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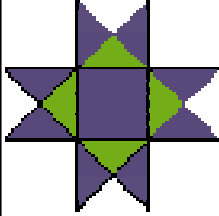


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Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

Merchantville Borough Newsletter

August rushes by like desert rainfall , A flood of frenzied upheaval , Expected Like a quick kiss ; One wishes for more , But it suddenly turns to leave , Dragging summer



Last Call for Handcrafters & Artisans To Register For Merchantville's 8th Annual Handcrafts Festival

Saturday, September 30th from 10 to 4

Applications available at Bayberry's, Earth Tones,
The Country Bloom and the Borough Hall Annex.

For More Information Call:

856-663-4001 or eMail: events@merchantville.com

This event has been made possible by a grant from 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.

**MERCHANTVILLE'S
2006 TOUR D'VILLE**



5K RUN & ONE MILE FUN WALK

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30th
At 9:00 a.m.**

For more information or to register call:

Merchantville Public Events

Kristine Sodano, Event Chairperson

events@merchantville.com

856-816-3551

www.merchantville.com

Giant FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

9 AM - 2 PM

WELLWOOD PARK

Sponsored by:

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MERCHANTVILLE

Spaces: \$16.00

Reservations: Call Marilou @ 856-662-4580



Thanks To EVERYONE Who Made The Car Show Such A Success!

First and foremost THANKS to the car Show Committee especially Kevin Greening, Mike & Tom Rhea, Jeff Brown and Jim & Terry Irwin. To ALL the volunteers, organizations and sponsors who make this event possible. Kudos to the Borough for committing the services of the Public Safety & Public Works departments that day. A special thanks to the downtown businesses and residents for cooperating with any inconveniences that day. And finally, a well deserved THANK YOU to Mayor Brennan who accepted a plaque from Kevin & Mike, the "Car Show Guys", in appreciation for his continued support of this event and his twelve years of dedication and service to the community of Merchantville. THANK YOU ALL!



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

(Submissions due by September 22nd)

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

Aug. 14 - Public Events Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Borough Hall
Aug. 14 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
Aug. 16 - 'Cruising Night', 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Wellwood Park
Aug. 22 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library
Aug. 22 - Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center
Sept. 4 - Labor Day
Sept. 5 - Historic Preservation Comm. Meeting, 7:30 in Borough Hall
Sept. 6 - Opening Day of School MES
Sept. 11 - Public Events Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Borough Hall
Sept. 11 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
Sept. 12 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library
Sept. 25 - Public Events Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Borough Hall
Sept. 25 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
Sept. 26 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library
Sept. 30 - 2006 Tour d'Ville 5K Run, 9:00 a.m., Downtown
Sept. 30 - 8th Annual Handcrafts Festival 10:00-4:00, Downtown

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 August 4, 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.

Former Fire Chief Honored

On Saturday evening, July 29, the Niagara Fire Company of Merchantville was proud to honor ex-Chief

Doug Grant with a recognition dinner at the Collins House. The Fire Company thanked Doug Grant for serving as Chief of the Department for 12 years (full member since 1969) before stepping down in December of 2005. Prior to being Chief,



he was a borough council member/fire commissioner for 10 years. Mr. Doug Grant was presented with a gold coated axe inscribed with a universal Fire Department Chief insignia. Also, he received a plaque from the Borough presented by Mayor Brennan. Along with Doug, other members of the fire department were honored for serving 25+ years. They were Joe Brickley (57 years - retired), Joe Adamo (44 years - retired), John Grant (35 years - ex-Deputy Chief), Bob Hermanns (32 years - current Battalion Chief), Andy Grant (30 years - ex-Captain and current company President), and Roy Adair (27 years - current Chief). Thanks, gentleman, for your years of public service. Thanks also to your wives who 'kept the home fires burning' (no pun intended) while you were out running calls.

The residents of Merchantville were represented by Mayor and Mrs. Patrick Brennan and Mr. and Mrs. Frank North. As always, the dinner prepared by the staff at Collins House was exceptional.

MERCHANTVILLE GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club had a very good turnout of about 20 people for its Garden Walk on July 19th. The Walk featured Kathe Kichula's charming shady garden with delicious refreshments after, and the fabulous garden of Tammy and Bill DeGregory. We were all in awe of the beauty and creativity of this garden!

