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### Not Our Typical May Edition

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Normally, the May edition of All Around Pennsauken would be highlighting a variety of upcoming events, like Pennsauken's annual Summer Kick Off Bash. Because of the issues we are still facing with the coronavirus, Township Committee made the decision last month to cancel this year's celebration. We'd also be writing about our town's observance of Memorial Day; unfortunately, these events are all very much up in the air due to the current "Stay at Home" Executive Order. And while we've worked with the Parks and Recreation Department to showcase Pennsauken's Summer Programs, the details continued on page 27

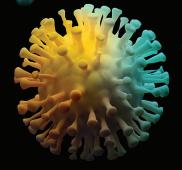
## **COVID-19 Continues To Affect Pennsauken Residents, Businesses**

### By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It was March 13 when Pennsauken Mayor Tim Killion announced the closure of Township facilities because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Seven weeks later, the local community still faces many challenges. From an ongoing "Stay at Home" mandate from state government, to businesses both big and small determining how to stay afloat, the coronavirus continues to impact all aspects of life.

As of press time, there have been 273 confirmed cases of the virus in Pennsauken, with two residents passing away from COVID-19 related complications

"We continue to see new cases of the coronavirus in Pennsauken. With more and more testing, we're going to see those



The COVID-19 outbreak continues to impact Pennsauken's residents and businesses.

numbers increase," says Killion. "But make no mistake. Social distancing practices are working to flatten the curve of COVID-19. We're sacrificing a lot, but it's to ensure the safety of our community."

### "Stay At Home" Executive Order Still In Effect

During his press conference on April 27, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy stated that the "Stay at Home" Executive Order will remain in effect in its entirety until further notice.

"There is much more work to do. If we let up even one bit with our aggressive social distancing measures too soon, even one day too soon, we can easily see ourselves skidding off this road," said Murphy.

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## Participating In The 2020 Census Helps Pennsauken

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Response

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Prior to this issue's publication date, Pennsauken residents have participated in the 2020 Census with a 56.9 percent rate, which is three percent higher than New Jersey's self-response rate. In 2010, a little less than three-fourths of Pennsauken participated in the Census. This underreporting negatively impacted our community, something that can be corrected this year.

Now more than ever, completing the 2020 Census is extremely important; and the challenges associated with the coron-

Residents in Pennsauken currently have a self-report rate of 56.9 percent. In order to be properly represented and receive the support our Township needs, our community must shoot for 100 percent participation. 100% 75% 50% 50% 60AL: 100.00% ACHIEVED: 56,90% avirus are a testament to that fact. Our nation's present circumstances have revealed the need for:

- Increased number of hospital ICU beds and critical care equipment
- State, county, city, and municipal emergency planning
- School systems' ability to help feed our children while school is closed
- State, county, city, and municipal communication infrastructure
- Economic stimulus packages to bring aid to those in financial need

### Easy Ways To Complete The Census

Monday thru Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm

As so many residents are currently sequestered as part of the "Stay at Home" continued on page 6

## **Open For Business**

Now more than ever, we need to support our local essential businesses. Pennsauken Township and the Pennsauken-Merchantville Chamber of Commerce have reached out to area businesses that are open and serving customers during the coronavirus outbreak.

Information is subject to change. This list will continue to be updated online at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/shoplocal-2020. If you have an essential business in Pennsauken that is open, e-mail details to aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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## Summer Fun From Pennsauken Parks and Recreation

Families can add more fun and excitement to the summer months with entertaining and educational programs offered through Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation. Please note that all programs are tentatively scheduled; a final decision will be made on or around June 1.

### FOR CHILDREN Summer Fun Camp – 6.5 Hours, 7 Weeks

This is a program for children in kindergarten through grade six. They will enjoy weekly field trips and visits to the Pennsauken Municipal Pool. Camp is seven weeks from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., June 22 through Aug. 7 at Franklin Elementary, 7201 Irving Ave. Cost is \$135 per week and includes materials, trips and snacks. Attendees must bring a packed lunch.

### Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetter Bowling Center on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken. Basic bowling instruction will be provided by qualified instructors and skills competitions for prizes will be held the last day of the camp. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon on July 6-10 and is for kids ages 7-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

#### Football

The Diggs Football Camp is open to ages 6-18. Held July 29-31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Pennsauken Football Field, 4250 Burwood Ave., attendees will enjoy instructive and competitive football. Appropriate attire is shorts and a t-shirt; campers should bring football cleats, but sneakers are also acceptable. This is a NON-CONTACT camp. Each camper will receive a t-shirt and medal upon completion of the camp. The cost is \$30 per camper. Registration deadline is July 15.

### Нір Нор

Come and join the fun for an introduction to hip hop dance. Learn basic movements in the style of today's popular music for kids ages 6-14. The camp will be from June 22-26, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for ages 6-10, and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 11-14. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Instruction is by a qualified dance instructor at Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio, 198 Church Rd., Merchantville. Cost is \$30 per student.

### Ice Skating

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

### Junior Fire Academy

The Junior Fire Academy will be held at the Bloomfield Fire House, 5301 Lexington Ave. Children ages 12-16 will be introduced to the work of a firefighter and develop the skills of teamwork, time management, and responsibility in a fun and educational environment. Attendees will participate in short classroom sessions and complete multiple handson activities and field assignments. The academy will be held from July 27-31. 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Cost is \$30 per child and includes t-shirt, hat, all required materials and safety equipment, as well as water, snacks, and refreshments.

#### Karate

Pennsauken Township and Hwa-Rang Warriors Taekwondo Studio present summer karate at 5043 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. The objective of this camp is to use martial arts as a vehicle to build character, self-control, as well as respect for others. Children will receive a white belt on the last day of class. This camp, for children ages 5-13, is from July 20-24. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 11:00 a.m. to noon for ages 9-13. Cost is \$30 per child.

#### Learn To Golf

Kids ages 7-13 can learn the basic skills of the golf game. The qualified instructor will teach the children about the game, including club selection, course etiquette and the correct club grip. The program will be held at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., June 22-26 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The fee for this program is \$30.

### **Multi-Media Art Creations**

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper, jewelry, and found objects. We will pick a theme for the week upon which our works will be created. Individual expression will be highly encouraged. This class is all about thinking outside the box. Class will be held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room July 20-24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The fee for this one week program is \$45. For kids ages 7-13.

### Junior Police Academy

The Pennsauken Police Department is hosting an exciting week of education, awareness, and training for local children ages 11-17 interested in a career in public service. Held at the Pennsauken Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave., from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the program covers various aspects of the policing profession. Week one for ages 11-13 runs July 13-17; week two for ages 14-17 runs July 20-24. Cost is \$50. Space is limited. Swimming

Theater

Pennsauken Township offers a learn

to swim program for children ages 5-11

at the Municipal Pool, 6100 River Rd.

The fee for this program is \$20 per child

for all three days, morning or evening

sessions. Certified lifeguards with CPR

training will instruct both sessions. The

goal of this camp is to teach children the

proper swim strokes and for kids to learn

to respect water and not fear it. Dates for

The annual and very popular Creative

Theater Class returns again from 9:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 27-31 at Delair

Elementary, 850 Derousse Ave. Children,

ages 7-14, will learn stage movement,

vocal projection, character study, and im-

provisational games. They will create

their own story and perform it on video

for friends and family on the last day of

class. The cost is \$50 for the week; the pro-

gram is operated by the Pennsauken

Youth Summer Theater Program.

classes have yet to be determined.

### Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-14. The dates for each program are as follows: Field Hockey or Soccer – June 22-26; Basketball – June 29 - July 3; Tennis – July 6-10; Baseball and Softball – July 13-17. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp. Field Hockey and Soccer Camps, as well as Basketball Camp, will be at Pennsauken Intermediate School, 8125 Park Ave. Tennis Camp will be held at the Green Top Tennis Court on River Rd. Baseball and Softball Camps will be at the Softball Complex behind the Pennsauken Police Station on Bethel Ave.

### **CCTS Makes Donation To Pennsauken Police, OEM**



Pennsauken's Emergency Management Coordinator, Officer William Hertline, picks up a UV sanitizer cabinet donated by Camden County Technical Schools, which will be used to clean personal protective equipment used by first responders.

