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Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

Merchantville Borough Newsletter

Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a mirade. a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream.

By Barbara Winkler

THE MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY is part of a joint facility: it is a school and public library. It is part of The Camden County Library System offering wide resource access with daily delivery, reference assistance, interlibrary loan, re-



newals, an outside book drop, free reference from the State Reference Center, a copy machine, phone library services; CCTV for the visually impaired. The Merchantville library has computer access for adults and children. We offer: internet access, microsoft word, e-mail availability, online library catalog and printing

We also offer programs such as: AARP seasonal tax aid, Movies, Summer Reading Programs, Holiday presentations, Speakers, Computer classes, Special youth programs and, Children's craft and after-school programs.

The Merchantville Library offers all the following collections: Best Sellers, Children's Books, Teen Books, The Merchantville Historical Collection, Spanish Titles, CD's, VHS Movies, Paperbacks, Audiobooks, Circulation periodicals, Classics, Newspapers and The New Jersey Collection.

The Library also provides additional Senior Outreach by delivering books, movies and programming to the local Senior Citizen Center.

The Merchantville Public Library is located adjacent to Merchantville School at 130 South Centre Street and is handicapped accessible. We have an active Friends of the Library organization. Call (856) 665-3128 for information on joining. Stop by soon for a visit.



LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Sign ups for base ball, t-ball and softball will be held at the Merchantville Community Center on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 11th from 6 to 8 PM

Saturday, January 28th from 10 AM to noon

Wednesday, February 8th from 6 to 8 PM

Returning players can register via mail. Forms are located on our web site

www.eteamz.com/MerchantvilleLL

Winter clinics will be held in January.

Dates will be available at registration and on our web site.

BECOME a COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER in 2006

The spirit of volunteerism and cooperation between the Borough's Public Events Committee, Business & Professional Association and the West Maple NPP and many town organizations has resulted in an annual calendar year of events and promotions that continually stimulate commercial and community vitality. These events range from the **Christmas Parade** and **Birthday Celebration** to the **Craft Festival**, **Car Show**, **Arts Fair** and **Town Wide Yard Sale**. Join Us to celebrate and support Merchantville by volunteering to help out with some of these activities.

Contact Councilman Mark Pagano at 856-663-0168 TODAY!



OVERNIGHT PARKING

Overnight parking permits can be obtained Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the police reception window.

All privately owned vehicles must be registered to the Merchantville address. Accommodations will be made for business vehicles.

Any overnight guests must telephone 856-662-2474 ext. 116 and leave a message with the vehicle description, tag number and location. **Overnight guest call in is limited to five days.** Stays of a longer duration must be cleared through the Police Chief.

St. Peter's Merchantville students host Senior Citizens



On December 15th the Student Council of St. Peter's Merchantville grammar school threw a Christmas party for the Senior Citizens of the parish. The Seniors enjoyed homemade refreshments, a rousing game of Bingo, caroling, craft-making, and a surprise visit from Santa. Because of the inclement weather the students escorted every visitor to their car and sent them home with a container of delicious homemade soup. Students of all

ages opened their generous hearts and shared a special moment in time with the wise and wonderful among us. Prizes were awarded to: the oldest senior (84), the youngest (67); the longest parishioner (57 years), the longest married (62 years), the most grandchildren and the most great-grandchildren.



A Special Thank You to Mike Rhea and Kevin Greening for their generous donation of \$500 from the 2005 Car Show. This has allowed the Police Department to purchase supplies that will augment the Police Defibrillators.

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BOROUGH NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6th

FEBRUARY 24th

(Submissions due by February 10th)

APRIL 7th

(Submissions due by March 24th)

MAY 19th

(Submissions due by May 4th)

JUNE 30th

(Submissions due by June 16th)

AUGUST 18th

(Submissions due by August 4th)

OCTOBER 6th

(Submissions due by September 22nd)

NOVEMBER 17th

(Submissions due by November 3rd)



BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE 2006 Holiday Schedule

MONDAY	JANUARY	2	NEW YEAR'S DAY
MONDAY	JANUARY	16	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY-
MONDAY	FEBRUARY	20	PRESIDENTS' DAY
MONDAY	MAY	29	MEMORIAL DAY
TUESDAY	JULY	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER	4	LABOR DAY
MONDAY	OCTOBER	9	COLUMBUS DAY
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER	7	ELECTION DAY
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER	10	VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY-
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER	23	THANKSGIVING DAY
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER	24	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Email Newsletter Submissions To:
Merchantvillenj@comcast.net

Questions regarding articles or ads should be directed to Joan Brennan at 856-663-4001.

