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A Message from the Mayor

At the September 27th Borough Council meeting council passed a resolution to form a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission with the Township of Cherry Hill. The Borough along with Cherry Hill and the State of New Jersey will consider doing a study to consolidate with Cherry Hill.

A Committee of five members and one alternate was named to meet and work with representatives of the Township of Cherry Hill. The members named include Edward Bohn, Patrick Brennan, Burt German, John Morrissey and William Walker with Rich James as the alternate.

Additional information will be presented as it becomes available.

Mayor Frank M. North

Meet the candidates

Six residents are campaigning for Mayor & Council in 2010.

FRANK M. NORTH (D) for Mayor



Frank has been Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville since 2006 and served on Council from 1995-2005. Frank has lived in town with his wife, Lynn and family since 1976. He is the President of S & N Group, Inc. and Vice President of Bradley-Sciocchetti, Inc.

STEVE ROGERS (R) for Mayor



Steve Rogers is a husband and father of two who currently works as a cottage-training technician at a South Jersey home for disabled adults. He is also a Master Sergeant in the Marines and a member of St. Peter Church in Merchantville.

ANTHONY PERNO, III (D) for Council



Anthony is an incumbent candidate for Council. He and his wife Jennifer are raising two young sons and have lived here since 2006. He is the President and CEO of Cooper's Ferry Development Association, Inc. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Camden.

PAM MATUKONIS (R) for Council



Pam has lived in town for the last 23 years and is a departmental administrator at UMDNJ in Stratford. She was previously active in the school as treasurer of the Merchantville PTA.

STEVE VOLKERT (D) for Council



Steve has lived in Merchantville since 1978 and resides with his wife, Cindy and three daughters. He is a Business Development Manager with Deslea Energy, LLC, in Toms River, an elder at 1st Presbyterian Church in Merchantville and chairman of the Merchantville Task Force.

JIM MOORE (R) for Council



Jim Moore, his wife Jane and his family have lived in town for 26 years. He is the owner of Moores Tank Services. He serves as a volunteer for the Merchantville Little League and is a member of Martin Luther Chapel in Pennsauken.

Learn more about the candidates, their qualifications, their active participation in our community and their vision for our future on their respective websites:

Merchantville2010.com
Merchantvilleleg.org



MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

Borough Council

2nd & 4th Monday of each month
7:30 @ Borough Hall, 2nd Floor

Board of Education

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
7:30 @ Public Library

Planning Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
7:30 @ Borough Hall, 2nd Floor

Historic Preservation

1st Tuesday of each month
7:30 @ Borough Hall, 2nd Floor

Shade Tree Commission

2nd Thursday of each month
7:00 @ Borough Hall, 2nd Floor

Public Events

3rd Monday of each month
7:30 @ Borough Hall, 2nd Floor

Board of Health

Quarterly 7:30 @ Borough Hall

Municipal Court

Every Wednesday evening
6:00 @ Borough Hall, 2nd Floor

Community Services Offices

- * Planning & Zoning Variances
- * Code Enforcement
- * Building Permit information
- * Community Affairs
- * General Information
- * Neighborhood Preservation

856-662-2474 x 120

Entrance on West Park Avenue behind the Borough Hall

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Streets Grant

An ordinance for a grant application to the New Jersey DOT for the repaving of Victoria Street was adopted on September 13th, The purpose of the Ordinance is to designate certain pedestrian crosswalks in the Borough of Merchantville.

Shared Emergency Services

A resolution for a shared services agreement for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was approved with the Township of Pennsauken. The resolution states that they will provide the same emergency medical services to the residents of the Borough of Merchantville as they provide to the residents of the Township of Pennsauken.

Trash removal consolidation

Merchantville is part of a joint bid request by Cherry Hill and Gloucester Township, as well as a bid request by Pennsauken for trash removal. The borough has sought to pool resources with its neighbors for years. Cherry Hill advertised the bid process on 10/11/10 for: Solid waste collection for the Twp. Of Cherry Hill and Gloucester and the Borough of Merchantville. The submitted bids will be opened and read on 12/14/10.

A message about leaf collection

After your street is posted you may rake out your leaves and public works will start pick up that day This does not mean that leaf collection for that area is completed. You may continue to rake out your leaves all week and we will come back and pick up the piles. Please do not put sticks or other debris in or on top of the piles. Please do not park on top of piles. Thank you.