Camden County Technical Schools donated a UV sanitizer cabinet from one of its science labs to the Pennsauken Police Department and Office of Emergency Management. Normally used in science labs to sanitize safety goggles and glasses that students use during experiments, these cabinets can be utilized to sanitize certain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used by first responders.

"We will be using this donated equipment in our police department headquarters to help disinfect our PPE," said Pennsauken Police Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator William Hertline. "We appreciate this donation from Camden County Technical Schools and it will be utilized to help protect our first responders in the Township."

This donation and loaning of this type of equipment to local emergency agencies by school districts is happening throughout county.

### FOR FAMILIES Join The Municipal Pool

The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. There will be a delayed opening for the pool this year because of the "Stay at Home" Executive Order. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

### **TO REGISTER**

Registration for most summer programs will begin after the Township Municipal Building reopens. Program listings and downloadable registration forms will be made available at twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summerprograms at a later date. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at emartz@twp. pennsauken.nj.us.

## Pennsauken Fire Responds To Vehicle Crash



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### **R'S** Flattening The Curve As One Pennsauken Community lacksquare

By Tim Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken Township

We've all been dealing with the coronavirus outbreak for several weeks now. And

R while facing the reality of the "Stay at Home" Executive Order has become a daily fact of life, it hasn't made it any easier. One day seems to melt into the next. Most of us are in need of a haircut. People want to go into the office and get back to work. It's getting nice out and there's nothing we'd all like more than to go out to visit family or take an impromptu trip to the shore. We miss going to the gym, sporting events, concerts, and restaurants. But we know we can't do any of this without putting ourselves or our loved ones at risk. It's getting pretty

frustrating. I'd like to reassure the people of Pennsauken that as difficult as things are. we are stopping the spread of COVID-19. We are keeping our family and

> friends safe. We are saving lives. On behalf of the entire Pennsauken Township Committee, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for what you're doing to flatten the curve. Keep up the great work! I also know that our residents are supporting many of the places in town that are open for business. I encourage you all to continue to do so. On the front cover of this issue of All Around Pennsauken, you'll find a list of some of those businesses. We'll be updating that list on the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Our Township Committee will continue to make adjustments during the coronavirus outbreak. We hope that soon, this will include steps that will slowly reopen our community. Pennsauken's municipal government is working with our public safety officials to develop a plan that will allow that to happen in a safe and orderly fashion.

We continue to keep all those affected by the coronavirus in our thoughts and prayers. We thank our first responders for keeping our community safe, as well as all those essential workers who provide us with a sense of normalcy in these difficult times. We are grateful to those Pennsauken businesses that made the decision to stay open for both their employees and their customers. And we truly appreciate all of the sacrifices our residents have been making the past few weeks. They are well worth the effort.

Finally, I'd like to wish all the mothers

– as well as all of the mothers-to-be – a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all that you do for your families. You

are absolutely a comfort to your loved ones, especially now.

### **Township Committee Members Expecting New Additions**

The stork is planning to make visits to two members of Township Committee in the near future.

Mayor Tim Killion and his wife, Bridget, are expecting a little girl, Ashlyn Josephine, in August. And Committeewoman Jessica Rafeh and her husband, Husan, are expecting their first child, a daughter, one month later.

"Bridget, Aiden, and I couldn't be more excited," said Killion."It's wonderful to be growing our family in this great town."

"This miracle is 12 years in the making," said Rafeh. "Our dream finally came true. We are so blessed for the support of our family and friends. We can't wait to meet her."

Congratulations on the happy news!

The Golf Course at the Pennsauken Country Club will be reopening on Saturday, May 2, with social distancing in effect. Call (856) 662-4961 for tee times.

## **MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE ONE HOME AT A TIME!**



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#### Mt Laurel - Townhom

Welcome to this great townhome located in beautiful Laurel Creek. This home features a Formal living room and dining room which are great for entertaining. There is also a breakfast room off the kitchen and a bright spacious family room with fireplace and sliders leading to a nice size semi private yard. There are three great size bedrooms with ample closet space. The main bedroom features a walk in closet, full bath with shower and soaking tub. \$239,999



Maple Shade - Welcome to Maple Shade!

Pack you bags and move right in! This adorable brick rancher features an updated kitchen with new flooring, Formal living room and 3 nice sized bedrooms with ample closet space. This home also features beautiful hardwood flooring. There is a full basement that can be finished for additional living space. There is a walkout to the huge private backvard. You won't want to miss this one! \$219,900



Pennsauken – Triplex Spacious triplex with three car detached garage and tons of parking. All units include washer, dryer, refrigerator. All have separate hot water heaters, heaters and electrical panels located in a clean basement. Roof 17 years old. One unit has central air and a gas fireplace. 2 units have lovely patios. Close to public transportation and shopping. \$299 900



#### Pennsauken – Tastefully Redone

This home features L/R and Dining area with attractive wainscoting and vaulted ceiling. Upgraded kitchen includes a double sink with garbage disposal, gas range, dish washer, and refrigerator. The family room on the lower level with a 4th bedroom, plavroom or office. Large fenced in yard with 2 storage sheds and patio area. Gas heat and gas hot water heater. Two car driveway and much more. Don't wait call for you tour today. \$225,000



Pennsauken – SOLD Spacious 4 Bedroom 2 full bath Collins Tract Home featuring a Extra Large Living Room with a Brick Tile fireplace and Cathedral Ceiling with Crown Molding. The kitchen has granite counter tops and plenty of cabinet space, a microwave and much more. The Master bedroom has a cathedral ceiling both bathrooms are spacious and show like new. There is a fence in yard and 2 car garage for cars or storage. Located next to Cattel Tract and walking distance to downtown Merchantville Seller will replace sidewalk blocks on the left side of the house. \$199,000



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Pennsauken - SOLD Home recently FHA Appraised at \$172,000. This updated cozy rancher in Chadwyck won't disappoint! Home features new carpeting, updated cabinets, counters & flooring. The first floor features formal L/R, F/R with fireplace, sunroom, plus three bedrooms and two full baths. Full huge basement with an additional family room with bar two hig storage areas, plus another finished room. Roof recently replaced in 2018. Sliders off Sunroom leading to the patio and freshly painted deck. The private yard is huge. You won't find a better value at this price. \$165,000



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its and make it possible to come back and put down more of the words that make up my life. It also helps affirm that Every so often, something wonderful there are scads of friends out there who happens to brighten up my life. It reshare my belief in what is good in life. I minds me why I write these little stories, shall continue to add to my amazing coland it lets me know that somewhere out lection of folk I consider "friends." I will still stop and talk to perfect strangers, Many of you who read this column soaking up little stories that make my life responded with calls, a note or two, or a so full.

Thanks again, to all of you who care, and take time to share. Look for me out and about, as I amble through town,

carving, noodling, or just sitting with a cup of Joe, watching the world go by.

I promised myself I wouldn't spend a minute talking about this bizarre turn of events the world is caught up in right now. But it is impossible! I am the poster boy for catching this mess of a virus. Diabetes, old age, smoked for a lifetime, out of shape, and overweight; I am like a bird feeder waiting for a squirrel. But I also share a bit of "what the hell," as that's how I got here in the first place. I take the precautions pretty serious, and avoid stores like the proverbial plague, except for Harbor Freight. I am tearing up the shop with saw blades, sanders, wood glue, and stain. Also 7-11, for milk and small cigars. And thank God for Weber's, when it's my turn to make dinner.

But my favorite, and most important, outside stop, is the coffee at The Station. I pick up my cup at the window, and sit

When the parks were officially closed, there were some changes. The sidewalks were not all there; walkers were forced to use the streets. Right outside the window, where coffee and delicious cookies magically appear, is a nice metal bench. I think it is actually in the park itself. I must admit to using it in defiance of the closure. It was about as close to living on the edge an old man can get, but old men need to feel a bit wild, every so often. Fortunately, I am no longer a law breaker for sitting there.

To the residents, and especially Tom Torok, the famous writer, blogger, and protector of the downtrodden, I offer this backhanded apology for my past behavior. I will suffer slings and arrows thrown my way quietly as penance. Feel free to pelt me with paintballs, or water balloons. Post a picture of it on "Spacebook," beep a horn, or yell obscenities. I

**Nine Year Old Buys Pizzas For Housekeeping Staff At Cooper** 



Nine-year-old Pennsauken resident Angelica Quiles, a third grader at Saint Peter School in Merchantville, broke open her piggy bank last month to buy lunch for the housekeeping staff at Cooper University Hospital. Angelica wanted to recognize the unsung heroes for their hard work in keeping the hospital clean and sanitized. Special thanks to Flying Crust Pizza on Maple Ave., for providing



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By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

there someone is listening.

face to face to tell me how sorry they

were about my good friend's death.

