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The Word on the Street

The Haddonfield Farmers Market will begin its 24th season on **Sat May 16** – in a new location. (Turn to page 19 for details.)

If you had a stall in a farmers market, what would you sell? And why?





◀ *"I'd sell homemade preserves made with fresh berries," says* ***LINDA SPRINGER*** *of Haddonfield. "Although I don't currently make them myself, I enjoy them, and believe that others would also."*

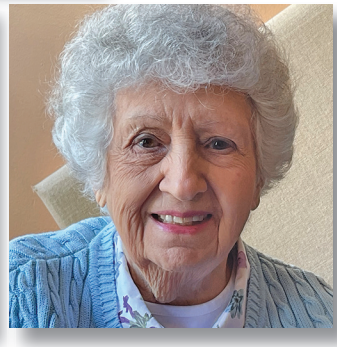
▲ *Sicklerville's* ***SONNY HONNEN*** *says he can't imagine being a vendor in a farmers market, "but I often buy fresh produce, meat, and flowers at the Amish Market in Williamstown."*



◀ *"Organic fruits and vegetables," says* ***NICK BLACK*** *of Haddon Township. "People these days are very conscious of eating healthy, of avoiding pesticides. I think organic would be a winner."*

▶ ***RAY RAMIREZ,*** *visiting from San Antonio TX, would offer wood products. "Flower planters, shelves, and similar items, with slightly burnt accents. I'm an amateur, but I think I'd do well."*





▶ *As the former co-owner of a restaurant in Haddonfield,* ***REMI FORTUNATO*** *has some experience in this field. "I would sell sauces," she says. "Marsala, marinara. Things you just have to add a protein to and then you're good to go."*



▲ ***MARIE SPRINGER*** *of Haddonfield thinks she would build a loyal customer base if she offered homemade shortcakes. "I'm a baker," she says, "and I love to add fresh strawberries and blueberries to the things I make. They're delicious!"*

Wear out? Or rust out?

› "It's up to you," says Interfaith Caregivers, the Haddonfield nonprofit that arranges for volunteers to provide support services to elderly or disabled residents of Haddonfield and Haddon Heights.

To help area seniors stay active, alert, and engaged, Interfaith Caregivers has forged a partnership with the Center for Modern Aging Princeton that will provide access to a wide variety of programs designed to engage seniors' minds and expand their thinking.

Details will be presented during an Open House to be held at the Methodist Church on **Thu Apr 30** from 11:30am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided.

To register your interest, call 856-354-0298 or email Larissa Willison at *larissa@giftofalift.org.*

Remember: You're never too old to learn!

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Porch music

› As a way of building community and meeting neighbors, Chris Willits – "The Porch Session Guy" – sings and plays guitar on a Haddonfield porch each Wednesday.

On **Wed May 6** at 7pm, the "porch" will be the back yard of the Mabel Kay Senior Center.

Free, but registrations are requested.

BoE budget

› The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget at 7:30pm on **Thu May 7** in the High School library.

Meetings are open to the public to attend in person, or online via the District's YouTube channel, here – bit.ly/3f7270B – or scan the QR ◄.

Violinist to perform

› David Kim, the concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra, will present a vibrant solo program featuring works by Stravinsky, Morricone, Strong, and Kreisler at the First Presbyterian Church on **Sun May 17** at 3pm.

Also on the program: Two published works by the church's minister of music, Peter Leibensperger.

Tickets are $25, here – bit.ly/4u0RwKn. QR ◄ Proceeds will benefit the church's music program.

Those who wish to help the program reach its current fundraising goal of $15,000 are invited to consider choosing a Patron Package. Details here – bit.ly/4u0RwKn. QR ◄

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Help fund a new playground

› The Central School PTA is on a mission: to build a safe, inclusive, and engaging playground for elementary-age students.

They're planning a rain-or-shine fundraiser at the Central School from 9am to 12n on **Sat May 30.**

The event will feature:

- A traditional 5K Color Run/Walk
- A just-for-fun Rainbow Run (about a mile and geared towards younger participants)
- A Family Festival featuring music, games, food, snacks, and local vendors.

Note: As runners make their way along the course, they'll be showered with vibrant bursts of allergy-friendly colored powder, creating a joyful, unforgettable experience in which everyone finishes looking like a walking rainbow.

Sponsorships are available at a variety of levels. Go here for details – bit.ly/4mETttF – or email Kristen Rasmussen at *kristen.iaboni@gmail.com.*

Note that the Central School PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so sponsorships are tax-deductible.

The sponsorship deadline is **Fri May 8,** to ensure inclusion on printed items such as tee-shirts.

Whether you run, walk, sponsor, donate, cheer, or throw color from the sidelines, you'll help make a much-needed new playground for children a reality.

Run. Raise. And Play! For individual and family tickets, go here – bit.ly/4mETttF – or scan the QR ◄.

Register for CENTRAL 5K AND FESTIVAL

Rummage!

› Grace Church's semi-annual Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall is scheduled for **Thu May 7** from 10am to 7pm.

As in the past, organizers will spotlight the "best of the best" in their Boutique Room. Think quality items at bargain prices!

A food truck will be on site, offering delicious lunch and dinner choices; baked goods will be for sale in the Parish Hall.

Donations will be accepted on **Sat May2** beginning at 11am in the Parish Hall.

For more information, call the Church office at 856-429-0007.

The Church's Thrift Shop is open each Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

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Chorus offers a patriotic salute

› Mark your calendar for 3:30pm on **Sun May 3** at the Lutheran Church (204 Wayne Ave). That's the time, date, and location of ChildrenSong of NJ's spring concert.

Titled "American Dreams," the inspiring program will explore the hopes and dreams that have shaped the American spirit.

Featured will be the premiere of "When Dreams Fly," a newly commissioned work by Kevin Padworski, based on poetry by Langston Hughes, Sara Teasdale, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and Emily Dickinson.

Tickets are $20 ($15 for students and seniors; free for children 14 and under). At the door or call 856-471-7664.

