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*What lots of fun we can make, With apples to bob, And nuts on  
the hob, And a ring and thimble cake* by Carolyn Wells



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Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

# Merchantville Borough Newsletter

## SAFE HALLOWEEN Trick-or-Treating



MERCHANTVILLE'S  
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATION

Would like to take this opportunity to invite your children to a traditional,  
fun-filled day of safe downtown TRICK-or-TREATING

**Wednesday, OCTOBER 31st.**

This event will take place at many downtown businesses.

### A "SAFE HALLOWEEN STOP" FLYER

will be posted on the window of all participating businesses.

The Police department has provided parents, guardians and residents with a  
sheet of safety reminders in this newsletter. Please review these safety  
instructions with your children before they start to gather their treats!

ENJOY DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREATING FROM  
**11:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.**

The Borough has established a curfew of 7:00 p.m. on  
Tuesday, October 30th & Wednesday, October 31st.

### Junior Pumpkin Patch!



Join us at the Merchantville Community Center, 212  
Somerset Ave. on Saturday, October 20th from 10:00  
am until 1:00 pm.

Come out and enjoy pumpkin picking and decorat-  
ing, crafts and games for the kids, baked goods and  
refreshments. Dress in costume or come as yourself.

The beautiful fall weather and onsite playground  
will top off a great day of family fun! Hosted by the Junior Women's Club  
of Merchantville.



### 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 at Borough Hall after they have been approved.

## 2007 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 2 - Historic Preservation Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Borough Hall  
 Oct. 8 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Borough Hall  
 Oct. 9 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Public Library  
 Oct. 9 - Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Borough Hall  
 Oct. 20 - FREE Rabies Clinic, 12:00-2:00 p.m. EMS  
 Oct. 20 - Volunteer Octoberfest, 7-11 Community Center  
 Oct. 22 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Borough Hall  
 Oct. 23 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Public Library  
 Oct. 23 - Master Plan Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m. Community Center  
 Oct. 31 - Safe Halloween Downtown trick-or-Treating, 11:00-6:00 p.m.

Information and updates about Borough, Community & Organization meetings and events can be found daily @ [www.merchantville.com](http://www.merchantville.com).

County Engineer, Robert Kelly, his design staff and traffic study engineers will be attending the October 22nd Council Meeting to discuss the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Park, Chestnut & Gilmore.

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### BOROUGH NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

**JANUARY 6th**  
**FEBRUARY 24th**  
**MARCH 17th**  
**MAY 19th**  
**JUNE 30th**  
**AUGUST 18th**  
**OCTOBER 6th**  
**NOVEMBER 17th**

( Submissions due by November 3rd )

**JANUARY 4th**

( Submissions due by December 21st )



### Free Rabies Clinic

Saturday, October 20, 2007

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Merchantville Emergency Squad Building

### Master Plan Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for the entire Final Draft of the Master Plan has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. All Public Documents available to the public via the Office of the Borough Clerk or on the Merchantville.com website.

Email newsletter submissions to:  
[newsletter@merchantville.com](mailto:newsletter@merchantville.com)

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE: New Municipal Hours

To all residents: Effective November 5, 2007 Borough Hall will be opened for the public from 8:30- 4:30 daily.

This change will make the hours of the Municipal Court and and Administrative offices consistent. This modification was passed at the September 24, 2007 Council meeting.

## MERCHANTVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



As a volunteer driven organization we look to you to be our history detectives and discoverers. We are delighted when you share your own Merchantville based family chronicles and keepsakes with us. Every update gives us a clearer and more complete picture of the Merchantville of yesteryear. You are more than welcome to join us at one of our monthly meetings to show us your personal treasures.

This Fall will find the Society working on making some of our books available on the Merchantville website, creating a current historic properties inventory list and publishing our latest Annual Merchantville Historical Society Newsletter. This year's dues reminder will be included in the November newsletter but for those who still need to submit their dues, please feel free to send your membership fee at your earliest convenience.

## Camden County Board of Freeholders Public Events

### FREE Document Shredding Day - 11/03/07

To help in the fight against identity theft, the Camden County Freeholder Board will hold a free shredding day for residents wanting to destroy documents containing personal information. On Saturday, November 3, 2007, industrial size shredder trucks will be at the Woodcrest PATCO parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until noon to destroy private documents while residents watch. For further information, please call 1-866-CAMDENCOUNTY (1-866-226-3362) or visit our website at [www.camdencounty.com](http://www.camdencounty.com).