Those sentiments helped lift up my spir-

## **EDITOR'S** Doing Some Hard Time In The 08109 Big House

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It's been several weeks since my incarceration; and I'm not sure I'm going to make it out of the

joint in one piece.

I hadn't expected such a heavy sentence handed down. I had a clean record

beforehand, so I thought I'd get away with time served or probation. Not so. n- I'm doing hard time.

My cellmates in the block are the real troublemakers. One was too smart for their own good, got caught up with the wrong crowd, and turned to a life of white collar crime. The other's a lifer whose charm is a loose cover for a raging sociopath. I try to steer clear of these hardened criminals, but it's almost like they follow me around. I can't shake them. And there's no such thing as solitary confinement in this pokey.

There are riots every day and it gets pretty ugly. The food is surprisingly decent, but toilet paper is scarce. My initial thoughts were that it was a forced shortage intentionally created by the screws, but even my contacts on the outside can't hook me up with a few rolls. Forget cigarettes T.P. is the true currency in this hoosegow.

I've been trying to make some headway with the warden, doing my best to be a model prisoner to get extra privileges. But a career in the prison system has made her jaded, bitter. It'll take more than smile and a flash of my baby browns to bring her guard down. I've got my work ahead of me.

With the weather improving, we're allowed out in the yard more. The guard

is more bark than bite, but he patrols the fence religiously, making sure nothing gets in and no one gets out. There have been some opportunities for work release, but I find myself back in my cell before I know it.

I am looking to buy a Star Wars poster so I can pull a "Shawshank," but Amazon says it'll take another three months to get here. Guess I'll try to keep my head down, refine my letter to the parole board, and just do my time in the big house, like everybody else.

All kidding aside, hang in there, be safe, and wash those hands.

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## **Local Food Trucks Feeding The Front Line**



Local food trucks are providing free meals for Cooper University Health Care staff.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Three local food trucks have banded together to provide some great tasting comfort to those on the front line of the battle to stop COVID-19.

Pennsauken's own Mary's Mobile Diner, run by resident Mary Hilbert; Red's Rolling Restaurant, run by Hilbert's daughter Megan; and Sabrina Brill of Not Your Mama's Tacos, have been serving staff at Cooper University Health Care in Camden for well over a year. When the coronavirus began affecting our region in March, the three came up with a plan to "Feed the Front Line" as a way to give back those in harm's way who are helping others.

"With donations from the community, we've been able to provide free meals and snacks to Cooper University Health Care staff, and the EMTs and police that work at Cooper," explained

Mary. "Our goal was to provide 1,000 meals between April and May. With the help of family, friends, and local businesses, we've exceeded that number and we're hoping to reach 2,000."

The outpouring of support from Pennsauken and surrounding neighborhoods has been impressive, with residents, as well as a variety of Township businesses, like J.D. Hilbert Construction, LLC, run by Mary's husband, James, making significant financial donations to feed healthcare workers. In addition, Associated Supermarket on Westfield Ave. put money towards groceries and supplied snacks; and Macaro's Deli and Catering donated 40 hoagies to the food truck's efforts.

"There are so many people to thank," added Mary. "To our event organizers we have served in the past who donated; our neighbors, friends, and family; our followers and truck families; the families of the Cooper staff; the schools and individual teachers and staff; and all the small businesses. We are exceeding our

goal because of all your love and support for these amazing people who are big part of our truck families."

Mary's Mobile Diner, Red's Rolling Restaurant, and Not Your Mama's Tacos serve Cooper University Health Care staff donated meals on weekends. They are still accepting financial donations through Venmo at "FTFL-Cooper." The trucks also are looking for generous donors of packaged snacks. For more information, call Mary at (856) 840-3660.

## Participating In The 2020 Census Helps Pennsauken

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Executive Order, it's the perfect time to complete the 2020 Census. Most Pennsauken residents have received a post card from the Census Bureau that contained an individual Census ID so that they can fill it out online at My2020Census.gov.

Don't have internet access? You can complete the 2020 Census over the

Here are just some of the options available:

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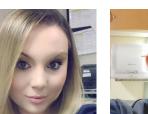
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## **DEATHNOTICES** Remembering Two Longtime Pennsauken Residents

Robert E. "Bob" Terres. age 75 years of Pennsauken, passed away on April 3,2020. Bob was the husband of

Linda (nee Ribeiro); de-Terres voted father of Karin McHugh, Kevin Terres (Jessica) and Keith Terres; loving grandfather of Liam McHugh; dear son of the late Edwin and Sylvia (nee George) Terres; dear brother of Ken Terres (Joyce); and brother in law of Anita Sorrentino (Mark). He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bob was a graduate of Pennsauken High School and the University of Michigan. Prior to his retirement, he was the owner of Terres Associates a telecommunications services company. He was a professional engineer, former member of the Pennsauken Board of Education and a member of the reunion committee for the first graduating class of Pennsauken High School, Class of 1962.

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Bob's burial took place privately at Bethel Memorial Cemetery in Pennsauken. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

### Lillian Jackson

Lillian Jackson, age 92 of Pennsauken, passed away on April 12, 2020, surrounded by her family.

Lillian was reunited with Jackson her beloved husband of 55

years, William Robert Jackson. She was the loving mother of daughter Graceann (Wayne) Stepler of Magnolia and Rhonda (Samuel) Bello of Pennsauken. She was the proud grandmother of Jessica and Michelle Bello. Lillian is also survived by her younger sister, Anne M. Long of Merchantville, whom she shared such a special bond with her entire life.

Lillian is survived by many nieces and nephews and was predeceased by her nephew/godson Clayton Long.

Lillian was the 15th of 16 children born to James DiVietro and Grace Carbone DiVietro. Both of her parents came to America from Italy when they were young. Lillian was born and raised through her early teens in Moorestown. She then lived a short time in Camden until the family relocated to Merchantville. Lillian married the love of her life, Bill, in 1951 at Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Merchantville. In 1952, they purchased their first and only home in Pennsauken, where Lillian lived for 68 years.

Lillian was a devoted mother and grandmother, who was supportive and actively involved with both her daughters' and granddaughters' school, church, scouting, dance and sports activities. She was recognized by the Township of Pennsauken for the volunteer work she had done. Lillian was a volunteer at Cherry Hill Hospital, coordinator of Helping Hands, member and treasurer of the Pennsauken Historical Society, member of the Pennsauken Young at Heart Club, member of the Pennsauken AARP Chapter and the AARP Chords travel choir. Lillian was a longtime member of Saint Cecilia Roman Catholic Church and was also involved at her husband's church, Calvary Community Baptist.

Lillian's services were held privately.



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## **Rhoads Metal Works Creates Clean Air For Hospitals**

Rhoads Metal Works needed to find a way to adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of RMW's loyal customers were forced to pull projects, defer maintenance or close completely. The business needed to respond quickly to the harsh reality of decreased revenues and the need to furlough many employees to assure survival. Rhoads would have to adapt to the changing needs of their customers.

Rhoads' innovated response was found in the changing needs of its healthcare customers. RMW joined the front lines alongside our healthcare workers to create an effective solution to help combat COVID-19. Jerry Loehr, HVAC Supervisor at Penn Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Hospital, contacted Rhoads



Rhoads Metal Works in Pennsauken is building portable HEPA air scrubber units for hospitals battling the COVID-19 outbreak.

with an immediate need for assistance as they created new COVID-19 patient rooms. The isolation rooms required a

mal times, portable HEPA air scrubber units can take months to order and arrive: Rhoads only had days to deliver. The team at RMW needed to custom fabricate a portable unit with equipment and materials that could be obtained immediately. The design needed to be simple for efficiency of fabrication and something that can be modified for other hospital needs and uses. The Rhoads team came together with guidance from George Rossi at General Aire Systems, who assisted the design. Matt Shinn, Operations Coordinator at Rhoads, drew up the design and lead the fabrication team to build and deliver the new Air Scrubber units to Penn Medicine in three days. Penn quickly put these units into operation in order to create patient

rooms better equipped to deal with the pandemic. Rhoads Metal Works established some quick literature to advise their other healthcare facilities. The response has been extremely positive, and orders are coming in. Einstein Medical Center attached some units to sections of their HVAC system and Penn Medicine's Pennsylvania Hospital received five mo-

Because of the extended closure of public schools in New Jersey, auditions for the

Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's

performance of "Peter Pan Junior," origi-

nally scheduled for May 12 and 13, have

been canceled. A decision on whether or

bile units to clean the air in their isolation patient rooms.