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Attention All High School Seniors Residing in Haddonfield!

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You can obtain the essay topic and rules by emailing HaddonfieldGOP@gmail.com with a subject line "Scholarship Essay."

Deadline for submission is May 12, 2026.



Artificial Intelligence in Education:

The good, the bad, and the ugly.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 • 7pm

First Baptist Church, Haddonfield. Parking in rear.

The panel for this Community Conversation will include:

- **LINDA HOCHGERTEL** (Moderator) – Chief Technology Officer, The Wyanoke Group and Vice President, Haddonfield Board of Education
- **OJOBO AGBO EJE** – (Keynote) Senior Program Coordinator, Rutgers-Camden AI Campus
- **GINO PRIOLO** – Assistant Superintendent, Haddonfield School District
- **LUKE PATTERSON** and **TALIA SESHASAI** – Students at Haddonfield Memorial High School
- **RODNEY THOMAS** (Host) – Commander, Post 38 and former Manager at Apple call centers

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Community Conversations are presented every other month, September thru May, by Haddonfield American Legion Post 38. Admission free. To donate, scan ▶

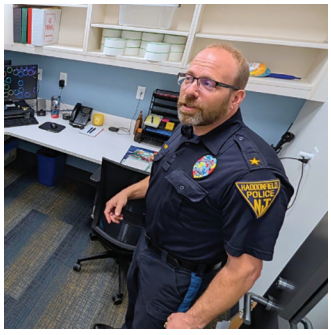
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Around the Town

New police station a "dream come true"

By Matt Skoufalos / April 23, 2026



▲ *The new Haddonfield Police station repurposes the former bank vault as an evidence locker, and its adjoining room as storage for processing and ID materials. Photo: Matt Skoufalos.*

New NJDOC-compliant police station hits a standard that has boosted staff morale, dramatically improved working conditions, and will lead to better service for borough residents..

From behind the desk of his brightly lit, climate-controlled, broad-windowed office on the second floor of the new Haddonfield Police Department, Chief Jason Cutler beams.

Having spent the bulk of his career with the department in the cramped basement of Haddonfield borough hall, contending with water intrusion, mold, pests, crowding, and spotty signal service, the vantage he enjoys today is incomparable.

"Words don't describe how amazing this place is, from where we came from and where we're coming to," Cutler said. "It's an amazing feeling. I look forward to coming to work every day," he said.

"I'm here early, I leave late. It's just amazing."

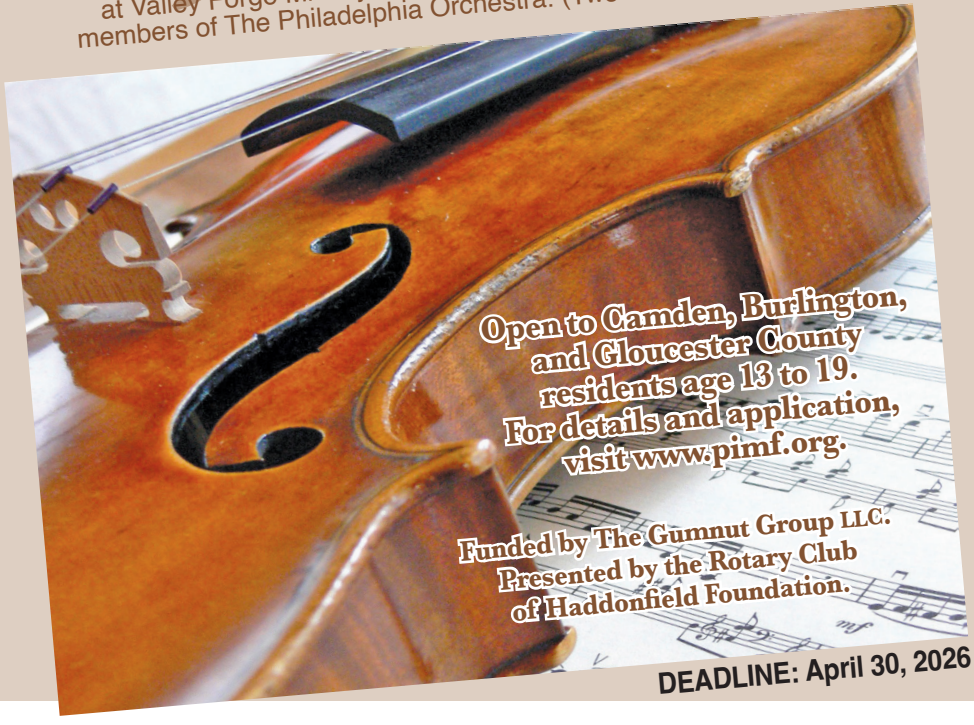
Cutler's search for a new home for the department started when he made lieutenant in 2013, but potential local real estate was scarce. At one point, the department considered acquiring the Haddonfield ... ◄

READ MORE ABOUT IT! For the rest of the story on your smartphone, scan:

› NJPen subscribers can read the rest of the story here – bit.ly/3OIpDHX – or scan the QR ◄.

The Alice Downs Scholarship for Young Violinists 2026

Philadelphia International Music Camp & Festival at Valley Forge Military Academy (Wayne PA), with instruction by members of The Philadelphia Orchestra. (Two weeks. Value: $3,300)



Open to Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester County residents age 13 to 19. For details and application, visit www.pimf.org.

Funded by The Gumnut Group LLC. Presented by the Rotary Club of Haddonfield Foundation.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2026

ALICE DOWNS Violin Scholarship details.

Dine 'n' donate

› If you're feeling like pizza for lunch or dinner on **Fri May 8**, consider purchasing from Crust 'n' Fire in downtown Haddonfield – dine in, take-out, or delivery.

Mention "Rotary" and the restaurant will donate 20% of your purchase for the club's charitable projects.

Hours are 12n to 9pm.

Let's get fit!