Shared services for leaf disposal

Merchantville has penned a shared services agreement with Cherry Hill for discounted leaf disposal. Cherry Hill has agreed to take our leaves at a rate of \$2 per cubic yard, half the cost of the 2009 Gloucester Township rate and a potential savings of \$2,000. Merchantville will likely save an additional \$2,500-3,000 a year in Public Works manpower and fuel costs using a facility that is 10 miles closer to the Borough. Merchantville collects approximately 800 cubic yards of leaves a season.

Election Information

October 26, 2010

Deadline for receipt by County Clerk of mailed application for mail-in (formerly "absentee") ballot for the general election

November 1, 2010 at 3 p.m.

Deadline for obtaining a mail-in ballot application in person at the County Clerk's office for the general election

November 2, 2010

General Election Day
(polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

NJ Votes by Mail

Voting in New Jersey is easier than ever with the new Vote By Mail Law. Your 'Vote By Mail' application must be received by the County Clerk not later than 7 days prior to the election, unless you apply in person during the County Clerk's office hours up to 3:00 PM the day prior to the election. For more information, call (856) 225-7220.

Medical or Biohazardous Waste

Borough residents that use items such as needles and syringes, or other types of medical equipment that contain residue of bodily fluids must dispose of these items properly. These items are disposable, but must be secured properly.

Equipment that has any bodily fluids remaining must have kitty litter or some other absorbent material added to dry the fluids prior to placing the items in any container. They may be placed in an old coffee can, or plastic milk container. The can or container then must be completely covered and secured with duct tape.

After completing the securing process the containers may be placed in your normal

household trash for collection. If you have a qualified medical person, such as a nurse, perform the procedure for you, it is their responsibility to dispose of the used equipment.

Should you have any questions about disposal of used medical equipment please contact Fred Koehler of the Community Affairs Office at 856-662-2474 x 120.

Farmers Market now twice a Month

The Farmers Market is now happening on the First and Third Fridays of each month from 4pm - 8pm! . Next Markets will be Friday, October 15th and 29th. Tell your friends and neighbors. Please consider joining us in volunteering at the Farmer's Market. To help this effort call or email Steve Volkert at 609-929-4735. or stevevolkert@msn.com

Vouchers Available for Seniors

Farmer's Market Nutrition Vouchers for New Jersey fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs are available to Senior Citizens from the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services. Eligible seniors will receive a \$20 voucher. To qualify, recipients must be Camden County residents, 60 years of age and older, with an annual income not exceeding \$20,036 (or \$26,955 for a couple). Applicants must provide proof of income and residency. For more information, please contact the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services at 1-877-222-3737.

Join the Neighborhood Watch

You can be the eyes and ears of the Police department. Be aware of what is happening in your neighborhood. Should you see or hear anything that is strange in your area call the police and let them know. The police will come and investigate all unusual events or strangers.

As a member of our neighborhood Watch you will be informed by mail or email of any criminal activity in the Borough so you will know what is happening. Your name, address and phone number will remain confidential and only the Community Affairs Officer, Police Chief and Director of Public Safety will have access to this information.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1

If you are not sure it is an emergency CALL 9-1-1 and let the police decide.

Non-Emergency Police: 856-662-0500

Non-Emergency PoliceOffice:

856-662-0507 (9 to 5 weekdays)

Non-Emergency PoliceOffice Tip Line
856-662-2474 x 166 (Confidential)

TO LEARN MORE: Please contact Sgt. Fred Koehler, Community Affairs Officer- 856-662-2474 x 120

New Camden County Emergency Communications System

After years of research and collaboration with municipalities and law enforcement agencies, the Board of Freeholders is moving forward with the much-needed upgrade of our emergency communications system. This upgrade is vitally important to provide more effective and efficient communication for all municipalities in all disciplines – fire, EMS, and police. It will improve the interoperability not only in Camden County but throughout the region, resulting in better, faster service to all of you in times of emergency. The new frequency will allow for uninterrupted messaging between emergency personnel here in our county and even into Philadelphia. Our first-responders put their lives on the line each and every day, and the least we can do is provide them with a state-of-the-art communications system that makes their jobs a little easier and most importantly, makes it safer. In turn, this makes our residents safer. Read more about the plans at www.camdencounty.com.

