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“Summer afternoon , summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.

Henry James

Merchantville's 130th Birthday Celebration!



The second Saturday in June is traditionally set aside to celebrate Merchantville's incorporation in 1874. This event, sponsored by the borough's Public Events Committee, is an annual favorite and really blossomed with the introduction of the MBPA Handcraft Festival in 1999. In addition to the festival there's a Baby Parade, Bike Parade, games, food and entertainment that make this a fun filled day for all. Additional details about this year's Birthday Celebration on June 12th can be found on the flyer inserted in this newsletter. SEE YOU THERE!

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Merchantville Borough Newsletter

Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

Come Celebrate Summer
with your Friends and Neighbors at our
Annual Downtown
HANDCRAFT FESTIVAL
June 12th ♦ 9:00 - 4:00



Stroll downtown on Saturday June 12th and spend the day enjoying a borough blooming with tent-filled handmade treasures. This is the 4th year for this town event and we expect to welcome more than 60 skilled artisans and hand crafters from all over the Delaware Valley to display and sell their goods! Several artisans will demonstrate their craft during the day and some will offer hands on participation. As always, many of Merchantville's clubs and organizations will have informational booths chock full of hand-outs and give-aways for both the curious and those eager to volunteer! So support this great event...join in the fun and invite your family, friends and neighbors to spend the day with you in your hometown!



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL * JUNE 12th *
1st Presbyterian Church Lawn

2004 PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS PROGRAM

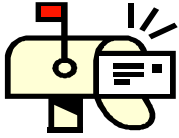
It's time for summer fun! Merchantville's Parks and Playgrounds will begin on June 28 through July 30 from 9am - noon. **Registration** will be held **Saturday, June 5th** from 9:00 - Noon at the Merchantville Community Center and again at the Merchantville Birthday Celebration on **Saturday, June 12th**. The registration fee is \$100.00 for the first child, \$85.00 for the second and 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.



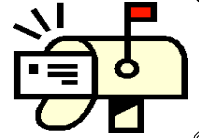
JULY 4th is INDEPENDENCE DAY

Remember to display the colors at your home & business!





Stay in touch @ www.merchantvillenj.com.
Email your information and articles to merchantvillenj@comcast.net
Remember . . . Merchantville is just a click away!



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'd like to extend a personal invitation to join me in celebrating the 130th anniversary of our borough's birth.

This year, as in many past, we have much to 'toot our horns' about! First, the opening of Chestnut Station, a great addition to our community and especially gratifying for me to see through to completion. Second, the 'Car Show guys' and the generosity they've shown in promoting and supporting our town through their annual event. And third, the renewed spirit of cooperation between community organizations and municipal services in planning and carrying out projects such as street-scape enhancement and public events.

So please join me on Saturday, June 12th as we blow out the candles and ring in another memorable year of Merchantville's history!

Mayor Patrick J. Brennan

'It's All Art' Merchantville's 9th Annual Fine Art and Craft Fair was **HOT! HOT! HOT!** Although the temperature reached 90 those who attended the Merchantville 9th Annual Fine Art and Craft Fair experienced cool things. The event provided people of all ages an opportunity to enjoy a day of family fun and discovery. As much as the event offers in the way of supporting the Fine Arts, providing fun and entertainment, more importantly it serves to introduce visitors to the perfect example of "small town" living. We are delighted to announce this years Fine Art and Craft Fair prize winners!

Youth Artists: First Place: Christian Kuphal Second Place: Claire Sullivan Third Place: Jaran Fox First Place: Amber Davis Second Place: Katherine Zeiders Third Place: Kayla Hahn

Non-Professional Artists: First Place: H. Alonzo Jennings Second Place: Joe Ormsby Third Place: Jia Hu

Professional Artists: First Place: Laura Zito Second Place: Claudia McGill Third Place: R. J. Haas

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a great success!

Cin Guldin, Chairperson

GARDEN CLUB NEWS . . .