› An eight-week session of Pilates (Mon and Wed) and Sculpt & Tone (Tue and Thu) classes is under way at the First Presbyterian Church.

For details and to register, call Sue at 609-238-5468 or email *sueheindel@gmail.com*.

Proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Preschool.

Double your donated dollars

› A grassroots effort led by the Boys Cross Country and Track & Field Association is underway to address a long-recognized need: Upgrading the stadium bathrooms.

To support the effort, the Haddonfield Educational Trust will use a generous gift to match all donations received by **Sat May 30** dollar-for-dollar, up to $35,000.

Every contribution, of any amount, will help move the project forward and ensure this shared space reflects the pride of the entire Haddonfield community.

For details and to donate, go here – bit.ly/4mM1Rrf – or scan the QR ►.

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You could take your mother to the movies, a museum, mini golf, or a magic show on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10).

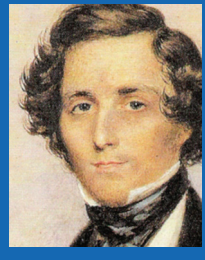
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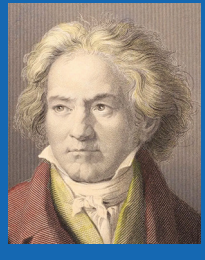
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A minimum $15 donation per person is appreciated.

Register for **DREW HANSEN TALK**

Papermaking

› A Haddonfield 2026 Event

Head to Kings Court on **Sat May 2**, 10am to 2pm, to learn about The Art of Papermaking, with demonstrations by Historic Rittenhouse Town.

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Spy thriller

› M. Drew Hansen, a Memorial High School graduate and former School Board member, has published his first novel – a spy thriller titled *The Moscow Circuit.*

During "Inside the Making of a Spy Thriller: Writing *The Moscow Circuit*" on **Tue May 19** from 6 to 7:30pm, Drew will describe how the story evolved – from early ideas and character development to the writing, editing, and publication process.

The presentation will offer a behind-the-scenes look at how a contemporary espionage novel takes shape and what it takes to bring a first book to publication.

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Golf and family BBQ for schools

› The Haddonfield Educational Trust is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to enhancing educational excellence of Haddonfield Public Schools.

The Trust supports scholarships for graduating seniors and awards grants to teachers for innovative projects. It has purchased playground equipment for all three elementary schools, and raised more than $750,000 for campus beautification and renovations to the High School auditorium.

On **Mon Jun 15,** the Trust will hold its major fundraiser – a golf tournament at Tavistock Country Club. Note: You don't need to be a golfer to attend and participate, because at the end of the day there's a cocktail reception and family BBQ dinner that's open to all.

The tournament is a scramble format with registration at 12:15pm and a shotgun start at 1pm.

Fees – $425 per golfer and $1,650 per foursome – include play, reception, and dinner.

Fees for the reception with open bar (at 5pm) and dinner with cash bar (at 6pm) are $60 for adults and $25 for children under 12.

Sponsorships are available at various levels, from $400 to $5,000.

To register for golf, reception and dinner; for just the reception and dinner; or to sign on as a sponsor, go here – bit.ly/3QkKzFz – or scan the QR ◄.

Questions? *hadedutrust@gmail.com*

Register for HET GOLF AND/OR BBQ

Jazz on Sunday

› Larry Toft's Red Hot Ramblers will be the next guests of the Tri-State Jazz Society, bringing their authentic 1920s jazz to the Methodist Church on **Sun Jun 14** at 2pm.

The Ramblers exemplify red-hot syncopation, stompin' rhythms, and lyrical melodies associated with the Jazz Age.

Their repertoire can extend before and after the 1920s from the early years in Jazz, such as New Orleans Style and Ragtime, up to the swing era of the 1930s and 40s.

The fun starts at 2pm. Admission is $20 ($10 for members; free for full-time students with ID, or children accompanied by a paying adult).

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Police cutting a (blue?) ribbon

› For many years, the Haddonfield Police Department has struggled to operate from sub-standard quarters in the basement of the Borough Hall. Now, this is in the rear mirror.

On **Mon Apr 20,** the department began operating from new headquarters at 1 Walnut Street (the former Bank of America building), opposite the Acme Markets parking lot.

Hours are 8am to 4pm, weekdays. At other times, press the call button next to the door.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new premises will be held on **Thu May 28** at 1pm.

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A patriotic music fest

› At the Methodist Church at 7pm on **Sun Apr 26**, the NJ MasterChorale will honor the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a soaring program inspired by the ideals of liberty and Divine Providence. Accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra, the group will present:

- Music: American folk tunes and patriotic selections by Copland, Thompson, Cynthia Erivo.
- Poetry: Settings of Emma Lazarus, Robert Frost.
- Guests: The Mosaic Youth Chorus, a diverse ensemble from the Lehigh Valley.

Tickets are free but required. Reserve yours at *haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale*.



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Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10.

Plant sale

› The Garden Club's annual Flower and Plant Sale Fundraiser will be held in Kings Court on **Sat May 9,** from 9am to 1pm.

Fresh arrangements for Mother's Day – **Sun May 10** – varying in size and color, as well as members' plants and baked goods, will be on sale. Shop early!

Coming: VBS!

› Registration is open for the First Baptist Church's free Vacation Bible School, "O Me, O My, O Nehemiah" (a children's musical).

Dates are **Mon Jul 13** thru **Fri Jul 17,** 9am to 12n.

The show will be presented on **Fri Jul 17** at 12n.

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Authors talk

› Coming up online – live and free – courtesy of Haddonfield Friends of the Library: Discussions of their work by best-selling authors.

- **Thu Apr 30** at 7pm:

A virtual conversation with Jason Reynolds, author of *Coach*, the fifth – and last – entry in the highly popular *Track* series.

To register go here – bit.ly/3U3SlAJ – or scan the QR code ◄.

For recordings of previous author talks, go here – bit.ly/3T4u6B9 – or scan ◄.