Distribution and delivery concerns should be directed to Community Affairs Officer Fred Kohler at 856-662-2474 ext. 120.

Borough Council First Quarter Meeting Dates

MONDAY

January 9, 2006 • January 24, 2006

February 6, 2006 • February 13, 2006 • February 27, 2006

March 6, 2006 • March 13, 2006 • March 20, 2006 • March 27, 2006

AN INTERESTING FACT

Major ancestry groups as reported by Merchantville residents and posted on www.epodunk.com include:

- Irish - 24%
- German - 18%
- Italian - 11%
- English - 8%
- Black or African American - 7%
- Puerto Rican - 4%
- Polish - 4%
- Scottish - 2%
- Scotch-Irish - 2%
- French (except Basque) - 2%
- Welsh - 1%
- Lithuanian - 1%
- Greek - 1%
- Swedish - 1%
- Russian - 1%
- Swiss - 1%
- Austrian - 1%
- Vietnamese - 1%
- Chinese, except Taiwanese - 1%
- Other Hispanic or Latino - 1%
- European - 1%
- Norwegian - 1%
- Central American - 1%

The Merchantville Junior Woman's Club

meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Merchantville Community Center on Prospect Street in Merchantville. The Merchantville Juniors are a group of diverse women from Merchantville, Pennsauken and surrounding areas who have combined our forces to help make the world a better place. Our fund raising and community outreach programs target needs in the local and global community. We contribute to charities such as Pennsauken and Merchantville libraries, the Lions Club, CARE, Sacred Heart of Camden, and Cherished Creations, which offers support and respite to families with gravely ill children. Our Operation Santa 2005 just delivered 263 gifts to children from 15 local families!. If you are a woman between the ages of 18 and 45 and are looking to get more involved in the community, the Merchantville Juniors may be the answer! Check us out! For more details on our monthly meetings or for membership information call Mary Parr at 856-414-0338

The Merchantville Junior Woman's Club will be hosting our Annual Spelling Bee on January 22nd (snow date January 29th) at the Pennsauken High School Auditorium at 2PM. Fourth and Fifth grade spelling champs from Merchantville and Pennsauken private and parochial schools will compete for the honor of top area speller. The top three contestants will proceed to the Junior District bee and possibly move on to the State Spelling Bee. Come out and support your classmates and friends.

MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

The Merchantville Public Library will jumpstart the new year with fun programs for kids. Our hours are as follows:



Monday	2 pm - 9 pm
Tuesday	2 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday	2 pm - 9 pm
Thursday	2 pm - 5 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:30 am - 4 pm

Make and Take Tuesdays *FOR ALL AGES*

Tuesdays, Jan. 10 and 24, Feb. 21, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18 and May 2 and 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Join us on the dates above to make and take a specially-designed craft for the day.

Creative Weaving *FOR ALL AGES*

Tuesdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 14 and 28, March 14 and 28, April 25 and May 9 and 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Join us on the dates above to weave a scarf and take it home!

Mammal Mania *FOR AGES 3 AND UP*

Monday, Jan. 23, 3:30 p.m. Learn about mammals from around the world. Discover their personalities and find out which ones make good pets.

Mr. Malcolm Presents Junie B. Jones *FOR ALL AGES*

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m. Mr. Malcolm will perform a new production featuring Junie B. Jones! There will be loads of fun and parts for all the kids.

Mr. Malcolm Presents The Magic Tree House *FOR ALL AGES*

Tuesday, April 11, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy the many adventures with Jack and his younger sister Annie as they travel the globe in their magic tree house.

The Merchantville Public Library, part of the Camden County Library System, is located at 130 Centre St. in Merchantville.

TO REGISTER please call (856) 665-3128 or log on to: www.camdencountylibrary.org.

The Talk O' The 'V ille . . .



Bill and Sue Walker became proud first-time grandparents on December 18th when their son Bill, Jr. and his wife Stephanie welcomed Camyrn Alexandra. Camyrn weighed in at 6lbs. 7oz. and is 18.5" long!



Patrick Hanna, son of Bob and Marie Hanna, married Christine Perrotti on Saturday, December 3rd, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Woodbridge, Connecticut. Patrick & Christine currently live in Annapolis, Maryland.