The owner of Rhoads Metal Works. William Rhoads, has a daughter who is a SICU nurse at Temple Hospital. Bill said, "I want to keep one and strap it to my daughter's back!"

The General Manger, Michael Pagano, explained how purposeful it felt to work on a job that is making a difference. He said,"The hospitals really appreciate what we are doing, which is protecting people."

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## **Referendum Construction Projects Taking Shape**



While our school buildings are closed, work on referendum projects is still ongoing. The construction of the "Rick Taylor Field House" is well underway and taking shape!

## **Thinking Of Our Delair School Family**



#### The Delair School Staff misses their students and families! By Rosalyn Lawrence, Principal, Delair Elementary Say "great job" to

On behalf of our entire Delair School staff, I want our students and families to know that we're thinking of you!

Every child has a unique way of learning. Each child is capable of succeeding during this trying time. We must take the time to communicate with our teachers and help our children learn in the best way they can during this new method of remote learning. Delair School wants to say "great job" to our teachers, parents and guardians for all of your efforts!

Remember how awesome it was to enter the Delair Book Bistro? We hope you are still "tasting" delicious books at home and developing your "appetite" for reading! The Delair Team will have many more books to "serve" to you upon our return. So keep "digesting" some good books!

Stay strong! Stay well! We love you all!

## Franklin School Misses Our Students

By Susan Galloza, Principal, Franklin Elementary

The staff at Franklin truly misses each and every student very much. The building may be closed, but Franklin continues to remain fantastic.

I hope everyone got to see the video the staff put together with messages from the staff to the students.

Teachers at all grade levels continue to do what they can for the students, conducting Google Meet and Zoom activities. They have done lessons, conducted read alouds, and even held show and tell! Our related arts teachers continue to work hard. Ms. Levecchia has her Facebook page, "Moving with Ms. Levecchia." Ms. Levecchia has even planned a 10-day heart challenge. Ms. Bergen does sing along videos. Mr. Carr has set up Google Classrooms for the third graders and is also putting together a virtual Franklin Reading Room. Here, staff has recorded read alouds for students to enjoy!

We hope to see everyone soon! We love you all. Stay safe. Remember to wash your hands.

## Using 3-D Printers To Create PPE For Healthcare Workers

Pennsauken School District has joined schools in New Jersey and New York to 3-D print personal protective equipment, or PPE, for those on the front line, battling the COVID-19 outbreak.

Using designs from Maker Depot in North Jersey, the District's technology department is using 3-D printers to create face masks and headbands for visors. Maker Depot is collecting the completed items and distributing them to healthcare workers.

We're proud to be able to help make PPE to keep medical personnel safe as they work to stop the spread of this virus.

The District's technology department is using 3-D printers to create face masks and visor headbands to help those on the front line battling COVID-19.







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## Keeping Strong And Hoping For Better Days At Fine

By Thomas Honeyman, Principal, Fine Elementary

My hair is growing like a weed and my laptop is worn out with use. If someone in September told me that in March, we will dismiss for several weeks due to a worldwide pandemic and all "non-essential" businesses would close their doors, I would say that person has watched too many movies! Well, this is a real example of the adage "truth is stranger than fiction."

To say our entire faculty and staff miss being at Fine School on a daily basis is the understatement of the school year. Physically attending school at Gladwyn Ave. equates to a better learning experience for all students. Being together in groups is better for the learning opportunities, the socialization, and our emotional states. Who wants to learn in a bubble? With that being said, our Fine teachers, like all Pennsauken School District teachers, have done a tremendous job changing their mode of teaching within a weekend's time to create moments for students to not feel like they are in an isolated bubble. They, along with parental assistance, have truly tried to make "lemonade out of lemons." In many ways, the new alliance has worked to continue academic growth.

The contingency packets our teachers have compiled help students stay connected to the curriculum and expose students to skills that would be taught if they were in the actual building. All teachers have been in contact with students to help them navigate the packet work. Parents have been even stronger partners in educating students, and we thank them immensely. It is not easy to run a household, work from home, and facilitate your child's education. I cannot say thank you enough to the parents who keep their child engaged and accountable for their schooling.

Additionally, teachers and families already linked into online school platforms. like ClassDojo, have been expanding their use of the platform by posting videos of learning, written messages and pictures of completed packet work for teachers to see. Many teachers - and principals - are utilizing other video communication platforms to answer student questions or simply have lunch with students online. I enjoy posting the daily pledge and greeting video on ClassDojo, just like I would do over the loudspeaker at Fine. These online moments are not mandatory, just supplementary to the required packet work that all students receive; and in many ways, inject added life to our school community.

In closing, our present world state is hugely disruptive to say the least; our lives have been extremely altered in many ways. But the Fine learning community is still very much alive. Students will continue to learn, continue to grow, and be a stronger community for having persevered through it all. On behalf of the entire Fine faculty and staff, I thank you wholeheartedly for your support and ask that you think positively as we suppress this virus intruder together. Stay safe and take care out there.

### **Thanking Baldwin Families For Their Support**

By Dana Gery, Principal, Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center

Hello Baldwin Family! Thank you for your continued support, help, and patience during this difficult time. We hope that the packets that have been sent home are giving you valuable time together as your child plays, learns, and grows in their educational skills.

The most important thing to keep in mind is to spend time with family. Completing simple art projects, experiencing the outdoors (safely based on CDC regulations), reading LOTS of stories, and having conversations with your child will benefit them in their educational journey. We ask that you please share pictures, videos, and comments about the work with your child's teacher.

We all miss your children and wish we could have more time with them to continue to watch them grow. We are proud of all of their accomplishments this year in preschool and know that they will continue to have success because of all of your support. Please continue to share your child's great work and reach out to your classroom teacher. Take care and best wishes for the health and wellness of your family.

## PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT An Update On Our Schools And End Of Year Celebrations



By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, MEd<sup>2</sup>., M.S., M.B.S., M.A.<sup>2</sup>, Ed.D., Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools As I write this, we are currently in the sixth week of

remote learning and everything is going

very well in Pennsauken Public Schools.

The Board of Education and I wish to

thank all the parents, grandparents, and

guardians for their hard work. We are

going through the end of year motions

like every other school district, but we

know how hard vou have worked, the

time you have put in. and the sacrifices you

areas for this communication, which in-

clude our referendum, graduation, the

senior awards ceremony, and the possi-

bility of a return to school.

I would like to address several main

have made. For that we say thank you.

### Referendum Construction

Referendum construction is ahead of plans, as the field house, media center/ library, high school security vestibule and all high school projects are scheduled to be completed this summer. Construction is going very well. The "Rick Taylor Field House" will soon be completed. Our vision for Pennsauken Public Schools has become a reality because of your positivity and we wish to thank our families. It is a very big deal, because Pennsauken Public Schools will soon have the best facilities in South Jersey, if not the entire state.

### **Graduation For The Class Of 2020**

Unfortunately, due to this pandemic, graduation will not take place in the way we are used to. However, we have a plan for our seniors to walk and receive their diploma. Graduation for the Class of 2020 will still give students the recognition they so rightly deserve!

In groups of 20, students will be invited, along with two guests, to the high school auditorium for a unique graduation ceremony. As their names are called, they will be able to walk across the stage in their caps and gowns to receive their Pennsauken High School diplomas. The ceremony for each group of 20 will be live streamed via Facebook. After all groups have received their diplomas, each recording will be edited together to showcase the entire class in one graduation ceremony including speeches from the Valedictorian, the Salutatorian, and the Principal. This final ceremony will be posted to the high school website, YouTube and Pennsauken Television. While we recognize this was not the original plan for the ceremony, we hope to give the Class of 2020 an event that honors their achievements and celebrates their time at Pennsauken High School.