Note: There's also an in-person author event on the calendar. M. Drew Hansen will discuss the journey behind writing and publishing his debut spy thriller, *The Moscow Circuit*. See page 11.

Register for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Register for **FUTURE AUTHOR TALKS**

Scan for **PAST AUTHOR TALKS**

Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednes

Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

This feature has been enlarged – significantly – and may be found on page 29.

Your Events?

› On this calendar, and throughout *Haddonfield Today*, we list and publicize coming events sponsored by Haddonfield organizations.

Email details to *news@gumnutgroup.com* by the Tuesday before publication date.



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Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**
NJ MasterChorale: *To Glory Arise* /MC **7**

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POSTPONED Commission (to Tue)
Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-8**^{30}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11, 11**^{15}**-12**
Beginner Spanish /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Octopus Suncatcher /PL **1-2**^{30}
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Storytime /PL **4-4**^{30}
Adult Book Club /PL **6**^{30}**-8**
GriefShare /BC **7-9**

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Library Trustees /PL **8**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Senior Game Day /LC **12-3**
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Storytime /PL **1-1**^{30}
Open Play /PL **1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Girls Who Code Jr /PL **3**^{30}**-4**^{30}
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Commission /BH V **7**^{30}

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Balance & Core /MI
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Fiber Arts Meet-Up
Rotary Club /TCC 1
Line Dancing /MK
Bingo /MK **1-2**^{30}
Pretzel Party /PL 1
Tai-Chi /LC **3-4, 6**^{3}
One Borough, One
/PL **7-9**

03

Mother's Day Take-Home Craft /PL **10**^{30}**-5**
ChildrenSong Spring Concert: *American Dreams* /LC **3**^{30}
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

04

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-8**^{30}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Lego Duplo Club /PL **10-12**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11, 11**^{15}**-12**
Beginner Spanish /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Lego Club /PL **3-5**
Creative Writing Group /PL **6**^{30}**-8**
GriefShare /BC **7-9**

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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Intro to Helping Hands /MK **10**^{30}**-12**
Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Creative Writing /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Storytime /PL **1-1**^{30}
Open Play /PL **1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Book Bingo /PL **4-4**^{45}
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}
Planning /BH **7**^{30}

06

Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
You & Me Morning
Coffee & Schmooze
Beginners Line Dar
Bingo /MK **1-2**^{30}
Tai-Chi /LC **3-4, 6**^{3}
Human Relations /
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10 MOTHER'S DAY

Jagged Little Pill /HPP **3**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

11

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-8**^{30}
Senior Citizen /MK **9**^{15}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11, 11**^{15}**-12**
Beginner Spanish /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Commission Work Session /BH V **6**^{30}
GriefShare /BC **7-9**
American Legion Post 38 /HQ **7**^{30}

12 *Haddonfield Today Deadline*

DEADLINE Register to vote
DEADLINE GOP Scholarship
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Storytime /PL **1-1**^{30}
Crafternoon: *Book Vase* /PL **1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Open Play /PL **1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Rail Cube STEAM /PL **3**^{30}**-5**
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}

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Balance & Core /MI
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Play-Doh Play Time
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BC	Baptist Church	DT	Downtown	IKTM	Indian King Tavern Museum	HQ	Post 38, 129 Veterans Lane	MHS	Memorial High School	PL	
BH	Borough Hall	GC	Grace Church	KC	Kings Court	JJ	Jersey Java & Tea	MK	Mabel Kay Senior Center	TCC	

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Thursday

Open Hours

Acme M-S 7-10, Su 7-9
Borough Hall M-F 8[30]-4[30]
CVS M-F 9-9, S 9-7, Su 12-5
Pharmacy M-F 9-9, S 9-5, Su 12-5
Pharmacy is closed 1[30]-2
Greenfield Hall M W Th 1-4
Archives Center Th 10-12 S 12-3
Indian King Tavern Museum
W Th F S 10-12, 1-4, Su 1-4
Post Office M-F 8[30]-4[30], S 9-1
Public Library M T Th 10-8,
W F 10-5, S 10-2, Su 12-4

Friday

24 *Haddonfield Today*

ENDS Spring Clean-Out
Friday Drop-In /MK **9[30]-1**
Spring-Themed Craft /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Spring-Themed Craft /PL **1[30]-2**
Kids' Book Club /PL **3[30]-4[15]**
The Haddon Fortnightly Juniors Reunion /HF **6[30]-10**
High School Musical Jr /HPP **7**

Saturday

25 APR

Walking Tour of Evans Pond /EP **10-12**
Green Fair /KC **10-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Grandparents Day at Children's Sculpture Zoo / **11-2**
Birds of Prey /PL **12-1**
High School Musical Jr /HPP **1[30]**
Blessing of the Animals /MC **5**
Saki and Sushi Party /GC **7-10**

K **9[15]-10**

e /MK **10-12**
/PL **10-12**
2[15]-1[30]
12[30]-3

[30]-2, 3[30]-4[15]
-9[15]
Book Discussion

30 DEADLINE Alice Downs Violin Scholarship

Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Open House: *Center for Modern Aging* /MC **11[30]-2**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Fabric Print /PL **3[30]-4[30]**
Library Author Talk /V **7-8**

01 MAY

DUE Property Taxes
Friday Drop-In /MK **9[30]-1**
Dance Party! /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Film Series /PL **1[30]-4[30]**

02

The Art of Papermaking /KC **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Rockin' Out with Mr Bobby /PL **3[30]-4**

Tea /PL **10-10[30]**
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BH **7**
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07

Prayer Breakfast /MC **8[30]-10**
Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Storytime /Play /PL **10-10[30]/-12**
Rummage Sale /GC **10-7**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]** • 65 Club /110 **1[30]**
House Plant Rescue Clinic /PL **6[30]-7[30]**
Girls' Night Out /DT **4-8**
Trivia: *Lions vs Rotary* /TCC **6[15]**
Board of Education /MHS **7[30]**

