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Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil , getting dirty without feeling guilty , and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity .

by Lindley Karstens

COMING SOON . . .

Saturday, May 14th - 10 to 4

'It's All Art' 10th Annual Juried Arts & Crafts Fair

Thursday, May 19th - 6 to 8

Safety First Night at Wellwood Park

Saturday, June 11th - 10 to 3

131st Birthday Celebration & Downtown Street Fair



MERCHANTVILLE EMS TO HOST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, **May 20, 2005**, the **Merchantville Emergency Medical Squad** will host The **11th Annual EMS Night** open to the public and free from 6:30-9:30 PM. 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.

The 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. A handful of its certified EMTs also volunteer as firefighters. The squad relies entirely on volunteers to serve as EMTs and in-house officers. For more information about the event contact Deputy Chief Christina Zia at (856) 662-2077 or (856) 662-2474 ext 162.

MERCHANTVILLE'S 10TH ANNUAL JURIED ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

This year marks the tenth anniversary of a homegrown event that was created in 1995 through the efforts of Janice Wilson Stridick and her mother, the late artist, Alice Steer Wilson. Since that time it has been nurtured by countless volunteers with the support of our Main Street Merchantville Program. Help us kick off the 2005 season of borough activities by honoring these residents and their tireless work on behalf of our community at "It's All Art".



Alice Steer Wilson

Join us for "It's All Art", **Merchantville's 10th Annual Juried ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**. Saturday, May 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Rain or Shine!**

Activities for the day include: Music by Joe Steele and Caroline Marris, Bowen's Puppets, Teen and Children Art workshops by Toni Zuper and Peter Kinney . . . and much more!

Enjoy the day with family and friends by supporting your down town.

To view some works by Alice Steer Wilson and learn more about her please visit her website at www.alicesteerwilson.com.

Funding for this event has been made available by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the designated arts agency of Camden County.

The Talk O' The 'Ville . . .

We will gladly publish your social announcements in the newsletter. Please submit information on births, engagements, weddings, graduations, anniversaries, etc. to merchantvillenj@comcast.net. Thanks.

www.merchantvilleNJ.com

Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

Merchantville Borough Newsletter



Borough Council Meetings

Occur on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from September to June 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.

2005

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 10th

FEBRUARY 28th

APRIL 11th

MAY 23rd

(Submissions due by May 9th)

JULY 11th

(Submissions due by June 27th)

AUGUST 22nd

(Submissions due by August 8th)

OCTOBER 3rd

(Submissions due by September 19th)

NOVEMBER 14th

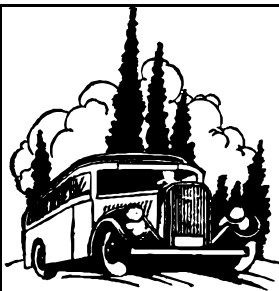
(Submissions due by October 31st)

We welcome submissions to the Borough Newsletter. All submissions must be received by the requested date and emailed to: merchantvillenj@comcast.net.

Questions about ads or articles to be submitted for publication should be emailed to Joan Brennan at: gifts@bayberrys.com. Distribution or delivery concerns may be directed to John Alloway at: 856-663-8107 or afhinc@verizon.net

NOTICE:

West Maple Avenue and the neighboring streets will undergo an intensive clean-up this spring. Pay attention to street cleaning signs and new parking directives. If you live in the neighborhood please join the Department of Public Works and its volunteers in a Clean Community effort.



PRESENTING "A Taste of France"

The Woman's Club of Merchantville presents "A Taste of France" a motor coach trip to Montreal, Quebec, and the Isle of Coudres. The trip will take run from on September 11th through September 16th. Prices: \$682 Double, \$652 Triple. It includes 5 dinners, 5 American breakfasts, 2 lunches, whale watching, sight seeing plus much more. Call Jean 663-4843 for further information.

The Merchantville Garden Club . . .



We continue to look for volunteers. Please join us in our efforts to keep the "Borough Beautiful." The garden club takes care of 4 major planting areas in town. They include: the Department of Public Works berm area, Browning and Chestnut Avenue railroad plantings (a project of the Indian Maidens), the Welcome Circle area at Chapel and Centre Streets, Borough Hall and all of the planters that are in the business district. It may only take an hour a week or even a month. We would love to see some new faces.