### Senior Awards Ceremony

The Senior Awards Ceremony is a special event that recognizes the achievements of our outstanding seniors and includes many scholarship and grant opportunities for post secondary life and celebrates students who are continuing their education, entering the workforce, and enlisting in the armed forces. In an effort to continue this tradition, a virtual Senior Awards Ceremony will be created. Each student's senior portrait will be shown. The list of awards they received will be included, as well as their plans for life after graduation. Students will also be asked to submit their favorite memory of Pennsauken High School to be included on their Award Ceremony slide. Finally, the Top 20 of the Class of 2020 will have a highlighted segment of the show.

### **Returning To School This Year**

I constantly receive a lot of questions about a potential return this school year. Governor Murphy has stated we are out until at least May 15. I honestly would be very surprised if we returned to school this year; but we will remain hopeful as we miss seeing our students every day.

As we get closer to the end of this school year, the Board of Education and I continue to hope for all of this to be over and to return to our normal way of lives. I hope all of you stay safe and happy. Our prayers are with all of you that are personally affected by this pandemic. We hope to see all of you soon.

### Carson School Misses Our Families By Diane Joyce, Principal

Carson Elementary

I want to send a BIG SHOUT OUT to all of you! Thank you to our parents, for your support and for taking on the role of "educator facilitator;" you are amazing! Thank you to our students; I am so impressed with your efforts to continue to learn. I miss your beautiful, smiling faces! Thank you to our teachers. I am so proud of our staff; they have stepped up to this challenge and are continuing to support our students. Their dedication to ensure that everyone continues to learn is admirable!

I recently mailed a card to each of my own three children; I miss them very much. We have not been able to be together due to this pandemic. Yes, we talk, text and FaceTime; but just like teaching remotely to our school students, it is not nearly the same. It doesn't even come close!

Here is the message that I sent to my children, and I would like to share with you as well: think positive, hope high, be kind, work hard, sleep lots, laugh often, dream big, stay strong!

Take care, stay safe and healthy, and I cannot wait to see you all again!

Have a good learning day! I miss saying this to you in person!

Love you all!

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### Superhero Day At Pennsauken Intermediate School

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## **Students Enjoying Remote Learning**

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## **AWA Holds Paws And Feet Virtual FunDay**

Animal Welfare Association (AWA) is excited to announce the Paws & Feet Virtual FunDay. Due to the impact of COVID-19, our annual Paws & Feet Doggie FunDay, normally held at

Cooper River Park and scheduled this year for May 30, had to be canceled. The loss of this fundraiser is devastating, especially since our services are in even greater need at this time. Past funds

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lic gatherings are not feasible at this time, so we've turned Paws & Feet into a virtual event.

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## **Congratulations To Kids Easter Contest Winners**

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We're excited to announce the winners of our Kids Easter Contest! Congratulations to Nicholas, Aundrea, and Layla, who all won Easter Baskets. Iris and R.J. guessed closest for the candy jars. And Cameron was the luckiest one of all; he won a basket AND guessed closest for a jar of Hershey Kisses! Thank you very much to the Penn Queen Diner, open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., who supplied all the great giveaways!

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businesses; before we allow in-person dining in our restaurants, among any host of other activities, people need to know that their health will be safeguarded from COVID-19."

Governor Murphy highlighted the "roadmap" to reopening the state, identifying six key milestones:

- Sustaining reductions in new cases and hospitalizations for at least a 14day trend
- Doubling diagnostic testing capacity by the end of May
- Implementing robust contract tracing to stop the spread of COVID-19
- Securing safe places for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate
- Planning a responsible, methodical, and strategic return to work
- Ensuring New Jersey's resiliency to prevent this from happening again "This roadmap is designed with one goal only: to restore the health, strength

goal only: to restore the health, strength and wellbeing of New Jersey for the long term," explained Murphy. On April 29, Governor Murphy signed an executive order to reopen New Jersey's state parks and allow golf courses and county parks to reopen beginning Saturday, May 2. In accordance with this order, the golf course at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., will reopen at that time, with social distancing measures in effect. As of press time, the Township administration was still determining how to best reopen its municipal parks.

### Remote Learning Continues For Pennsauken School District

Pennsauken Public School buildings continue to be closed through at least Friday, May 15, according to Governor Murphy, but school officials feel it will be longer.

"I honestly would be very surprised if we returned to school this year," wrote Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent of schools for the Pennsauken School District, in his message to families in this issue. "But we will remain hopeful, as we miss seeing our students every day." This year's senior trip to Florida was canceled last month; and the District is making changes to both high school graduation and the senior awards ceremony. More information can be found on page 13 of this issue.

### **Community Resources**

Pennsauken Township puts out regular updates on the coronavirus outbreak throughout the week via its website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us; Pennsauken Television, Channel 19 on Comcast and Channel 21 on Fios; and its social media channels: Facebook.com/Pennsauken-Twp and @pennsaukentwp for both Twitter and Instagram.

Residents with questions or concerns related to the coronavirus can call a free, 24-hour public hotline at 2-1-1 or (800) 962-1253, where trained professionals are standing by to answer questions. New Jersey residents can now also text NJ-COVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live

text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. More information is also

available on the state's coronavirus-dedicated website at https://covid19.nj.gov/.

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## **Think Twice About What You're Flushing**

Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, and even "flushable" wipes, can't go 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 even supposedly "flushable" wipes (they are not flushable or biodegradable), cannot be flushed down the toilet. The system can accommodate toilet paper, which is made to disintegrate quickly in water, but wipes and other materials, which don't break down as readily, clog pipes. That means sewer backups into the homes of the users or of others, as clogs form down the line. These blockages require jetting of the sewer main to clear.

We are seeing an increase in volume, which is to be expected given the num-

ber of people staying in their homes as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

It's to everybody's benefit to use only toilet paper. Wipes might be able to flush, but that's when the unseen problems begin. While disposable wipes are a convenient and easy-to-use product that serve a variety of helpful purposes, they should be thrown in the trash following use. If manufacturers deem a product unsafe to go down the drain, it will be labeled on the packing. While there is debate over whether wipes labeled as "flushable" are truly safe for sewers, nonflushable products like baby wipes, wet wipes and disinfectant wipes are for your trash can.

In addition to stoppages in the main

line, which could cause a backup into homes and businesses, the potential for widespread service interruptions are possible if these nonflushable items reach a lift station and clog a pump. Not to mention the costs associated with removing a pump to clear the clog, which are borne by our rate payers.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority remains available 24 hours a day to assist residents during the State of Emergency. We have enacted a "No Public Contact" policy for the protection of our neighbors and our employees, but we will respond to all requests for assistance and will advise the homeowner of our findings by telephone. If you require assistance, call (856) 662-0686.

## **Tree Roots Can Block Sewer Lines**

With spring also comes renewed and vigorous growth of tree roots that can block sewer lines. We take every possible effort to keep our main lines free of roots through our maintenance program. The lateral line from your house to our main line, however, is the homeowner's responsibility.

If you have had a problem in the past, you are probably aware of the signs to look for (slow drainage or a periodic



back up). If you experience these problems, consider calling a plumber to check for tree roots. The plumber can remove the roots from your line. And , if you suspect the problem is in the main line, please call the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority at (856) 662-0686, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **<u>REMINDER:</u>** CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR NEXT PAYMENT IS DUE THIS MONTH.

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## **GRAYMATTERS** Still A Lot To Be Grateful For In These Stressful Times



The way I feel right now, this column is going

to be either a very short one, so I can be lovingly direct and to the point, or, I'm going to go with my feelings and ask my editor to spare me five or six pages so I can say all my heart is telling me to say.

You know, after I just re-read those above lines, I figured my best bet is to do something that generally serves me best – and compromise.

My heart goes out to all of you in these strange, confusing, and scary times.

But these times are also filled with love, hope, friendship, and compassion. And I'm adding on another one – gratitude.

I don't watch the news as often as I

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should, and yet I still feel like I watch it too much. But then, if I didn't, there would be a whole lotta' smiles that my face would have never gotten to see and experience, courtesy of some truly beautiful souls... the real heroes of our day-today lives.