08

Martial Arts Storytime /PL **10-10[45]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Rotary's Dine & Donate /CF **12-9**
Jagged Little Pill /HPP **8**

09

Flower and Plant Sale /KC **9-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Jagged Little Pill /HPP **8**

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Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Senior Trivia /MK **2-3[30]**
Pick-Up Band Read-Through /HQ **7[30]**
Jagged Little Pill /HPP **8**

15 *Haddonfield Today*

Friday Drop-In /MK **9[30]-1**
Baby Bookworms /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Film Series /PL **1[30]-4[30]**
Jagged Little Pill /HPP **8**

16

OPENING DAY Farmers Market /DT **8[30]-1**
Household Hazardous Waste Collection /Atco **8[30]-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Character Design /PL **11-12**
Jagged Little Pill /HPP **3**
Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble: *A Night Out* /BC 4
NJ Gay Men's Chorus /MC **8**
Jagged Little Pill /HPP **8**

Presbyterian Church
Public Library
Tavistock Country Club

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Seniors helping seniors: Sign up!

Register as a **HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEER**

Register as a **HELPING HANDS RECIPIENT**

› A new program at the Mabel Kay Senior Center is designed to enable friends of the Center to receive assistance from other friends in times of need.

The program will match "Helping Hands Volunteers" (who will organize and provide meals) with "Helping Hands Recipients" (those who are sick, going through a difficult time, have had surgery, or are caring for a loved one who is ill or recovering from surgery).

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the maximum period of assistance will be two weeks. Priority will be given to Haddonfield residents.

Sign-up for both Volunteers (scan QR 1: ■) and Recipients (scan QR 2: ■) will be online, via a Google Form. An introductory session at the Senior Center on **Tue May 5** from 10:30am to 12n will provide sign-up assistance and tech help. (If you have a tablet or cellphone, take it along.)

Questions: Contact Sheri Siegel: 856-354-8789 or *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov*.



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New patch for Framers Market

› The Haddonfield Farmers Market will mark the commencement of its 24th year with a move to a new location on **Sat May 15**.

Instead of setting up on Saturday mornings at Kings Court, the market will be in the parking lot behind Wildfether Distilling (236 Kings Hwy E). (The Borough will be using Kings Court in the late spring and summer months for programming relating to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.)

The pedestrian entrance is the driveway between Wildfether and The UPS Store.

This new location will enable the market to accommodate an additional 10 to 12 vendors. Also: parking for vendors will be available behind the Borough Hall.

As always, shoppers will find fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, artisanal foods, specialty drinks, premier BBQ, and handmade items.

To celebrate the move, the market will host an Opening Day ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:15am.

Sam Caruso's band, No Relation, will play on the steps of the Borough Hall from 10am to 1pm.

Market hours remain 8:30am to 1pm, rain or shine, through **Sat Oct 10.**

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"Leave no one behind" also means helping veterans who have fallen on hard times to again find dignity and purpose in their lives. One way the members of Post 38 do this is by supporting the work of **Veterans Haven South,** a transitional housing program for homeless veterans.

Located in Winslow NJ, Veterans Haven South is a 100-bed facility operated by the State of New Jersey and supported by the US Department of Veterans Affairs and a wide variety of service organizations, community agencies, veterans groups, and private citizens. Its staff includes professionals specializing in mental health, social services, addictions counseling, vocational rehabilitation, housing, and medical case management.



Representatives of Post 38 present a check for $20,000 to Chief Tori Hill (fourth from left), superintendent of Veterans Haven South.

On April 20, 2026, representatives of Post 38 and several other area units presented a check for $20,000 to the administrative staff of Veterans Haven South – proceeds of our 5K Run in November 2025. We thank all who contributed to the success of that event: sponsors, participants, and volunteers alike.

A Bright Future for Post 38 Headquarters

Any soldier will tell you that, after a couple of weeks in the field, there's nothing better than a shower, a shave, and a haircut.

We all benefit from an occasional spruce-up. So do our homes and offices.

In the coming months – thanks to a generous donation from The Haddonfield Foundation – Post 38 headquarters at 129 Legion Lane will undergo a major makeover: fresh paint; new carpet and drapes; a large TV with soundbar; a fridge for soda; a popcorn machine. And a new vision of the building's role.



Charlene Creed and Joe Murphy (of The Haddonfield Foundation) flanked by Rodney Thomas and Joe McElroy (of Post 38).

We plan to make our premises available to local community groups for meetings, workshops, movie nights, etc. (The Pick-Up Band used HQ one recent Sunday afternoon for a "read-through" in preparation for our Memorial Day ceremony at the High School on Monday, May 25 at 10am.)

If you'd like to discuss the possibilities, call Commander Rodney Thomas at 609-500-4165 or email rodthomas678123@gmail.com.

Also: Stay tuned for news about the formation of Friends of Post 38, a way for all individuals, businesses, and entities to support our mission.

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An elegant toast to classical music and its benefactors

› Symphony in C will host its annual gala at Tavistock Country Club on **Sun May 17** from 5 to 9pm.

The theme – "Opus: A Celebration of Music & Harmony" – salutes the transformative power of music and the impact of women philanthropists.

In particular, "Opus" will honor Kyle Ruffin and her philanthropic leadership, community advocacy, and commitment to elevating women's voices in strengthening organizations and serving communities in need throughout South Jersey.

Kyle was a founder of Impact100 South Jersey, a women's collective giving group that has empowered nonprofits, uplifted local leaders, and created a lasting community impact across the region through transformative grantmaking.

Guests will enjoy an open bar, gourmet dinner with wine, and live music by some of the Symphony's talented musicians, plus dancing to the sounds of the Elegance Electric String Quartet.

From Juilliard, the Curtis Institute of Music, and other prestigious music conservatories, Symphony in C brings together the best young professional musicians, bound for orchestras around the world.

For additional details and tickets, visit bit.ly/4uXIqPQ or scan the QR code ◄.

