll be greeting residents who stop by to drive around our municipal parking lot and enjoy a fun and entertaining light display.”

Pennsauken’s tree lighting will be completely virtual; residents will not be able to attend in person but can view a live stream of the event via the Town-

ship’s page on Facebook. However, residents can drive through a light display at the Municipal Building from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Children who want their letters to Santa delivered to the North Pole can drop them off that evening in a special mailbox set up on site. Mr. Claus will read some of these notes in a special video that will be shared later in the month on Pennsauken Television’s YouTube channel and via social media.

The Township will also be accepting new, unwrapped toys during that time for the annual Angel Tree program, which helps local families in need during the holidays.

Breakfast With Santa On December 11

Another annual tradition is for children to have an opportunity to join Santa Claus for breakfast, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at its new location of the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. There will also be face painting, music, balloon sculpting and gifts. Tickets are \$10 per person. The event is sponsored in part by the Pennsauken Education Association.

“Families are treated to a great breakfast and plenty of holiday-related entertainment,” says Elwood Martz, director of municipal services for Pennsauken Township. “Kids also get a chance to sit on Santa’s lap and share their holiday wish lists.”

All tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call (856) 665-1000 ext. 104.

Angel Tree Program

Once again, Pennsauken residents and businesses are preparing to pitch in to help children in the community during the holiday season through the Angel Tree program.

Last year, dozens of Pennsauken families were helped through the Angel Tree program; the initiative for 2021 hopes to support the same number of families.

“Each and every year, the Pennsauken community really steps up for the Angel Tree program,” says Martz. “A lot of res-

idents, businesses, and organizations are extremely generous with a variety of donations.”

Individuals can purchase a new, unwrapped toy and leave it at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave., from

Monday, Nov. 29 through 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer for the Angel Tree program, call (856) 665-1000, ext. 104 or email emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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Alumni from Merchantville’s High School’s Class of 1960 were joined by members of the community to honor the memory of Jeff Brown, who was committed to serving Pennsauken and Merchantville. The alumni also gave \$1,000 donations to both Merchantville Elementary School and the Merchantville Police Department.

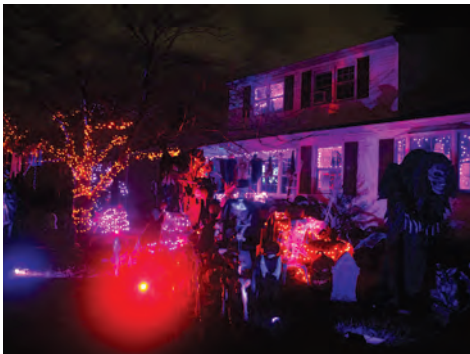
Family Frights At Pennsauken's Haunted Hayride

Thank you to everyone who came out for the return of Pennsauken's Haunted Hayride! A special shout out to our first responders and all of our volunteers for their invaluable help!



Pennsauken's Halloween Home Decorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Halloween Home Decorating Contest! Tied for first place: 2612 Burning Tree Rd. and 8415 Holman Ave. Runners up: 3317 Springfield Ave. and 2518 47th St.



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The Pennsauken Free Public Library recently celebrated its third annual Hispanic Heritage and Culture Festival. The week-long celebration of our Latinx

Please note, at all library events held in person, all patrons ages 2 and over will be expected to follow all current COVID-19 policies, including mask wearing at all times and social distancing when applicable.

• International Games Week (November 4-13): We invite patrons of all ages to participate in our week of special events focused on both virtual and traditional games for everyone from kids to kids at heart! Visit PennsaukenLibrary.org or stop by the library for details.

Lions Clubs Support Food Bank Of South Jersey

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anisocoria. The screening is done by a photographic process from a distance ranging from of 3-6 feet.

No physical contact is made with the child and no eye drops are administered. All information is kept confidential and is not sold nor shared with any other facility except the school nurse in a fashion that is HIPAA compliant. No child will be screened without parent/guardian consent and screeners do abide by the CDC requirements and distancing.

As a member of the Pennsauken Lions Club, you not only become just a member, but also become part of a network of organizations, businesses, and volunteers committed to making a difference for the betterment of our community.

If you would like more information about the Lions, their meeting schedule, how to become a member or more on the Lions' vision screening efforts, contact us at: facebook.com/pennsaukenlions or directly via email at PennsaukenLionsClub1@gmail.com. We continue to meet regularly at Macaro's Deli & Catering, 6225 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken, on the first and sometimes on the third Monday of each the month. However, please check with us for actual day and times.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage And Culture

community was made possible by the efforts and contributions of many individuals and groups. Thank you to all of you!