Kate Madden, daughter of Jim and Agnes Madden, married Tim Bieg on Friday evening, December 30th, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden, New Jersey. After their honeymoon, the Biegs plan to live in Philadelphia.

Announcements may be submitted to the newsletter via email:

www.merchantvillenj@comcast.net



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THE MERCHANTVILLE DINER

\$3.75 Daily Breakfast Special

Monday - Saturday • 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday • 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

24 S. Centre Street • Merchantville • 856-663-8500



An Invitation

TO ALL MERCHANTVILLE
BUSINESS OWNERS & MANAGERS

Please Join Us for

2006 WELCOME RECEPTION

Wednesday, January 18th from 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

At the MERCHANTVILLE DINER

The MBPA will hold its 2006 Kick-Off Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at a Wine and Cheese Reception. This event is open to all members of the Merchantville business and professional community and will be hosted at the Merchantville Diner. What a great way to start the New Year! Owners and managers will have an opportunity to meet, exchange information enjoy some refreshments.

Angels Give us a Reason to Smile



Dr. Gary Sapienza and Major Victoria Edmonds testing the toys.

Dr. Sapienza and his team are pleased to announce another successful Salvation Army Angel Tree drive. This holiday season, our patients and the community at large visited our office and graciously donated many gifts to the Salvation Army for the benefit of families with children in need. With the combined effort and generosity of our family of patients and the community, we were able to make the holiday season even more enjoyable for over 30 families. We are always impressed with the kindness and generosity of our community. Together we can make a difference!

Creating Beautiful Smiles

Gary G. Sapienza, D.M.D.

311 East Maple Avenue, Merchantville
(856) 662-6152

First Communion & Flower TRUNK SHOW Featuring the designs of 'Us Angels'

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
February 10, 11 & 12

Bayberry's

21 N. Centre Street • Merchantville
856-663-4001

gifts@bayberrys.com

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A 20% deposit is required on purchases.



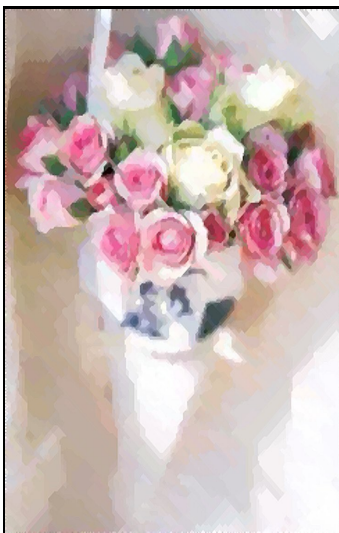
Custom Travel Services

221 North Centre Street

856-663-0444

www.customtravelservices.com

Georgiann Jaworskyj, Owner



The Country Bloom

is pleased to present a
Foxfire Jewelry & Accessories Show
 featuring beautiful
 costume jewelry and accessories
The Perfect Gift This Valentine's Day
Friday, January 27th, 2006
7:00 — 9:00 p.m.
21 North Centre Street ~ The Annex
Merchantville
856-816-3551

Matthew Harrison CHIROPRACTIC CENTER



602 W. Maple Ave.
Merchantville
Phone: 856-486-4866
Fax: 856-661-9181

Meet CPA Solutions

We'd like you to become acquainted with CPA Solutions.net, LLC, formerly St. Clair, Easton, England & Johnston, PC. Yes, we have a new name, but there is nothing new about the continuing dedication we show our clients. And now, we are happy to announce we are offering our clients an even wider variety of diversified financial services.

What began as St. Clair & Associates, CPA in 1986 has grown through mergers with other professional accounting firms to be ranked among the 25 largest regional certified public accounting firms in the tri-state area. We have also extended our services to include investments, insurance, employee benefits, technology and payroll functions.

We are proud of these achievements, but what we are most proud of is our industry wide reputation for commitment to our clients. Service is our hallmark. We have a tradition of providing the best service possible. Our people pride themselves on meeting with clients, understanding their individual needs and solving their problems, all at a competitive cost.

Professionalism underscores everything we do. We attribute much of our achievements to the dedicated people we hire. We foster an environment where people are respected and can learn, grow and prosper, where creativity is rewarded, prudent risks are encouraged, quality and excellence are revered. We pride ourselves on our creativity, both individually and collectively. We foster a willingness to change, to be open to new methods, new products, new ideas, new styles and new technology. Most important, we will extend ourselves beyond our comfort zones to reach both our personal and professional goals.

Our promise remains firm to our clients—providing quality products through dedicated service is, and will continue to be, the cornerstone at CPA Solutions.net, LLC.

