

# Merchantville BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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## BOROUGH NEWSLETTER 2008 SCHEDULE

**JANUARY 11th**

**MARCH 7th**

**MAY 9th**

(Submissions due by 4/25/08)

**JUNE 27th**

(Submissions due by 6/13/08)

**AUGUST 15th**

(Submissions due by 8/01/08)

**OCTOBER 10th**

(Submissions due by 9/26/08)

**NOVEMBER 21st**

(Submissions due by 11/07/08)

Email newsletter submissions to:  
**merchantvillenj@comcast.net**  
Please direct delivery concerns to:  
**Community Affairs Officer**  
@ 856-662-2474 ext. 120

## MUNICIPAL MEETING SCHEDULE

### Borough Council

2nd & 4th Monday of each month  
7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

### Board of Education

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month  
7:30 p.m. in the Public Library

### Planning Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month  
7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

### Historic Preservation

1st Tuesday of each month  
7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

### Shade Tree Commission

2nd Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m. in the Public Library

### Public Events

Monthly 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

### Board of Health

Quarterly 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

### Municipal Court

Wednesday of each month  
6:00 p.m. in Borough Hall

## EASTER EGG HUNT



Merchantville's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the lawn of the Merchantville Community Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 22nd. The hunt is open to all community children and grandchildren from birth to 5th grade. There will be lots of eggs to find, candies and treats! Get ready for this coming year because before you know it that time of year will be here again! Bring your brothers, sisters, friends and parents and make sure to bring along a basket or bag to collect all your goodies. There will be a special guest appearance by the guy with the Big, Floppy Ears! Parents, Grandparents and relatives are encouraged to bring your cameras and camcorders to capture the fun of this Merchantville Springtime tradition. For more information email [merchantvillenj@comcast.net](mailto:merchantvillenj@comcast.net) or call 856-662-2474 ext. 103.

## "Calling All Artists"

We are still searching for artists for the 13th Annual Merchantville Crafts and Fine Art Festival being held this year on May 17th and 18th. This juried Arts Festival is not to be missed! Whether as an entrant or a visitor there is something for everyone! Art, music, food and camaraderie with your friends and neighbors. Join us for a fabulous weekend bolstered by great community support and welcoming merchants. Make plans to attend this sure winner and add it to your spring schedule! For details and/or an application go to "Events" on the side menu @ [www.merchantville.com](http://www.merchantville.com) or call 662-2474 extension 103.



## Maple & Chaple Avenue Bridge Reconstruction

Bridge reconstruction on two of the four major access roads to our community is anticipated to last ten months. **Traffic detour on Maple Avenue is as follows:** The east bound detour will begin at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Church Road then proceed southeastwardly along Church Road to Haddonfield Road then proceed northward along Haddonfield Road to Maple Avenue where the detour will end. West bound traffic will be the reverse of these moves. Vehicles detouring via this route will experience an additional distance of half a mile and about 2 minutes of additional travel time. **Traffic detour on Chapel Avenue is as follows:** The southeast bound detour will begin at the intersection of Chapel Avenue/Hampton Road then proceed southward along Hampton Avenue to Route 38. Then the detour will continue east along Route 38 to the signalized intersection with Chapel Avenue where the detour will end. Northwest bound traffic will be the reverse of these moves. Vehicles detouring via this route will experience an additional distance of 1.4 miles and about 3 minutes of additional travel time. Detour maps and more specific information can be found on our website @ [www.merchantville.com](http://www.merchantville.com) by using the side menu to click on **Borough>Public Notices>Bridge Detours.**

## Borough Council News

Council is having budget meetings prior to each Council meeting from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Demolition for the redevelopment project at the old Shell station is expected to start early March.

The Borough has replaced the C.F.O. position formerly held by Sue Walker by entering into a shared services agreement with Barrington for the use of Denise Moules, C.F.O.

The Planning Board meeting originally scheduled for 2/12 will take place on 2/26 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Borough Offices are open for business from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Phone: **856-662-2474**.

