

Volume Twelve
Issue Four
Late Spring 2006

*" Sweet springtime is my time , is your time , is our time
for springtime is love time , and viva sweet love"*

By e.e.cummings



132nd Birthday Celebration & Downtown Street Fair

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

Join us for a family day full of
fun, food, shopping and entertainment!



12th Annual EMS Night

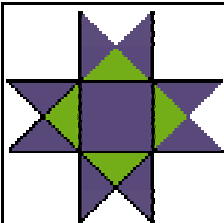


On **Wednesday, June 28, 2006**, the Merchantville Emergency Medical Squad will host The 12th Annual EMS Night open to the public and **FREE** from 6:30-9:30 PM. It will be held at the EMS Building located at 25 East Park Avenue, Merchantville.

The Pennsauken Fire Department will be there to demonstrate **"The Jaws of Life"**. In addition to the P.F.D., the Sheriff's Dept. **Bomb Squad** and Camden County Hazmat units will be on hand for demonstrations, as well as the **American Red Cross** Fire Safety Trailer and **McGruff The Crime Dog**.

There will be a large display of Ambulances, Fire Trucks and Police Vehicles. A **Teddy Bear Clinic** will be open for kids to bring their cherished dolls and bears to be sewn and given TLC. They can visit the Clinic either before or after being entertained by Clowns and Face Painters. Popcorn, Soda and Hot Dogs will be provided by the squad. The **Camden County Firemens' Canteen** will be on-sight to assist the squad in preparing and passing out the food items.

For more information about the event contact Chief Christina Zia at (856) 662-2077 or (856) 662-2474 ext 162. Merchantville EMS Squad 12 is a volunteer-based Emergency Medical Squad serving the Merchantville Community since 1973. In addition to serving Merchantville, the squad provides mutual aid to Maple Shade, Pennsauken and Cherry Hill.



Calling All Handcrafters & Artisans To Register For Merchantville's 8th Annual Handcrafts Festival

Saturday, September 30th from 10-4

Applications available at Bayberry's, Earth Tones and Borough Hall
For More Information Call: 856-663-4001 or eMail:events@merchantville.com



Start Breast Cancer Awareness Month
at the 2nd Annual Tour d'Ville!
Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 A.M.

To help with this event please contact
Kris Sodano at 856-662-2003 or
events@merchantville.com

Proceeds will benefit
Breast Cancer Research & Community Programs

VOLUNTEER FOR PUBLIC EVENTS

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Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

THE Merchant Borough Newsletter



Borough Council Meetings

Occur on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from September through May and on the 2nd Monday of the month during June, July and August. 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.

2006

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6th
FEBRUARY 24th

APRIL 7th
MAY 19th
JUNE 30th

(Submissions due by June 16th)

AUGUST 18th

(Submissions due by August 4th)

OCTOBER 6th

(Submissions due by September 22nd)

NOVEMBER 17th

(Submissions due by November 3rd)

THE MERCHANTVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Preserving our past, while fulfilling our future through our acquisitions, collections and educational endeavors."



Merchantville's Birthday Celebration is just around the corner (June 10th)!

Be sure to stop by the Merchantville Historical Society table. With a very limited supply of the remaining books in print, there are 3 different history books on Merchantville that you can add to your home library. The MHS ornaments of Borough Hall, Collins & Pancoast Hall, The Community Center, Merchantville School and The Railroad Station can be purchased in sets or individually. Note only a handful of the complete sets of 5 are left in our inventory.

Come celebrate with us and seize the opportunity to become or renew your supporting membership. Happy, happy birthday to our wonderful town!



WOMAN'S CLUB TRIP to MYRTLE BEACH

The Woman's Club of Merchantville presents "Myrtle Beach" from November 26 to December 1, 2006. Deluxe Motor Coach transportation, 5 nights hotel, 5 breakfasts, 4 dinners and 4 shows.

Visit Broadway on the Beach, optional time for golfing and shopping at Barefoot Landing. \$525 per person double, \$645 per person single, \$505 per person triple. Call Jean 856-663-4843 for further information."

Email newsletter submissions to:

newsletter@merchantville.com

Delivery concerns should be directed to:

Community Affairs Officer

Fred Kohler

@ 856-662-2474 ext. 120

Garden Club News . . .