Our job for the next few months is to keep the town



gardens watered and weeded. As you go by, feel free to pull a miscellaneous weed or two in any of our gardens or planters!

In October, Nancy Page will conduct our Fall workshops for the Welcome Baskets. Call Nancy at 663-0346 if you would like to help out.

Finally, if you would like to contribute to the Garden Club, it would be most appreciated. As the members donate so much of their time (and often plants and supplies), we do not charge dues, and our funding from the Borough is limited. Consequently, we have quite minimal funds for lectures, thank you gifts for our Garden Walk hosts, or any other projects. Any amounts would be most welcome, and you may send them to "Garden Club of Merchantville", c/o Jane Homon, 40 E. Walnut Ave., Merchantville, NJ 08109. Thank you so much!

The Talk O' The 'Ville . . .



Christina Marie Marconi of Bensalem, PA and **Nicholas Joseph Gaudio, Jr.** of Cherry Hill, NJ were married June 10, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bensalem, PA. The newlyweds had spent the past year renovating their house in Merchantville and they moved in after their honeymoon. They also both graduated with master's degrees, Christina in Criminal Justice Administration and Nicholas in Computer Engineering, from Villanova University on May 20, 2006.



Marie Gladys Haley, 94, mother of Marie Hanna (Bob) passed away on July 30, 2006. Marie was married for 60 years to John J. Haley Sr. until his death in May 2000. She is survived by four children, 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Marie was a beautiful woman who proudly wore the crown of Miss Montgomery County and also was a contestant in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J.



Thomas Ramagosa, Jr., Age 53, former owner of Park Avenue Jewelers, passed away unexpectedly on August 4th. He was a well known and respected business man in both Merchantville and Maple Shade for over 20 years. His craftsman-ship and unique style were his trademark. He was known by many as 'Tom the Jeweler'. Tom was an avid outdoors-man. As friends and customers can recount the stories of his many adventures - whether it was a big bass, tuna, deer or bear. He is survived by his only son, Thomas Ramagosa, III.



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

FALL WREATH WORKSHOP

Create a straw and cloth wreath after school.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 20, 27, OCT. 4, 11

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for children grades 1 to 8

BOOK BINGO

2 weeks of Book Bingo, prizes and snacks provided

WEDNESDAYS, OCT. 18, 25

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for children of all ages

DECOUPAGE

Decoupage a framed mirror

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. for children grades 2 and above

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Pot Luck BBQ Block Pirate Party

Saturday, September 16th 2006

St. James Ave. Island: 3pm - 10pm

\$25.00 per Family/Household

Featuring a Live Band (7-10 pm), Children's Games (3-5 pm) and a Great Way To Meet The Neighborhood!

Come as a Pirate if You Dare & Prepare to Walk The Plank!



WOMAN'S CLUB OFFERS MYRTLE BEACH BUS TRIP

The Woman's Club of Merchantville invites you to travel with them by motor coach to Myrtle Beach November 26 - December 1. Five breakfasts, four dinners, four great shows, optional time for golfing and shopping. and much more. \$525 pp double, \$645 Single, \$505 pp triple.

Call Jean 663-4843 for further information.

BOROUGH DOG OWNERS

In an effort to help control the spread of rabies the Borough wants to remind all dog owners of the ordinance requiring the licensing of their animals.



All dogs must be licensed annually in the month of January. Should a dog be obtained after the month of January you have ten (10) days to register that animal.

The present dog registration fees are \$7.00 for spayed or neutered and \$10.00 if it is not.

The registration fee starting January 1st of 2007 will be \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$12.00 for unsprayed or unneutered.

There is an additional fee of between \$10.00 and \$20.00 dollars for late registration.

The licensing procedure requires a current rabies vaccination certificate, and the license must be secured to a collar or harness.

If your dog is picked up by the animal control officer and you go to the animal shelter to pick up your dog; the Borough will be informed of the unregistered animal. You will have 5 days to obtain a legal license.

STREET LIGHT NOT WORKING PROPERLY?

The police department is asking for your help in correcting street light problems. Some street lights do not work, others do not turn off, and still others turn on and off for no apparent reason.

Should you have the occasion to notice any of the problems with a street light, please call the police **"TIP" line at 662-2474 Ext. 166.** Just state the location and the problem. The pole number would be helpful, but is not necessary.

