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Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey

Merchantville Borough Newsletter

The birds are gone ~ The ground is white ~ The
winds are wild They chill and bite ~ The ground
is thick with slush and sleet

Townwide supply drives for deployed troops this month

The municipalities of Merchantville and Pennsauken have organized a supply drive for all of our deployed troops during the month of February designed to help support the men and women of our armed services. In Merchantville collection boxes for all donations are located at Borough Hall, the Public Library, the Public School, Niagra Firehouse and the MPWC offices. Some suggested items include skin, eye, teeth and hair care products, socks, coffee disposable cameras and gum. Both towns are calling on residents to show their support by donating supplies in the decorated collection boxes located at any official drop-off. A complete list of approved items and all drop sites is available on the borough homepage @ www.merchantville.com.



12th Annual Merchantville

Crafts & Fine Art Festival

Saturday, May 19th & Sunday, May 20th, 2007



Our annual Merchantville Craft and Fine Art Festival is taking on a new look. With great community support, welcoming merchants, savvy customers and much wider publicity we know that this show is bound to be a sure winner for your spring schedule! The Committee is working with area promoters and a consultant whose credits include the Haddonfield and Collingswood Crafts and Fine Arts Festivals. For more information or to request an application call 856-662-2474 ext. 180, visit the website @ www.merchantville.com or send an email to artsfestival@merchantville.com.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2007.

Merchantville Little League - Final call for players

Contact league through web site or board member no later than March 2, 2007

MLL Tryouts

March 3 & March 10, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MLL Field Days - Join in and help get the fields ready!!!

March 24 & March 31, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MLL Opening Day

April 14, 2007 Main Field

MLL Beef and Beer

May 4, 2007 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Merchantville Community Center

Additional information available at:

<http://eteamz.active.com/merchantville11/>



Borough Council

Meetings take place in Borough Hall on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and minutes are available on the town website or in the business office at Borough Hall upon approval by Borough Council.

Information at your Fingertips



@ www.merchantville.com

2007

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6th

FEBRUARY 24th

APRIL 7th

(Submissions due by March 24th)

MAY 19th

(Submissions due by May 4th)

JUNE 30th

(Submissions due by June 16th)

AUGUST 18th

(Submissions due by August 4th)

OCTOBER 6th

(Submissions due by September 22nd)

NOVEMBER 17th

(Submissions due by November 3rd)

Email newsletter submissions to:
newsletter@merchantville.com

Please direct delivery concerns to:

Community Affairs Officer

Fred Kohler @ 856-662-2474 ext. 120

VOLUNTEER in 2007

Contact Councilman Shawn Waldron @ 662-2474 x 150 to support donate your time and support PUBLIC and COMMUNITY EVENTS in our town this year!

2007 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb. 26 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

Feb. 27 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library

Feb. 27 - Master Plan Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center

Mar. 6 - Historic Preservation Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

Mar. 12 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

Mar. 13 - BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library

Mar. 13 - Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

Mar. 15 - Public Events Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall

Mar. 26 - Borough Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall

Mar. 27 - BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library

Mar. 27 - Master Plan Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center

Information about Borough, Community & Organization meetings and events can be found @ www.merchantville.com. For updates and additions to the **Community Calendar** between newsletter publication dates please visit the town website.

Borough Master Plan Being Updated

Staff Planners of the Ragan Design Group (RDG) are supporting Planning Board efforts to update the Borough's Master Plan that, in part, reflects current land uses within our Merchantville. The Master Plan also includes information about desirable future land uses such as: retaining and improving community parks, preserving the character and other resources of the community to include our school and community center, establishing general guidelines related to our residential and business zones, and documenting current and projected population and workforce data and development potential. The Master Plan is the foundation document used to create and maintain the Borough Zoning Ordinance that provides more specific guidance toward implementing the objectives of the Master Plan.

During the update process, RDG is gathering extensive information about our town to insure that our Master Plan contains accurate current information while documenting the resources and characteristics of our community that we want to retain, reinforce or possibly modify. RDG will also insure that our plan includes NJ State Smart Growth principles as they apply to our community.

To provide information about the update effort and to obtain input from our residential, business and municipal community, RDG will be facilitating public meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of February, March, and April in the Community Center. All residents, business people and Borough employees are invited to attend these meetings. If the meeting dates or place changes, notices will be posted at Borough Hall and the Community Center.