Merchantville is in full bloom, as the Spring planting is underway! On May 13th, members of the Garden Club met to clean up and plant the downtown area, specifically Morrissey Park and Borough Hall. Planting is also ongoing at the Gazebo, Cove Road and Browning Road, Gilmore and Chestnut and the downtown planters.



Now that the beds are established, we continue to **need volunteers** to weed and water.

In June and July the Garden Club turns its attention to more leisurely and enjoyable activities. We are in the process of lining up homes for Garden Walks in the third week of both June and July. Check the Merchantville web site or watch for the flyers downtown as the date approaches. If you would like to volunteer your own home, or that of a friend or neighbor, we would like to hear from you.

For more information on either the **Garden Walks** or helping out over the summer, please call Jane Homon at 856-665-0149, or e-mail at lapajar@yahoo.com.

Public Works Notice

5/29/06 Memorial Day Holiday
Trash Pick Up Schedule

West Side

Tuesday, May 30th

East Side

Wednesday, May 31st

Non-Burnables (metal/paint)

Wednesday, May 31st

CAMDEN COUNTY NUTRITION PROJECT



If you are 60 years old or above, we would like to invite you to visit our nutrition site at:

Merchantville Community Center
Greenleigh Court & Somerset Road
Merchantville

Monday through Friday

Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.

For information call:

663-6474

We hope to see you there!

View our monthly menus @
www.merchantville.com

St. Peter's Football & Cheerleading Registration

For Boys and Girls Ages 5-14



Thursday, May 18th

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, May 19th

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday May 20th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Location: St. Peter's Church Parking Lot in Merchantville

Football Fee: \$150 Cheerleading Fee: \$140

For more information contact:
tconstantino@quickie.com

Register for Parks & Playgrounds

Summer Parks and Playgrounds will be running from June 26 through July 28. Information and Registration Applications will be available at the Community Center from 9-12 on Saturday, May 20th and Saturday, June 10th at the 132nd Birthday Celebration.

The registration fee is \$100.00 for the first child, \$85.00 for the second with a \$5.00 decrease for each additional child. Non-Residents may participate for a fee of \$125.00 per child.

If you have any questions please contact Pat Fields at 663-8691.



woodbine swim club

Get a jump (or a dive) on your summer plans with the Woodbine Swim Club

Woodbine offers three pools, a large picnic area with barbeque pits and propane grills, a Tri-County swim team, swim lessons for all ages, a shady playground, fun events, a screened-in snack bar, basketball, volleyball, and shuffle board courts, and a family atmosphere.

Find out about the new ideas, new events, new payment plans and new energy splashing around the pool!! Located on Maple Avenue, next to Maple Bowl, you may have driven by and missed it, but once you visit you'll know where you want to be this summer.

For more information please contact our Membership Chair, Karin Pinkstone at:

856-663-9742 or pinkarin@comcast.net

Or visit our website: **www.woodbineswimclub.com**



Go Gators!

WALK FOR AUTISM RESEARCH

The South Jersey Walk For Autism Research will be held on June 10th, 2006, at Bishops Gate Corporate Park, in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

Registration: 9 a.m.

Walk Begins: 10 a.m.

Come out to walk and support the more than 4,000 South Jersey families whose loved ones are affected by Autism. Proceeds benefit NAAR/Autism Speaks. Merchantville Junior Woman's Club member, Debbie Schmidt, is Co-Chair once again, of the Walk. Her ten-year-old son Jordan was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a high-functioning form of Autism, at age three. Debbie is also Captain of "Team Jordan" this year in the Walk.

For information on the June 10th Walk, please call the Autism Speaks Chapter Office at: 856-755-0330 or, go to www.autismwalk.org. Using this website you can register your Team, sponsor an existing Team member or volunteer for the Walk! It's that easy!

RESIDENT NOTICES . . . RESIDENT NOTICES . . . RESIDENT NOTICES

HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS:

Borough residents and property owners are reminded that during grass growing season your properties must be maintained. Grass and weeds must be cut. Please remember, if your property is located at the intersection of two roadways, any shrubs, or flowers, planted at that corner must be trimmed to a height of no more than 2 and ½ feet. This is to allow motorists to see oncoming traffic at an intersection.

YARD CLEAN UP:

Please remember when you clean up your property to dispose of the debris properly. Borough Ordinance 34 states the following for yard debris disposal: Hedge, tree debris, and brush will be picked up by the Borough Public Works Department on your normal trash collection day. This type of trash must be bundled. The bundles can be no longer than 4 feet, weigh no more than 50 pounds and be no bigger than 24 inches in diameter. Leaves **MUST** be **BAGGED. DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET.** Bagged leaves will be picked up on your normal trash collection day.