The following **FREE** events are sponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders in conjunction with Dept. of Health & Human Services, Div. of Senior & Disabled Services/Special Events:

### Caring for Aging Loved Ones Conference - 10/4/07

"Bringing It Down to the Essentials" on October 4, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 109 9th Avenue, Runnemede NJ. **FREE!** Light refreshments served. Topics include: Home Care & Respite Programs, Housing Options, Health Insurance Counseling, Legal Issues and more.

### 18th Annual Senior Health Awareness Fair - 10/11/07

**SAVE THE DATE!** October 11, 2007 **RAIN or SHINE** from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Jack Curtis Stadium, Cooper River Park, Pennsauken. Kick off of Camden County's Flu Shot Program. Free boxed lunches to Camden County Seniors age 60 years or older. Enjoy community, county and state exhibits offering information on available programs & services in Camden County as well as entertainment and door prizes! To register, call Division of Senior & Disabled Services @ 1-877-222-3737 or visit website @ [www.camdencounty.com](http://www.camdencounty.com)

## Learn about the Jersey Devil

The Young at Heart Club which meets on Thursday November 15, 2007 at 1:00 PM will have Angus Kress Gillespie speaking. The New Jersey Council for Humanities is the sponsor. Mr. Kress's topic will be the 'The Jersey Devil', a devil's child roaming the Pine Barrens.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting. The Temple Lutheran Church is located on Merchantville Avenue and 130 North, Pennsauken NJ, 08109. For questions or information contact Olga Celli (856) 488-7598, program coordinator with any questions



## MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2007 FALL PROGRAM CALENDAR

**Saturday, 9/29 thru 12/15 ( 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. )**

For Children age birth to two years and their caregivers.

**MERCHANTVILLE LITTLE ONE'S PLAYGROUP:** Join us for a chance to meet our youngest members and make new friends! We have lots of books, toys and pillows for use.

**Wednesday, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 2007 ( 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. )**

For Adults

**MERCHANTVILLE FALL FILM FORUM:** Bring your dinner in a sack, we'll provide bottled water, snacks and stimulating discussion about the night's featured film classic.

**Wednesday, 10/17, 10/24 ( 3:30 p.m. )**

For Children grades 3 and above

**BOOK BINGO DESCRIPTION:** Join us for book bingo, snacks and prizes for all!

**Wednesdays, 10/3, 10/10 ( 3:30 p.m. )**

For Children grades 2 and above

**FALL LEAVES:** Now that the leaves have turned and are beginning to fall, join us to paint and decorate your own fall tree.

**Tuesday, 10/23 ( 3:00 p.m. )**

For all ages

**MR. MALCOLM PRESENTS SCOOPY DOO!** Enjoy an interactive story telling presentation of your favorite Canine!

**Wednesday, 11/14 ( 3:30 p.m. )**

For Children grades 3 and above

**PET BASKETS:** Join us and make and decorate a pet treat basket for your favorite pet, real or stuffed.

**Monday, 11/26 ( 3:00 p.m. )**

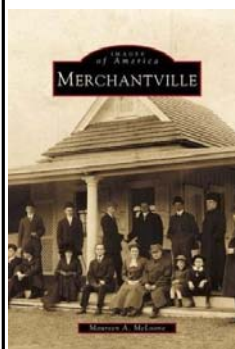
For all ages

**MR. MALCOLM BEGINS OUR HOLIDAY SEASON!** Enjoy interactive story telling to Kick Off the Holiday Season!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.**

For registration and information call: 856-665-3128

## Book Signing - October 7th



Maureen A. McLoone will be signing her book "Merchantville" from the Images of America series at Borders, Cherry Hill Mall, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, on Sunday, October 7th. This would make a great holiday gift for family & friends, who have a special place in their hearts for the Borough Beautiful.

## MPWC SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED PERSONS DISCOUNT

### Time to Enroll for Your 2008 Discounts

Senior citizens and disabled persons are again eligible for a discounted rate on water use if they meet certain qualifications.