BORO CODE NOW ONLINE . . . Merchantville's Borough Code is now available online. Borough residents have unlimited electronic access to the codified Borough ordinances. **Coded Systems** provides the ordinance codification and publishing services for the Borough of Merchantville and many surrounding municipalities. With simple and expert searches and the ability to print the text, residents can save time and money with just a click. Whether it's a question on dog licensing or recycling, the answer can usually be found in the Code. Merchantville's Borough Code can be accessed through the Borough's website at www.merchantville.com. Residents are invited to view the

MERCHANTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY WINTER 2007 PROGRAM CALENDAR

BOOK BINGO: Wednesdays 2/21, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4 and 4/18
Book Bingo, prizes and snacks provided. From 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
for All Ages.

LITTLE ONES PLAYGROUP: Saturdays, 1/27-5/18
Join your neighbors in the Library's Children's Area for
weekly play dates to explore special toys, books and share
information. From 11:00 a.m. - Noon for caregivers with babies
from birth to 2 years.

MISS DONNA'S SING ALONG : Wednesday 2/28 & 3/21
Miss Donna returns to sing silly songs with you & her guitar
with snacks & fun for all. At 7:00 p.m. for kids ages 2-6.

PSSTTT! GIRLS ONLY PLEASE!: Wednesday 2/28
Hey girls join us to make a special pen and we'll give you a
diary to use with it. Snacks and fun for all! From 3:30 - 4:30
p.m. for children grade 2 - grade 5

PAPER WEIGHT PALS: Wednesday, 3/14, 2007
Paint and decorate your own paperweight. Snacks and fun for
all. From 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for children grade 2 - grade 5

PRETTY AS A PICTURE: Wednesday, 3/28
Bring a 2" by 2" picture of your favorite pet and we'll make
& decorate a special photo frame for it. Snacks and fun for
all. From 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for children grade 2 - grade 5

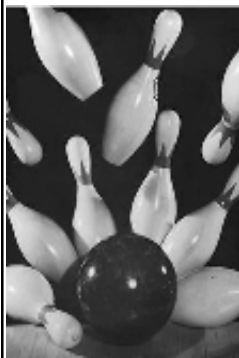
BROWN BAG MOVIE: Wednesday, 4/11
Bring your dinner in a brown bag and we'll provide a
recently released movie to watch and dessert to eat. Bring
your favorite stuffed animal to curl up with, lay back and relax.
From 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. for All Ages.

JEWELRY CRAFT: Wednesday 4/28
String a necklace and/or bracelet to keep, using glass, plastic
and macaroni beads. Fun & snacks for all. From 3:30 - 4:30
p.m. for All Ages

Registration is required for all programs.
To Register please call (856) 665-3128.

The Merchantville Public Library, is part of the Camden
County Library System, 130 S. Centre Street, Merchantville.

Girl's Night Out . . . The Merchantville Area Junior
Woman's Club invites prospective
members to a Girl's Night Out. Come
out and meet members in a relaxed
atmosphere. We will meet at a club
members home on February 23rd at
7:00 p.m. for appetizers and drinks,
then go to Maple Bowl in Pennsauken
at 9:00 p.m. If interested in attending,
contact Amy Lignelli, Membership
Chair @ MerchantvilleJuni-
ors@yahoo.com.



FUN, FOOD AND PRIZES!!

Get ready for one of the best Chinese Auctions in
the area! The Merchantville EMD will hold their
annual Chinese Auction on Fri-
day, March 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
in Pennsauken High School's
Cafeteria located at Remington
& Hylton roads in Pennsauken,
NJ. Entry tickets will be \$5.00
each. Your entry ticket will entitle
you to complimentary coffee,
tea, water, desserts, chips and a
chance to win a door prize. Hoagies,
soft pretzels and canned soda will be sold inside
this year as a new feature of the EMD Auction.



Excellent prizes... Baskets valued from \$35 to \$75
will be auctioned along with a Basket of Restaurant
Gift Certificates and a Basket of Retail Store Gift
Cards. This is a fun night with lots of chances to
come home with some great prizes.

Proceeds will benefit many, many charities to which
the Merchantville EMD donates each year. Come
out and support our work for the community and
treat yourself to a fun night with friends!

For tickets call Peg at 856-488-2309



**Merchantville
Community Center
212 Somerset Avenue**

**March 4th
2:00 p.m.**

Information & Tickets
Dawn: 856-662-0922

Bring your favorite tea cup and saucer.
You may win a prize!

