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*Spring makes its own statement — so loud and clear that the gardener
seems to be only one of the instruments — not the composer —*

by Geoffrey B. Charlesworth



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THE Merchant Borough Newsletter

Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

COMING EVENTS . . .

Merchantville Little League Opening Day

Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

eMail: MLL2005@comcast.net

Website: www.eteamz.active.com/merchantville11

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 A.M.

eMail: events@merchantville.com

Website: www.merchantville.com

132nd Birthday Celebration & Downtown Street Fair

Saturday, June 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

eMail: events@merchantville.com

Website: www.merchantville.com

2nd Annual Tour d'Ville 5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Walk

Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 A.M.

eMail: events@merchantville.com

Website: www.merchantville.com

8th Annual Handcrafts Festival

Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

eMail: events@merchantville.com

Website: www.merchantville.com



Attention All Residents!

The Merchantville Public Events Committee is looking for help on committees for our annual town events! Get involved and join the fun today! We are currently seeking help for Merchantville's 132nd Birthday Celebration which will be held Saturday, June 10th. Please call Kristine Sodano @ (856)816-3551 or email at events@merchantville.com if you are interested in volunteering your time to help plan and organize this event.

THE GARDEN CLUB

Although it's still early, the Merchantville Garden Club is getting ready for Spring. Already, two workshops have been held to prepare Welcome Baskets/Bags for newcomers to our town. Approximately 30 baskets are being distributed to our new neighbors, in addition to the 60+ we distributed last Fall. And the information and gift items provided are growing...soon we'll need bigger baskets/bags to hold everything!

On April 5, our first meeting of the Spring featured Beth Perkins of Haines Garden Center in Cinnaminson. Beth offered a program on "What to do in the Garden Now". Beth answered questions and refreshments were provided.

May is the month that the Club is the most active. We are looking for volunteers to help us plant and maintain the town gardens, located at Borough Hall, Morrissey Park, Browning Road, Cove Road and Chestnut, and the planters in the center of town. If you are able to plant, weed, and/or water at any time during the growing season, and would like to participate in the beautification of our town, please contact Jane Homon at 856-665-0149 or email: lapajar@yahoo.com



2006
BOROUGH NEWSLETTER
PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6th
 FEBRUARY 24th
 APRIL 7th
 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)

Email newsletter submissions to:
MBPA@merchantville.com

Delivery concerns should be directed to:
 Community Affairs Officer Fred Kohler
 @ 856-662-2474 ext. 120

Community Notice
'IT'S ALL ART'
 Merchantville's
2006 FINE ARTS FAIR
 has been postponed
AND WILL RETURN IN
May 2007

Some Background About RPA

Regional Plan Association (RPA) is an independent, not-for-profit regional planning organization that improves the quality of life and the economic competitiveness of the 31-county New York, New Jersey, Connecticut region through research, planning, and advocacy. For more than 80 years, RPA has been shaping transportation systems, protecting open spaces, and promoting better community design for the region's continued growth. We anticipate the challenges the region will face in the years to come, and we mobilize the region's civic, business, and government sectors to take action. The nation's most influential independent regional planning organization since 1922, RPA has a storied history but is more relevant than ever in the 21st Century.



Borough Council
First Quarter Meeting Dates

April 10, 2006 • April 24, 2006 • May 8, 2006
 May 22, 2006 • June 12, 2006

Mayor: Patrick J. Brennan

Council Members: Frank North, Mark Pagano, Patricia Fields,
 Robert Zeiders, Paul Finnegan and John Alloway

2006 Municipal Holiday Schedule

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	Veteran's Day Holiday
Thursday	NOVEMBER 23	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	NOVEMBER 24	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Monday	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day

2006 Public Works Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

MONDAY, MAY 29	East Side trash Wednesday May 31
TUESDAY, JULY 4	West Side trash Wednesday July 5
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	East Side trash Wednesday September 6
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9	East Side trash Wednesday October 11
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10	Recycling Thursday November 9
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23	Recycling – hold until Friday December 1
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24	Recycling – hold until Friday December 1
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25	East Side trash Wednesday December 27

Public Works Director: Dan Beckett
 856-665-0590 or publicworks@merchantvillenj.com

The N. J. Mayors' Institute on Community Design

is a program organized by RPA with the assistance of the N.J. Office of Smart Growth (OSG) to promote and implement better design and planning in communities throughout New Jersey. The **June 23-25, 2005**, N.J. Mayors' Institute at Princeton University, focused particular attention on how better design can promote both smart growth and healthy communities. For those municipalities with downtowns, the Institute emphasized the opportunities for redevelopment as well as a more active lifestyle. The six case studies presented by the mayors were organized into the following categories: making connections; creating mixed-use centers; linking community design and rehabilitation/infill. The most basic lesson for the mayors is to think beyond the confines of their problem, beyond the boundaries of the individual development sites or problem areas to the larger neighborhood or community planning framework. This emphasis on making connections – physical and programmatic – to the larger context is also a fundamental precept of healthy community design.