A sincere thank you to the members of the Merchantville Garden Club who have worked hard to beautify the public areas in town. If you see them "on the street" how about a big thank you to Kathryn Gorski, Lisa McSparron, Jane Homan, Marialice Stanzeski and Agnes Madden. Rosemary Kelly and Dina Turan have also contributed greatly to this effort by involving the Indian Maidens in the beautification of the Browning Road railroad crossing. If anyone is interested in helping with these areas please call Agnes Madden at 663-0599.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS . . .

Farewell and thank you Sam....and, Welcome Dan as the new Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. Dan Beckett comes to us from the Camden County Department of Public Works. He's ready, willing and able and we're happy to have him aboard!



Join Us For Merchantville's GOLF OUTING

Sunday, September 12th at 1:00 p.m.

ROUND of GOLF

Pennsauken Country Club

DINNER & PRIZES

Merchantville Community Center

ENTRANCE FEE

\$75

TO REGISTER

Call Mike Masso @ 856-833-1157

The 7th Annual "Merchantville Car Show" is coming and you won't want to miss it! Saturday July 10th from 3-9 p.m. With over 4 Disc Jockeys, ELVIS, Horse & Carriage Rides, singing contest, and of course close to 900 beautiful automobiles. Including over 250 trophies, with 8 Best of Show, and 11 motorcycle classes. **BE THERE!**





MERCHANTVILLE

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Meetings

June 16 - MBPA Meeting

June 23 - Executive Mtg.

July 21 - MBPA Meeting

July 28 - Executive Mtg.

Meetings begin at 8:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meetings
are held at CPA Solutions and
MBPA Meetings are held at
Prudential Lamplighter.
All meetings are open to the
public.

NOW OPEN
Rhonda's
Summer
Snow
WATER ICE
SNO CONES
PRETZELS

13 W. Park Ave.
Merchantville

In This Issue

BID Proposal Moves Ahead

Protect Our Investment

Rhonda's Summer Snow

Wirth Florist



BID POPOSAL MOVES AHEAD

The proposed BID program was discussed at the MBPA regular monthly meeting and executive committee meetings in April and May. Borough Administrator, John Fry, educated attendees and answered questions about the statutory and monetary parameters of BIDs. The MBPA plans to submit supportive documentation, as well as a list of potential candidates for the BID Advisory Board, to the Mayor and Council at their May 24th meeting. The BID Advisory Board will include a mix of business owners, business property owners and residents who will help to oversee the process of investigation and development of a Business Improvement District. The MBPA believes that this program will provide the most dependable source of revenue to continue the revitalization, redevelopment and marketing of Merchantville's Business Districts. Interested in participating in this process? Contact John Fry

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Executive Committee

John Scholtz, *President*

Gerry McKee, *Treasurer*

Russ Mutschler, *Secretary*

Joan Brennan, *Communications*

Brad Walker, *Marketing*

*The term for officers is one year and runs
from 01/2004 - 01/2005.*



PHILADELPHIA
FRUIT MARKET

DELIVERS

662-1400

HELP PROTECT OUR INVESTMENT



Members of 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 up-keep and although we have a great plan for daily watering we'd appreciate any extra help. **SO** if the planter by your home or business is looking limp... **PLEASE** give it a drink! **MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.**

= *Wirth Florist* proudly serves the Merchantville area. We are family owned and operated. We are committed to offering only the finest floral arrangements and gifts, backed by service that is friendly and prompt. Because all of our customers are important, our professional staff is dedicated to making your experience a pleasant one. That is why we always go the extra mile to make your floral gift perfect. Let *Wirth Florist* be your first choice for flowers. =



*If you would like to submit an
article about your business for the
next issue please email it to:*

merchantvillenj@comcast.net

Submissions are due by:

July 12, 2004

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

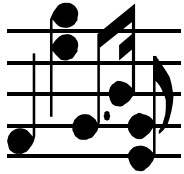
WEST MAPLE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

'Neighbors Working Together'