#### Senior Citizen Qualifications

- ◆ You must be 65 years of age or older
- ◆ You must have an income of \$10,000 or less per year (*not including Social Security*)
- ◆ You must have a 5/8" water meter
- ◆ You must own and live in a single family dwelling
- ◆ You must receive a senior citizen discount on your tax bill

#### Disabled Person Qualifications

- ◆ You must have an income of less than \$10,000 per year
- ◆ You must have a 5/8" water meter
- ◆ You must own and live in a single family dwelling
- ◆ You must receive a disabled discount on your tax bill

The enrollment period for the 2008 discount begins now and continues through December. *You must enroll in this program EACH YEAR, so even if you are already receiving the discount for 2007 you will need to complete the enrollment form with updated information for your 2008 discount.* The enrollment form requires your lot and block number, so please bring along a copy of your tax bill. Enrollment forms are available at our main office located at 20 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville, NJ, 08109.



#### REMINDER TO OUR CUSTOMERS

If you have an emergency and need to have your water turned off to fix a leak, please be advised that there is a service charge each time we turn your water off or on. During normal business hours, the charge is \$5.00. After hours, there is a \$30.00 charge. If your water is turned off for non-payment, the turn-off / turn-on charge is \$50.00.

## MPWC PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission encourages our customers to be cautious and careful when inviting individuals into their homes. Representatives from the Water Commission will always be in proper MPWC uniform and will always carry official MPWC photo identification. MPWC Service Technicians will arrive at your home in official MPWC vehicles displaying our logo. Photos of our uniformed representative and official MPWC vehicles are shown below. Customers should insist that utility workers asking for access to their homes identify themselves. If a utility worker identifies himself and you are still unsure, please do not hesitate to ask our representative to wait outside while you call our office to verify that work and/or meter readings are scheduled in your area on that day. Safety is a top priority at the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission and official MPWC representatives will always be happy to wait while you confirm their identify. If someone approaches you as a utility employee but is not wearing the proper uniform or fails to produce official photo identification, you should call 9-1-1 to report an imposter.



## HENRY



We are saddened by the passing of our cat, Henry. He adopted us over 17 years ago and has brought much joy to all who had known him. All of us at Wirth Florist would like to thank everyone in Henry's life for their kindnesses, caring and especially the love you shared with him. He will be deeply missed. Henry passed very early morning May 16, 2007.

A memorial block for Henry has been placed in front of Wirth Florist, a gift from Jim Irwin.



# THE MERCHANT

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*Discover the Difference of our Downtown!*



## **Autumn Gathering Meet the Artists Open House**

Jewelry - Pottery - Glass  
Wood - Sculpture - Wearable Art

**Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>  
6pm til 9pm**

19 N. Centre Street Merchantville, NJ

**856-488-1830**

**Music by The Non-Domestiks**

New CD "Happy Defiant" Available  
Refreshments & Door Prizes

## **WELCOME TICKL'D PINK!**



Tickl'd Pink is a Children's Clothing Boutique with accessories. We are located at 18 South Centre Street.

Tickl'd Pink provides a pleasant shopping experience for children of all ages with competitive pricing. New inventory added weekly.

Starting in October, every third Wednesday of the month we will offer a preschool story time from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please call the store at 856-665-1661 to reserve a spot for your child. Limited seating is available.

We look forward to providing you a Tickl'd Pink shopping experience.

**Wellspring Center for Yoga & Health**  
19 North Centre Street, Merchantville  
856.662.4100

Announces NEW FALL OFFERINGS:

**Yoga for Mothers-to-Be**

Mondays, 11:45 am-12:45 pm

6-week series, \$66

**TWO LUNCHTIME CLASSES:**

\$12 drop-in, \$99 for 11-week series

\*Tuesday's Twelve Tibetans, 12 noon-1 pm

\*Integral Yoga, Wednesdays, 12 noon-1 pm

**FRIDAY NIGHT YOGA SAMPLER**

6-7 pm, \$10 to drop in

Different teachers, Different yoga styles

**NOVEMBER YOGA SWEEPS WEEK**

Five days of yoga--\$5!

November 5-9

Proceeds will benefit the homeless

## **Philadelphia Fruit Market**



Open Daily  
**856-662-1400**  
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**WE DELIVER**

## Discover the Difference of our Downtown!

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[gifts@bayberrys.com](mailto:gifts@bayberrys.com)

### The Country Bloom

*Stop by our Charming Country Shop  
for a Great Selection of Beautiful  
Wreaths, Home Accessories, and Unique  
Halloween Décor  
for  
Your Home & Garden*

*Historic Merchantville Candles  
by Goose Creek make Great Gifts!*

*Fresh Flowers and Floral Arrangements  
Available  
13 North Centre Street, Merchantville  
(856) 662-2003*

### Stop and Crop Scrapbooking - OCTOBER EVENTS

**10/19 & 10/26 Snack & Scrap Crop Night**- 6:00-10:30  
Wind down from a hectic week! Bring your favorite snack to share (chips & salsa, m&m's, pretzels, brownies, etc.) and scrap your Friday night away. \$12.00 without a snack, \$10.00 if you bring a snack.