Please call Agnes Madden @ 663-0599 or email madden75@comcast.net.

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

THE MERCHANTVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The 2005-06 Board of Trustees are: Maureen McLoone, *President*; Greg LaVardera, *Secretary*; Jane Homon, *Treasurer*; Cece Torok and Peter Homon. All are welcome to attend our next scheduled meetings on Thursday, April 28th and Wednesday, May 25th. Meetings are held at the Community Center, at 8 pm, in the MHS room on the 2nd floor. Any inquiries or comments? Please e-mail Maureen McLoone at MrsMerch@aol.com or Greg LaVardera at glv@lamidesign.com.

LITTLE LEAGUE EVENTS

April 9th - **OPENING DAY**

April 29th - **BEEF & BEER**

8:00 p.m. at the Community Center

eMail: MLL2005@comcast.net

Website: www.eteamz.active.com/merchantville11



The 2004 New Jersey School Report Cards

are available online through the NJ Department of Education. You may access information about Merchantville School and Pennsauken High School through the town website or directly from the following link: <http://education.state.nj.us/rc/rc04/>



GET CONNECTED

@ www.merchantvilleNJ.com

News from the Fun Food Land at the Circle . . .



Hark! Hark! Much is happening at the **Centre St Water Ice Depot** at 177 S Centre St. As a new venue for 2005, we are adding **Spanish Food** take-out. We have a wonderful cook who will be preparing specials every day. The Centre St. Depot will be open 7 days a week from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. We are offering delivery services to the local area and a catering menu. When you are looking for something different for your next social event, try some of our finger foods. There will be all your favorite ice cream and water ice desserts to top off your entrée. Any business customers who would like to be faxed the daily specials – **just call 609.502.5080**.

We are looking forward to serving our 2005 customers. Opening day for the 2005 season is Friday, April 1st. Come and enjoy! We have many flavors of hand-dipped **ice cream**, our very own *made-on-the-premises* **water ice**, hot **pretzels**, **funnel cake** and freshly made **popcorn**. For a quick lunch or supper for the family, stop by for an **entrée** or **hot dog** or **corn dog** finished off with some **ice cream**. Stop by real soon!

ATTENTION SENIORS: Did you know that the Camden County provides free transportation for seniors? For those of you who need transportation to and from local shopping areas, as well as doctor visits, consider calling **SCUCS** (Senior Citizen United Community Services). A dollar donation is suggested. Call **456-1121** for more information.



PARSON'S CENTER FOR THE ARTS 100 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville



Creative Express Drama and Arts Camp

Week-long themed sessions for children & teens for all levels. Themes include drama, pottery, painting, cartooning, fashion illustration, jewelry-making (beading). Each week a different discipline will be featured. Register for one or more sessions. Ongoing classes in painting & pottery for adults and children are also offered year round. **Get \$10 off** if you register by May 10. For more information or to register call 856.904.1971 or Email: Information@parsonsart.net

Arts Fair Third Grade Poster Contest

More than 60 posters were created by the third grade students from Merchantville Elementary School and Saint Peters' School to celebrate the 10th Annual Merchantville Fine Arts & Crafts Fair.

The 1st Place poster, drawn by *Laura Donahue* of Merchantville Elementary School was made into a postcard and will be available in area businesses soon. Other winners were: 2nd Place, *Frank Chillem*, St. Peters' School, 3rd Place, *Kimberly Starts*, St. Peters' School. Honorable Mention to: *Steven Gillis*, *Alex Grant*, and *Kristen Morawski*. All posters will be displayed in the downtown area in May.

A big "Thank You!" to all our participants, and the third grade teachers from St. Peters' and Merchantville Elementary Schools. An extra "Thank You" to *Brad Walker* from "The Darkroom" for preparing the poster to be a postcard!



MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

The Merchantville Public Library offers fun programs for kids of all ages. **Call 856-665-3128 to register.**

MADCAP MONDAYS

Join us every other Monday for a snack and craft or movie.

Begins: Monday, April 11, 2005, 3:00 PM

FOR CHILDREN 7 YEARS AND OLDER

KNITTING CLUB

Join us every other Wednesday while we work on knitting projects.