## MHS Class of '58 Reunion

Merchantville High School Class of 1958 is looking for classmates for their 50th reunion which will take place from April 11-13. Events include a Friday evening get together at Merchantville Community Center, a dinner dance on Saturday at Woodcrest Country Club and Sunday brunch.

For more information about the reunion event please contact Jim Weidner by phone at **856-486-1755** or by email at [weidner@waterw.com](mailto:weidner@waterw.com)

## Public Events Committee News

In our ongoing efforts to plan and promote recreational activities as well as public events for the Merchantville community the PE Committee will be sponsoring "Merchantville Walks".

Joann Barber approached the committee with her desire to begin a walking club. This simple idea hit a home run! How could we say no to the opportunity for singles or families to participate in a healthy activity while meeting your neighbors and learning about the history of town?

So, beginning March 1st and continuing every odd numbered Saturday we will feature the following walks: **The Merchantville Mile Walk** Merchantville's longest straight shot from the historic Cattell Track to Browning Road. **Merchantville's Parks Walk.** A longer walk from Wellwood to the Community Center. **The Yoga Walk.** Under the guidance of Wellspring Center for Yoga & Health. **The Art Walk.** A stroll during the Art Show.

All walks begin and end at the Gazebo and start at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

## Local Presidential Primary Results

The voting results for the Presidential primary on February 5th in Merchantville were as follows:

Clinton: 178  
Obama: 167  
Edwards: 3  
Richardson: 2  
McCain: 85  
Romney: 33  
Huckabee: 10  
Paul: 9  
Giuliani: 1

The total number of votes cast were 703:

480 Democrats  
233 Republicans



**South Jersey Hot Chefs "Restaurant Week"**  
**MARCH 9th - 14th • Four Courses for \$35**

Check the list of participating restaurants on our website above!

## You're Invited to our Volunteer Expo!

The Merchantville Public Events Committee is hosting a volunteer night. If you've been to Borough events like the Art Show, Birthday Celebration, Craft Festival, Car Show, Parade, Home Tour or Holiday Yulefest and think you have some ideas to make them better now is your chance to climb on board.

**Friday, April 4th from 7 to 10 p.m.** we will have an Open House Expo featuring all our events. Come out, meet your neighbors who help out, and find a job you would like to do. No offer of help is too little. Some "one and done" activities might include Booth sitting for an artist while they take a break, helping park cars for the Car Show, event logistics or copying promotional flyers. Greater involvement might include participation on a planning committee or volunteering for the day of an event. So come on out and enjoy a **FREE** evening of food and fun at the Community Center. Meet you neighbors, learn about our events and offer a bit of time to make your Borough better.

Call Shawn Waldron at **856-486-2195** or email [swaldron@merchantvillenj.gov](mailto:swaldron@merchantvillenj.gov) for your ticket.

## Camden County News

### Women's Health Conference

The Camden County Board of Freeholders is sponsoring their **9th Annual Women's Health Conference** on Saturday, March 1st at Eastern High School from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Online registration is closed but residents will be able to sign up on the morning of the conference, Saturday, March 1st starting at 8:00 am. The Conference is **FREE** to county residents. On-site childcare is provided for young children.

### Literacy Tutor Workshops Scheduled

Literacy Volunteers of America/Camden County is seeking volunteer tutors to teach functional English literacy skills to adults at the lowest levels of literacy. You can make a difference in the life of an adult who wants to learn to speak, read and write English and/or improve math skills. No experience is necessary, just the willingness to reach out and help a motivated learner. Spring Volunteer Tutor Training Workshops will be held at the Camden County Library in Voorhees on six consecutive Mondays beginning March 31st from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Call Literacy Volunteers of America/ Camden County at **772-1636** ext. **3331** for more information or check us out online at [www.lva.camden.lib.nj.us](http://www.lva.camden.lib.nj.us) .