**10/6 Saturday Crop Night**- (18 & older) 6-10:30  
Give yourself a break and come socialize with other women in the area! Bring your scrapbook supplies and enjoy an evening of socializing and scrapping. We will provide assistance if needed and pizza will be provided! A great way to enjoy some "me" time while still providing memories of your family that will last a lifetime. \$15.00.

**10/25 -Beginner's Class**-(all ages) 7-8 :00  
Want to learn to scrapbook but don't know where to start? We will help you create 2 pages while teaching you the basic techniques and use of tools. \$10

**10/12-Mother/Daughter or Son Night Out**- (all ages )  
Take a break from all the hustle & bustle and enjoy an evening reminiscing over old photos and good times. Feel free to bring dinner \$16 per couple, \$5 additional per child.

**10/5 \*NEW\* Student's Scrappin Day**- (ages 8 & up)  
Enjoy your day off with us! Bring in your pictures & lunch and we will help you create your own scrapbook. Fee includes use of tools & 2- 12x12 sheets of paper. \$10

**10/11 & 10/16-\*NEW\* Mom's Day Out**- 10:00-2:00  
Take a break and scrapbook while the kids are at school. Whether you are a beginner or advanced scrapbooker you will have these few hours to create your own scrapbook. \$10

**10/6 \*NEW\* Saturday Morning Kids Club** - 10:30-12  
(ages 5-13) Start off your weekend by scrapping! Bring 4-6 pictures and we will help you create pages to add or begin creating your very own scrapbook. \$10 per child

**10/20\*NEW\* Kids HALLOWEEN Night Out**- 6:00-8:00 (ages 5-12) Enjoy a SPOOKY Saturday evening at Stop and Crop. Wear your costumes, have some pizza and bring 4-6 pictures so we can help you create pages 2 Halloween pages for this years' pictures. We will play some games and have fun Halloween Activities! \$12.00 -1 child, \$20 -2 children, \$30.00- 3 children, \$40.00 4 children, etc.

**10/13 12 Hour Crop For Breast Cancer**-10:30-10:30  
Please join us in the fight against Breast Cancer. \$15.00 of your registration will be donated to the Susan G. Korman Foundation. A portion of the sales will also be donated. Lunch, dinner and drinks will be provided. \$40.00 per person

Stop and Crop is also available for group use, birthday parties, women's groups, meetings, support groups, etc. Please let us know a month in advance so we can incorporate your private party while developing our monthly calendar.

\*For your convenience, drinks are permitted in the shop but PLEASE make sure they have a secured lid to prevent any spillage. [www.stopandcropscrapbooking.com](http://www.stopandcropscrapbooking.com)

## CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH OCTOBER - SECURITY LIGHTING

Exterior lighting is extremely important in residential and commercial security. Each exterior doorway should be lighted to prevent vandalism and a burglar from concealing their activities. Yard and windows should be lighted to prevent concealment.

Floodlights can be used to accommodate most outdoor security lighting needs, including the illumination of boundaries, fences, buildings, and for emphasis on vital areas of particular buildings. The floodlight is versatile because it is designed to form a beam that can be projected to a distant point or used to highlight a particular area. The beam widths available in floodlights are roughly classified as narrow, medium, and wide. These widths may also be obtained in a variety of sizes and types. Various types of lighting such as non-glare, golden-glow, and incandescent lamps are available to suit your lighting needs, and many with unbreakable fixtures and covers.

Spotlights and entrance lights can be equipped with sensors which will turn the light on at dusk and off at dawn. Your local electric utility company can provide information on dusk to dawn lighting systems for parking lots, industrial plants, commercial establishments, driveways, storage areas and where directional lighting is required.

Ornamental porch and yard post lamp are a means of eliminating night blind spots.

To give the appearance that you are at home, use an electric timer to turn lamps on in the evening and off at your normal bed time. Timers can be used to turn on radios as well as lamps. Use at least one timer on each floor of the house.

