



THE Merchant Borough Newsletter

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on , and produce so pleasant an effect on



Downtown Merchantville
SAFE HALLOWEEN
Tuesday, October 31st
11 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



On October 31st many Merchantville businesses will again offer borough children a traditional, fun-filled and safe afternoon of Trick-or-Treating. Look for the **"SAFE HALLOWEEN"** flyer that will be posted on storefront doors or windows of all MBPA participating businesses. We encourage parents and guardians to use the **"SAFETY TIPS"** insert in this newsletter as a guide to review

San Luis Obispo Children's Museum boasts town named Merchantville
Complete town will let kids play adult roles

When the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum closed its doors two years ago for a major renovation, the building was single-level and small. But it still saw 40,000 people come through its doors that year. And when the newly renovated facility opens at the corner of Nipomo and Monterey streets in downtown San Luis Obispo, it will have three levels and be four times as big as the old building.

Space often dictates the need for new and bigger children's museums to be undertaken, as was the case with the county's only children's museum in San Luis Obispo, Mueller said. When the new museum opens, not only will it sport three floors of interactive fun, but it will also feature 21 indoor and outdoor learning environments and exhibits. "This is going to be a really cool museum," Mueller said, adding that the intention of the separate floors and high-tech exhibits is to keep kids in the museum longer. "It's not just about the kids; it's also about the social interaction," Mueller added.

Each floor will be centered on a specific age group, such as the third floor, which will feature exhibits and learning tools for children up to age 4 and their caregivers. "It will be very interactive," Mueller said. "The kids are exploring the whole world through their senses."

Louis Rosenberg, an inventor and Cal Poly college professor, has pledged \$60,000 to the museum. The money will be used for the trolley replica in the new museum's "Merchantville" exhibit, an interactive miniature town on the second floor dedicated to children 5 to 9 that will premier as part of the grand opening next year. "Merchantville" will have a doctor's office, farmers market and fire station, plus many other "businesses." "The kids will get to role-play adult roles," Mueller said about the interactive town named "Merchantville."

The mission of the Children's Museum is to "inspire learning through play," which Mueller promises will abound when the doors to the museum reopen. For more information on the museum visit online at www.slkids.org.



Thanks to the Borough of Merchantville, the Public Events Committee and the 2006 Public Event Sponsors for their assistance in making the 2006 Tour d'Ville and 8th Annual Handcrafts Festival such a success. The 5K Race & Fun Walk raised almost \$2000 for the Central & South Jersey Affiliates of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. A Special note of thanks to Conzilio Sodano for his help in event set-up and clean-up and Shane Brennan for photographing the event...your generous volunteer spirit is greatly appreciated, sorely needed and unfortunately much too rarely found these days.



Borough Council Meetings

Occur on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month upstairs in Borough Hall from September to May and on the 2nd Monday of the month during the summer. They are open to the public and minutes are available to the public on the town website or in the business office at Borough Hall after they have been approved.

2006

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6th
FEBRUARY 24th
APRIL 7th
MAY 19th
JUNE 30th
AUGUST 18th
OCTOBER 6th
NOVEMBER 17th

(Submissions due by November 3rd)

Email newsletter submissions to:
newsletter@merchantville.com

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



Merchantville Schools are collecting Box Tops for Education from food products with the box top logo on them. Each logo is worth 10 points. Please save them and send to the school or give to a **Merchantville, St. Peters** or **1st Baptist School** student. Check it out at:

www.boxtops4education.com

2006 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 9 - Public Events Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Borough Hall
Oct. 9 - Columbus Day
Oct. 10 - Historic Preservation Comm. Meeting, 7:30 in Borough Hall
Oct. 10 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library
Oct. 11 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
Oct. 23 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
Oct. 24 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library
Oct. 31 - "Safe Halloween" Downtown Trick-or-Treating

Information about Borough, Community & Organization meetings and events can be found on the town website @ www.merchantville.com.

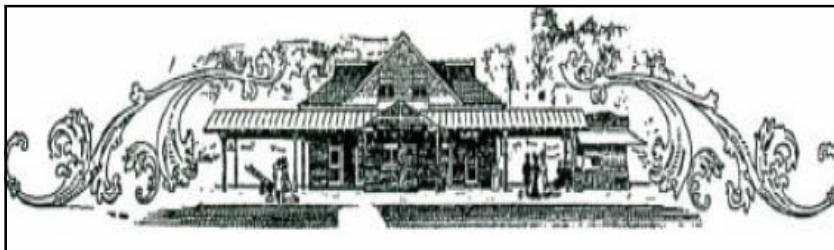
Events and meetings posted here are those submitted to the website prior to October 1, 2006. For updates and additions to the **Community Calendar** between newsletter publication dates please visit the town website.