### County Roads

The Department of Public Works performs pothole repairs on all county maintained roadways. To report a pothole on a County maintained road, please call **856-566-2980**.

### Spay Our Strays Program

A Spay/Neuter Clinic is being offered on Sunday March 9th in an effort to reduce stray cats brought into the Camden County Animal Shelter. There will never be enough homes for all of the kittens born and we need your help to end euthanasia in Camden County. For only \$35\* we will spay or neuter and vaccinate any CAT. Distemper and Rabies vaccines are included as well as ear tipping for feral cats. Only residents of Camden County are eligible. Proof of residency is required when dropping off animals. Cash Only at Clinic; Visa, Mastercard, or Cash Deposit Required to Make Appointment. Please call **856-401-1300** for more details or to schedule an appointment. Visit [www.ccasnj.org](http://www.ccasnj.org) for more information or email us at [camcoshelter@yahoo.com](mailto:camcoshelter@yahoo.com).

## Ever wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Want to stop it?

Here are several easy steps:

If forwarding an email, **DELETE** all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message at the top. address on any petition. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient

Before you forward an 'Amber Alert' or 'Virus Alert' **CHECK IT OUT**. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for years. A great website for doing this iWhenever sending an email to more than one person, **DO NOT USE** the To: or Cc: fields for adding email addresses. Always use the BCC: or blind carbon copy field. **REMOVE** any "FW :" in the subject line.

**ALWAYS** hit your Forward button from the actual email you are reading.

**DO NOT** put your email s [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com).

A complet list of hints to help you reduce junk email is available online @[www.merchantville.com](http://www.merchantville.com)

## MERCHANTVILLE Little League 2008 REGISTRATION

We have begun accepting registrations for the 2008 Spring Season, ages 5 through 12 (age as of March 31, 2008 for Baseball/Tball and December 31, 2007 for Softball). Forms are available online to print and mail @ [www.eteamz.active.com/merchantville](http://www.eteamz.active.com/merchantville). Please contact [MLL2005@comcast.net](mailto:MLL2005@comcast.net) for mail-in instructions.

Monthly Little League meetings are held on every **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month, unless otherwise notified, at the Merchantville Community Center. Meetings are held at 8:30 p.m. during the months of April, May, and June. Meeting times for the remaining months are 6:30 - 6:45 until 7:45 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.



# THE MERCHANT

A SUPPLEMENT FROM THE BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

## GRAND OPENING OF 13 NORTH ART GALLERY First Friday, March 7, 2008 from 7-10pm ADDS NEW DIMENSION TO MERCHANTVILLE, NJ'S FINE ARTS

**13 NORTH ART GALLERY** at 13 N. Centre St., Merchantville, NJ - brings the edge and excitement of an urban art gallery to the shade tree historic Borough – “just across the Bridge from Old City.” Organized as a collective of contemporary artists, **13 NORTH** will showcase eclectic exploratory work through multiple art mediums of the gallery's founding members. *"We welcome the Collaborative of Contemporary Artists at 13 North on N. Centre St. It's another wonderful and unique cultural element to one of the most beautiful small towns in America,"* stated Borough Councilman, Shawn Waldron.

Merchantville is a shade tree town of classic architecture, offering lovely examples of restored Victorian, art deco and art nouveau homes and buildings and a growing business district. The one square mile borough combines the small-town feel of yesterday with the modern conveniences of today. Located just 10 minutes from Philadelphia, one mile from Cherry Hill, NJ and easily accessible from most of the Northeast's major cities.

All are invited to the inaugural, First Friday, March 7 opening reception which includes light refreshments and hors d'oeuvre from 7:00 p.m – 10:00 p.m. will be the inaugural First Friday event. For additional information contact the gallery at **856-330-4760**, Harris Eckstut at **267-474-8101** or Russ Loue at **610-639-6461**.