Any questions, or comments can be left on the "TIP" line, or may call the Crime Prevention Office at

Merchantville Helping Hand Safety Program

School will be starting soon! The children will be walking to and from school everyday. Please be aware of the necessity of keeping our children safe in our community and the world today.

The Helping Hand Safety Program is an active safety program in Merchantville. There are currently almost 20 safe houses throughout the community. All school children are aware of the program through program education in Merchantville and St. Peter's schools. This education is done each year for new students and to remind the younger students of its importance and purpose.

The Helping Hand Safety Program is always looking for new safe houses. Please take a moment and think if you or any of your friends, neighbors and/or retirees that you know in town, would fit the criteria for participation in our program. The key criteria would be:

1. to be home during the day
2. to complete the application and the Police background check

Please remember, this is a volunteer based program. There are no meetings, or other time requirements. A Helping Hand sign is placed in your home window or door and if necessary, you will call 911 if a child comes to your home for help. The following is a list of some streets that **Do Not** have a Helping Hand house on them:

**West Chestnut Avenue
Walnut Avenue
Westminster Avenue
Chapel Avenue
Volan Street (school end)
Browning Road
Maple Avenue (center of town)
Morris Street
Lexington Avenue**

Remember, this is a community based program. We must all work to keep our children safe. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Barbara Heinz, Borough Coordinator
856-663-5757

Fred Koehler, Community Affairs/Crime Prevention Officer
856-662-2474 ext. 120



A REASON TO SMILE . . . We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our patients who made our Smile for Life Campaign this year a success. Through the efforts of Dr. Gary Sapienza and his dental team who donated their dental services to whiten the teeth of our local community, over \$3900.00 has been raised to aid children's charities. Half of the amount was donated to Camden County Family Support Organization located here in Merchantville and the remaining funds to the Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation. Since joining the campaign three years ago, Dr. Sapienza has raised over \$13000.00. Nearly 500 children's charities have been benefited from these funds in the past six years.

"Smiles for Life provides a win-win service," according to Dr. Sapienza. Patients get a brighter smile, our member dentists get the satisfaction of contributing to their community, and best of all, children who really need help get a reason to smile.

Dr. Gary Sapienza · 311 East Maple Avenue · Merchantville, NJ
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From the Shade Tree Commission:

Why, What, When, and How to Water Trees

By Krista Lee

While your potted plants and flower gardens may show the most severe effects of drought very quickly, trees can take much longer – up to several years. This doesn't mean they haven't been severely damaged in the meantime, however. Here are some guidelines to help you determine why, what, when, and how to water when it comes to your trees.

Why water your trees? Drought-stressed trees die young. Also, this stress increases trees' susceptibility to insect and disease damage, further reducing their lifespan. Finally, replacing trees is far more costly (including in amount of water needed to get it established) than watering them when needed.

What trees are likely to need supplemental water? Some factors are the species, the location, and how long it's been planted. Dogwoods, Japanese Maples, Cherries, Birches, Beeches, Willows, and Magnolias are common trees that do not tolerate water stress well. (Some common shrubs in the same category are Azalea, Rhododendron, Witch Hazel, and Japanese Holly.) A tree planted near streets and buildings or other sources of reflected or radiated heat will need extra water. Ones planted in sites that are sunnier than is ideal for the species or in areas where the roots are crowded (like between a sidewalk and the street) will need extra water, too. Lastly, any tree that has been planted within the past two years is susceptible to water stress because its roots are still getting established.

When do trees need supplemental watering? That depends on whether they are established (have been in the ground for at least two years) or not. A newly planted tree needs at least one and a half inches of water each week. An established tree needs that much every two weeks. If it hasn't been supplied in the form of rain, they need to be watered.

The best way to water trees is at the dripline, or as far from the trunk as the tips of the branches are. Let water trickle slowly from a hose (slowly enough so that it soaks in, not runs off) until the water has soaked into the ground to a depth of at least six inches. This could take several hours. Move the hose to several spots around the tree, depending on its size. Alternatively, using a soaker hose will water more (if not all) of the perimeter at once.

Trees may not show significant effects of water stress as quickly as other plants, but it can result in damage and even death. Water trees that need it and they will reward you with beauty, shade, and cleaner air and water for a lifetime.