Beginners welcome!

Begins: Wednesday, April 20, 2005, 3:00 PM

FOR CHILDREN 8 YEARS AND OLDER

A VISIT FROM MOTHER GOOSE

Mother Goose will have tales to tell, songs to sing and lots of fun for everyone!

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2005, 3:30 PM

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART OF ALL AGES

EMS SAFETY PROGRAM

Emergency Medical Technicians will present a first aid and safety program for the children after school.

Date: Monday, May 23, 2005, 3:30 PM

FOR ALL AGES

BARBIE EXTRAVAGANZA!

Watch the Movie, with prizes and snacks for all!

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2005, 3:00 PM

FOR ALL AGES

SPIDERMAN EXTRAVAGANZA!

Watch the Movie, with prizes and snacks for all!

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2005, 3:00 PM

FOR ALL AGES

RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Summer Reading Kick Off! Registration, Make & Take Crafts, food and prizes for all.

Date: Monday, June 20, 2005, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

FOR ALL AGES - PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Merchantville Public Library, part of the Camden County Library System, is located at 130 Centre St. in Merchantville. For more information, please call (856) 665-3128 or log on to: www.camdencountylibrary.org.



1st Place poster, by *Laura Donahue* of Merchantville Elementary School



MERCHANTVILLE

A SUPPLEMENT OF THE MERCHANTVILLE BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

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Victoriana East Old House Resource Center

It's great to see another long abandon storefront turned into a vibrant business. The **Victoriana East Old House Resource Center** has just opened at 3011 Centre St. next to the D&A Cleaners and has totally remodeled the building to feel like an old time hardware store. They are known for their Victorian screen doors and porch parts but will now be handling just about everything you will need for your old house.



Owner Rick Tamburo says he based it on the successful Philadelphia Old House Fair and has brought old house related products and preservation contractors under one roof.

This could be the first business of its kind in the country catering to the vintage housing market. Tamburo says "we're kind of the Anti-Depot . . . if you can find it at Lowe's or Home Depot we won't carry it."

What you will find is Victorian screen doors, shutters, architectural antiques, porch railings and vintage lighting. Also there will be contractors sensitive to old houses who do painting, floor refinishing, crown molding and paint stripping. We think Merchantville is the perfect place for this type of business, we're surrounded by small towns with a great stock of historic homes and just minutes from Philadelphia and it's suburbs. Be sure to check out their website at www.victorianaeast.com or better yet stop in and support a new business.

Victoriana East
3011 Centre Street
Merchantville, NJ 08109
856-910-1887
sales@victorianaeast.com

The Collins House RESTAURANT

Housed in the historic Collins Building that dates back to the 1830s, **The Collins House Restaurant** opened last summer and is already impressing guests with its elegant menu and ambience. With its high ceilings, impressive service, and extensive menu that owner Halil Gungor describes as "continental



with a Northern Italian flair," this historic spot doesn't disappoint. Gungor and his brother, Nedim, also own **The Farnsworth House** in Bordentown that has a similar menu and setting.

The Collins House's extensive menu features a variety of cold and hot appetizers, soups, salads, pasta, chicken, veal, steaks & chops, and seafood. Popular items include the scampi imperial, veal piccata, chicken saltimbocca, and lobster ravioli. The restaurant also features a gorgeous wooden hand-carved bar and views of downtown Merchantville while dining. Situated in the heart of quaint Merchantville, The Collins House is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. On **Saturday and Sunday**, downtown shoppers and churchgoers alike stop in to enjoy brunch from 10 to 3 with a perfectly-made Mimosa or Bloody Mary. This spot is the perfect place for a romantic dinner, family occasion, or get-together with friends. Its casual elegance and laid-back atmosphere will make you return again and again. Their menu may be viewed online at www.collinshouse.net

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL
856-661-8008

The Next MBPA MEETING will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 21st

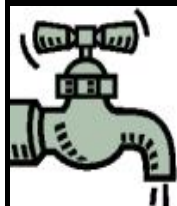


Breakfast & Lunch
Monday thru Friday 7 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Saturdays until noon
7 East Park Avenue
856-662-6641

**OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY
PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THEM!**



Custom Travel Services
221 North Centre Street
Merchantville, NJ
856-663-0444
www.customtravelservices.com



MPWC
20 West Maple Avenue
Phone: (856) 663-0043
After Hours Emergency
(856) 663-0045
@ www.mpwc.com



**PHILADELPHIA
FRUIT MARKET
DELIVERS**
856-662-1400

RESIDENT REMINDERS

Property owners are reminded that Zoning and Property Maintenance violations are strictly enforced by the Zoning Officer and the Community Affairs Officer.