CPA Solutions
 28 S. Centre Street
 Merchantville, NJ 08109
 (856) 482-5600
 (856) 665-3618 fax

Aunt Charlotte's Candies

"A delight in every bite"

5 West Maple Avenue
Merchantville
856-662-0058



The Centre Street Depot

OPEN

Monday-Saturday
4:00-9:00 p.m.

HOME-STYLE SUPPER
FOR YOUR FAMILY AND EVENTS!
856-661-6250

Centre Street Spanish Food & Ice Cream at 177 S. Centre St. (behind Nando's Pizza) has enjoyed seeing you drop by for ice cream & food during the holiday season. We will be open throughout the winter and are looking forward to a very prosperous New Year.

We are open Monday thru Saturday evening for supper take-out. Let us serve you by cooking your supper tonight. Call ahead — place your order - come pick up your food. It's so easy to have a good home-style meal for your family every night.

We have milkshakes and ice cream available. Also, there's funnel cakes, pretzels and corn dogs. There's something for everyone!!

We have weekly Friday Specials that we email to customers. If you are not on our list, forward your email to dzipfel@verizon.net. Frozen pasteles are now available in pork & chicken — ready to take home & prepare.

Thanks for being loyal customers. We look forward to seeing you soon.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES



CeCe Torok presented an update on the Annual Newsletter. Copy is complete and ready for printing to be mailed to all residents by mid-January.

Jane Homan reminded us that there is a "sticky" problem with the dues return envelope...When sealed the glue covers the telephone number and e-mail address...removing both when it is opened!!...We'll fix that!!

A reminder that the Annual Meeting set for January 25 will be an interesting one, focusing on the MHS Class of 1939. Volunteers are being sought to bring a small dessert tray to be served that night. Call Marge Disch @ 663-4855 or e-mail mmdisch@comcast.net. Thank you.

Preservation Evening will become a spring event...sometime in late March...the date will be finalized, working around the host home's schedule. The evening is set aside to recognize those homeowners who have completed projects that restore their homes while maintaining the flavor and character of the house. Merchantville is being referred to as a "quaint historical town". We encourage all those whose efforts focus along these lines of renovation and restoration.

Maureen is preparing to conduct a video interview with Edith Silberstein, having made the initial contacts with family.

The heavy rains of the past few weeks exasperated a leaking roof situation in the Historical Society room at the Community Center, causing damage to a few of our paper items housed there. Maureen will contact Borough Hall to see if that can be repaired as soon as possible, avoiding further damage to the collection. The discussion turned to a possible alternate site to house the collection, allowing free access and involving more community members. A feasibility study will commence.

Maureen contacted the firm that prepares the historical marker plaques for our homes. The plaques are \$40 and can be obtained only upon completion of your home's ownership history. For further guidance contact the Merchantville Historical Society, c/o Maureen McLoone @ 665-6271 or MrsMerch@aol.com.

Update on the proposed 2006 Christmas House Tour included the fact that the evening edition of the Ladies Club has indicated an interest in participating in the event.

Maureen discovered a box with a few more copies of "Merchantville" (Images of America series). They will be available for purchase at the Annual Meeting.

The Historical Society was asked to participate in the Annual Christmas Parade. We will work on that for next year.

Happy New Year!!

STAY CONNECTED @ MERCHANTVILLE.COM

On November 1st we moved to a new server with a new program format and became **www.merchantville.com**. We made this change so that we can provide the community with an improved, up to date communication tool.



From a technical standpoint, we are being hosted on a much more reliable type of server, with a quicker connection and the ability to handle thousands of connections at once without any major slow-down. From a users point of view the major attraction is fresher and readily available content. This program version has the capacity to allow website visitors to cruise effortlessly while searching for information about public events and news. It will also foster participation by the groups and organizations and facilitate publication of current news! So log on and check out our new borough website!

WEBSITE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES



Have you ever wondered how to put your best foot forward with the visitors to Merchantville.com? Are you looking for a simple way to target your customers without the cost and hassles of a direct mailing? How about a low cost semi-annual advertising program that reaches over 3,000 unique local, regional and out-of-state visitors per month?