Proceeds benefit Merchantville Elementary School students



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Live music through March

The Collins House Restaurant, a great spot for relaxed, elegant dining is adding live music during February and March on Friday & Saturday nights and will feature drink and food specials on St. Patty's Day. Collins House guests can select from a wide variety of Northern Italian fare including seafood and meat & pasta dishes cooked to perfection. They feature an "Early Bird Menu" Sunday through Friday from 3-6 p.m. A delicious Brunch is offered Saturdays and Sundays from 11-3 p.m. and special Wine Dinners are featured several times during the year. On line reservations are available @opentable.com.



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The 2007 Merchantville Directory is an attractive and efficient marketing tool and the cornerstone of our new marketing plan to highlight Merchantville as "a local and regional business and shopping destination." Sponsored by the Borough of Merchantville, the Public Events Committee and the Business & Professional Association it is designed to promote all borough businesses to the public. 10,000 copies of this full color-cover directory will be available at Merchantville shops, restaurants, and offices as well as distributed to our out-of-town visitors at all major downtown events.

All businesses and restaurants, including; services and professionals will be listed in this directory. Print ads are available for purchase. With each purchased ad you also receive a spot on the centerfold walking map, as well as an appropriate category listing which includes your address and phone number. We encourage you to participate by contacting **Janet Hutchinson** at **856-857-1230 or 856-266-7284**. We're sure you'll agree that this new marketing endeavor of is a wise use of your advertising dol-

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Fulton Bank, recently purchased **Global Exchange Group**, an international payment service company based in Merchantville, N.J. and located at the old train station. Founded in 1994, Global Exchange provides for companies, law firms and professionals with services that range from a single transaction to full invoice processing. Going forward, Global Exchange will operate as a division of Fulton Bank. Former owners Frank Signorello and Anthony Loiacono Jr. will continue to lead Global Exchange and current positions will be retained.



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March 2007 Wellspring Center for Yoga and Health

Friday, March 9: Focusing: The Yoga of Emotion Workshop, 7-9pm

Saturday, March 10th: Belly Dancing, 2-3:30pm

Saturday & Sunday, March 17-18: Pranic Healing Course, 11:30am-6:30 pm

Friday, March 23: Spring Solstice Drum Circle, 7pm

Saturday, March 24: Yoga for Writers Workshop, 2-5pm



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Juniors hold Annual Spelling Bee

The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of the Merchantville Area, Inc. held its annual spelling bee on Saturday January 20, 2007 at the Pennsauken High School. Thirty-three fourth and fifth graders from public and private schools in Merchantville and Pennsauken competed. While parents, friends and teachers anxiously looked on, they bravely took their turns at the mike to spell increasingly



complex words. This year's competition offered some really impressive spellers. The first place winner was fifth grader Sean Gallagher from St. Peter's school in Merchantville. The second place winner, from St Stephen's School in Pennsauken, was fourth grader Taylor Holmes. Justin

Weaver, a fourth grader from Carson Elementary School in Pennsauken, came in third.

The spellers went many rounds before the group was pared down to the final two who went toe to toe for several more rounds until Sean pulled out in front by correctly spelling the word "engorged". Awards were presented by the Country Buffet "Spelling Bee" who graciously attended the Spelling Bee to cheer on the kids. After the bee, the spellers and their fans relaxed with delicious pretzels and juice. Many browsed the book fair hosted by Borders Express looking for favorite books. All the kids went home with goodie bags filled with treats donated by event sponsors; Old Country Buffet and Borders Express. Pennsauken High School graciously offered the use of their facilities and the help of the (very important) audio visual folks who help make it possible for the fans and judges to hear the spellers in action. The fourth and fifth grade teachers in Merchantville and Pennsauken certainly seem to be doing a great job teaching spelling. Learn more @ www.merchantvillewomensclubs.org.

MES 2005-06 NCLB Report Card

The 2006 report by the state determined that Merchantville School has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) by meeting 40 out of 40 indicators in both elementary and middle grades. Complete information about the NJ Report Card and State Aid including a 2006 Comparative Spending Guide is available online at www.state.nj.us/njded/data/.



America

on the Move!

by Patty Carr, Merchantville Elementary School

As a physical education teacher and concerned parent, I encourage children to become more active everyday and develop positive, healthy habits that last a lifetime. On January 9, 2007, I decided to take my own advice.