### 13 NORTH ART GALLERY ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

The initial presenting artists featured in the **13 North** show opening March 7th include:

**JoAnne Castelli Castor**, a Rutgers University alumnus who works on portraits and other commissioned projects on-site and in her New Jersey studio. Her paintings feature symbolic female figures rising from water, earth, darkness, clouds, and more as icons of world conflicts. These works represent a society struggling to move toward consensus and peace and away from aggression and war.

**Nicole Eiland**, a Pennsauken resident. In her work, she explores the wonder of nature and translates her discoveries into a piece of art.

**Matthew Feinstein**, a Philadelphia native who has lived in Haddonfield for over ten years. He holds an MFA from University of the Arts and is an 11-year veteran teacher of the digital arts at Pennsauken High School. Matt continues to experiment within the realm of New Media as a form of artistic expression.

**Dan Hazel**, an art teacher with an MAT from the University of the Arts. His recent paintings explore religion and its ambiguities through abstracting forms, layering color and texture, and the use of heavy line to divide shapes like a stained glass window.

**Don LaJeunesse**, a long time Merchantville artist, designer and teacher. He is a veteran of over 50 shows and has been awarded by National Endowment for the Arts and the Art Institute of Philadelphia. His recent works explore the table as a sculptural, playful, and unconventional form.

**Patrice LaJeunesse**, a Merchantville art teacher. A mixed media artist specializing in drawing, stenciling and cut-outs, she explore the dance as metaphor, the figure as pattern, and finds her materials in the varied and abundant objects available in our moderns society.

**Russell Loue**, a Merchantville resident, is a high school art teacher in Lower Merion who earned his MFA in painting at University of the Arts. He creates paintings that participate in a theatrical continuum blending personal time, history and experiences, from politics to the daily commute, and about theatrical and real space: "a place where the viewer can actively participate in my world."

**HELP NAME THAT ROOM!**

*The Collins House is excited to announce a new beginning and they want your help renaming their NEW 1st Floor Family Pub and 2nd Floor Fine Dining Restaurant. If your name is one of those selected you could win a \$100 Gift Certificate! Call or stop in for details!*

**WINE DINNER - FRIDAY, 4/11**

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## St. Peter School News

### *St. Peter takes 3rd place in MATHCOUNTS competition*

On Saturday, February 9, eight students from St Peter School participated in a MATHCOUNTS Competition at Rowan University in Glassboro. The team of Patrick O'Drain, Justin Pierlott, and John Zazzera (8th grade), and Jessica Kowal (7th grade), took third place in the Team Competition, while Justin Pierlott captured 5th place in the Individual Competition and 6th place in the (top ten) Countdown Round. Also among the 180 Mathletes® competing were Kyla Granroth, Jenny Lam, Kylie Leonard, and Marissa Wolfe. MATHCOUNTS® is national math enrichment, coaching and competition program, currently celebrating its 25th year of promoting middle school mathematics achievement in every U.S. state. Top students advance to the state and national levels. More information on MATHCOUNTS is available at [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org).



Top row: Marissa Wolfe, Coach Anne Zazzera, John Zazzera  
Middle row: Kylie Leonard, Jenny Lam, Patrick O'Drain, Justin Pierlott  
Bottom row: Kyla Granroth and Mackenzie O'Drain

## St. Peter School *invites you to attend their* **SPRING OPEN HOUSE!**

**Sunday, April 13th, 2008 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**  
*Tours available. Come visit the campus & meet our faculty!*

## Merchantville Historical Society News

The Merchantville Historical Society's Annual Meeting was a memorable evening indeed. Members, present, enjoyed meeting each one of the mayors of our Borough up front and personal. The many portraits hanging on the second floor in Borough Hall came to life through the Power Point presentation. Our current mayor and former mayors, Brennan, Morrissey and German, shared stories and memories of their time in office. One of the Society's goals for this year is to conduct a Holiday House Tour. During these next few weeks we will evaluate our support network to see if we can realistically accomplish this undertaking. Please email [mmdisch@comcast.net](mailto:mmdisch@comcast.net) if you will be able to lend your services to this much anticipated town event. The more hands on board will result in reasonable time commitments that won't overextend anyone. Collectively, we can produce a wonderful event.