CCC Ranks Among Top

Camden County College graduates more associate's degree recipients than all but 83 of the nation's approximately 5,000 of institutions of higher education. According to an analysis of federal Department of Education data by Community College Week newspaper, CCC ranked 84th nationwide in terms of overall associate's degree completion. The study reviewed 2008-09 statistics from the two and four year colleges and universities in the United States that award associate's degrees to generate a list of the top 100. Registration for Camden County College's Fall 2010 classes in all academic disciplines is on now, and the first courses of the semester begin the week of Sept. 1. Later-starting sessions begin in mid-September as well as in October and November. Visit www.camdencc.edu for additional details.

Freeholder Meeting

The Freeholder Board invites you to a Town Meeting on Thursday, 10/21, 6:30 p.m. at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 North Park Drive, Pennsauken. The Town Meeting is your opportunity to discuss issues of importance to you and your family. The Freeholder Board regular monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Free Flu shots offered to residents

The shots will be available to Camden County residents only and be offered to all County residents over the age of 9. An adult guardian will be necessary for anyone from the ages of 9 thru 17.. Proof of residency will be required (for example a driver's license.) For more information about the County Childhood Immunization Clinics please call 856-225-5128. For more information call: Camden County Department of Health & Human Services - 1/800-999-9045.

National Reading Month

The County Library System is celebrating National Reading Group Month in October with guest authors. Call or register on the CCLS website using the SIGNUP at www.camdencountylibrary.org/events

Events are as follows:

Oct. 21, 7 p.m. at South County Branch – Frances Biddle, “The Conjurer” (856) 753-2537;

Oct. 27, 7 p.m. at Vogelson Branch book discussion via Skype – Jennifer Baggett, Holly C. Corbett and Amanda Pressner, “The Lost Girls” (856) 772-1636;

Oct. 28, 7:15 p.m. - at Haddon Township Branch book discussion via phone chat – Judith Ryan Hendricks, “Bread Alone” (856) 854-2752.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Camden County Cancer Screening Project (CCCSP) is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection (NJCEED) funded program administered by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Since 1993, it has been based out of Cooper University Hospital. It provides free outreach, education and screening services to uninsured men and women residing in Camden County. For more information on this program or to make an appointment, please call (856) 968-7308 or (856) 968-7825.

American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk Sunday, October 24, 2010 • 8AM

Cooper River Park
Info: 800.227.2345

Faber Scurry Breast

Cancer Foundation Walk

Saturday, October 30, 2010 • 9AM
8AM at Cooper River Park
Info: hollieliz@yahoo.com

MPWC 2010 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

We are pleased to report that during the past year, the water delivered to your home or business complied with or exceeded all state and federal drinking water requirements.

Once again we proudly present our annual **2010 Consumer Confidence Report**. This edition covers all testing completed from January through December 2008. We are pleased to tell you that our compliance with all state and federal drinking water laws remains exemplary. As always, we are committed to delivering the best quality drinking water. We remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all our water users.

Every day we deliver, on average, six-million gallons of water from our wells and our treatment plants. Our water quality professionals are focused on providing the highest quality water possible, and our results reflect that commitment. Our active participation in water industry associations allows us to keep abreast of the latest developments in water quality issues.

The water quality that we deliver 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, is an exceptional value for our customers. Please be assured that the MPWC is working daily to keep its facilities and your water safe from any outside dangers.

The **2010 Consumer Confidence Report** has been mailed to all of our customers. If you have not received your CCR Report, please contact our main office to obtain a copy.

Check out your child's cafeteria

The Camden County Department of Health and Human Services' offers an on-line cafeteria and restaurant health inspections website. These reports provide an easy way for you to check out local food handling facilities. If the thought of your child's cafeteria affect your decision of whether or not you pack a lunch in the morning, this site is perfect for you. You will be happy to know that currently there isn't a single school included in the inspection reports that's marked with an unsatisfactory rating. Log in here: www.camdencounty.com/node/605

Classic Towns Trolley Tour spotlights Merchantville

On Wednesday, July 28th, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission chose to spotlight Merchantville and Moorestown during their first Trolley Tour. Both of these Classic Towns are viewed by the commission as communities that keep their history alive by preserving their history, character, and main street charm, and are the unique places to live, work and play. Commission representatives and members of the historical society joined in the tour as community leaders spoke about their rich history and what makes their town special. Historical Society president, Maureen McLoone, was pleased that the tour promoting Merchantville would give people the opportunity to get a real sense of our legacy and our identity.