So, this is a HUGE thank you to the men and women who put themselves in harm's way every single day by taking care of us for everything we need during these trying times: the nurses, doctors, aides, lab workers, police, maintenance crews, scientists, emergency responders, firefighters, postal workers, farmers, truck drivers, seamstresses making masks for those in need, technicians of all kinds, trash collectors, grocery workers, delivery service workers, cashiers, car repair shops, food banks, pharmacists, the American Red Cross, and teachers, along with parents, working from home to help school our children. God bless you, one and all! Where would we be without you? Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I could easily write another five hundred words or more, which is why it would have required several extra pages for my column this month. But I know you know what I mean.

I am also most grateful to our unsung heroes, who go about their daily lives quarantined; and yet, they still find a

## **SENIORCORNER**

#### By Sonny DiSabato, Senior Citizen Coordinator

Senior Citizen Coordinator Hello fellow seniors.

Over 2,000 seniors are receiving nutritious meals during the coronavirus crisis, thanks to the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services. Residents enrolled in the Camden County Nutrition Program have been receiving home de-

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way to brighten the lives of others with online reading of books to children; sharing recipes with people around the world; free music concerts, meditation classes, and cooking lessons; those who make daily phone calls to check in on loved ones, friends, and neighbors. Those who are more financially able are paying for the grocery bills of those in need. There are even children "adopting" senior citizens living sequestered in their homes and "visiting" them using the internet. Without these children, they would not have the love light of a child's eyes or the magic in the sound of their precious songs to comfort them in their solitude.

We are all in this together. Do what you can, where you can, whenever you can.

Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people.

We need that. We'll always need that. Stay safe, healthy, and happy.

Peace and love,

~Judy

### Seniors Continue To Receive Meals At Home, Services During The Coronavirus Outbreak

livery of meals since March 18.

Seniors in need of meals-for any reason-can call the Division at (856) 374-MEAL or (856) 858-3220 to make immediate arrangements.

Also, through NJ Save, low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities can save money on Medicare premiums,

prescription costs, and other living expenses. Seniors can see if they qualify and apply online here: https://njdoasua.force.com/njsave/quickstart.

Wishing you all health and happiness, particularly in the times we live in. Please say a prayer for all those who are helping to battle this virus.



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## Keeping Watch 24/7: "Essential Services"

Dear MPWC Customers, Amidst the uncertainties that the COVID-19 pandemic has created for all of us, there are "certainties" that have been revealed. As we learn to adjust to a new lifestyle and how to sacrifice so many freedoms that we have come to enjoy – we also come to develop a greater appreciation for things like health, family, friends and what we have come to know as the "American Way." At the core of this is simply our basic struggle to just survive.

This is a new era, one riddled with unprecedented challenges and obstacles to overcome. At the MPWC, we have learned that those basic needs of food, shelter, and good health come at a price; we must not take them for granted. To a greater extent, we have also learned how much you, our loyal customers, rely on us to maintain what is referred to as "essential services." While the governor's executive orders provide us the authority to continue working to provide you with high quality and safe drinking water, it also re-

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quires our dedicated employees to stay the course and maintain vigilance. Our dedicated workforce has been inspecting facilities, making system repairs and answering all emails, phone calls and inquiries for assistance.

Please know that while observing all municipal, state and federal mandates for both our protection and yours, the business of the MPWC has not faltered. We have planned upgrades to critical infrastructure and we are moving forward in a progressive, yet calculated manner to fulfill those strategic goals. You may already be aware that we have postponed the spring hydrant flushing program. While this is a required and necessary task, we will avoid anything that may adversely impact your services. Rest assured, we continue with daily plant and facilities inspections, ensuring that every well, pump and filter station is performing at optimum levels. As such, we remain compliant with all Environmental Protection Agency and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards. Our 2019 Customer Confidence Report should be completely shortly and will be made available.

While it is very difficult to predict when the transition back to "normalcy" will begin, I can say with certainty that we are prepared and that we will continue to provide this "essential service" with pride and diligence.

On behalf of the Commissioners and staff, we wish you all a safe passage through this sea of uncertainty while remaining certain that we are here, 24/7, and available to assist you. Be safe, stay healthy, and do not hesitate to reach out to us for assistance. For information updates, feel free to monitor our website at MPWC.com or follow us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Saraceni Chief Operating Officer Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission

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Meetings of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission are currently being held via phone conference. For more information, visit our website, MPWC.com

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## **FOODADVENTURES** The Beauty Of Homemade Bread Making



With many people stuck at home, bread making has been growing in popularity.

### By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

The world is a different place right now. I pondered on what I could possibly do my article on and where I could take you on our next adventure. Then it hit me: the next adventure is right in all of our homes. I bring to you the story of my first bread baking adventure. Warning: This article is keto-friendly and gluten free but the bread I made is not.

Since social distancing began, I have been being very mindful of how often I go out for supplies I live in a household with young people and health-sensitive folks, so it's been super important keeping them all safe from getting sick. The best option for getting supplies for my household is that I only go out for the really important stuff. Bread is on the list normally, but I also realized that I had all the things I need to make my own loaf. I was fairly confident I could manage, even with my inability to bake things that well, so into the kitchen I went.

I should start by saying that absolutely anyone can do this. You will need a packet or 1 tablespoon of yeast, 1 tablespoon of salt, 1 tablespoon of sugar, 2 cups of lukewarm water, and about 4 cups of flour. Get a big bowl and mix your yeast, salt, sugar and warm water together. Let this sit on your counter for 10 minutes. Do not stir it or bother it. Just let it do its thing. It should look fizzy or bubbly when it's ready. Once the 10 minutes is up, add one cup of flour to your yeast mix and stir. I find using a rubber spoon worked well. Add another cup of flour and mix it well. Add one more and you should start seeing it clump up a bit. I found that after about 31/2 to 4 cups of flour, my bread is ready to knead. Put some flour on a clean, dry counter or tabletop and start kneading your dough by pushing it out with the palm of your hand, while holding it with your other hand and folding it back onto itself. Lightly flour as needed if it gets too sticky. Turn it 90 degrees after each fold. You HAVE to knead it for about 5 minutes or the dough won't rise. Once this is done, let the dough rest while you get a bowl and lightly oil it with olive oil (canola oil works just fine). Place the dough in the bowl, flipping it once around to oil the whole dough ball. Get a small towel, wet it, and then lay it over the top of the bowl. Set your dough

somewhere warm so it can rise for about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. After this time, your dough should have almost doubled in size. Punch down the dough and. Knead it gently a few times. Get your bread pan or stone ready by putting flour on it. Slice your dough ball in half, as this recipe makes two whole loaves. Place the dough on the pan or stone after you lightly round it off. Put three or more slits in the bread and brush it with cold water.

Before baking, you need to place a pan of boiling water on the lowest rack in your over. I use an aluminum dollar store pan, which has worked great for me. Once the water is in the pan, place your loaves in the oven and shut the door. THEN turn your oven on to bake at 400 degrees. Set a timer for 35-40 minutes. When you notice a slight brownish tan color, your bread is ready. Take it out to cool and check if it's ready by tapping the bread. It should sound hollow. Now you are ready to enjoy.

I have used my bread for sandwiches and with jam for breakfast or to sub for a roll with dinner. Once you get more confident with baking this bread, you can start to add fruits or herbs to make it more interesting. Feel free to post pictures of your breads on my Facebook page "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures" and always enjoy your Food Adventures... even at home.

### **Big Bucks Raffle** Moved To October

Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church's Big Bucks Raffle has been moved to Saturday, Oct. 17.

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## **COVID-19 Adjustments And "The Rhythm Of Public Works"**

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director, Department of Public Works

This year, the week of May 17 is designated "National Public Works Week." Each year, the American Public Works Association chooses a theme. This year's theme "challenges our members and their citizens to think about their communities as a symphony of essential services, working in concert to create a great

place to live." It is safe to say that we all have been "thrown out of rhythm" due to the effect that COVID-19 has had on our lives. Similarly, we all have created new rhythms to deal with the current situation. Your Public Works Department is no different.

Since early March, we've staggered daily employee start times and have reduced crews to accomplish our most critical functions to keep Pennsauken moving. We're practicing social distancing, assigning individual employees to specific trucks and various equipment, keeping them isolated and insulated from each other. I'd like to thank the crew for their diligence during this unprecedented time.