## News from Chestnut Station

On December 7th The Chestnut Station Tenant's Association hosted a "Nite with Santa" in their Community Room for members, their children and grandchildren. It was such a great success that it's now planned as an annual event. Read more about the fun @ [www.merchantville.com](http://www.merchantville.com) on the side menu under **Community>Seniors>Chestnut Station**. The Tenant's Association Administration would like to wish all its members and residents a Joyous, Healthy 2008! ...and The Borough would like to thank the volunteers of Chestnut Station who faithfully fold, insert and sort the Newsletter every two months!

## Merchantville Juniors News

The Merchantville Area Junior Woman's Club will be having a Breakfast Fundraiser in conjunction with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Merchantville Community Center on March 2nd at 10am. Come early to enjoy coffee, tea, hot chocolate and fresh baked breakfast items while you and your children wait for the hunt to begin. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

## Merchantville School News

**Silver Diner Night** - Support Merchantville PTA by going to the Silver Diner on March 11th from 5-8 p.m. and the PTA will get a percentage of the total sales during that time period. Teachers from the school will take turns as the staff helpers. Come and join us for some food and fun!

**Sponsor An MES Auditorium Chair** - Merchantville Elementary School has received a donation of used auditorium chairs. However more work and money is needed before they can be installed. The old chairs need to be taken out, and the floor repaired. It is also the "dream" of the PTA to be able to also add upgraded sound, lighting, and air conditioning. A committee has been formed that is looking into creative ways to cover this cost, which will include sponsors and donations. Anyone making the following monetary donations will have their name engraved on a plaque: Platinum Knights level of \$500.00 or more; Gold Knights of \$250.00; Silver Knights of \$100.00; Bronze Knights of \$50.00. If you are interested in sponsoring/donating, or if you'd like to join the planning committee, please contact Denise Brouse at 856-317-9211.

**Garden Tea Party and Fashion Show** - To be held on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center. A selection of sandwiches, desserts and tea will be offered. Bring your own creative tea cup and saucer. Basket auction and more. Presented by Merchantville PTA.

## MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2008 Spring Program Calendar

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**Registration required for all programs. For registration and information call: 856-665-3128**

**MARCH MADNESS** - Wednesday, 3/5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 and older

**STICKS AND STONES** - Wednesday, 3/12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 and older

**BOOK BINGO** - Wednesday, 3/19 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 and older

**MOVIE AFTERNOON** - Wednesday, 3/26 at 2:30 p.m. for Children All Ages. Call for the title.

**SPRING KITES** - Wednesday, 4/2 & 4/9 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 and older

**MR. MALCOMB STORYTELLING** - Monday, 4/7 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children All Ages. Two classics, Tarzan and Pinocchio, help us celebrate "National Library Week".

**FOAM MAGNETS** - Wednesday, 4/16 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 and older

**PSSSTTT!!!GIRLS ONLY** - Wednesday, 4/23 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 and older

**MOTHER/FATHER DAY CRAFT** - Wednesday, 4/30 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 & older

**PSSSTTT!!!GIRLS ONLY** - Wednesday, 4/23 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for Children Grade 2 and older

### AND FOR ADULTS

**MERCHANTVILLE FILM FORUM** - Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on 3/5, 4/2 & 5/7.

The Merchantville Film Forum continues to be held at 6:30 pm in the library. Join us to watch a selected film and then for a discussion afterwards. We provide water and snacks; drop in after work; bring your dinner in a sack and join other adults for a look at classic films. Call the Library for current titles.

**BIRTH OF PATCO** - Wednesday, 4/9 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Rich Magee of the West Jersey Chapter of the National Railway Society will present a slide show which chronicles the PATCO High Speedline from pre-construction at the old sites of the Reading Pennsylvania Seashore Line to the present day PATCO stations.