The trolley tour in Merchantville included stops at the famous Aunt Charlotte's candy shop and Blue Monkey Tavern. While in Moorestown the tour group enjoyed a selection from a production of the popular musical "Oklahoma!" at the recently renovated Moorestown Community House. Merchantville was cited by the commission as a quaint Borough with older homes and high density, and Moorestown, a quaint township with larger homes at lower densities, highlight the variety of our region and why it appeals to a wide range of homebuyers. The commission promotes the wonderful attributes of walkability, transit access, historic housing stock and neighborly quality of life that these towns offer a potential homebuyer. They also provide grants to help the communities do more revitalization and has given Merchantville a grant to help start a cooperative project with Camden and Pennsauken. Leaders from Merchantville and Moorestown expressed their appreciation for the support of programs funded by the commission and noted that despite the current economic challenges their communities continue to thrive.

"The Classic Towns program is about promoting the fantastic attributes these towns have to offer a potential homebuyer, such as walkability, transit access, historic housing stock and a neighborly quality of life," said Karen Cilurso, senior regional planner for the DVRPC. "The tour is meant to show these towns to our legislative partners and municipal officials so they can see why we should invest in these communities as well as have local officials learn from each other."

Merchantville Historical Society News



The Historical Society tee shirt is imprinted with five post cards from our collection. They hope to make this the first of a series of "post card shirts" depicting Merchantville's history. The shirts are available at Community Sports Shop and all proceeds go to the Society.

Next meeting is October 26th at 8 p.m. in the Community Center. Any members who would like to receive minutes via email please contact Sue Carlin @ suesmyrealtor@gmail.com or by phone at 856-663-4855.

October is Fire Prevention Month

Here are 10 simple tips to help you avoid fires and reduce the risk of injury should one occur:

- 1) **Smoke Alarms** – These are still a very important addition to your home. Smoke alarms are widely available and inexpensive. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it monthly.
 - 2) **Prevent Electrical Fires** – Don't overload circuits or extension cords. Cords and wires should never be placed under rugs or in high traffic areas. Avoid loose electrical connections by checking the fit of the plug in the wall outlet. A poor connection between the plug and the outlet can cause overheating and can start a fire in minutes.
 - 3) **Keep Plugs Safe** – Unplug all appliances when not in use. Follow the manufacturer's safety precautions and use your senses to spot any potential disasters. If a plug is overheating, smells strange, shorts out or sparks – the appliance should be shut off immediately, then replaced or repaired.
 - 4) **Alternate Heaters** – Make sure there is ample space around any portable heating unit. Anything that could catch fire should be at least three feet away. Inspect your chimney annually and use fire screens to keep fires in the fireplace.
 - 5) **Fire Safety Sprinklers** – When combined with working smoke alarms, home fire sprinklers greatly increase your chance of surviving a fire. Sprinklers are affordable and they can increase property value and lower insurance rates.
 - 6) **Create An Escape Route** – Create and practice your escape plan with your family from every room in the house. Practice staying low to the floor and checking for hot doors using the back of your hand. It's just like a routine school fire drill – but in your home.
 - 7) **Position Appliances Carefully** – Try to keep TV sets, kitchen and other appliances away from windows with curtains. If there is a wiring problem, curtains can spread a fire quickly. Additionally, keeping your appliances away from water sources (like rain coming in from windows) can help prevent wiring damage which can lead to a fire.
 - 8) **Clean Dryer Vents** – Clothes dryers often start fires in residential areas. Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes to dry or after the drying cycle is complete. Make sure your exhaust duct is made of metal tubing and not plastic or foil. Clean the exhaust duct with a good quality dryer vent brush to prevent blockage & check for lint build up behind the dryer at least twice a year.
 - 9) **Be Careful Around the Holidays** – If you fill your home with lights during the holiday season, keep them away from anything that can easily catch fire. Check all of your lights prior to stringing them up and dispose of anything with frayed or exposed wires.
 - 10) **Conduct Regular Inspections** – Check all of your electronic equipment and wiring at least once a month. Taking a little time to do this each month can really pay off.
- Following these simple tips could potentially save your life or the life of a loved one.

Get ready for the Holiday Parade!