Hon. Patrick J. Brennan, Merchantville Borough, was one of six mayors invited to participate in this multi-day retreat to avail the community of the expertise of numerous professional planners.

Read the recommendations of the Resource Team for Merchantville's "Town Centre East" on the following page. . . .

RPA & OSG RESOURCE TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS for “TOWN CENTRE EAST”

KEY ISSUES

- Identify ways to assist the physical and visual integration of the redevelopment, especially the parking components, with the historic character of the downtown and the borough.
- Evaluate design options for the interface between the Chestnut Avenue side of the redevelopment, the Merchantville Mile greenway, and the historic train station.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Redevelop two downtown sites – currently used primarily for surface parking – in a way that contributes positively to the economy and atmosphere of the borough’s historic center by providing much-needed parking and a well-designed mixture of commercial and residential spaces.

BACKGROUND

Situated in northwestern Camden County, six miles east of Philadelphia, the Borough of Merchantville is a mature urban community of 3,800 residents. The borough’s initial development was spurred by the arrival of the Camden and Burlington Railroad in the 1860s. By the time Merchantville was incorporated in 1874, it was a growing residential suburb of stately Victorian homes and a business district which served as the commercial hub for surrounding towns such as Pennsauken and Cherry Hill. Another round of residential development came after the completion of the Ben Franklin Bridge from Camden to Philadelphia in 1926.

For the past several decades, Merchantville has been built-out, with its 0.6 square miles fully blanketed by quiet residential streets and a lively commercial core. The borough’s population has held steady at approximately 4,000 residents since the Great Depression, indicating a general stability for most of the 20th century. In recent years, Merchantville has made considerable efforts to maintain and enhance the vitality of its neighborhoods, especially its downtown. Streetscape and façade enhancements have improved the appearance of downtown streets, particularly Center Street, while a new

senior housing development has brought life to a former lumber yard on Chestnut Avenue. Merchantville joined New Jersey’s Main Street program in 1995. Currently, the borough is focusing on the redevelopment of two adjacent sites in downtown Merchantville as part of its Merchantville Towne Centre East Redevelopment Plan. At present, the sites are used primarily for surface parking and are seen as opportunities to add to downtown’s residential and commercial bases while expanding its parking capacity. By adding to the density of the business district and possibly attracting a major retail anchor tenant, the redevelopment is expected to enhance the downtown’s economy and regional profile.

RESOURCE TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

The revitalization of the two sites identified by the borough’s redevelopment plan (a triangular site used primarily for municipal and bank parking, and an adjacent parking lot owned – but rarely used – by Verizon) would serve to strengthen and reinforce what is already a vibrant and distinctive downtown. That being said, it is crucial that any redevelopment show sensitivity for the historic features and scale of the existing cityscape. The triangular site (bounded by Park Avenue, Center Street, and the Merchantville Mile greenway along Chestnut Avenue) is rife with opportunities and challenges. A mixture of uses, including residential, commercial, civic, and parking, have been earmarked for the site within a new low-rise building. The most challenging design aspect of such a structure will be the treatment of its frontage along the Merchantville Mile and Chestnut Avenue, a stretch of downtown whose combination of green space, an historic railroad station, and Victorian mansions give it a unique character. As such, the façade along that side of any new structure must show careful contextual considerations: it should be exclusively residential with multiple