**ANTIQUES APPRAISAL** - Wednesday, 5/14 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Seasoned appraisers from Aged to Perfection Antiques Warehouse will conduct our own Antiques Road Show. The cost is \$7 per item, and the appraisers will tell you its approximate age, origin, history and comparative value. All proceeds go the Friends of the Camden County Library system.

## ST. STEPHEN'S PLANS MONTE CARLO NIGHT

On March 1st from 7-11 you can gamble, eat, drink, laugh and (hopefully) win prizes. Professional dealers (and some goofy St Stephen's family dealers) will even help you decide to hold 'em or fold 'em. For \$40, you get a great dinner, beer/wine, and \$40 in chips. With your winnings, you buy Chinese auction tickets for some of the best prize baskets you've ever seen. For tickets call Jennifer Miller @ 910-1124.

## NO CONVERSATION IS WORTH A TICKET OR YOUR LIFE

Chief Wayne Bauer cautions residents that beginning March 1st it is a primary offense for motorists in NJ to talk or text message with a hand-held wireless telephone or electronic communication device while driving. The fine for violating this statute is \$100.00.

1. It is a primary offense for a motorist to talk or text message with a hand-held wireless telephone or electronic communication device while driving.
2. Use of a hand-held wireless telephone or electronic communication device includes, but is not limited to: Talking or listening to another person or text messaging or sending an electronic message.
3. The fine for violating this statute is \$100.00; no points will be assessed for the offense.
4. The operator of a motor vehicle may use a hand-held wireless telephone while driving with one hand on the steering wheel only if: The operator has reason to fear for his/her life or safety, or believes that a criminal act may be perpetrated against him/herself or another person, or the operator is using this device to report to appropriate authorities: a fire; traffic crash; serious road hazard; medical or hazardous material emergency; or another motorist who is driving in a reckless, careless or otherwise unsafe manner or who appears to be driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
5. The amended law takes effect on **March 1, 2008**.
6. The Division of Highway Traffic Safety, in partnership with the Motor Vehicle Commission, will conduct a public education campaign beginning in mid-February.



## AVOID WEATHER RELATED CO POISONING

Carbon monoxide is a clear and odorless poisonous gas that can cause headaches, sleepiness, fatigue, confusion and irritability at low levels. At higher levels, it can result in nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat, impaired vision and coordination, and death. CO Poisoning is easily avoided by following simple guidelines:

**DO NOT** leave the car running inside the garage with the garage door closed. If the car is outside and covered with snow, be sure the exhaust is clear of snow and there is adequate space for the exhaust to run before starting the car.

**NEVER** use gasoline powered equipment or tools and/or kerosene heaters inside the house or in enclosed spaces.

**CLEAR** any snow accumulation from all outside dryer and heating vents.

**INSTALL** Carbon Monoxide detectors in homes and check periodically to make sure they are working properly.

Unintentional Carbon Monoxide poisoning is common during severe weather conditions. If there is any concern of CO poisoning of you and your family, you must get out of the house and contact your local fire department immediately. Do not waste time opening windows or trying to "air" out the house/building which will delay your escape from possibly dangerous fumes.

**Remember Help Is Just A Phone Call Away!** If you suspect a poisoning, call the poison control center for immediate treatment advice as well as for prevention information. Call **1-800-222-1222**, trained medical professionals will provide you with the most up to date emergency treatment advice, and will answer any drug or poison information question you may have.

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## The Merchantville Car Show will roll on in 2008!

### Merchantville.com ...Where Community Begins

Our website keeps you in touch with the latest happenings in town. Borough and regional content contributions are accepted daily from municipal employees, community volunteers, local organizations and residents. If your community group is interested in developing a page for the website or your business is interested in sponsoring a banner ad please email Joan Brennan at [merchantvillenj@comcast.net](mailto:merchantvillenj@comcast.net).

To submit articles, events or photos just email [merchantvillenj@comcast.net](mailto:merchantvillenj@comcast.net).