PET CLEANUP:

For your convenience boxes of **WASTE BAGS** have been placed in containers along the jogging path at the Merchantville Mile. Use these bags and place your refuse in a public trash container. Cleaning up after your pet is a health & safety issue and anyone in violation will be cited.

EVENING CURFEWS:

Borough Ordinance 19-1 states it is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to be or remain in or upon the Public Places within the Borough of Merchantville at night during the period ending at 6:00 AM and beginning at 11:00 PM Friday and Saturday nights, and 10:00PM on all other nights.

SKATEBOARDING: is **PROHIBITED** in the Downtown Business District. Please remember to carry your skateboard through the downtown.

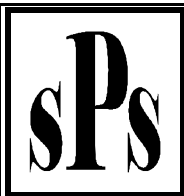
JUNE CRIME PREVENTION TIP - WHEN YOU ARE AWAY

If you are going on a vacation or will be away from home for a few days, here are some tips to keep your home safe while you are gone.



1. Don't publicize vacations ahead of time.
2. Inform the police of your plans. They will keep an eye on your house. There is an emergency notification form that will be filled out when you notify them. This form will give police any emergency contacts you choose should there be a problem at your home while you are gone.
3. Leave information on where you can be contacted in an emergency with a trusted friend and ask them to keep an eye on the house.
4. Stop all deliveries such as mail and newspapers, or make arrangements for someone to pick these things up.
5. Give your house the "lived in look". Leave your drapes in the normal position. This look is a deterrent to burglars.
6. Have a neighbor use your trash cans or let them place some of their trash in front of your home. Let them put their car in your driveway.
7. Don't leave lights on 24 hours a day. Put them on timers. Don't put all the timers on and off at the same time.

For further information please contact the Crime Prevention Unit 658-662-2474 ext. 120



St. Peter School News

Local 2nd grader wins prestigious National Award

On Friday, April 28, Ashley Russell, a 2nd-grader from St. Peter School was presented with a National Award for outstanding excellence in hand writing. Ashley Russell's entry was chosen from among hundreds of thousands of entries in a contest sponsored by the educational publishing company, Zaner-Bloser. In front of the entire student body and with TV cameras rolling, Ashley accepted the award which included a \$500 bond, a computer and a medal. Mrs. Sue Masso, a teacher at St. Peter's for over 20 years, was recognized as well and accepted an award presented to the school.

Ashley will now be competing with a select group of National winners to win the Grand National prize.

More information about Zaner-Bloser handwriting is available at www.zaner-bloser.com.



Kelly's Ride



Kelly's Ride 2006, a charity bicycle run, will be held on **Saturday, June 3rd**. The 62-mile (100 kilometer) ride from Lenape High School in Mount Laurel to Ocean City is a fund-raiser in honor of Kelly Vogdes.

Kelly was a graduate of St. Peter School and 1997 graduate of Camden Catholic High School and grew up in Merchantville. She died in a motorcycle accident in 2004.

Please join her parents, Kathy and Joe, and their great family in this worthwhile cause. Volunteers are needed to meet, greet and register riders, assist with set up of refreshments for riders at rest stop and assist with registration of riders who want to travel a shorter distance to Ocean City.

Proceeds from the event will be used to construct a girls dormitory at the Amigos de Jesus Orphanage in Posa Verdes, Honduras.

For more information or to register, go to www.kellysride.com or call **856-778-1726**

What Do Trees Dream About? *By Krista Lee*

Ah, spring! What a beautiful day. What could be better than this? So many friends and relatives around me, all the food and water I need, folks so concerned about my health and well-being... Still, I'm looking forward to getting out there in the world.

I've heard it can be tough in some neighborhoods, but I'm dreaming of moving to Merchantville. They've been a Tree City USA for 28 years, you know. That's when a community meets certain standards established by the National Arbor Day Foundation, like having a group to develop and administer a community forestry management plan and observing Arbor Day.

As a matter of fact, on Arbor Day this year an Okame Cherry was planted next to the school. I heard it was quite a time! It was planted in honor of the Class of '39. Eight people from that class were there along with about 50 current students and other participants.

So anyway, that's why I want to move there; they really love their trees.