The celebration kicked-off on a beautiful sunny day with a music fest, featuring traditional Latin tunes by Trio Los Amigos and Trio Renacer. Also present were poet Eddie Carranza, the El

Monte Mayor food truck, Mr. Softee, The Friends of the Library, Miss New Jersey American Teenager Melanie Rodriguez, social service information tables, a domino game demonstration, and more. In addition to a variety of events during the week, our celebration culminated with a free COVID-19 vaccina-

tion clinic.

If you missed our celebration, be on the lookout for the library's fourth annual celebration, scheduled for the last Saturday in September of 2022. If you attended and have feedback or would like to be a presenter next year, email mdiaz@pennsaukenlibrary.org.

November Library Events

- Animal Crossing "Isle of PL" Open Play Hours – Monday, Nov. 1 & 15; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The "Isle of PL" welcomes Animal Crossing New Horizons players of all ages! To visit, add the PFPL's Nintendo Friend Code, SW-3902-1262-4235; then once playing, visit your airport, and select "visit through online play" to find us. Note: A Nintendo Online subscription is required for online play. For questions, contact youthservices@pennsaukenlibrary.org or (856) 665-5959 ext. 6.
- Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for virtual, in-

teractive story time fun, live via Zoom! Online registration is required at PennsaukenLibrary.org. For children ages 3+ and their caregivers.

- Yoga Storytime – Thursday, Nov. 4; 11:00 a.m. Explore stories through movement with Ms. Sabrina! Work on developing balance, spatial awareness, flexibility, and mindfulness. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel. Advance registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department to register.
- Evening Storytime – Tuesday, Nov. 16; 6:00 p.m. Join Miss Susan and YS librarian Heather for a family-

friendly, in-person, and indoor evening storytime celebrating National Native American Heritage Month. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Please contact Youth Services to register.

- Take and Make Tuesdays – Tuesdays, Nov. 9 & 23; During regular hours. Stop by our Youth Services Department for free crafts that you can take with you and make at home! Available while supplies last.
- DIY Beeswax Candle Workshop – Saturday, Nov. 6; 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For teens and adults. Whether you're making it as a gift or for your-

self, making your own beeswax candle is easy, fun, and a wonderful option for natural, non-toxic, homemade candles. Advance registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/pfplworkshops>.

- English Classes for Adults – Mondays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Want to learn English? Come to our six-week, in-person program in the library's Community Room. Jan Hanson is the instructor. To register, call (856) 665-5959 ext. 3 or 4 or come in person to the library. Participation is limited to 10 people.

La Moda RQ Jewelers Returns To Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

La Moda RQ Jewelers has moved from its River Rd. location to a new spot in Pennsauken along Westfield Ave. The store's grand opening in late September is a homecoming of sorts for owner Leonor Nolan.

"I've been in business since 1989 and was in Pennsauken from 1991 to 1997. I'm glad to be back again," explained Nolan. "Pennsauken is my base. I raised my three boys here."

La Moda RQ Jewelers offers a variety of traditional jewelry pieces for men, women, and children, including bracelets, charms, chains, earrings, engagement rings, and more. They also do a lot of custom work and repairs are done on the premises. While there are a lot of online shopping options, Leonor is a firm believer in the in-person experience.

"When you purchase jewelry, I just feel it's a personal, one-on-one experi-

ence," explains Nolan. "I love talking to people, getting to know them, letting them feel comfortable. I like to have a relationship with my customers. You can come in, feel the jewelry, try it on."

During the store's ribbon cutting on Sept. 29, Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista welcomed Leonor and La Moda RQ Jewelers back to town.

"It's an honor for us to come and cut the ribbon for your business," said

Mayor DiBattista. "Pennsauken is based on community and we're here to support you."

La Moda RQ Jewelers is located at 5043 Westfield Ave., Suite B, in Pennsauken. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (856) 663-0555. You can also find them on Facebook at "La Moda RQ Jewelers."



On Sept. 29, Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista was on hand for the grand opening of La Moda RQ Jewelers on Westfield Ave.

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Pennsauken Township Police Officers Now Using Body Worn Cameras

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that involves our officers. This data will be used for investigations, evidence, as well as training, and will serve to ensure the integrity and professionalism of the Pennsauken Police Department.”

“For the past several years, Township Committee has made an ongoing commitment to support our first responders however possible,” said Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. “Getting these body worn cameras into the hands of our officers will help them do their jobs that much better, providing a level of accountability that not only safeguards our men and women in uniform, but also helps build upon the trust our police have with the Pennsauken community.”