Additionally, I'd like to thank our residents for their patience, especially during March and April, as our department adjusted to this wave. When you called into our office, the voicemail asked you to redial a separate cell phone number to allow calls to be taken and handled while office staff was working remotely. We also rolled out our Facebook page, "Pennsauken Department of Public Works," giving residents another method to communicate with us and receive updates regarding trash/recycling collection Due to the restriction of public access to municipal properties during this time, we began delivering recycling buckets instead of requiring pick up from our office. Verification of residence is still needed, but this service has been handled without issue during this time.

In today's society, it's all too easy to forget the simple gesture of a "thank you." On behalf of Superintendent Feriozzi and myself, I want to extend a heartfelt

thank you to "the guys... our guys." From the mechanics to our crew chiefs, to our boots on the ground, we are a department that is depended on for support from various agencies and other Township departments, constantly pulled in multiple directions. These guys make it happen; and those that depend on Public Works are appreciative. I hear it all the time. While I firmly believe in the quality of our services, there is always that chance that we drop the ball on a task. At those times, a simple phone call to our office will address any issue. With you, our fellow Pennsauken neighbors' help, we constantly seek to improve our methods and ultimately, our service to Pennsauken.

Be safe and enjoy the warmer weather!

## **TALKIN' TRASH**

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 25, IS A TRASH HOLIDAY.

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## **Remembering Two Pennsauken Heroes Of 1942**



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By Robert Fisher-Hughes, AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

*Editor's Note: As part* of the paper's 25th anniversary, we're rerunning this article from February 2012.

Seventy years ago, the shock of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor was followed by a steady succession of further defeats and losses, as the Empire of Japan carried out its plan to gain maximum advantage through its early strikes against the United States. The first months of 1942 were a time of terrible uncertainty and sacrifice for America, and two young servicemen from Pennsauken were among the many who laid down their lives in those first exertions of a nation rousing itself to the fight against the Axis powers.

Maurice A. Wolfe, Jr. was born June 17, 1923. According to the 1930 census, Maurice, Sr. was employed as a furniture salesman. The family lived in a rented



home on High St. in the Delaware Gardens section of Pennsauken Township.

The day after Christmas 1940, Maurice A. Wolfe, Jr. enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17. In the course of the next year, Seaman Second Class Wolfe spent time as a crewman on the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Astoria. In November, 1941, he spent a short time on temporary duty aboard the cruiser U.S.S. San Francisco in Pearl Harbor, as the ship began to undergo an overhaul after long duty.

On December 7, 1941, Wolfe was aboard the U.S.S. Chaumont, a Navy transport built and launched at Hog Island in Philadelphia in 1920. Maurice was a passenger, en route to a new assignment. Word of the Japanese attack diverted the Chaumont to Australia and there, on Jan. 9, Seaman Wolfe was received as a crewman of the U.S.S. Houston of the United States Asiatic Fleet.

The U.S.S. Houston was a Northampton Class heavy cruiser, whose armament included nine 8-inch guns. The Houston, commissioned in 1930, was already a well-known ship, having served as host to President Roosevelt on more than one cruise and fleet review, earning the ship the title as "Roosevelt's yacht." On station with the Asiatic Fleet, the Houston earned another nickname: "The Galloping Ghost of the Java Coast."

The Houston was serving as part of a mixed fleet that included American, British, Dutch and Australian forces in mounting an early defense against the new Japanese onslaught. On February 3, 1942, a strike force of allied ships, including the Houston, assembled near the Madura Strait off Java to oppose a reported Japanese invasion force. During the day, the strike force was observed by a flight of Japanese bombers, but no attack occurred. The following day, as the

strike force neared the Makassar Strait, it was attacked by Japanese planes The Allied force had no air cover. The U.S.S. Marblehead was struck by a bomb, which disabled her steering engines. Going to the aid of Marblehead, the U.S.S. Houston came under increased attack and was struck by a bomb on her third turret. The aft guns of Houston were disabled, and 48 crewmen, including Seaman Second Class Maurice A. Wolfe, Jr., were killed.

Due to the damage to the cruisers, the Allied force had to retire. The Houston arrived at the allied port of Tjilatjap on Java for repairs on Feb. 5. The following day, funeral services were held for the Houston's dead, with interment at the Dutch cemetery at Tjilatjap, on the island of Java. Later, Maurice Wolfe was repatriated and lies buried at Arlington Cemetery on Cove Road in Pennsauken.

At the end of February, 1942, at the Battle of Sunda Bay, trapped and desperately outgunned, the U.S.S. Houston was sunk. Only 368 members of the crew of more than 1,000 survived, all of whom entered Japanese captivity, and the full account of the final battle of the Houston was not known until their liberation.

Fred Corbett's family lived in a home on King Avenue. His father James reported his occupation as a "bridgeman," working in steel structures in 1930. The Delaware River Bridge itself having been completed and open for four years, work *continued on page 26* 



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## **GOINGGREEN** They're No Yoke: Other Uses For Eggshells

Bv Kathleen Harvey, ÁAP Columnist

To the majority of people, eggshells are simply trash. However, eggshells are a surprisingly useful resource. There are many things that eggshells can be used for, besides dumping them in a landfill.

Eggshells are rich in calcium and other minerals that help your garden thrive. Eggshell is made almost entirely of calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) crystals. It is a semi-permeable membrane, which means that air and moisture can pass through its pores. In addition to calcium and protein, eggshells also contain small amounts of other minerals, including strontium, fluoride, magnesium and selenium.

### Starting Seedlings

Fill an egg carton with empty, rinsed and dried eggshell halves and poke a hole in the bottom of each one for drainage. Then add seed starting mix and one or two seeds to each shell. When the seedlings are big enough to transplant outside, just crack the shell at the bottom and plant them, shell and all.

### **Give Tomatoes A Calcium Boost**

Blossom-end rot is a common tomato problem thought by many to be caused by a disease. However, blossom-end rot is actually caused by calcium deficiency in the plant. Experienced gardeners often place crushed eggshells in the bottom of the hole when transplanting their tomato plants into the garden to help combat this problem.

### **Deterring Garden Pests**

Sprinkle large pieces of broken egg shells around the base of your plants every couple of weeks. Soft-bodied critters like slugs or snails don't like crawling over sharp pieces of eggshell, so your hostas and other tender leaves won't be devoured

### **Calcium-Rich Vinegar**

Adding egg shells directly to the garden is an easy way to enhance the calcium content in garden soil. However, it can take quite a while for calcium to break down in the shells and become available for plants to use. For those who are willing to do a little more work upfront for faster results, save egg shells in a paper bag. When the shells are thoroughly dry, take a hammer and smash them while still in the bag. Transfer the shell pieces to a mortar and pestle and grind into a powder, being careful not to inhale the egg dust. (I use a mask while pulverizing the shells.) When finished, place a couple of tablespoons of powdered egg shell into a glass jar. Add cider vinegar in a ratio of 1:4, shake. Let it sit for a few days. The vinegar will break down the calcium in the egg shells, making it more readily accessible to plants. Reaction of vinegar and shells can be seen as the shells bubble in the vinegar and float to the top. It's a fun experiment for the kids too. When the reaction has stopped, the mix is ready. Add 1 tsp of the mixture to 1 gallon of water. Water plants immediately. If the water mixture is kept too long, it will start to develop an

#### unpleasant smell.

While we shelter in place with our families, try new things like recycling egg

shells to keep boredom at bay. Thanks to all the doctors, nurses, first responders, and essential workers who are working nonstop to help us all. Stay safe, and be kind to those with whom you come into contact. We're all in this together.

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## FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Changes In Friends Programming In May

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Once again, with the uncertain timeline for reopening the Pennsauken Free Public Library, the events we had planned for May will not have a venue for taking place.

We are still holding our annual Poetry Contest. Our judges are busy reviewing all the responses for all levels and categories. For students in kindergarten and first grade, there are two categories of poems: serious and creative. Second through eighth grade students' poems will also be divided into two categories: serious and amusing. All winners will be notified by phone later this month, and winners will be announced in the June issue of All Around Pennsauken.

This month, we will begin mailing out our Friends of the Pennsauken Library Membership renewals. If you're already a member, look for yours in the mail and please plan to renew to help us continue to support the library. If you're not already a member, but would like to become one, please call (856) 665-5959, ext. 7 and leave a message with your name and address, so we can send you a form. This year, all memberships – new and renewing – must be mailed. A self-addressed envelope will be in your packet.