Fiesta Vacation Bible School

Exciting Bible Adventures Games, Singing, Crafts & Snacks for Pre - K to 5th grade students.

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Aug. 21 - 25, 2006 from 6:00 - 8:25 PM

1st Presbyterian Church

Maple Ave. & Centre Sts.

Merchantville, NJ 08109

Ph. (856) 662 - 6252

Reservations may be made by phone or at our web site, **www.FPCMerchantville.com**. There is info on the website, as well as a registration form. SundaySchool There is the link for it. Also, here is a link to the clipart for the VBS program we are using. Group VBS 2006 - Fiesta!

ALL ARE WELCOME !!!



The Merchantville Police Department recently received a \$1,000.00 grant from Walmart to supplement our Bike Patrol unit.

Thank You Walmart!

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The Park Avenue - Merchantville Town Centre East Redevelopment



The proposal for the TCE Redevelopment Plan by AST Development Corp. will be heard at the next Planning Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Information is available at **www.astdevelopment.com** just click "Projects in Progress & Portfolio" then click "Redevelopment"



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 Need some dog bones or treats . . . Word has it that Merchantville's newest business is in the business of Pets ... they've moved into the space on Park Avenue where Grannie's Attic was located ...

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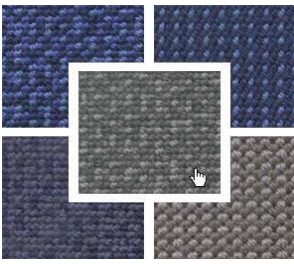
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OPENING IN SEPTEMBER . . .

L & M Tea Room



Resident Lori Wehnau plans to join Merchantville's growing business community when she opens her Tea Room next month! She will sell L&M branded tea and tea brewing accessories. 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. She is also hoping to have some live entertainment, like acoustic guitarists and perhaps some shows for the area artists. She plans to offer some classes on brewing the perfect pot of tea, teddy bear teas for the kids and etiquette lessons. Her idea is to be cater to the tea needs of just about everyone. People can stop in to grab tea to go, and maybe a pastry or scone. Others can order a pot of tea and just sit and relax or stop in after dining hours for a dessert tea and some sweets.

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NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER
neighbors working together

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A Section of Merchantville, Pennsauken and Camden

Fall 2006



Merchantville's Annual

Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 23rd (Rain or shine)

Registration is \$10.00

This includes lawn sign, maps and advertising.

You may pick up a form at Borough Hall Annex, 1 West Maple Avenue
or just print one out @www.merchantville.com

Questions, Call 662-2474 Ext. 121

Denise Brouse, Neighborhood Preservation Program & Merchantville Public Events

**All residents must register with the Borough
in order to have a yard sale on this date!**

Remember . . . on the same day you can also get great bargains at:

THE WOMAN'S CLUB FLEA MARKET IN WELLWOOD

One Year and Counting!

This is the final year of the Neighborhood Preservation Program. If your home is within the target area you still have a chance to receive a grant. Homeowners, business owners and landlords can still receive funds, but time is running out. When the program ends it will not come back into this area again.

We only have two rehabilitation grants remaining . . . So, don't miss out on a :

Beautification Grant
Curb & Sidewalk Grant
Sign & Store front Grant
Rehabilitation Grant

**Your neighbor has most likely participated
Why not you! Call today!**

856-662-2474 ext.121

Summer Program Success

Wednesday in Wellwood had its best year yet. Hope you all got a chance to listen to some of the local talent. "Elvis" was in the house! Mark Reno kicked off the series with the first ever car /bike cruise night in the park. Special thanks to Mike Rhea and Kevin Greening for all of your help with the cars. Mark Stinger, Terri Noone, Lou Simoni and more than twenty teens also made up the musical talent. Denise Warren, Rosanna Parsons, Don Stephens and Ted Warchal brought artist excellence to the children. The Rotary kept the folks fed and the NPP resident Organization helped with set up. Thanks also to the police and EMS for attending every event. We hope you enjoyed the summer program and would like to here from you if you any new talent for next year.

*Concerts were sponsored by Merchantville Public Events
Pennsauken-Merchantville Rotary & Neighborhood Preservation Program. Resident Organization and the
Merchantville Car Show Committee*

*Art in the Park 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.*



St. Peter School News

Congratulations to the Class of 2006!