Tix for **SYMPHONY IN C GALA**

On stage: A dose of the 90s

› The Healys appear to be a picture-perfect suburban family – but looks can be deceiving.

When cracks beneath the surface begin to show, they must choose between maintaining the status quo or facing harsh truths about themselves, their community, and the world around them.

That's the pretext for *Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill: The Musical*, which will open at Plays & Players on **Fri May 8** at 8pm and run on Thu, Fri, and Sat nights and Sat and Sun afternoons thru **Sat May 23**.

Tickets are $32 and available online at *HaddonfieldPlayers.com*.

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May 7: Prayer Breakfast

› To mark the 75th annual National Day of Prayer on **Thu May 7**, the Haddonfield Council of Churches will host a breakfast at the Methodist Church, beginning at 8:30am.

All are welcome.

The guest speaker for this year's gathering will be USAF Chaplain (Col.) Jonathan Hurt, senior chaplain at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

He is a descendant of the first US Army chaplain, The Rev. John Hurt, who served alongside Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Tickets are $15 and may be purchased here – bit.ly/4vDrrTf – or scan the QR ◄.

Register for **PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Save the date (Sat Jun 6) ...

› ... for a Family Fun Night at Golf Land in Voorhees – 4 to 8pm – to celebrate the life of Brad Wilby and the work of The Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation.

A graduate of Memorial High School and a standout soccer player and college coach, Brad died suddenly at age 25 of an undetected and rare cardiac condition.

The foundation that family and friends established in his memory conducts educational programs, awards scholarships, and provides automatic external defibrillators.

Tickets are $15 at the door. Mini golf, chip-n-putt are included.

bradwilby.org

Read about "The Ride"

› The Historical Society will join forces with the Public Library for its next Adult Book Club discussion.

The subject is Kostya Kennedy's *The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night That Saved America*, published in 2025. The discussion will take place at the Library on **Mon Jun 1** from 6:30pm. To join via Zoom, go to *tinyurl.com/HPLbookgroup*.

Kennedy's book re-examines Paul Revere's famous midnight ride, using new research to provide a more complex and detailed account of the events of April 18, 1775, and the broader context of the American Revolution.



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AI in schools: Friend or foe?

› A Community Conversation sponsored by American Legion Post 38 on **Wed May 27** will explore the subject of artificial intelligence in education.

The program, titled "Artificial Intelligence in Education: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," will be held at the First Baptist Church, beginning at 7pm.

Local educators, students, and business leaders will offer a range of perspectives on the rapidly evolving role of artificial intelligence in schools and society.

Panelists will include:

- Linda Hochgertel – chief technology officer at The Wyanoke Group and VP of the Haddonfield Board of Education
- Ojobo Agbo Eje – senior program coordinator at Rutgers-Camden AI Campus
- Gino Priolo – assistant superintendent for the Haddonfield School District
- Luke Patterson and Talia Seshasai – students at Memorial High School
- Rodney Thomas – commander of American Legion Post 38 and former manager at Apple call centers.

The session is free and open to the public. Donations to support Post 38 are appreciated.

The presenting sponsor for this event is the Haddonfield Educational Trust, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to enhancing educational excellence in the Haddonfield Public Schools.

Choral concert

› The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a concert titled "The Music that Makes Us" at the Methodist Church on **Sat May 16** at 8pm.

Tickets are $25 ($20 for seniors and students) and may be purchased online – *njgmc.org* – or by calling 732-579-8449.

Register to vote (and by mail)

› Mid-term primary elections in New Jersey are scheduled for **Tue Jun 2**, 6am to 8pm.

The deadline to register to vote is **Tue May 12**. Application forms are available here –

Sample ballots will be mailed on **Wed May 20**.

The deadline to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot is **Tue May 26**.

The in-person early-voting period (on machines at seven locations throughout Camden County)begins on **Tue May 26** and ends on **Sun May 31**.

A secure dropbox for ballots is located on the sidewalk in front of the Borough Hall. Deadline: Tue Jun 2 at 8pm.

AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

REGISTER TO VOTE FORM



Hear all about when the Declaration was news

› Once upon a time – 250 years ago, to be exact – the United States as we know them today were neither states nor united. Rather, there were 13 British settlements – colonies – up and down the coast of North America.

That arrangement changed dramatically in the summer of 1776.

In the Borough Hall auditorium at 7pm on **Thu May 21,** the Historical Society will host a lecture by Emily Sneff, an historian of the founding era of the United States and a leading expert on the Declaration of Independence.

The speaker has a PhD in history from William and Mary and is a consulting curator for museum exhibitions for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration. Her book *When the Declaration of Independence Was News* – which is also the title of her presentation – was published recently by Oxford University Press.

Admission is free, but registration is requested here – bit.ly/4cpuveh– or scan the QR ◄. Questions? 856-429-7375 or email *info@haddonfieldhistory.org.*

Register for **EMILY SNEFF TALK**

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Time to chat

› The Mabel Kay Senior Center on Walnut Street invites seniors to stop by for its Friday Drop-In.

Relax with coffee, chat with friends, work on a puzzle, read the paper, or simply enjoy some company.

Come on your own or with a friend. Stay as long – or as short – as you like. 9:30am to 1pm.

A different 250th fest

› It's not just the semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence that New Jersey citizens are celebrating this year, it's also the 250th anniversary of another important document – the first New Jersey Constitution.

At Grace Church on **Tue Jun 2** (7pm), Robert Williams will discuss the evolution of the NJ Constitution from drafting and ratification in July 1776 to today. Also issues of voter eligibility, abolition of slavery, women's rights.

The free program will be sponsored jointly by the Historical Society and the Indian King Tavern Museum. All are welcome.

Handbells!

› The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble will present a program titled "A Night Out," with songs from stage and screen, at the First Baptist Church on **Sat May 16** at 4pm. (Doors open at 3:30pm.)

Tickets are not required; donations of a minimum of $15 will be appreciated.