Oh, wow! There's Dina Turan! She's the chairperson of the Merchantville Shade Tree Commission. She's heading this way... Over here! Oh, oh! Pick me, pick me!! I have great structure and good roots, and my bark is flawless (if I do say so myself).

To be continued...

MPWC ANNUAL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM BEGINS MAY 1ST

Commission is confident that our customers will once again respond to this important request. With everyone's cooperation this year's MPWC Water Conservation Program will be a great success. Here are some helpful hints:



- **The average lawn does not need to be watered every day**
- **Sidewalks and curbs should never be cleaned with the hose.**
- **Sprinklers should be set so as not to waste water on sidewalks or streets**
- **Never wash your car or truck without using an automatic shut off nozzle**
- **If you have a pool, cover it when not in use to minimize evaporation**
- **When watering your lawns do not do it during the hottest hours of the day. Early morning is the best time to water.**

You are invited to participate in our public forum and voice any concerns you might have about your drinking water. We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM at our main office in Merchantville. MPWC, 20 West Maple Avenue. Phone: (856) 663-0043, After Hours Emergency (856) 663-0045. **Website @ www.mpwc.com**

The Talk O' The 'Ville . . .

Heather A. Chapman and **Christopher Knowles** of Merchantville announce their wedding engagement. Heather received the proposal at the Collins House Restaurant on April 28th. Thanks to the staff for making their night so special (and for hiding the ring in Heather's "take out" container!) p.s. dinner was delicious!



Patrick and Joan Brennan are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, **Patrick J. Brennan II** to **Amy E. Miller** of Birmingham, Alabama. Amy recently completed a masters program in Drama at the New School in New York and P.J., who works for McAllister Towing of Philadelphia, holds an M.S. in International Transportation Management from SUNY Maritime College. A Spring 2007 wedding is planned.

Leola Pratt Williams, death occurred on April 11, 2006 at her home 11 Clinton Avenue, Merchantville, NJ. She is survived by her daughters Phyllis A. Folk, Cherry Hill and Mary E. Korden (D. Lee), Merchantville. Five siblings Elzora Diggs, Doris Pratt, Clara Mitchell (William), Joan Merriweather, Jean Cooper; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren, one sister-in law Janie Champ, one brother-in-law William Ingram and a host of neices and nephews. Funeral services were held at St. John Baptist Church on April 17, 2006 and interment took place at Gates of Heaven Cemetery, Mt. Royal, NJ.



Announcements may be submitted to the newsletter via email: newsletter@merchantville.com



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PROTECT OUR INVESTMENT

The **Business Association**, the **Garden Club** and the **Department of Public Works** have worked hard to plan, purchase, plant and hang beautiful flowers throughout our community. This ambitious annual project requires lots of funds and upkeep. Although we have a great plan for daily watering, overseen by resident **John Brouse**, we'd appreciate any extra help business owners and managers can give. We have made this annual investment to enhance the business area and would like to see all businesses invest a few minutes of time to support this effort

So if the planter by your home or business is looking a bit withered or limp . . . **PLEASE give it a DRINK!**

SELL YOURSELF and YOUR WARES at the STREET FAIR!

This **FREE** opportunity comes round just once a year so **Come On Out to Meet and Greet** the public at the **132nd Birthday Celebration on June 10th!** This event draws more than 4000 visitors to town!

At the street fair there's a market for almost everything so turn your trash into cash! **Pitch a Tent or Table** on **Centre Street** and take **Spring Cleaning** to the next level by clearing out old inventory and emptying those boxes filled with displays, decorations and leftovers.



Kris Sodano, from **The Country Bloom**, will be dropping off registration forms to **Shops & Businesses** in town and all you have to do is fill them out and drop them off or mail them in! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to introduce **Yourself and Your Business** to the community!



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Merchantville**

856-662-5858



**Russell T. Mutschler
Owner/Broker**



800-959-4784

Helpful Hints For Fresh Cut

Flowers: Keep the vase filled with water containing floral food provided by your florist. Be sure to follow the directions on the package. If the solution becomes cloudy, replace it entirely. If possible, recut the stems by removing one to two inches with a sharp knife. Remove leaves that will be below the waterline. Leaves in water will promote bacterial growth that can harm the flowers.

Stop in to visit our online **Flower Dictionary** at **www.wirthflorist.com** or our retail shop at **22 South Centre Street**.

Call us Today for a Free Market Analysis!