Have you run out of space to decorate your house at Christmas time? Are you the house that keeps up the competition on your street? We then talk to your neighbors, call a truce with your stiffest competition and enter "neighborhood street sponsored float" in this year's holiday parade. We are looking for neighborhood streets to build their own float for some friendly Borough competition. Now we are not expecting the "Fancy Division" of the mummers but a fun time for you, your family and your neighbors. If you are interested get your group together and contact the parade planning committee or Shawn Waldron at 486-2195.

Scholarship fall fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Merchantville and Pennsauken will hold its third annual fall fundraiser in support of the Pennsauken police, fire and emergency services departments, scholarships and other programs for Pennsauken students. The first two fundraisers have raised more than \$6,000. Rotary pays all of the costs of the fundraiser so all donations that are received are distributed to these groups. In the past, the proceeds have been used to purchase gas detectors and smoke alarms for the fire department, night vision binoculars and digital cameras for the police department and a computer and gas detectors for emergency services. Scholarships and leadership awards have been awarded to Pennsauken High School students and to provide dictionaries. In these days of tighter budgets, Rotary Club members feel it's even more important to help support public safety and students in Pennsauken. Therefore, another fundraiser will be held this year and businesses will be receiving requests for donations this fall. The Rotary serves the Merchantville and Pennsauken communities. If you would like to make a donation to this fundraiser or to learn more about Rotary, please feel free to call (856) 663-0898

Oktoberfest a great success!

The Blue Monkeys 2nd annual Oktoberfest to benefit Niagra Fire Company took place on 10/2 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Picture perfect weather greeted the huge crowd of samplers who got to taste and some 60 or more beers featured by 31 breweries and some 60 beers.

CHS fall play

Play production is in full gear this year at Camden Catholic for their fall feature, "Arsenic and Old Lace." Combine two eccentric ladies, a little bit of arsenic, a little bit of love, a long lost brother, and Teddy Roosevelt and what do you have? A night of frightfully funny comedy of course! Camden Catholic High School presents "Arsenic and Old Lace." Performances are November 18th, 19th and 20th at 7:30 PM, November 21st at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$ 10.00. Senior Citizen Discount Nov., 21st only - \$ 5.00. For more information, please visit our website @www.cchsarts.com.

A Knitwits Project thank you

The Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville thanks all who were so very generous in donating yarn to the Club's Knitwits Project, where members crochet afghans for wounded soldiers who are serving abroad. Your contribution to the project truly made it a community effort to reach out to those who have sacrificed so much. The club plans to present the afghans at our Guest Night meeting on Nov. 9. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck supper, followed by a very brief business meeting at the Community Center on Greenleigh & Somerset. Please contact Diane at (856) 662-4128 for more information.

Community Links on the web

www.merchantvillenj.gov
www.merchantville.com
www.merchantville.k12.nj.us
merchantvillepta.org
www.stpetersschool.org
www.eteamz.com/merchantville1
www.eteamz.com/saintpetessaints
www.mothershelpingmothers.com
www.woodbineswimclub.com
www.camden.lib.nj.us/merchantville
www.merchantvillescarshow.com
www.merchantvillelodge119.com
www.mpwc.com
www.fbcm.com
fpcmerchantville.com
www.stpeterrcc.com
www.gracechurchmerchantville.com
www.gotrinity.org

Grace Church Food Pantry

Please keep your generosity coming and, as you shop remember the following items that need replenishing: Packages of dried milk, canned meats, canned fish, canned stews, canned fruit, Peanut butter and jelly, cereals, pasta and pasta sauce, packaged and canned soups, beans, macaroni and cheese dinners, and anything else your discretion might deem acceptable. Monetary donations to buy food will be gratefully accepted and used to purchase items low in supply. If you can spare a few hours of your time about once a month, we can use additional help assisting dispensing food at the Food Pantry. Please call Dolores Clark at 662-6209 or Normal Bush at 786-6911 to volunteer or if you have any other questions about the Food Pantry.

Tree of Life food pantry

Located in the First Baptist Church at 113 N. Centre Street. Hours of Operation: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. The Tree of Life Food Pantry began operation March 25, 2009. We are growing & serving the Merchantville/Pennsauken area. Regardless of residence or financial status, everyone expressing a need for food will leave with some. However, those who qualify as "low income" according to government standards, are eligible for additional foodstuffs that others are not allowed to receive from us. People from other communities will receive food from us and also be referred to a food pantry nearest their own residence. For additional information call the church office.