NOTICE:

All Borough Office email addresses have changed from from **MerchantvilleNJ.com** to **Merchantville.com**.

Please modify them in your email directory. Thank you.
so we may receive your correspondence.

THE MERCHANTVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



JOIN TODAY

Contact: Maureen McLoone @ 665-6271 or MrsMerch@aol.com

The Talk O' The 'Ville . . .



Patrolman Michael Reilly has been promoted to Sergeant in the Merchantville Police Department. His promotion becomes effective on October 1, 2006. Mike is a ten year veteran of the department. We congratulate him on this achievement and thank him for his service to our community.



Edward (Ted) Brennan, son of Joan and Patrick Brennan, of Merchantville and **Kate Cranston**, daughter of Trudy and Bart Cranston of Haddon Twp., were engaged on September 10th.. Kate is a graduate of Paul VI and Rutgers University and currently serves as the Director of Development at Steining Behavioral Care Services. Ted who graduated from Camden Catholic, UNC Charlotte and Rutgers University Law School is an attorney with Lario & Saldutti in Haddonfield. An October 2007 wedding is planned.



On Friday, September 8, 2006 **Lieutenant Eric Schmidt** retired from the Merchantville Police Department. Eric had served in our borough since 1978. During those 28 years he was injured twice in the line of duty and recovered to resume his service to our community. Eric was known to all as a consummate professional and the kind of policeman you knew you could always depend on.

Admiral Fallon honored by USO

A Navy admiral and an Air Force sergeant from South Jersey were honored Friday night by the USO, a services support organization. Adm. William J. Fallon, former Merchantville resident and head of the U.S. Pacific Command, received the Liberty Award, the highest honor bestowed by the USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey.

Fallon, a graduate of Camden Catholic High School and Villanova University, has distinguished himself by going "above and beyond" in the mentoring of young sailors, said D.J. Stanhope, the USO chapter's executive director. He also cited the naval aviator's achievements as Navy commander in the Pacific.



For more information about the USO visit their



MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

The Merchantville Public Library, part of the Camden County Library System, offers fun programs for kids of all ages and is located at 130 Centre Street in Merchantville. For more information or to register please call (856) 665-3128 or log on to: www.camdencountylibrary.org.

2006 Fall Program Calendar

Mr. Malcolm Presents....Junie B. Jones and the Magic Tree House interactive story time for the entire family.

Monday, October 16, 4 p.m.

Book Bingo.....Two weeks of book bingo, prizes and snacks provided for children of all ages.

Wednesdays, October 18 and 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Decoupage.....Decoupage a framed mirror project for children in grades 2 and above.

Wednesday, November 15, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS. Come into the Merchantville Public Library at 130 South Centre Street or call 856-665-3128.

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St. Peter's Elementary School in Merchantville has been awarded a \$25,000 grant by the Catholic School Development Program. The grant is to help fund an advancement program at the school.

In addition to awarding the grant, the Catholic School Development Program will provide pro bono counsel in advancement, governing and strategic planning.

St. Peter's is the first elementary school in the Camden Diocese to partner with the Catholic School Development Program. Other schools in the diocese that partner with the organization will receive similar support.

St. Peter's recently named Staci Almquist as its first advancement director. Her tasks include managing the school's enrollment, constituent relations, development and communications programs, and working with volunteers in each of these efforts.



Want to help beautify your town?

For information about helping to keep the "Borough Beautiful" and joining Merchantville's Garden Club call please contact Jane Homon at

FALL BLOCK PARTY GREAT FUN!



On Saturday, September 16th neighbors gathered on St. James Ave. for their annual fall block party. This year's theme was "Pirates of Merchantville" and Kris Donahue used her talents to build a very impressive pirate ship on the Kris and Conzilio Sodano's lawn.

Over 100 people attended the 3pm-10pm affair which included delicious homemade food, games such as ladder golf, corn hole and ping-pong, compliments of the Murray's, a visit from the fun-loving Merchantville firemen and a live band featuring Merchantville's own, Jon Cline.

Besides having a great day for camaraderie, residents also had an opportunity to say farewell to neighbor Sean Donahue, 18 who has joined the National Guard

YULEFest 2006

CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER - 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 your "peephole" to see who is there before you open 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.
10. 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.
11. Be suspicious of older children who come to your home more than once. They may be casing your house.

**Wayne K. Bauer, Chief
Merchantville Police Dept.
856-662-0507**

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

This is the time of year when certain kinds of "shady" people will attempt to **SCAM** you into giving them money to do work around or in your home.

They may come to your door and offer to do lawn work, pave your driveway, paint your house, clean your rain gutters, side your home, or other things to "improve" the property.