Brad Silich received the Camden Catholic Music Scholarship.
Alexandra Pierlott received an academic scholarship from Nazareth Academy.
Gregory Bukowski received an Academic Scholarship from Bishop Eustace
Emily Maryanski received the Montini Scholarship from Paul VI High School.

Congratulations to the elected officers for the 2006-2007 school year:

Kelsey McCoy – *President*
Geraldine Dimalaluan – *Vice President*
Kristin Curley – *Corresponding Secretary*
Claire Higgins – *Recording Secretary*
Vincent DeFeo – *Treasurer*

Congratulation to the Spelling Bee Marathon winners:

1st grade: Ann Foley
2nd grade: Molly Kowal
3rd grade: Daniel Zazzera
4th grade: Sean Gallagher
5th grade: Colleen Stellman
6th grade: Vincent DeFeo
7th grade: Justin Griffith

And a special congratulations to Father Burns who recently celebrated 40 years in the sacred priesthood.

The St. Peter School community welcomes **Staci Almquist** as the new **Director of Advancement**.

St. Peter's Golf Outing, scheduled for **Monday, September 26th**, continues to grow so register early to ensure a spot by calling Quentin Griffith, III at 662-4961. Sponsorships are available at many different levels and all proceeds, directly and in full, benefit the children.

Veterans honored at Annual Car Show

This year's Car Show was dedicated to our Armed Forces and to the memory of Karl Kohler, Carl and Joe Michinski and motorcycle enthusiast, Richard Miller. The ceremony began with the presentation of the colors by and Honor Guard and a composition on "Patriotism" by Amanda Rhea, daughter of Tom Rhea.

Plaques were presented with "sincere appreciation for all of the sacrifices they've made to give us the freedom we enjoy and for their contribution in protecting and defending our country" to residents and neighbors including Frank White, *WWII*, Robert Disch, *Korean War*, Frank Smith, *Gulf War*, Michael Eichner, *Afghanistan War*, and Nick DiMatteo, *Iraq War*. Jeff Brown presented a plaque to Colonel Bancroft who served in



September is right around the corner! The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is a wonderful foundation that helps millions of women and men battling breast cancer in our area. So get in shape, save the date, and help us make a difference in the lives of those battling breast cancer. Pledge forms will be sent out in the beginning of the school year to all schools in the area.

Volunteers are also needed as race coordinators for 2 hours on race day. If interested in helping, please feel free to call me or email at: (856)816-3551 or krisso-dano@comcast.net. For more information or to print out a race /walk application, click on the side menu under **PUBLIC EVENTS @ www.merchantville.com**

August 2006



Merchantville School News



Welcome Back!

Merchantville School will reopen its doors to students on Wednesday, September 6, 2006. The first two days will be half-days with a 12:45 dismissal. Friday, September 8th will be the first full-day of school for students.

Welcome New Staff!

Merchantville School Administration and the Board of Education are pleased to welcome four new staff members into our school community in September.

Sheryl M. Staszewski, M.Ed. has been hired as the new **Guidance Counselor/Supervisor** for the 2006-2007 School year. With over 20 years educational experience, Ms. Staszewski began her career in the early 1970's as a Family and Consumer Science (home economics) teacher. In 2000 she received a Masters degree in Student Personnel Services and began working as a school Guidance Counselor. In 2002 she received a second Masters degree in Educational Leadership and she became the Director of Student Personnel Services for Lindenwold Public Schools. At Lindenwold, in addition to her supervision of the district's guidance staff, Ms. Staszewski also took on the responsibilities of updating their student management software, coordinating and analyzing the district's standardized tests, implementing the district's good student rewards program, developing a guidance curriculum, building the master schedule for students and teachers, and participating in the teacher observation and evaluation process. We look forward to working with Ms. Staszewski as she develops new programs to improve our school and gets to know Merchantville students and staff.

Susan G. Roth, Ph.D. will become a part-time member of the **Child Study Team** as Merchantville's Learning Disabilities Consultant. The district has been searching for quite some time to fill this vacancy and has had to rely on contracted services to meet our legal requirements in this area. Dr. Roth has a strong background working as a member of child study teams at both the elementary and junior high levels. We are fortunate to have Dr. Roth join our staff and know that our students will benefit from the experience and continuity that she will provide.