First Presbyterian food pantry

Is open to the for the needy most Mondays from 10 AM until noon. Help is always needed to keep our food pantry stocked for the needy members of our community. Suggested shopping list of donations includes non-perishable items like: Breakfast foods: cereals, oatmeal, grits, pancake mix, syrup; Canned meats: tuna, chicken, ham, Spam, sausages; Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, Soups: canned or packaged; Pasta and rice side dishes, Canned or boxed potatoes; Peanut butter and jelly; Crackers, biscuit or muffin mixes; Fruit juices; Canned and powdered milk, Boxed Pudding and Jello mixes and Fresh bread (Sundays only).



THE MERCHANT

A Business Supplement from the Merchantville Task Force

McFarlan's – One of SJ's BEST



McFarlan's is a throwback to the time when you told the butcher what meats you'd like, and he cut and wrapped them right in front of you. Butcher, Steve Rainsford, gives you the kind of personal service and time that seems like a luxury nowadays! In fact, so impressed was SJ Magazine that McFarlan's was chosen as their 'Best Meat Lovers Market' for 2010. If you are looking for a fine cut of meat for the holidays or want to impress guests with gourmet cheese, delicious breads or yummy olives you will find the answer there. McFarlan's is a full-service market offering first-class meats with some hometown charm!

BellaVita expands...

Carlo and Linda, owners of Cafe BellaVita, had a dream to own a restaurant and serve a community their delicious, fresh Italian cuisine. They chose Merchantville for its potential opportunity and quickly realized that a 16 seat location was too small for the crowd that grew each weekly by word of mouth. So their dream of expansion began. Carlo and Linda have been overwhelmed by the support they have received from this community. The day we opened, customers sent emails to friends telling them how wonderful the food was and a flattering write-up on the town web site reflected that we were a resounding success. They give back by utilizing local businesses for our fresh produce and other products. Through community support and a local bank they obtained funding and are in the final stages of construction. When the finishing touches are complete, we will have seating for more than 40 people. We are thrilled and eager to serve in their expanded cafe!

The Blue Monkey Tavern

Located on the first floor of The Collins House at 2 S. Centre St., this neighborhood friendly tavern features a 20 foot square mahogany bar and more than 7 HD flat screen televisions. A variety of seating options are sure to please groups big and small. In addition, more private areas accommodate small gatherings.



The Gungor brothers undertook a complete renovation of the historic Collins House in the summer of 2008 with the guidance of Joe Miraglia, resident owner of DSGNTEC, an interior design firm. The exterior was complete painted and appointed with new windows, awnings and signs.



This past June Stefaine and Marc Miller opened Olivia's Corner cafe at 7 East park Avenue, former home of the Half Moon Cafe. Both Stefaine and Marc are instructional coaches in the Pennsauken School District and plan to juggle their time between school, family and cafe once fall comes. The Millers have gutted the interior and put in new floors, ceilings, furniture and a hooded ventilation system. The renovations took six months with much help from relatives and friends. Many former customers of the Half Moon have already become steady customers of Olivia's. Stop by for some yummy food!

**Support Community Businesses
MAKE MERCHANTVILLE
YOUR MARKETPLACE
FOR SHOPS & SERVICES**

Keeper's Antiques OPENS!

Stop in and say hello to Diane Peze at Keeper's Antiques and Collectibles. Her shop is located at 227 N. Centre Street and shop hours are Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday 12:00 noon till 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. If these hours don't suit your needs you can call for appointment at 609-509-0182. You'll find a little bit of everything for every taste and budget while enjoying the largest selection of antique, vintage clothing and jewelry in the area. Diane and her husband Gary have lived in Merchantville for almost 30 years and love the friendly people and the quaint village atmosphere of our town. Please stop in, look around and try something on.

And speaking of Collectables

K & K Collectibles is owned and operated by the Newman family at 21 N. Centre Street. Ken Newman has a large selection of antiques and collectibles - they truly have a little something for everyone. K & K specializes in Furniture, Sports Memorabilia, Americana, Vintage Toys, Pottery, China, Glassware, Comic Books, Post Cards, Art, Jewelry, Coins, Militaria, and much much more. They also buy antiques and accept consignments. Why not turn your trash into cash! We are always looking for more items for our store. Call us to set up an appointment for us to see you items. I guarantee you will not be disappointed by the outcome. Contact K & K at (856)-669-9566 or kandkcollectibles@gmail.com.