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**Be Sure to Visit Us at the
Annual Merchantville Birthday on June 10th!**



The Pampered Pussycat

South Jersey's Finest Feline Only Boutique opened it's doors June 11th with a wide variety of specialty cat products for your Pampered Pussycat. The shop is owned and run by Rachel Knaus who lives just over the Merchantville line in Pennsauken. It's open Tuesday thru Saturday from 11:00 to 6:00 and Sundays 12:00 to 3:00.

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Phone: 856-665-2450

Fax: 856-665-2451

www.felinefetishes.com



Wellspring Center for Yoga & Health

Welcome Summer with our
Solstice Drum Circle

Friday, June 23, at 7:00 pm

Summer Class Series begins July 5th

11 weeks for \$121

Look for our "Bring a Friend " coupon

Al Seaman will offer Reiki Level I training

Friday, June 30. Call for details.



19 North Centre Street

856-662-4100

www.wellspringcenter.info

The Collins House & Banfi Vintners Present

An Evening of Great Food & Wine



Thursday, June 8th, 2006

7:00 p.m.

The Collins House Restaurant

2 South Centre Street

Merchantville

www.thecollinshouse.net

\$80 per person

For Reservations: 856-661-8008

View our wine dinner menu@ www.merchantville.com

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MERCHANTVILLE'S Memorial Day Ceremony



will take place on
MONDAY, MAY 29th at 10:00 A.M.
at the Veteran's Memorial in
WELLWOOD PARK
Service will be held at Borough Hall if raining.

"Healthy, Physically Active Children Learn Better" *By Patty Carr, Physical Education Teacher MES*

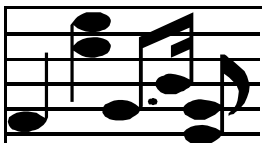
Merchantville Elementary School celebrated National Physical Education and Sport Week May 1-5, 2006. Quality physical education programs help children gain the knowledge, skills and confidence that promote lifelong physical activity. Fun activities were planned during the week to remind everyone that "Healthy, Physically Active Children Learn Better!"

Students were challenged to a "screen free" week, including - no watching TV, playing video games or using the computer. Children and adolescents should spend at least 60 minutes every day in a variety of moderate to vigorous physical activities. Maintaining healthy bodies is not only vital for physical well-being, but for mental and emotional development as well.

"The Family Fitness Challenge" provided an opportunity for students and their families to spend time together completing fun fitness activities at home! When parents enjoy and participate in physical activity, so will their children! Select a regular time throughout the week for your family to be physically active. Help children explore a wide variety of physical activities to determine what they like and then encourage them to participate in those activities.

"Project ACES" (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) was an exciting event on Wednesday, May 3. At 10 AM (local time) Merchantville School children along with thousands of other schools and millions of children from other countries participated in the worlds largest exercise class!

With more inactive and overweight children than ever before, it is critically important for the future of our country that schools and families work together to promote quality, fun physical activity opportunities for everyone.



Stay Tuned...for the Annual **Wednesday's In Wellwood** **Art and Music in the Park**

Make it a family night! Bring the Children at 6:00 PM
for a unique and different art project each week
and stay for the concert beginning at 7:00 on following
Wednesday's this Summer

July 12 Car Cruising night with oldies *NEW this year!*
July 19 Teen Night -Three local bands
July 26 Kids night-Band
August 2 Teen Night -Three local bands
August 9 60's-70's 80's mix of music
August 16 Car Cruising night with oldies *NEW this year!*

Antique Car display on Cruising Nights
Trophies will be Awarded

The Snack bar will be open during the evening!

Concerts are sponsored by
Merchantville Business & Professional Association
Pennsauken-Merchantville Rotary &
Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Funding has been made possible in part by
the Camden County Cultural & Heritage Commission
through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State,
A partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

A Smile is Forever

Dentistry for the Whole Family

Here's something to smile about

From March to June, we are offering professional Teeth
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50% to Garth Brooks' Teammates for Kids Foundation

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Dr. Gary Sapienza Celebrates Read Across America with Merchantville's Sixth Grade

In his second annual Read Across America, Dr. Sapienza and his team opened the doors to Merchantville's Sixth Grade. Each one of the team members contributed to the day's events, which included reading poems and short stories to the students on the lawn, exploring the dark side of oral piercing, speaking on the dangers of sugar in soda, and demonstrating hands-on the behind-the-scenes physics of dentistry. Dr. Sapienza gladly welcomes opportunities to educate local students.