There are several different mounting options for these body worn cameras. Depending where the officer is assigned and/or the uniform they wear, the cameras may be displayed on the officer in different locations.

Uniformed officers who wear outer vest carriers will have their body worn cameras affixed on either the upper left breast pocket of the outer vest carrier or affixed to the uppermost molle straps of the outer vest carrier, at center mass of their upper torso.

Uniformed officers not wearing an outer vest carrier will have their body worn cameras affixed to the buttoned placket on the officer's uniform shirt in the chest/sternum area at center mass.

Detectives assigned to the Investigative Unit, and other non-uniformed officers, will have the body worn cameras affixed to their belt on the waistline, at center, directly next to the buckle or affixed to their outer vest carrier at either of the two locations described.

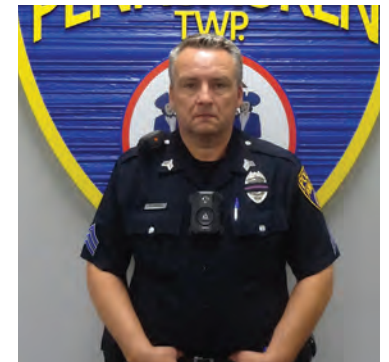
Accompanying this article are photos of how body worn cameras will be displayed on officers of the Pennsauken Township Police Department.



Camera worn on the upper left breast pocket.



Camera worn on the uppermost molle strap.



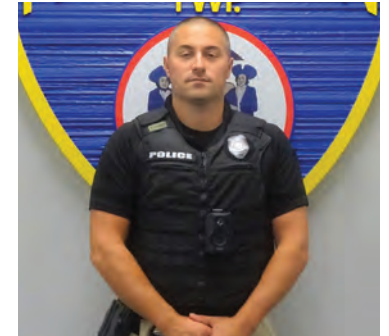
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Camera located on the waistline belt.



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Putting A Historical Twist On Holiday Celebrations



During November, events putting a historical twist on your favorite holiday celebrations will be held at the Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House.

At Pennsauken Historical Society, our 2021 season is off to a great start after two successful open houses. Our Docents continue to share the story of these historic Quaker homes, while sporting traditional colonial attire on Sunday, Nov. 7, when both houses will again open to visitors from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for tours and history!

On Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m., Penn-

sauken Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at Griffith Morgan House, featuring a special presentation by Barb Johns, who will demonstrate the timeless art of spinning wool and other materials into thread and yarn for the 18th Century home and weaver. All are welcome and it's a great time to become a member!

We will reopen our houses on Satur-

day, Nov. 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for our annual "Frost on the Pumpkin" event, where we celebrate the change of seasons from the bounty of the harvest to the long winter ahead. Our volunteers will be dressed in their historical outfits to make you feel as if you are living in the year 1710!

At Griffith Morgan House, we will fire up the authentic hearth fireplace to demonstrate historic ways of cooking. In addition, the beautiful, scenic nature trail at Burrough-Dover House will be open for those to enjoy the historic nature of the property. Fun for the kids will include demonstrations of historic games as they would have been enjoyed in the 18th century! Meanwhile, the everyday domestic tasks of an 18th century farm household will occupy the family as they prepare for the long, cold season ahead.

You can find the Griffith Morgan House at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane in Pennsauken, located just off of River Rd., across from Aluminum Shapes. The Burrough-Dover House, can be found at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Had-

donfield Rd., just opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. Both houses have been staples in the township since 1710 and provide plenty of free parking for your touring convenience.

The safety and security of our guests is our highest priority. Conditions as mandated by the state at the time will be upheld at both of our historic houses. If not required at the time, masks will be recommended. Visitors will be encouraged to keep a distance of at least

three feet from all other parties and volunteers.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details or directions or e-mail to pennsaukenhistorical-society@gmail.com.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Please send an email to pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com if interested.

Remembering Reverend Bundy



At the Oct. 7 Township Committee meeting, Mayor Marco DiBattista read a proclamation honoring the legacy of Rev. Roy E. Bundy, a lifetime resident of the Village of Morrisville and community advocate who passed away in July. His widow, Cynthia Samuels-Bundy, was on hand to accept the proclamation.

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Pennsauken High School Celebrates Senior Day



Last month, Pennsauken High School celebrated Senior Day, recognizing those special student-athletes who are ready to graduate in June 2022. Congratulations to our seniors from the field hockey team and all of the seniors who played fall sports this season!

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