layers and textures (possibly a Brownstone style) to match the visual interest provided by the ornate homes across the street. This residential frontage and additional landscaping should also screen parking facilities from view. There are many possible configurations for a building on the triangular site. These include: maximizing the site through complete parcel coverage; creating small alleys or interior greenways connecting to the Merchantville Mile and Center Street; an L-shaped structure with the short leg and a small public square on Park Avenue; or an L-shaped structure with the short leg and a small public square on the Merchantville Mile. Whatever configuration takes place on the triangular site, development on the Verizon site across Park Avenue should occur at a reduced scale, with less bulk and height than its neighbor. The building should be limited to 2 or 3 stories with additional height being transferred, if possible, to the triangular site to add to its visibility. Along with structural design issues, circulation issues also contribute to the challenge of redevelopment. By adding to downtown’s density and level of activity, development on these sites should serve as an impetus for solving the troubled intersection of Park and Chestnut avenues, possibly through the creation of a green square or round-about. The expansion of the Merchantville Mile to the east and the installation of a signaled bicycle crossing where the greenway crosses Center Street could naturally coincide with that project. To ensure that circulation issues correspond with good design, it is important that access to a new parking facility on the triangular site be limited to Park Avenue so that the character of Center Street and the greenway can be maintained.

The complete report from this multi-day retreat for six mayors and a resource team of design and planning professionals can be found at: www.rpa.org/pdf/Mayors2005FINALsm.pdf

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MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

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.

Make and Take Tuesdays (multiple dates)
Tuesdays, 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 (multiple dates)
Tuesdays, 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!

The Merchantville Public Library, part of the Camden County Library System, is located at 130 Centre St. in Merchantville. **TO REGISTER** for programs please call (856) 665-3128 or log on to: www.camdencountylibrary.org.

The Junior Woman's Club of the Merchantville Area, Inc. is hosting a "Cosmos & Candles" membership event on Friday, April 21, 2006 from 7:30p to 10:30p at the home of Rhonda Aleszczyk in Merchantville. This membership event will also be a club fundraiser. Come out for a fun evening of fun, conversation, candle shopping and Cosmos while you learn about membership in the Juniors. A Partylite consultant will hold a candle demo and answer all your questions about the beautiful, fragrant candles featured by Partylite. Bring a guest and you will get 1 dozen tea lights FREE with your order. Contact Rhonda at 661-0635 to RSVP and get address and directions. The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of the Merchantville Area, Inc. serves the local and global community through support of charities ranging from local libraries and fire departments to breast cancer research to CARE. This year, we will be focusing on raising money for Cherished Creations, an organization that provides services, respite and strength to families with gravely ill children.

SUBMITTED BY Arlene Minkiewicz

6th Annual Victorian Tea Party



**Saturday, April 22
&
Sunday, April 23
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Local Dentist Helping Children *One Smile at a Time*

It's not often that you get the chance to help others while helping yourself. *Dr. Gary Sapienza*, of Merchantville, is participating in a campaign to raise funds for local and national children's charities. He is offering professional teeth whitening this year from March to June in exchange for your personal donation to the Smiles for Life Foundation. Fifty percent of the funds will go to *Camden County Family Support Organization* here in Merchantville and the remainder to national children's charities through the *Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation*. "My team and I are ready to professionally whiten people's teeth for a great cause, and I'm inviting all members of my community to make an appointment with us during our Smiles for Life campaign to give themselves – and a child - a reason to smile." For more information call (856) 662-6152.



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UPDATE ON MERCHANTVILLE'S SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SID)

A message about the activities and progress of the Steering Committee which was appointed by the Mayor to study the feasibility of implementing a Special Improvement District in Merchantville. Currently, there are over 80 Special Improvement Districts in the State of New Jersey, and over 2000 unique districts nationwide. The Committee has been addressing this question *"Is a Special Improvement District right for us?"* from our Merchantville perspective, asking questions such as:

Would a SID enhance the profitability of local businesses? Would it foster a favorable climate in which to do business? Could it enhance the quality of our lives by helping to ensure a vital, vibrant downtown community which serves the needs of residents and visitors?

With the assistance of an independent consultant retained by the committee, we have been meeting diligently and thoughtfully for over one year, Assessing the needs and expectations within our Merchantville business community, Assessing the unique challenges and opportunities presented by our local environment, Learning about the successes and challenges of existing Special Improvement Districts, Learning about the process of implementation, should it be our recommendation that the business community move forward in bringing a Special Improvement District into existence.

Organizations such as the MBPA, Main Street Merchantville, and the Merchantville Task Force have produced commendable results in our downtown over the years, while working in conjunction with our very supportive and proactive Borough government. By the same token, all have experienced the impact of dwindling volunteer and financial support.