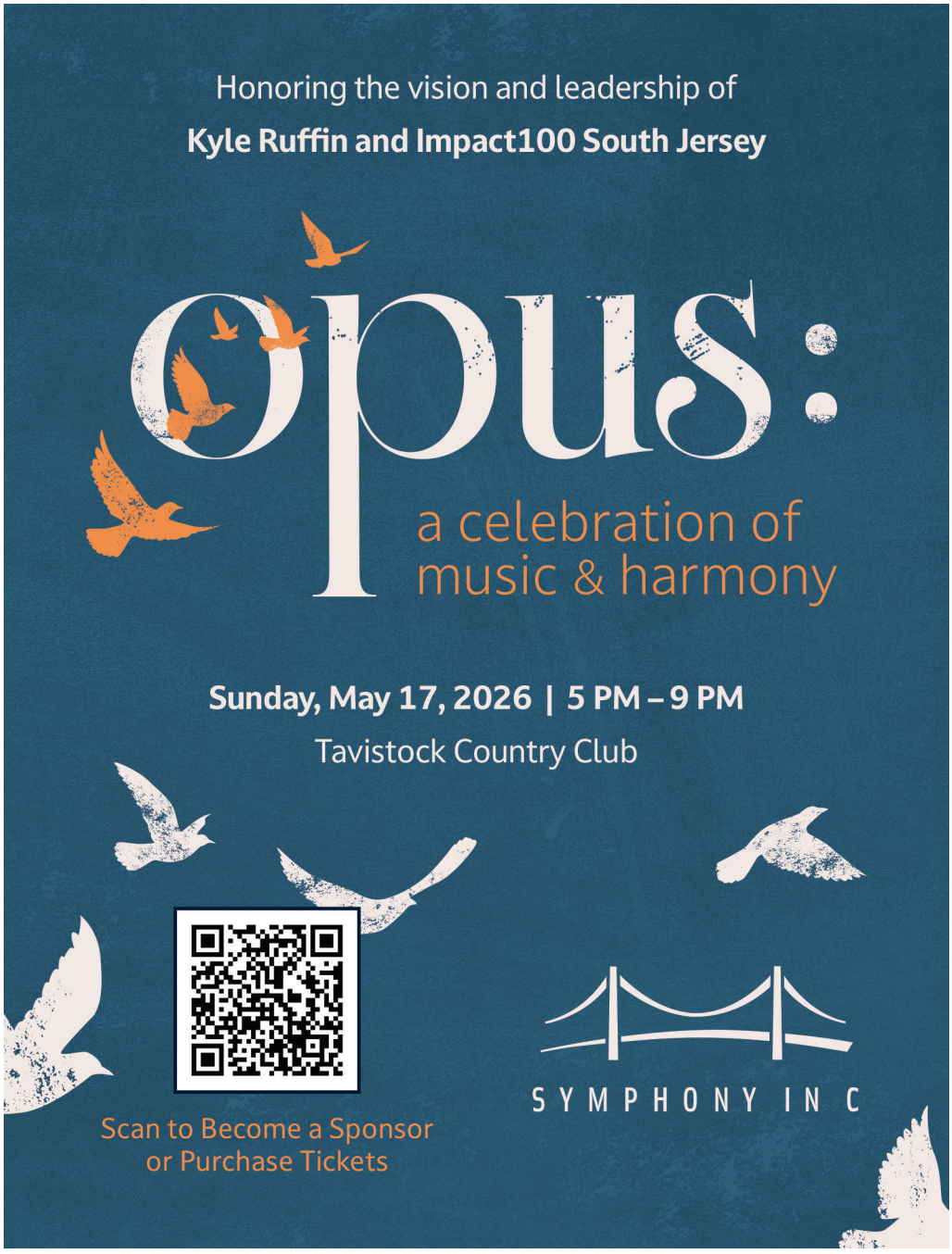
Play with the Pick-Up Band!

› "Can you play an instrument? Would you like to march in a parade?" They are questions that Middle School music teacher Tom Patton asked the community, in the pages of a local newspaper in 1970. The result: 35 musicians marched and played in the Fourth of July parade and, subsequently, the Pick-Up Band was born.

The group dissipated during Covid, but came together recently under the direction of Patrick Gardner, the instrumental music teacher at Bishop Eustace Prep.

Following a second read-through at American Legion Post 38 at 7:30pm on **Thu May 14**, the band will play during the Memorial Day ceremony at the High School at 10am on **Mon May 25**. Just show up!

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Saturdays in Kings Court

› As part of Haddonfield's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Borough has developed a program of entertainment and activities to take place in Kings Court on Saturdays from May thru September.

(To accommodate these events, the Farmers Market has been relocated to behind Wildfether Distilling, adjacent to the Borough Hall.)

Here's what's on the schedule so far (with certain regularly scheduled events interspersed):

- **Sat May 2** from 10am to 2pm – The Art of Papermaking with Historic Rittenhouse Town.
- **Sat May 9** from 9am to 1pm – Haddonfield Garden Club Flower and Plant Sale.
- **Sat May 16** at 10am – If you loiter for too long, soldiers who will be participating in the Skirmish on **Sat Jun 6** may escort you the Farmers Market's new location. (It's Opening Day!)
- **Sat May 23** from 10am to 2pm – Beeswax Candle-making with Pine Barrens Post.
- **Sat May 30** from 10am to 2pm – Robert Mouland's Music & Dancing Puppets.
- **Sat Jun 6** – Skirmish on Kings Highway.
- **Sat Jun 13, 20, 27** – To be advised.
- **Sat Jul 4** – Independence Day.

Note: The parade, family entertainment, and evening drone show will take place on **Fri Jul 3**, the "observed" holiday.