Volume IV Issue V

A Section of Merchantville, Pennsauken and Camden

Spring 2004



*Stay Tuned . . .
.. for the Fourth Annual*

Wednesday's In Wellwood

Art and Music in the Park

Make it a family night. Bring the Children at 6:30 PM for a unique and different art project each week and stay for the concert beginning at 7:00 on the following Wednesdays:

July 7 · Classic Rock "Impact"

July 14 · Pop-Rock "Non-Domestiks"
(Katrina and Rosalba)

July 21 · Blues Band "South Saturn Delta"

July 28 · Sinatra Sound "Tom DelMoore"

August 4 · County Music "Blue Horizon"

August 11 · Teen Night Three Local Bands

August 18 · Local Church Music Groups
(No art class this week)

Other activities include football, baseball & Frisbee on the field during the concert.

The Snack bar will be open for hot dogs and drinks.

*Concerts are sponsored by
Merchantville Business & Professional Association
Merchantville Junior Woman's Club
Pennsauken-Merchantville Rotary &
Neighborhood Preservation Program.*

*Art in the Park has been made possible by a grant from the
Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission through
the New Jersey State Council on the Arts
Department of State.*

Resident Organization Meeting



**Residents
Business Owners
Tenants**

Join us on
Thursday, June 25th
6:35 PM
At the Riversharks Game

West Maple Clean Up Day

Thank you Merchantville and Pennsauken Public Works Departments. On Saturday, April 17th a town wide clean up effort took place within the West Maple Neighborhood. Streets and sidewalks were cleaned as well as alleyways. Letters were delivered to the apartment tenants regarding the litter along Maple Avenue. The area has been cleaned up and the streets look great. Lets keep it that way. Everyone must do their part to keep the area clean that they live in, walk by, wait for a bus at and go to the park. If you spot a location that needs a trash can, please contact your public works department. Groups and organizations, don't forget, *Clean Community Grants* are still available for this year. Make an effort to clean up an area and earn money for your organization.

Questions? Contact Denise at 665-6211

NPP Office: 5 West Park Avenue

Phone: 856-665-6211

Program Manager : Denise Brouse

RESIDENT REMINDERS

OVERNIGHT PARKING



CALL
856-662-2474 extension 116

Remember to call us with information about all vehicles not registered by the Borough if they will be parked on any Borough street overnight. You may also register any eligible vehicles any day during regular business hours at the Merchantville Police Station.

Thanks for your cooperation!

EVENING CURFEWS

It is unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to be out between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM Friday and Saturday.

This ordinance shall not be enforced if the minor is accompanied by his or her parent(s), guardian, or other adult person having custody, care or control of such minor.

The parent, guardian or other adult person having custody, care or control of a minor child who knowingly permits such a minor to violate this ordinance will be responsible for this violation.

SKATEBOARDING



**IS PROHIBITED
IN THE DOWNTOWN
BUSINESS DISTRICT**

Please remember to carry your
skateboard through the downtown!

Any Residents who regularly receive plastic bags filled with food store advertisements deposited on your front walks and driveways weekly can have that eliminated by calling:

1-800-540-0810



Zoning or building questions?
Call Walt Sikorski
Merchantville's Zoning Officer
856-662-2474



Crime Prevention Tip AUTO THEFT

by Sgt. Fred Koheler, Community Affairs Officer
856-662-2474 ext. 120

You can reduce the risk of theft of your unattended car, its parts, or contents by taking these precautions:

1. Lock ignition - remove the key
2. Lock doors and windows. Eighty percent of the cars stolen were unlocked.
3. Don't leave valuables in plain sight.
4. Keep your keys with you. Don't hide your key anywhere in, on, or under the car.
5. Separate car and house keys when leaving your car in a garage or parking lot.
6. Do not leave ownership papers, registration, insurance cards or credit cards in the car.
7. Extra protection for convertibles: Install a protective device that will prevent a thief from "jumping" your ignition lock.
8. Park in lighted areas at night. During daylight, park in a busy area.
9. If your car is stolen report the theft immediately to the local police. Be prepared to give all information to them.
10. Mark auto accessories with your driver license number. Accessories such as wheels and wheel covers can be engraved.