They may tell you they are working in your neighborhood now and can give you a good price if you hire them while they are in the area. Some of these people will tell you **they need part of the fee before starting** the work to buy materials. Others will give you a very low price, and then after the work is complete tell you it will cost more due to unseen problems.

The Director of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, and this office want you to know that **it is illegal to solicit door to door** in the Borough without a permit issued by the Merchantville Police.

If someone comes to your door and offers to do work around your home **DO NOT LET THEM IN. Call the Police IMMEDIATELY.**

Should someone posing as a utility worker or a Borough employee, or Government official come to your door, and show you what appears to be proper ID, do not let them in. Call the police. If the person is a real utility worker they will not object to being investigated. If they are not, they will leave.

REMEMBER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE POLITE TO THESE PEOPLE.

Do not give any information over the phone about when you will be home. If you receive a phone call from a business or a utility asking for an appointment to come to your home for some kind of work or meter reading or "whatever", ask them for a call back number. Then call that utility and verify they are doing what the person stated, or call the police and let them check it out.

Please do not hesitate to call the police or this office should you have any questions or concerns about any of these types of SCAMS.

**Police phone number: 856-662-0500
Crime Prevention Unit: 856-662-2474-ext. 120.
If you feel frightened, or threatened
CALL 9-1-1**

The Continuing Adventures of a Merchantville Street Tree . . . Well, that was exciting! Dina did pick me along with a few of my sisters and brothers, some cousins, and lots of distant relations. I had lots of questions: What would my new neighborhood be like? Would I be planted near stores? Homes? In a park?

I didn't have to wait long to find out. Soon I was taken to a street with lots of houses and trees - except in the place where we stopped. Before I knew it I had been taken out of my container, my roots had been untangled, and I had been nestled into the soil that is my new home. I needn't have been nervous - they knew just how to plant me: not too deep, the soil snug around my roots but not too tight, and a drink of water. They even put a, well, sort of a, um, skirt around me. Know what that's for? If it doesn't rain enough the folks in the house across the way fill it up and it keeps me watered!!

Sometimes, when I look at the big, old trees, I feel so small. Will I ever be big enough to catch rain so it doesn't wash pollutants down the storm sewer, or make enough shade so people don't have to run their air conditioners as much, or stop the wind so their houses stay warmer in the winter? But then I think of all the people who are looking out for me - people who watch and wait for my first leaves in the spring, who care if my branches are broken or my bark is cut, who are careful not to run into me with the mower, and who water me regularly - and I know I couldn't have found a better home.

THANK YOU, MERCHANTVILLE

Councilman Alloway hits the Red Carpet!

John Alloway will have a great tale to share with his grandchildren in a few years. It just so happens that he was picked as an extra for the movie, ***Invincible***, the regionally popular movie about Vince Papale, a part-time bartender and substitute teacher who during the 70's at age of 30, tried out for and earned a spot on the roster of the Eagles, Philadelphia's professional football team.

The tale begins about a year ago when Alloway and his friend, councilman Paul Finnegan, started thinking about what fun it would be to try and get a bit part in the movie. Finnegan worked out the logistics with a cousin who works for Disney and before they knew it they were given the Philadelphia casting contact for the movie and heading off to the old Navy yard in Philly.

Alloway and Finnegan grabbed a group of eight, die-hard Eagles friends including Merchantville Mayor Patrick Brennan and Dan Beckett, Merchantville's superintendent of public works and headed out for the shoot.

When we got there they found stiff competition - there were more than 300 people all dressed like '70s Eagles fans. They were lined up in a cattle call fashion and given the once over for how well they would fit in a scene.

Alloway made the second cut! And, Alloway was in for another surprise - the shoot went 'til 3 a.m. It was long and tiring but worth the wait!

Alloway grew his hair and sideburns for the movie and appears in a scene with Mark Wahlberg, the actor who plays Papale. Look for him as is the guy who pats Papale on the back and says, "Way to go" as Papale enters a bar to celebrate making the team. Alloway, who runs a funeral home in town, reminisced about explaining his new look to clients who thought he was suffering a midlife crisis!

As for one guy who missed the cut because of his bedtime, Mayor Brennan joked that he'd heard that "you won't need a BIG box of popcorn" to last through Alloway's scenes.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER - NIGHT DRIVING

Now that Winter is approaching and the days are getting shorter many of us will spend more time driving in the dark rather than daylight. The suggestions below will help make your night time travel much more enjoyable and safer.

Inspect your vehicle for items that might create a problem or breakdown when driving such as:

Lights, tires (also spare), battery (also cables), wires, horn, alternator/ generator.

Keep your fuel tank at 1/2 full or better.