Shawn P. Waldron, BS has been hired as a **Junior High Social Studies** teacher and as a **Basic Skills** instructor for the upcoming school year. Many residents will know Mr. Waldron from his years as the executive director of the Main Street Merchantville program but may be surprised to learn that he has been teaching in Burlington County schools since 2001. As a Merchantville resident and member of the Public Events Committee, Mr. Waldron is already familiar with many of the students, teachers, and staff. We welcome him to the Merchantville School Community!

Kathleen M. Sasser, M.Ed. will become our new **Junior High Special Education** teacher in September. Ms. Sasser has over 15 years experience as a special education teacher with a strong background as a reading specialist. Ms. Sasser's experience will be a great benefit for our junior high resource center students.



School Calendar

August 22	School Board Meeting*
Sept. 5	Teachers Report Back
Sept. 6	First Day of School 12:45 Dismissal
Sept. 7	Half Day - 12:45 Dismissal
Sept. 8	First Full Day of School
Sept. 12	School Board Meeting*
Sept. 26	School Board Meeting*
Oct. 10	School Board Meeting*

*7:30 PM Merchantville Library. Agendas and minutes are now available on the school website under BOE Meeting Dates.

Alternative Funding Committee

The Merchantville School Board is forming an Ad Hoc **Alternative Funding Committee** to investigate ways to increase funding from non-governmental sources. This includes securing additional revenue from grants, sponsorship, out-of-district tuition, and donations of services. If any resident would like to participate in this committee or has ideas about possible funding sources please contact board president Sharon Stine at sharonhs@mac.com or 662-3851. Even if all you have to offer are suggestions or possible leads please pass them along!

Security Systems Overhaul

As part of the school's commitment to the safety of our students and staff, the security system is being overhauled. In September a video camera will be installed at the front door and all visitors to the school will be screened via a monitor in the main office and "buzzed" in. An additional back-up monitor will be installed in the business office. Also as part of the overhaul, the security system motion detectors will be upgraded and all of the alarm systems (school fire and entry, as well as the library system) will be monitored by the same company for a savings to the district. Teachers and staff will have access to the school through a front door keypad.

Carroll Will Overview

In June, the Marie J Carroll Foundation awarded a total of \$120,000 in college scholarship money to 32 Merchantville students for the 2006-2007 school year. The highest award was \$15,740 and the minimum award was \$1,200. In addition the foundation awarded almost \$38,000 to Merchantville School to fund special activities within the school.

The foundation was created in 1967 to fulfill the terms of Walter R. Carroll's will. Mr. Carroll was a longtime Merchantville resident who died in 1955. His will set conditions for setting up a trust fund and, upon the death of his wife, Marie J. Carroll, the trustees were instructed to accumulate the interest income of the estate for 15 years and then use the yearly income to benefit the pupils of Merchantville High School. The will stipulated that the awards were to be used for cash prizes, financial assistance for graduating pupils, financial support for school activities, speakers and activities which promoted the interest of pupils in their studies and school activities.

In 1982, when the first payments were to be made by the foundation, Merchantville no longer had a high school. Several court decisions over the intervening years set the terms upon which the foundation is to operate, including the requirement that 75% of the proceeds must be used to fund scholarships and the balance for school activities.

The will stipulates that a committee consisting of the school board president, the superintendent of schools, the school principal and a representative of the trustee bank will administer the proceeds of the foundation.

The Merchantville community is grateful to Mr. Carroll as his generosity has allowed many Merchantville School students realize their dreams.

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5K RUN & ONE MILE FUN WALK

Proceeds Will Benefit

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Central & South Jersey Affiliates

Date: September 30th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Pre-register by: 9/15/06

Entry fees:

- \$20.00 pre-registered runners
- \$25.00 registration fee day of race
- Complimentary Race Shirts to the first 100 participants
- Discount registration fees for teams of 10 members & up

Join us for a 5K Run & One Mile Fun Walk through the beautiful tree-lined Victorian streets of the Borough of Merchantville and help us make a difference in the lives of those battling breast cancer.

For more information or to register call:

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Trophies given to Top Overall Male & Female Runners, First Resident Finisher, First Runner Breast Cancer Survivor & top 3 Male & Female in all age groups.



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