Greetings from Alaska! My journey began at Watson Lake, British Columbia several weeks ago. I'm walking the Alaska Military Highway and should reach my destination (somewhere in the Yukon) before February 20th. I'm way ahead of schedule... according to the computer.

America on the Move is a free web-based program available to individuals, families, schools, and communities @www.americaonthemove.org. This site offers many tools, activities, and additional links promoting healthy eating and active living.

The "walking" program will truly motivate you to increase the number of steps you take during your day. Wear a pedometer, choose a trail, log steps, get closer to your destination, and begin to feel healthier! There is a conversion chart to change everyday activities and sports to "steps". Get some friends together and chart your progress. The whole family will enjoy the interactive routes!

For my next adventure...I'm following the Lewis and

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MATHCOUNTS® Competition

Eight students from St Peter School's new math team competed in the South Jersey MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition at Rowan University in Glassboro on Saturday, February 10. MATHCOUNTS® is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. Schools select students to compete individually or as part of a team in one of more than 500 written and oral competitions held nationwide. Top students advance to the state, and ultimately, to the national level.



Justin Pierlott finished in the top ten and St. Peter won the distinction of "Best New School".

The following students were among the 143 Mathletes® competing at

Rowan: Sara Arana, Emily Leonard, and Kelsey McCoy (8th grade), Patrick O'Drain, Justin Pierlott, Marissa Wolfe, and John Zazzera (7th grade), and Jessica Kowal (6th grade). The students were selected based on their final rank in a school competition held on Friday, January 19. The top four individuals represented St. Peter School in the Team Round of the competition. They were: Justin Pierlott (1st), Emily Leonard (2nd), John Zazzera (3rd) and Patrick O'Drain (4th).

New Gym Floor

On Friday, January 5th, 2007 at 6 pm in the Msgr. Fallon Parish Hall, the St. Peter School community dedicated the new gym floor to Rev. Anthony J. Manuppella. Father Anthony's most generous support enabled the school community to install a beautiful new gym floor for the children. The floor was installed over the Christmas break and is ready just in time for the first of many home games hosted by the St. Peter girl's and boy's basketball teams. The floor will be enjoyed by the many children who participate in the St. Peter basketball clinic, the intramural and traveling basketball teams and the daily gym classes.

Open House

St. Peter's will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 4, 2007 from 1-3 p.m. All are welcome.

Shade Tree Commission: 2006 Summary

The volunteers serving on the Merchantville Shade Tree Commission are proud to have contributed to our community. Current members are: Dina Turan, Chairperson, and Bob Paulson, Krista Lee, Joe Cuzzupe, and James Duggan. Joanne Steer has been active for many months and will soon be formally named to the commission as well.



Additional volunteers and members are welcome; no formal training is needed, just an interest in our community's trees! Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Merchantville Library.

Thirty new trees were planted this year. Most of them were planted along neighborhood streets; some were planted along the bike path with the help of several of Dina's enthusiastic students. A dozen shrubs (species native to this area) were planted along the southern edge of the bike path as well, to stabilize the bank and keep it from washing onto the path when it rains. Maintenance work included pruning and tree and stump removals.

This year's Arbor Day celebration took place next to the school where an Okame Cherry was planted in honor of the class of 1939. Several members of that class were there along with current students.

The annual Shade Tree Federation meeting was a great time of learning again for us. Lectures about all aspects of community forestry were held throughout the two-day event by leading researchers and teachers such as Dr. Ed Gilman and Dr. Jason Grabosky. One member also attended the annual Woody Plant Conference, held at Swarthmore, and Penn State's four-day Arborist Short Course designed as preparation for certification as an International Society of Arboriculture arborist.

Our "computer geek", Bob, programmed a palm pilot so that a tree survey could be conducted. It has been started, with information about type, location, size, condition, etc of each tree being entered. The information can be sorted in various ways to help us make decisions about planting, maintaining, and removing trees.

Finally, a big thank you to the residents of Merchant-

The Merchantville Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting provided a very informative and memorable evening for many of the town's citizenry. The presentation on the Merchantville Community Center illustrated its rich history and clarified its origins from a Victorian carriage house/stable to the English Tudor structure we know today. Back in 1921 when the Merchantville Country Club relocated the building to its present site and renovated it, local newspapers hailed the accomplishment and said it was truly Merchantville's Community Center! Little did they know how valid their prediction would be! A cherished part of the meeting was the viewing of part of an interview with Edith Silberstein. Seeing and hearing her once more was very special to us all. As we move forward, rally round our cause to champion the undertaking of applying for grants to restore our Community Center and expand our Historical Society



SNOW REMOVAL WARNING

BOROUGH ORDINANCE 73-8

Responsibility of Owner or Occupant

The owner or owners, occupant or occupants of premises abutting or bordering upon any of the streets, avenues or highways in the Borough of Merchantville shall remove or cause to be removed all ice or snow from the sidewalks of any such streets, avenues or highways **within 10 hours** of daylight after the same shall have formed or ceased to fall thereon.