Any violations observed will be brought to the property owner's attention by a written notice of violation. If the violation is not rectified a "summons to appear in court" may be issued.

Should you observe a Code or Zoning violation or have a question about either, please call:

Police Tip Line 856-662-2474 ext.166

Code and Zoning Officer 856-662-2474 ext. 110

Community Affairs Officer 856-662-2474 ext. 120

Your observations, complaints, and comments will remain confidential.

Director of Public Safety Frank North, and Police Chief Wayne Bauer have added a police "Tip" line for residents. Dial 856-662-2474. When the system is answered, you dial ext. 166. This is a new **NON-EMERGENCY** tip line for the police.

Residents can use this line to give the police "tips" about any unusual activity that you feel might help them better serve your needs and concerns. This line will be checked by officers at least once every eight hours.

Remember, this new line is NOT for emergencies.



POLICE PHONE NUMBERS:

911 Emergency Number.

856-662-0500 Police Number for non-emergency issues.

856-662-2474 ext. 166 Resident 24 hour "tip" line.

856-662-0507 Office Number from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

856-662-2474 ext. 120 Community Affairs/Crime Prevention Unit.

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

2005

PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY MAY 30

East Side trash pickup Wednesday June 1

MONDAY JULY 4

East Side trash pickup Wednesday July 6

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5

East Side trash pickup Wednesday September 7

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

East Side trash pickup Wednesday October 12

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11

Recycling pickup Thursday November 10

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

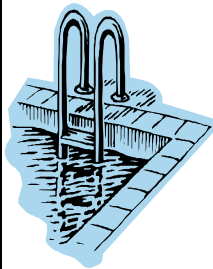
Recycling – hold until Friday December 2

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23

Recycling pickup Thursday December 22

MONDAY DECEMBER 26

East Side trash pickup Wednesday December 28



ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

Wading and Inflatable Pools

All pools 2 feet deep or inflatable pools with filters must be in the rear yard and protected by a five to six foot fence. **PLEASE NOTE:** All fences must be removed when pools are removed. Any questions call **Zoning Officer Walt Sikorski** at 662-2474 extension 110.

2005 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



POLICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 2, 2005**

FOR INFORMATION CALL:
SGT. FRED KOHLER
856-662-2474 EXT. 120

WE'VE MOVED Down The Block



Bayberry's

21 North Centre Street

Merchantville

856-663-4001

gifts@bayberrys.com

www.bayberrys.com



PLEASE NOTE:

**ALL LEAVES TO BE PICKED UP IN THE
SPRING MUST BE BAGGED.
LOOSE LEAVES MAY NOT BE PLACED IN
THE CURB.**

SAFETY FIRST NIGHT



Welcome Merchantville, Pennsauken & Area Residents
THE WEST MAPLE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM WILL HOST

SAFETY FIRST NIGHT

Thursday, May 19th

(rain date Thursday, May 26th)

AT WELLWOOD PARK

(Between Maple, Hamilton & Linden Avenues in Merchantville)

THIS FREE EVENT RUNS FROM

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Learn more about the opportunities available in your neighborhood and take home valuable information on many different safety topics.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE:

Bike Registration, Senior Citizen Safety, Child Fingerprinting, D.A.R.E. Fire Prevention, Helping Hand Program, Emergency Medical Squad, Indoor Air Quality, C.A.S.A. Team, Town Watch, Baby Sitting Classes, Parenting Class, Lend a Hand, Bully Program, Car and Car Seat Safety and a special visit by a Friendly Dog.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
WILL BE GIVEN AWAY EVERY HALF HOUR ALONG WITH SO MUCH MORE.**

We hope that you will join us and bring the entire family!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DENISE BROUSE AT 856-665-6211.