Merchantville.com is currently offering banner and button advertising sponsorship spots on its web site on a semi-annual basis. Twenty (20) Banner Ads will be featured sequentially and will rotate at 30 second intervals on every page including the homepage within the web site. Four (4) Button Ads will be featured continually in a static position on every page including the homepage within the web site. All Ads will have a direct link back to the sponsor's web site. Sponsors can advertise on a 1 year, or 6 month basis. These sponsorships will sell fast so be sure to act soon. The proceeds from this sponsorship campaign will pay for the costs associated with hosting this site, furthering our efforts to improve this web site and promotions that market our community to the public. Merchantville.com welcomes local advertisers on the community web site. A reduced rate will be offered to annual members of the MBPA.

To learn more about website advertising just go to the homepage at **www.merchantville.com** and click on the box labeled "Sponsorship Opportunities Available".

RESIDENT REMINDERS



SNOW REMOVAL WARNING BOROUGH ORDINANCE 73-8

Responsibility of Owner or Occupant

The owner or owners, occupant or occupants of premises abutting or bordering upon any of the streets, avenues or highways in the Borough of Merchantville shall remove or cause to be removed all ice or snow from the sidewalks of any such streets, avenues or highways **within 10 hours** of daylight after the same shall have formed or ceased to fall thereon.

The meaning of this ordinance is for all property owners, or occupants to clear the public sidewalks that about your property **within 10 hours of the storm ceasing or 10 hours after daylight, which ever is first.**

The first violation of this ordinance will cause a written warning to be issued. For any subsequent violations a summons to appear in municipal court will be issued.

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE 2006 PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY JANUARY 2
East Side trash pickup Wednesday January 3
MONDAY JANUARY 16
East Side trash pickup Wednesday January 18
MONDAY FEBRUARY 20
East Side trash pickup Wednesday February 22
MONDAY MAY 29
East Side trash pickup Wednesday May 31
TUESDAY JULY 4
West Side trash pickup Wednesday July 5
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4
East Side trash pickup Wednesday September 6
MONDAY OCTOBER 9
East Side trash pickup Wednesday October 11
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10
Recycling pickup Thursday November 9
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24
Recycling – hold until Friday December 1
MONDAY DECEMBER 25
East Side trash pickup Wednesday December 27

Public Works Director, Dan Beckett - 665-0590

PLEASE NOTE: A new ordinance adopted by Borough Council requires any property owner or resident to obtain a permit for the use of any dumpster or storage container in the Borough. There is a \$25 fee for the permit and there are restrictions on the placement of the container and the length of time it can be used. The applications for the permit will be available in the Clerk's Office (662-2474, ext 103). More information can also be obtained through Walt Sikorski at extension 110.

Camden County's Senior Snow Removal Program For Elderly & Disabled Residents is ready to deal with significant snow accumulation to help infirmed elderly and disabled residents get out of their homes for necessities, such as prescriptions or doctors' visits. The program uses Camden County Jail inmates who are carefully screened, non-violent offenders who are guarded at all times on the job site.

This is the eleventh consecutive winter the Freeholders are offering a snow removal program for at-risk Senior Citizens and disabled residents. It is coordinated by Freeholder Joseph Ripa, liaison to the Department of Corrections and Camden County Division of Emergency Management. Please note the Senior Snow Removal Program has specific guidelines that will go into effect after each snowstorm of 4 or more inches of accumulation. At-risk elderly or disabled residents must adhere to the following procedures each time:

- The Snow Removal Program will go into effect only **AFTER 4 inches of snow** have fallen on the ground in our area.
- At that time, at-risk senior and disabled residents can contact the Camden County Division of Emergency Management at (856) 783-4808 ext. 5060, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Calls for snow removal will not be taken until after it has stopped snowing.
- Work crews will be dispatched only after it has stopped snowing. The work crews will remove snow only during daylight hours from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Crews will respond to calls in the order they are received and will service as many residents as possible each day. There are no guaranteed times when the crews will arrive at a residence.

The Department of Corrections will supply the needed equipment. The program does not supply salt or ice-melting chemicals, but crews will dispense them if supplied by residents. Contact and conversation between the inmates and the public are prohibited. Gratuities and gifts or money, food, drink or any other item is strictly prohibited.

2006 DOG LICENSING

All dogs must be licensed by January 31st pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-5.2 and Merchantville Ordinance #21-2. The cost is \$7.00 for neutered dogs and \$10.00 non-neutered dogs. Application's may be found on the Borough's website (www.merchantville.com) and at Borough Hall (Monday through Friday 9AM - 5PM). **A Valid certificate of Anti-Rabies Vaccination Must Accompany All Applications.** Please call the Borough Clerk at 856-662-2474 x 103 with any questions.

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