Peer into NTS Glass Works

Neil Samuels learned the trade of stained glass making in Chicago in the '70's and after moving to southern NJ in 2002, decided to make stained glass during retirement. He and his wife, Theresa, started out in our garage and graduated to a storefront at 29 West Park Avenue. They are passionate about the stained glass and recently welcomed son Justin to the studio. Justin is well-versed in commission pieces, repair and restoration.

Check it out @ www.ntsglassworks.com

TOWNWIDE TRICK-or-TREATING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

HALLOWEEN CURFEW - BOROUGH ORDINANCE 19-6

Notwithstanding anything contained in this chapter to the contrary, it shall be unlawful for any child under the age of eighteen (18) years to be upon the public places of the Borough of Merchantville after the hour of 7:00 PM., prevailing time, on the 29th day of October, the 30th day of October, and the 31st day of October, until 6:00 AM the following morning, unless exempted from this section under Section 19-3 of this chapter. (Accompanied by an adult)

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: SAFE HALLOWEEN

1. Keep front doors and walkways illuminated.
2. Remove any item from your yard or porch which can be easily broken or taken, such as pumpkins, milk cans, etc.
3. Make sure all doors and windows are locked.
4. Use a "peephole" to see who is there before opening the door.
5. Younger children should Trick or Treat during daylight hours under adult or older child supervision. If no adult or other children are available, try to have them go with a group of children to a specific location.
6. Instruct your children not to eat any candy until you have checked it for damaged, suspicious or unwrapped candy.
7. Do not allow children to go into homes of people they don't know.
8. Warn your children about strangers and accepting gifts or candy from people on the street.
9. If your child encounters a stranger, or is accosted in any manner, report it immediately to the police.

When entertaining Trick or Treaters, try to recognize who you are giving candy to. If you can't recognize the individual or feel uncomfortable, do not feel obliged to open the door or give them candy. Be suspicious of older children who come to your home more than once. They may be casing your house.

Community groups decorate and donate

Many thanks to the volunteers from Merchantville's Task Force and Public Events Committee for their endless donations of personal time and funds to promote Merchantville. This month they have been busy dressing the downtown with festive cornstalks and supporting events like the Pumpkin Fest. This dedicated group of resident volunteers lead by Steve Volkert from the Task Force and Ted Brennan from Public Events strives to provide an annual calendar of events that promote community relationships and downtown vitality. Make it a point to participate in and support the Merchantville community by volunteering to help with some of these activities.



5th Annual Pumpkin Fest

On Saturday, October 23rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. enjoy Pumpkin Picking, Pumpkin Painting, Moonbounce, Facepainting, Crafts, Games and more at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerste Street to benefit Jakes Place. Concessions and Baked Goods for sale. Halloween Costume Parade at 12 noon. Prize awarded for Best Costume! All for only \$8 per child! Rain Date: 10/24. Get \$2 OFF admission when you pre-register at www.buildakesplace.org or clip and bring their ad in All Around Pennsauken. The Junior Woman's Club is a social service organization of volunteers who give their time to benefit worthwhile causes. Meetings are the 1st Thursday of every month from Sept-June at Foam Cafe in Merchantville. Come out to check out our group and see if it's for you!

MES Haunted "Cruise Ship"

The eighth grade class from Merchantville school will unveil their annual Haunted House on Friday and Saturday, October 22nd and 23rd. The Haunted "Cruise Ship" Tour will be open from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Merchantville Elementary School located at 130 S. Centre Street. The proceeds from this event will be used for eighth grade graduation activities. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Halloween Haunted Hay Ride

The Witching Hour this Halloween will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27 when the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee presents its annual Haunted Hayride. If you dare, bring your friends and jump on board the hay wagon for a frightening trip around the softball complex on Bethel Avenue, next to the Police Station. Ghosts, goblins, monsters, vampires, and werewolves will jump out to greet visitors and give them a "scare." It's a fun time for a haunting but it'll cost you, \$1.50 per person.

Fun Craft for Kids from Recyclables

A scary ghost garland will grace any window or doorway. For this activity you will need: String, washed yogurt containers, white and black paint and scissors.