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on such infrastructure was still available, t despite the onset of the Great Depression. t

Fred, born in 1920, was in his junior year of attendance at Merchantville High School, along with many Pennsauken students, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years on January 15, 1940. Corporal Frederick G. Corbett was assigned to the 745th Ordinance Company in the Army Air Forces. He had spent almost two vears in service in the Philippine Islands before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ironically. it has been reported that Corporal Corbett's grandfather, while serving during the Spanish American War, had died a hero's death at Manila. Corporal Corbett was assigned to Clark Airfield at Fort Stotsenburg, north of Manila, when he sent a cable to his parents on Christmas Eve, 1941, reporting that all was well. The Japanese forces overran Clark Field in January 1942.

The desperate retreat and defense of the Bataan peninsula against the Japanese in 1942 is one of the great and tragic stories of American military history. When Bataan was surrendered on April 9, Frederick G. Corbett was among tens of thousands of American prisoners of war of the Japanese.

The Japanese captors of the defenders of Luzon did not consider themselves bound by the restraints of the Geneva Convention, nor by more fundamental Western concepts for the humane treatment of prisoners. Instead, expressing their offended sense of martial pride at the collapse and surrender of the American and Filipino defense, and still involved in operations to complete the conquest of the islands, the Japanese commanders determined to rid themselves of the presence of the POWs by the brutally efficient means which became the Bataan Death March.

Exhausted, malnourished, sick, and wounded American and Filipino troops were marched on foot from the southern tip of Bataan to a prison camp over 100 miles away, Camp O'Donnell. The inadequate food rations were available only at the end of the stages of the march. Forcible discipline was brutally imposed. The road to the camp was strewn with atrocities, including mass executions and countless individual killings by bayonet and beheadings. The march took many of the Americans past the gates of Clark Field.

At Camp O'Donnell, matters were little better. The camp commandant expressed his regret that he did not have the option of simply killing all the prisoners. Food and water were hopelessly inadequate. Sanitary conditions allowed the spread of dysentery. Medical attention was lacking. The Red Cross was not permitted access. Thousands of prisoners died.

By June, the conditions at Camp O'-Donnell spurred even the Japanese military to act, sending the surviving prisoners to a larger, better prepared camp at Cabanatuan. For the many who died at Camp O'Donnell, and all those who had suffered serious decline in the conditions of the march and camp, the transfer to the marginally improved conditions of Cabanatuan were too late.

It is believed that Fred Corbett died at Cabanatuan, as a result of "mistreatment by the Japanese while a prisoner" on July 9, 1942. His remains were never identified or recovered. Corporal Corbett is among those memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines. A memorial to the Bataan Death March also stands at Cooper River Park.

Although America paid a terrible price through the sacrifice and suffering of young American servicemen like Maurice Wolfe and Fred Corbett, the desperate efforts to hold the line against the early Japanese victories of World War II gave the country time to prepare for the battles that turned the tide. Among many others, these local heroes should be remembered.

Sources for this article were drawn from military records and U.S. Census records available through the National Archives; from numerous online sources, including USSHouston.org and DVRBS.com; as well as "Prisoners of the Japanese: POWs of World War II in the Pacific", by Gavan Daws, William Morrow, New York, 1994.

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surrounding these activities may also change.

It's safe to say that nothing about these last few weeks have been typical. We've done our best to get things as accurate as possible, but things still are changing every day. In fact, the number of cases of the coronavirus in Pennsauken, which is highlighted in the cover story on this page, will most likely be different on the day this issue goes to print.

If we find out that something we have

in this issue has been changed, we'll be sharing that information on our website, AllAroundPennsauken.com, as well as our social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. If applicable, we will provide the updated information in the June print edition.

We continue to find ourselves in uncharted territory. The entire staff of All Around Pennsauken thanks you for your patience and understanding as we work to provide content that is both entertaining and informative. Please be careful out there and stay safe.

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## **<u>in</u>Sports Mireles Receives Grant From** South Jersey Wrestling Hall Of Fame

Pennsauken High School Senior Sarah Mireles is one of four recipients of a \$1,000 grant awarded by the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame.

During her first year of wrestling, Sarah placed sixth at the first-ever New Jersey State Girls Wrestling Championships, despite giving up 15-20 pounds to most of her opponents. Her senior season was cut short due to a car accident, but Mireles continued to support and encourage her teammates as captain.

In addition to her accomplishments on the wrestling mat, Sarah was in both the marching band and color guard for six seasons. She also participated in the Pennsauken Junior Police Academy last year and received a leadership award.

Sarah has chosen to attend Rutgers University-Camden in the fall, where she will have a double major in psychology and criminal justice.





Pennsauken High School Senior Sarah Mireles was one of four studentathletes selected for a grant from the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame.



Club is saddened by the loss of another longtime member. Bill Megargle, our treasurer and dear friend, passed away last month on April 16. Bill had served his community through the

Lions for 45 years; and was involved in several other local service organizations. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

# **Bill Megargle**

The Pennsauken Lions

### Pancake Breakfast Now On June 7

The Lions will now host its pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 7. Held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Macaro's Catering and Deli, 6225 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, the event features a variety of breakfast fare, including pancakes; customizable omelets; sausage; as well as juice, coffee, and tea.

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### By Tanya Finney Estrada, Director

As the Pennsauken Free Public Library remains closed until further notice, and as we all attempt to adjust to our "new normal," I would like to report how busy all of us have been working from home, brainstorming new and creative ways to continue to provide programs and services to our community remotely.

Although the building is not open, we are still here to serve, and I am happy to announce our Virtual Library.

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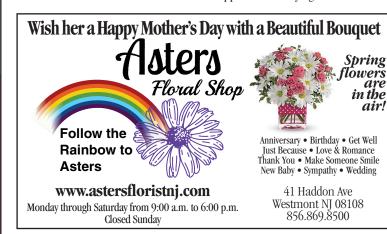
• Tiempo para un Cuento – Time for a Story-Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27; 5:00 p.m. For families with young children. We'll hold Bilingual Storytimes weekly on Wednesdays throughout the month. On May 6, Maira Diaz will present a special Census 2020-themed storytime,"Mouse Count" and "Cuenta Ratones," reminding parents to have their households counted in the 2020 Census. Learn more about how to participate in the Census by visiting https://2020census. gov/en/ways-to-respond.html.

• Family Read Aloud – Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28; 7:00 p.m. Families with upper-elementary aged children. Join

us Thursday evenings for "Family Read Aloud" with Youth Services Librarian Heather Kristian on Facebook. We invite families to come and hear stories together.

• Stay In and Stretch with Miss Sabrina - Fridays, May 8 & 22; 11:00 a.m. For toddlers and early elementary students. Enjoy an at-home movement program with Miss Sabrina from Youth Services every other Friday on Facebook and Instagram. Put on something comfortable, find some space to stretch, and let's get moving!

- DIY Friday Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. For adults/all ages. Working on a cool project? Email us your DIY at quarantine@pennsaukenlibrary.org. Please include your name and a photo of your project/projects along with a title and brief description. And if you want, tell us a little bit about yourself. Each Friday during the quarantine, we will showcase someone's finished project. Make sure to check our Facebook and Instagram page each week to see if you were selected!
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We are truly in changing times, what once seemed normal two weeks ago now seems impossible and suspended for the near future. As a funeral director and business owner my prime responsibility is the safety of my team and that of families entering our facilities. To that end, we are complying with Federal and State mandates, shelter-in-place, as well as the CDC recommendations of gatherings, and social distancing.

We are an essential service and remain open to service your family in a time of loss and answer your questions about funeral services during this time, help with planning for a loved one that is ill, on hospice or for medicaid, assist with any preexisting prearrangement questions, as well as a resource to you with our grief literature and programs.

Experiencing a loss is the first wound in your journey of grief and healing. Also not being able to share with those closest to you makes this time feel even harder and more isolated. Know that across our funeral homes located in Pennsauken, and Mt Ephraim.



services for

funerals and memorials

- We have the ability to live stream or record a service for upload later so all can share in the witness, participation, and memory of loved ones.
- We are here for all families in need and for our community. No matter how hard or difficult we will always answer the phone in your time of need.
- We remain ready to serve as we have for the nearly last hundred years to families.



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