The Borough Newsletter is published by the Mayor and Council and distributed as a service to the community.

2004 NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

MAY 24th

JULY 26th

SEPTEMBER 20th

NOVEMBER 22nd

Event information, articles and other newsletter submissions must be received 2 weeks prior to publication date and emailed to:

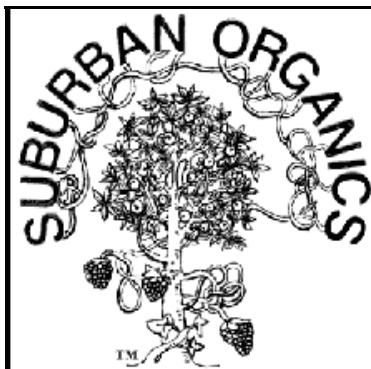
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For delivery or distribution inquiries please call
John Alloway at 856-663-8107

INTERESTED IN JOINING AN ORGANIC PRODUCE COOP ?

Here's How It Works

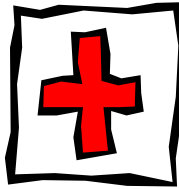
- ◆ Each coop consists of a minimum of at least 10-12 families. There is no limitation to the maximum number of coop members in each coop.
- ◆ Coops can choose between our small and medium size boxes.
- ◆ The small box is approximately 15 pounds of produce and must be delivered on a weekly basis. The price of the small is \$29.
- ◆ The medium size box is approximately 20 pounds of produce and can be delivered on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule. The medium size is priced at \$37.



FRESH FROM THE EARTH
DELIVERED DIRECT TO YOUR DOOR

- ◆ Suburban Organics will drop off the produce at a desired location and time chosen by the coop members.

Special thanks to Kurkian Roof Company
for the splendid job they did on the roof of
the Merchantville Community Center.



10TH ANNUAL EMS NIGHT

On Wednesday, June 2, 2004, the Merchantville Emergency Medical Squad will host The 10th Annual EMS Night - FREE and open to the public.

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. 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-site to assist the squad in preparing and passing out the food items. For more information about the event or to make a financial contribution to the volunteer-based squad, call (856) 662-2077 or (856) 662-2474 ext 162.

Thank you to Jeff Brown for the donation of an American flag to be flown at Borough Hall to honor all who have served and are presently serving our country.

"Without veterans we would not have a country"

EVENT BANNER APPLICATION FORMS

must be filled out and approved by the Borough at least 2 WEEKS before the banner is raised on Centre Street. Application forms and compliance sheets are available at:

The Community Affairs Office
1 West Maple Avenue



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !

Camden catholic High School

Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Saint Peter School

Sunday, June 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Merchantville Elementary School

Thursday, June 10th at 6:30

Pennsauken High School

Tuesday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.



Join Us For

MERCHANTVILLE'S 130th Birthday Celebration



DOWNTOWN HANDCRAFT FESTIVAL



Saturday, June 12, 2004

9:00 to 4:00

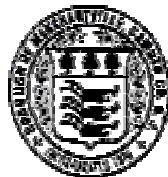
Featuring

A Gigantic Birthday Cake (3:00 p.m.)
Rows of Handcraft Artisans
"Around the World" Baby Parade (10:30 a.m.)
Day-Long Music
Demonstrations by Action Karate (10:00 a.m.)
Bike Parade (11:30 p.m.)
Balloon Clown (11:00 – 3:00 p.m.)
'The Rustics' String Band (1:00 - 2:30 p.m.)
Dancing by the DeMarco Dancers (11:00 a.m.)
Pony Rides (10:00 - 12:00 p.m.)
Broadway Dance (2:00 - 2:30)
Face Painting, Hair Braiding & Sand Art
The Ronnie McLaughlin Dancers (12:00 - 12:30 p.m.)
Kiddie Castle Slide, Giant Cake Bounce & Bungee Run

*"A Day of Great Shopping, Food, Entertainment
and Family Fun in Historic Merchantville!"*

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