## Register to Vote

October 16th is the last day to Register to Vote for the Upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 6th. Registration forms and Absentee ballots are available to residents in the Clerks Office at Borough Hall, 1 West Maple Avenue.

## Municipal Email reminder

All municipal email is now handled through MerchantvilleNJ.gov. A directory of municipal contacts is available on the website and in the 2007 directory

## 2007 Directory

If you are new to town or did not receive our 2007 Borough Directory you can pick one up at Borough Hall or in our downtown shops and restaurants.

## Attention All Residents

Summer is unofficially over. The kids are back in school.

Now is the time to be aware of what is going on around you.



With the kids back in school, they are easy targets. Their movements are much more regulated than the in the summer.

We need you to observe and report any suspicious, or unusual activity in your neighborhood.

Remember, the police non-emergency number is 856-662-0500, the "tip line" is 856-662-2474 ext. 166. If there is any question as to how serious your information, or how dangerous the situation is Call 9-1-1 and let the police investigate.

## 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 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.

# 2007 - 2008 Leaf Collection & Holiday Schedule



The Public Works Department will post signs in your area announcing when leaves may be placed in the street for collection. The following leaf collection schedule is subject to change.

**Please do not place leaves in street until the signs are posted**

| 2007             |        | 2008       |               |
|------------------|--------|------------|---------------|
| Week of:         |        | Week of:   |               |
| October 29       | Area 1 | January 1  | Area 4        |
| November 5       | Area 2 | January 7  | Area 5        |
| November 12      | Area 3 | January 14 | Area 1 & 2    |
| November 19      | Area 4 | January 21 | Area 3, 4 & 5 |
| November 26      | Area 5 |            |               |
| December 3       | Area 1 |            |               |
| December 10      | Area 2 |            |               |
| December 17 & 25 | Area 3 |            |               |

## Area 1:

Centre Street east to Church Rd from E. Maple Ave south to Spruce Street and Sussex Street, St. James Avenue and Ivins Avenue.

## Area 2:

Centre Street east to Cove Road and East Maple Avenue north to Rogers Avenue.

## Area 3:

Centre Street west to Browning Rd and West Maple Avenue south to Woodbine Avenue.

## Area 4:

Centre Street west to Browning Road and West Maple Avenue north to Chestnut Avenue and Cedar Avenue.

## Area 5:

Browning Road west to Poplar Avenue and West End Avenue.

Leaves will be picked up in the street 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.

## Holiday Schedule

November 22 & 23 Thanksgiving Holiday - Hold recycling until Friday, November 30th

Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Holiday - East side trash pick up Wednesday, December 26th  
Median home prices up 12% in 2006

## Community Events

**The Jubilee Bell Choir** will be in concert at First Baptist Church of Merchantville on Sunday, October 7th at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Concert Soloist Jackie Cannon** in "The Heart of Worship" at First Baptist Church of Merchantville on Sunday, October 14th at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Merchantville High School Class of 1958** has launched a new website in preparation for its 50th class reunion scheduled for April 2008. So far festivities include a Rec Hop Hoagie Party, a Dinner Dance and Sunday morning Brunch.

**Merchantville Borough Rabies Clinic.** This FREE clinic will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the Merchantville Emergency Squad Building.

**The Merchantville Stamp Club** will host their annual club dinner on Thursday, October 25th. The club meets at 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month at Temple Lutheran Church and hosts an annual MERPEX show. For more information contact David Grayson, Box 2913, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

**The Young at Heart Club** will have Angus Kress Gillespie speaking on the 'The Jersey Devil' at their meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at temple Lutheran Church. The public is invited to attend.

**Volunteer Octoberfest** at the Community Center on Saturday, October 27th from 7-11 p.m. The Public Events Committee is hosting this event to cultivate volunteer support for community events. Tickets cost \$15 and will give a \$5 REBATE in Merchantville Coupons to anyone who signs up as a volunteer that evening. Tickets include food and drinks and will be available at downtown shops.

**First Presbyterian Church Flea Market** on Saturday, October 27th on the front side lawn at the corner of Maple and Centre Streets. From Antiques, home made jar goodies, to all kinds of animal toys for people and pets to help promote an animal rescue. The weather should be good so come on out to take a stroll! Vendors accepted. Fee: \$20 for a 12x10 spot. For information: call Tina Schmidt at 856-662-0357.