While driving, **be alert for possible danger- think ahead.**

If you experience vehicular difficulty, try to keep going until you can reach a service station, or if you can't at least keep going until you reach a well lighted area.

Raise hood, put white flag on the door handle, lower window 1/2 inch and lock your doors. Remain inside until police or garage people arrive. **DO NOT** accept a ride from a stranger.

If you are being followed or think you are, drive to a place where you can get help- such as a police station, or fire station. **DO NOT DRIVE HOME!**

Always look into your car BEFORE you get in.

Wayne K. Bauer, Chief
Merchantville Police Dept.
856-662-0507

REGISTER AND VOTE

To register in New Jersey you must be:

You are a United States citizen

You will be 18 years old by the next election

You will be a resident of the county for 30 days before the election.

Applications for registration can be obtained from the Division of Elections, the Commissioners of Registration office in the County where you live or from your Municipal Clerk.

CAMDEN COUNTY FLU SHOTS

Tuesday, October 17th - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday, October 18th - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

at the Senior Health Fair, Cooper River Park, North Park Drive, Pennsauken

Wednesday, November 1st - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Jewish Community Center, 1301 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill.

For future dates logon to:



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OPENING SOON . . .

L & M Tea Room

The Tea Room will be located at 18 S. Centre Street and have table & chair seating on the lower level and couches and chairs on the upper level so that people can just stop in for a spot o' tea. Several varieties of teas will be featured including black, white, green, and red.

A full tea will be offered including tea sandwiches, scones and sweets, as well as other light fare including sandwiches, salads, soups and a few traditional "English" food items

Scare Up Seasonal Savings At Our



HUNTED HALLOWEEN PREVIEW

11:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5th

11:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6th

11:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7th

Bayberry's & The Country Bloom

21 North Centre Street
Merchantville, NJ
856-663-4001

13 North Centre Street
Merchantville, NJ
856-662-2003

The Halloween Party will continue 'til October 31st

Visit Bayberry's and The Country Bloom
**Tuesday • Wednesday • Thursday
• Friday**

Dedication of "The Last Salute"

"The Last Soldier" a sculpture and memorial to fallen soldiers who have died in foreign lands, by Charles "Chick" Kelly, LCDR, USNR, was dedicated on September 30th during a "Meet the Artists" open house at Earth Tones.

Sculptor, Charles 'Chick' Kelly was a Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian) Priest who served twice in the Vietnam war as a chaplain in the United States Navy - rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

After years of service to religious communities, 'Chick' studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts from 1988-1992. He is now an active member of the Quaker Community of Philadelphia, a past Clerk of the Philadelphia Friends Peace Committee, and a member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club.

About 'The Last Salute', Chick says, "I served in Vietnam twice, replacing Chaplains who had been killed or severely wounded, 1967 and 1968. While there, seeing the small vignettes of the daily and local routine, I thought the US was accomplishing something helpful. Later the question, 'What piece of land is worth the loss of one human life?' helped change my way of thinking. I grieve for the fallen soldiers who have died in foreign lands fighting someone else's war."

Local artist, author and highly decorated Vietnam War Veteran, Bob Wagner, spoke at the dedication. Entertainment during the open house was provided by local musicians "The Non Domestiks". Businessman, resident and fellow Quaker, Harris Eckstut, purchased 'The Last Salute' and has placed it on perma-

SHOP MERCHANTVILLE FIRST



Experience the difference that shopping in your own home town offers. Merchantville boasts a variety of businesses from gift shops and grocers, restaurants and florists, to banks and professional services.

Supporting community businesses ensures a long and healthy future for your downtown!



YULEfest 2006

MERCHANTVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st
Annual Tree Lighting & Caroling
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall
Downtown Candlelight Shopping
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Downtown
St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar
4:00 - 9:00 p.m. In the Lower Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
Annual Christmas Parade
10:00 a.m. along Maple & Park Avenue
St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. In the Lower Church
Santa Shack

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Downtown
Downtown Holiday Shopping
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Downtown

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
Downtown Holiday Shopping
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th
Holiday Home Tour
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Downtown
Downtown Candlelight Shopping
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Downtown
Horse Drawn Carriage Tours
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Gazebo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th
Holiday Home Tour
12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Downtown
Santa Shack
12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Downtown
Downtown Holiday Shopping
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Downtown

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th
Downtown Holiday Shopping
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th
Downtown Candlelight Shopping
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Downtown

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th
Santa Shack
12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Downtown
Downtown Holiday Shopping
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Downtown

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th
Downtown Holiday Shopping
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd
Downtown Candlelight Shopping
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Downtown

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
Santa Shack
12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Downtown
Downtown Holiday Shopping
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th
Downtown Holiday Shopping
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown

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www.merchantville.com/events@merchantville.com

856-663-4001

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