The advantages of implementing a Special Improvement District include: *Creation of a structure for consensus gathering within the business community, and build on that to create a comprehensive game plan for reaching common goals, Securing of a stable funding source, and Provision for consistent, professional management and execution of the work plan.*

Unique challenges presented by our local situation include:

A relatively small overall geographic area and small number of properties which comprise our business district.

The non-contiguous geographic nature of our business districts (one central area and several satellite areas).

A relatively large percentage of non-taxable property within the central district (30% owned by religious institutions and government).

Although many types of properties can and have been included in other Special Improvement Districts (including apartment buildings and complexes, residential/professional mixed use properties, and even residential property), there is a strong local sentiment to include only properties zoned for business use. The scope of possible services offered by any SID may vary widely, and may include enhancement of everyday municipal services, supplemental safety and sanitation services, capital projects and improvements, downtown event planning and management, and a host of business services.

Along this topic, several strong themes are recurrent within our local business community:

A Special Improvement District should not be engaged in activities which 'ought to already be provided by the Borough'

A disproportionate share of funds should not be used on administrative and other overhead costs

All activities and services should be designed for positive impact on business sales and profitability.

Members of our business community have expressed a desire to see services of any local Special Improvement District strongly grounded in **business marketing and promotion**, as well as **new business recruitment** and **retention of existing business**. To this end, we have created a **draft menu** of possible services and activities, and we have begun to survey members of our business community for the purposes of further tuning, consensus building, and also to weigh the overall merit and value of such a program. Contrary to several comments we've heard, we have not completed work on a comprehensive recommendation, which ultimately would include **proposals for:**

activities and budget, a clearly defined district and, a formula for funding the district

We have 'tried on' several models and are currently looking for creative solutions which perhaps will require that we venture 'outside the box' of conventional Special Improvement Districts. It is the strong opinion of members of the Steering Committee that a Special Improvement District could be implemented in Merchantville and would be of great benefit to the business community. It is our intention to present a recommendation for a solution which delivers **maximum value** and **maximum return on investment** for all stakeholders.



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Local Author Helps You Make Good

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I have a better suggestion. Something different, personal, and absolutely chat worthy. It's *Widow's Weeds*, a new book by Merchantville's own Kimberly Cifone. The story -- set in and around Philadelphia -- revolves around eccentric romance novelist Elizabeth Blake. Think *Wuthering Heights* meets *Mame* with a bit of *Six Feet Under* thrown in. It's a quick, quirky read that's perfect for trips, vacations, rainy Sunday afternoons -- and holidays. Best of all, Kimberly can sign it for you for free. Simply pick up your copy through your favorite bookseller (It's about \$10 on Amazon) and contact the author at widows.weeds@yahoo.com. Your mom or sweetheart will love it.

A word of advice, though -- plan ahead. The publisher prints copies as they're ordered, so although you'll get your book hot off the press, you'll need to add in a few extra days for shipping.



Parsons Center for the Arts

Spring and Summer Schedules are out!

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Call for more information! Lots of Saturday classes!

Phone: 856.904.1971

• eMail: information@parsonsart.net



SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

\$121 for 11-Week Series or \$15 Drop-In
BEGINNING THE WEEK OF APRIL 3RD

MONDAYS

4:30 & 6:30 pm Levels 1 & 2, with Janice

TUESDAYS

10 am - Levels 1 & 2 with Elaine

6 pm - Yoga for Round Bodies with Paula

8 pm - Iyengar-style yoga with Gail (begins 4/24)

WEDNESDAYS

9 am - Yoga for Back Care with Elaine

6 pm - Yoga Foundations, Level 1 with Elaine

THURSDAYS

6 pm - All Levels with Sheila, Begins 4/13

SATURDAY

1 pm - Tai-Chi with John

Ongoing Events: \$5 Suggested Donation

SUNDAYS

7 pm - A Course in Miracles Study Group

FIRST FULL TUESDAYS

7:30 pm - Meditation Group at Paula's home in Merchantville. Call 662.4100 for information.

FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS

8:00 pm - Reiki Share



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Summer Parks and Playgrounds will be running from June 26 through July 28. Information and Registration Applications will be available at the **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th**. At the **Community Center from 9-12 on Saturday, May 20th and Saturday, June 10th** at the **132nd Birthday Celebration** The registration fee is \$100.00 for the first child, \$85.00 for the second with a \$5.00 decrease for each additional child. Non-Residents may participate for a fee of \$125.00 per child. If you have any questions please contact Pat Fields at 663-8691.
SUBMITTED BY Pat Fields

St. Peter School News

To celebrate the arrival of spring some very talented students participated in a poetry reading on March 31st that was enjoyed by the entire student body. After the poetry recital Sr. Alice, principal, will announce the winners of the Zane-Bloser handwriting awards including the state winner who will automatically be entered in the national contest.