1. Paint your clean yogurt containers white. Let dry.
2. Paint scary black faces on the dry containers.
3. Have an adult poke hole on each side of the containers.
4. String all the ghosts together.
5. Hang the scary ghost garland across windows or doors.

Library offerings

Adult Programs November 2010

Merchantville Film Forum - Adults

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. Join other adults for screening and discussion of classic films. Bring your dinner in a sack. We have the water, snacks, pizza and soda. Call for titles.

Children and Family Programs November 2010

Cartoon Afternoon - All ages

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 3:30 p.m. Come veg with us for a quiet afternoon of 'toons. Snacks for all.

Veterans Day Craft - Grades Pre-K – 5

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m. Crafts and snacks for all.

Mr. Malcolm presents - All ages

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 3:30 p.m. Mr. Malcolm presents Winnie the Pooh and Up! All ages welcome.

Movie Afternoon - Grades Pre-K – 5

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 3:30 p.m. Join us for a special feature. Snacks for all.

Registration for any program is available 3 weeks in advance of the event date.

Donate to the Moton Family Fund

Most people have heard about the tragedy of our neighbors in Pennsauken, the Moton family. Mrs. Moton and her son Charles, a student at Camden Catholic, are now left without their two sons and brothers, AJ and Stephen, and their father and husband. Their house was badly burned by fire, leaving them with close to nothing. The fund is accepting donations of goods, money and any other necessities such as school supplies, clothes and other household items. Our main priority is to make this time of their lives as livable as possible. With the support of others, I know we can make this possible. We are asking the town of Merchantville to join this effort to provide help and support for this family. AJ and Stephen were laid to rest on Saturday, October 8th and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Charles M. Moton College Fund, c/o PNC Bank, 26 West Maple Ave., Merchantville 08109.

All donations may be given to Taylor Spencer at Camden Catholic High School or dropped off to her household at 226 East Cuthbert Blvd, Westmont, NJ 08108. Donations by check can be written directly to Leonor Maldonado Moton, c/o Christina Spencer at the address above. For questions: You may email Christina Spencer at ckspencer@hotmail.com. Thanks so much for your support! Visit our website on Facebook:

[/www.facebook.com/pages/Donate-to-the-Moton-Family-Fund/136170476430893](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Donate-to-the-Moton-Family-Fund/136170476430893)

NJ School choice signed into law

Public school choice would allow parents to move up to 10 percent of a district's students to any other public school in the state whose enrollment is not at capacity. This law expands a pilot program that was in effect for five years. Democrat Paul Moriarty sponsored the bill and it was signed into law by Christie in September. Students seeking to transfer must apply to the new district, which could hold lotteries if the applications outnumber available seats. Both the NJEA and the New Jersey School Boards Association support the law.

2010-11 Leaf Collection Schedule

Public Works will post signs in your area announcing when leaves may be placed in the street for collection.

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

2010		2011	
WEEK OF:	AREA	WEEK OF:	AREA
10/25/10	1	01/03/10	4
11/01/10	2	01/10/10	5
11/08/10	3	01/17/10	1 & 2
11/15/10	4	01/24/10	3, 4 & 5
11/22/10	5		
11/29/10	1		
12/06/10	2		
12/13/10	3		

AREA 1:

From Centre Street EAST to Church Road
From East Maple Avenue SOUTH to Spruce Street., Sussex Street., St. James and Ivins Avenue.

AREA 2:

From Centre Street EAST to Cove Road
East maple Avenue NORTH to Rogers Avenue

AREA 3:

From Centre Street WEST to Browning Road
From West Maple Avenue SOUTH to Woodbine Avenue

AREA 4:

From Centre Street WEST to Browning Road
From West Maple Avenue NORTH to Chestnut Avenue and to Cedar Avenue

AREA 5:

From Browning Road WEST to poplar Avenue and West End Avenue

LEAVES WILL BE PICKED UP ON ANY REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION DAY PROVIDED THEY ARE BAGGED. PLACING LEAVES IN THE STREET ON OTHER THAN POSTED DATES IS A VIOLATION OF THE NEW STORM WATER REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

2010 Trash Collection Holiday Schedule

NOV. 24 & 25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

HOLD RECYCLING UNTIL FRIDAY DECEMBER 3

FRIDAY DEC 24 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

HOLD RECYCLING UNTIL THURSDAY DECEMBER 30