**The Annual MES Eighth Grade Haunted House** will take place on October 26th & 27th at 7 p.m. RAIN or SHINE. This event helps to fund graduation festivities. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

## Neighboring Community Events

**"Monster Mash" Halloween Dance** on Saturday, October 27th 7:30-11 pm hosted by the Maple Shade Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, 45 N. Forklanding Road, Maple Shade, NJ. Cost \$5.00 includes light refreshments. LIVE DJ. Ages 12-up. Contest will be held at a witching hour. Get Dressed and Come down to have a scary night. For information call 856-779-7739.

**Ham & Oyster Dinner**, November 3 at 4:00 to 7:00 pm Adults: \$14.00; ages 5-12: \$5.00; Under 5: free Maple Shade Congregational Church, 45 N Forklanding Road, Maple Shade. For information call Jeanne Mehling, chairperson at 609-680-7759.

## Merchantville Continues Progress

The September 24, 2007 issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer offers an interactive map comparing median home prices in South Jersey in 2005 and 2006. Merchantville's median home price rose from \$192,000 in 2005 to \$215,000 in 2006, ranking us 41st out of 94 municipalities.

Merchantville, Cherry Hill and Pennsauken have applied for a \$500,000 state Neighborhood Preservation grant aimed at restoring and strengthening communities through home rehabilitation projects and public improvements. If approved, this will be the second joint NPP grant for the Borough and the grant funding would be split equally among the three towns over the next five years. The three neighborhoods, which total about 500 homes, adjoin one another.

## St. Peter's Community Welcomes Sr. Elizabeth, New Principal

**SPS**

St. Peter students and teachers greeted a new principal this year with open arms and hearts. Many remember Sr. Elizabeth when she taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at St. Peter in 1974-1976, her first teaching position! She returned in 1981 to teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade until 1984.

Her teaching posts took her to NY, Ohio and Pennsylvania and her experience as principal spans 15 years. She is looking forward to furthering the St. Peter school tradition of strong academics in a faith-filled atmosphere. Sister is thrilled to be back in the St. Peter community and "reacquaint with past friends and make so many new ones."

### St. Peter School Open House

Sunday, Nov. 4th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Tours Available

*We invite you visit us!*

*Come see the wonderful community and strong academics offered at St. Peter*

## Local candidates launch websites

Local residents Jim Kelly, Christina Wintters, Anthony Perno, Nick DiMatteo, Steve Volkert and Mark Brunton are candidates for Borough Council this November. Learn more about them, their background and their vision for our future on their websites [www.merchantville07.com](http://www.merchantville07.com) and [www.mabrunton.com](http://www.mabrunton.com)

## Municipal employee retires

Long-time resident, community volunteer and municipal employee, Sue Walker, tendered her resignation to Mayor and Council at their September 24th meeting. During her fifteen year tenure Mrs. Walker held the positions as Deputy Clerk, Borough Clerk and CFO. We thank her and wish her well in her retirement!

## Resident's work on display

See the witty, functional tables by Merchantville resident and woodworker, Don LaJeunesse at the "Other Side of Art " handcrafts exhibit at the Villanova University Connelly Center. Also featured are Mary Ellen Bilisnansky-McMorrow of Chadds Ford and fiber artists, Rita Bernstein of Florida and Christina E. Johnson of Philadelphia. This FREE show is open weekdays through 10/4.

## Glenn Hudson's pottery on display at GCC art exhibit

Gloucester County College presents a month-long art show featuring the work of four artists. Artists participating in the open house and month-long exhibit are John Cymerman, Chad Hovey, Glenn Hudson and Carol Ann DeSimine. Glenn Hudson, from Wirth Florist, will have more than two dozen examples of his Raku pottery on display. A form of pottery characterized by low-firing temperatures and glazes, Raku is considered the traditional method for creating bowls for the Japanese tea ceremony. "Ancient pottery has always inspired me. Whatever the culture, whether it is Greek, Roman, Chinese, or Japanese forms, I am moved by clay," said Hudson. "I love the ancient firing processes where the results are caused by flame being in direct contact with the pots. Wood-fired pottery is what I find most spiritual. For the past 26 years, I've been a florist and have fallen in love with the vase form. Now as a potter and a closet archeologist, I get to make what I would like to find." The art exhibit may be viewed six days a week until Thursday, October 11. The Art Gallery's hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Art Gallery is located within the College Center in the heart of the 250-acre GCC campus on Tanyard Road in Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.