On May 6th over 90 children will be making their First Holy Communion. The communicants, along with many students, will be participating in the annual May procession the following day, May 7th.

Students on the service committee are busy planning activities including Alex's Lemonade Stand for the Merchantville Birthday celebration in June. Last year they were able to raise over \$1,000 for this wonderful organization.

The Class of 1956 will be celebrating their 50th reunion on October 14th, 2006. We're sure they were inspired by the successful 50th reunion of the Class of 1955 held at the Collins House last year. The organizers of this year's reunion are working hard to contact all their classmates. Any help would be appreciated! Just call the school at 665-5879.
SUBMITTED BY Dorothy Foley

Sue Serio Goes Live at MERCHANTVILLE SCHOOL



Sue Serio from Fox 29 AM News was at the Merchantville Public School on March 22, 2006. If you are not familiar with her, she does a brief introduction to the viewers during their morning news show. She was there to introduce the kids from the DARE program. The kids and school were very excited about it. Fox 29 News broadcasted her Live morning weather reports for Good Day Philadelphia from Merchantville Public School with the help of our 5th grade DARE Classes and several other student groups. Also in attendance was our new DARE officer, Patrolman Frank Talarico along with our retired DARE officer Sgt William Watson and Chief Wayne Bauer.

SUBMITTED BY Chief Wayne Bauer

BOROUGH RESIDENT NOTICES:

Dumpster & Storage Containers

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.



ALL LEAVES TO BE PICKED UP IN THE SPRING MUST BE BAGGED. LOOSE LEAVES MAY NOT BE PLACED IN THE CURB.

Wading and Inflatable Pools

All pools 2 feet deep or inflatable pools with filters must be in the rear yard and protected by a five to six foot fence. **PLEASE NOTE:** All fences must be removed when pools are removed.



Volan Street Parking

Borough Ordinance #05-09 was rescinded at the Borough Council meeting held on March 13, 2006 as a result of the area resident's desire to keep parking on the South side of Volan Street between Morris Street and Springfield Avenue.

PLEASE Curb Your Dog

Your neighbor's property is not a public toilet. Letting your dog eliminate on private property without the owner's permission or on public property that is commonly used for recreation is called "trespassing" and "littering". It is best to have one's dog eliminate on your own, private property, before embarking on a walk. Should your dog need to eliminate while out in public, try to find unused public areas, such as curbs and grassy strips beside sidewalks. Allowing your dog to eliminate on residents' gardens and plantings is just plain inconsiderate.

Any questions contact: **Zoning Officer Walt Sikorski**
Phone: 856-662-2474 extension 110
Email: CodeEnforcement@merchantvillenj.com



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Borough Ordinance 48

In the next few weeks several Borough residents will be receiving a letter informing them of Borough Ordinance 48. This ordinance requires all buildings that front any street to have the address clearly posted. This ordinance is intended to help police, fire and ambulance personnel find your building in the event of an emergency.

The ordinance requires the numbers to Arabic (1-2-3-4 etc.). They must be a minimum height of 3 inches. The numbers must be located at least 30 inches above ground level and so placed that trees, shrubs, and other obstructions do not block the line of sight of the numbers from the street.

Borough Ordinance 38-14:

Solicitation on roadways prohibited.

All charitable organizations as defined in NJSA 45:17A-20 who desire to solicit contributions in any roadways situated in the Borough of Merchantville shall file an application for a permit with the Borough Clerk.

If the request pertains to a location or locations on any county highway or intersection of a county highway, said application shall include authorization from the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders. After the application is completed the request will go before Borough Council for final approval.

KEEP MERCHANTVILLE BEAUTIFUL



Please clean the street area in front of your property. Remember bags and trash cans cannot weigh more than 40 pounds, when disposing of weeds, mulch, leaves or grass. Trees and brush must be bundled and tied in 4 foot lengths or less, also with a 40 pound limit. The Borough thanks you for your efforts to keep our community attractive.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

April 18th

2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Merchantville Public Library

**Merchantville School Budget
Board of Education Members**