The meaning of this ordinance is for all property owners, or occupants to clear the public sidewalks that about your property **within 10 hours of the storm ceasing or 10 hours after daylight, which ever is first.**

The first violation of this ordinance will cause a written warning to be issued. For any subsequent violations a summons to appear in municipal court will be issued.

County Snow Removal For Elderly & Disabled

Camden County Division of Emergency Management at (856) 783-4808 ext. 5060, from 8 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

The Merchantville Police Department now has baseball cards available to all children and (adults). Children are encouraged to interact with officer's when they are on patrol, however we do caution them not to approach officers when they are on a call for service or have a vehicle stopped on the side of the road. Each officer has his personal cards with him when he is on patrol.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Non-Emergency Office Number
856-662-0507 - 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday

Non-Emergency Police CONFIDENTIAL "TIP LINE"
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This line can be used at anytime for Non- emergency tip information. You DO NOT have to give your name or other information about yourself. This line is checked at least once every 8 hours by the officer in charge of the shift. Remember, this is NOT an emergency number.

DOG LICENSING REMINDER . . . All dogs were to be licensed by January 31st pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-5.2 and Merchantville Ordinance #21-2. The cost is \$7.00 for neutered dogs and \$10.00 for non-neutered dogs. Application can be printed from the Borough website or filled out at Borough Hall every Monday through Friday from 9 am - 5 pm.

MOTHERS HELPING MOTHERS GROUP

Are you home with the kids during the day or even working part time? Need some new ideas or activities? New to motherhood or new to the area? How about some normal conversation with other moms? The group meets in Merchantville every other Friday morning at 9 AM. We feature speakers on various topics, a staffed nursery, monthly kids' outings, monthly mom's night out and more. Please call Sharon at 856-764-0828 or visit us at mothershelpingmothers.com.

Chestnut Station Seniors Tenant's Association

Christmas Party 2006

On Friday, December 15th, the residents of the Chestnut Station Senior's Tenant's Association held their 3rd annual Christmas party at the apartments. There was fun had by all, with catering by Michael's.

The community business shops contributed many door prizes for the seniors to win. They were from: The Clip Joint; hair cuts and a men's styling kit, Sal's Merchantville Barber; a gift certificate. Karl Florist; a Christmas corsage with gift certificate for the hostess, and The Country Bloom; a beautiful flower arrangement and gift certificate. Gift certificates also came from Philly Fruit, Merchantville Diner, Grand China, and Yankee Caroler. Bayberry's; Lollipop Tree gourmet foods. Gift certificates also from Collin's House Restaurant and Conifer's, the owners of the apartments, Merchantville Cleaners and the L&M Tea Room. Also donated was a beautiful hand-made Holiday wreath by MaryAnne Hobbs-Fernie, daughter of one of the residents.

Photos were taken by the owner of The Darkroom, Brad. And of course Aunt Charlotte's gave boxes of their delicious candies. A grateful "Thank You" to all. The President, Mary Ann Kearney, awarded two 'Special Awards' to two of their residents for the special things they do around the apartments. Betty Haas on the first floor and Lawrence Witcher on the second floor. Entertainment was donated by the wonderful people of the Auto Show Committee, Kevin Greening, Mike and Tom Rhea, Jim Irwin, Jeff Brown, and Andy Zazarra. The violist, Jennifer was amazing and loved by all. She has a great future ahead of her, and we all wish her well. (Break a leg Jennifer) The D.J. was Steve Volkert, and of course, a visit from the jolly old elf in the red suit. Santa (Kevin Greening) also helped give out the door prizes to the winners.

A special thanks goes out to Nola Sadutti, chairperson of the Events Committee and her hard working team. It was a great time had by all. Again, a grateful "Thank You" to all the business shops in Merchantville for helping the seniors Christmas party to be such a success. See you next year. We all want to wish you a very Happy, Healthy 2007!

By Mary Ann Kearney