- **Sat Jul 11** – Crafts & Fine Art Festival. (Also **Sun Jul 12**.)
- **Sat Jul 18** – To be advised.
- **Sat Jul 25** from 10am to 2pm – The Sea Dogs (a pirate/privateer band) perform energetic sea shanties and nautical songs.
- **Sat Aug 1** from 10am to 2pm. 18th-century Ice Cream making. Watch an historic ice cream recipe come to life using a reproduction pewter sabotière, then help prepare the ice, turn the sabotière, and enjoy a small taste.
- **Sat Aug 8** – Sidewalk Sale. (Also **Thu Aug 6, Fri Aug 7,** and **Sun Aug 9**.)
- **Sat Aug 15** – To be advised.
- **Sat Aug 22** from 10am to 2pm – Robert Mouland's Music & Storytelling, with antique instruments.
- **Sat Aug 29** – To be advised.
- **Sat Sep 5** from 10am to 2pm – Beeswax Candle-making with Pine Barrens Post.
- **Sat Sep 12** – Antique Auto Show. (Rain date: **Sat Sep 19**.)
- **Sat Sep 19** from 10am to 2pm – 18th-century Chocolate-making.

Details of these and other Haddonfield 2026 events may be found on the Borough's dedicated website: *Haddonfield2026.org*.

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ANNA SELL
Quanci Visual Arts Award

Out&About IN HADDONFIELD

Speaking of America's 250th ...

❯ DID YOU KNOW?

• 2026 is also the 250th anniversary of the adoption of New Jersey's first constitution, on July 2, 1776 – just two days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That document paved the way for the state's first patriot elections in August 1776.

• Much of the legislature's initial session was held in what is now the Indian King Tavern Museum, then operated by Hugh, Mary, and Polly Creighton. (Governor William Livingston attended.)

• In 1844, a Constitutional Convention replaced the original 1776 document. It strengthened the executive branch, established a popularly elected governor, and added a bill of rights. (It also restricted suffrage to white males.) The first governor elected under the new constitution – Charles C. Stratton – was the son of Haddonfield's own Polly Creighton Stratton (see above).

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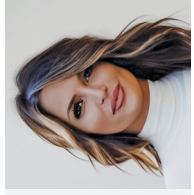
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Sat Jun 6	Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation Family Fun Night	Golf Land, Voorhees
Fri Nov 27	Candlelight Shopping (also Fri Dec 4, 11, 18)	Downtown
Fri Dec 25	Christmas Day	
Sat May 30	Central School 5K Color Run and Festival	Central School
Mon Oct 12	Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day	
Wed May 27	Community Conversation: *AI in Education*	First Baptist Church
Sat Jul 11	Crafts & Fine Art Festival (thru Sun Jul 12)	Downtown
Sun May 17	David Kim Concert	First Presbyterian Church
Sun Nov 1	Daylight Saving Time ends	
Sun Nov 8	Diwali	
Mon May 25	Eid al-Adha (thru Tue May 26)	
Sat Oct 3	Fall Festival	Downtown
Sat Oct 10	Farmers Market Last Day	Downtown
Sun Jun 21	Father's Day	
Tue Sep 8	First Day of Public School	
Sun Jun 14	Flag Day	
Fri Jun 12	Futbol Friday (World Cup) (also Fri June 19 and 26)	Downtown
Tue Nov 3	General Election	
Fri Oct 9	Golf Tournament : *Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation*	Ramblewood Country Club
Mon Jun 15	Golf Tournament : *Haddonfield Educational Trust*	Tavistock Country Club
Mon Oct 12	Golf Tournament : *Sarah Tarditi Gallagher Invitational*	Tavistock Country Club
Sat Oct 31	Halloween	
Fri Oct 23	Halloween Night Market	Downtown
Fri Oct 30	Halloween Parade	Downtown
Fri Dec 4	Hanukkah (thru Sat Dec 12)	
Wed Jun 17	High School Graduation	Memorial High School
Mon Jun 1	Historical Society Book Club	Public Library
Fri Jul 3	Independence Day Parade, Block Party, Drone Show	Downtown
Fri Jun 19	Juneteenth	
Sat Dec 26	Kwanzaa (thru Fri Jan 1)	
Mon Sep 7	Labor Day	
Wed Jun 17	Last Day of Public School (for students)	
Sat Dec 19	Last Minute Magic (thru Thu Dec 24)	Downtown
Mon Jun 22	Markeim Arts Center Summer Camp (thru Fri Aug 28)	Markeim Arts Center
Mon May 25	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony	Downtown, High School
	Menorah Lighting	Library Point
Tue Jun 2	New Jersey Constitution: *From Ridicule to Respect*	Grace Church
Thu Nov 5	NJEA Convention (thru Fri Nov 6. Public Schools closed)	
Thu Dec 31	New Year's Eve	
Sun Jun 7	Outdoor Mass	Library Point
Thu May 29	Police Headquarters Ribbon-Cutting	1 Walnut Street
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Thu Aug 6	Summer Street Feast	Downtown
Fri Sep 25	Sweeney Todd (thru Sat Oct 10)	Plays & Players
Sun May 17	Symphony in C Gala	Tavistock Country Club
Sun May 31	Tea with Martha Washington	The Haddon Fortnightly
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Fri Nov 27	Tree Lighting	Library Point
Sun Jun 14	Tri-State Jazz Society: *Larry Toft's Red Hot Ramblers*	Methodist Church
Mon Jul 13	Vacation Bible School (to Fri Jul 17)	First Baptist Church
Mon Aug 10	Vacation Bible School (to Fri Aug 14)	Methodist Church
Wed Nov 11	Veterans Day	
Thu May 21	*When the Declaration of Independence Was News*	Borough Hall
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Sun Sep 20	Yom Kippur (thru Mon Sep 21)	
Fri Dec 4	Yule Night Market	Downtown

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The Last Word



When we give, we gain

By Joseph P. McElroy

Good evening, I'm truly honored to receive this award. Thank you to the Civic Association and to everyone here tonight. I accept it with gratitude – and with humility.

There is no doubt this honor is shared with my wife, Marge, who made it possible for me to serve our community. The time I gave outside our home was only possible because she gave more of hers. Simply put, without Marge, I would not have been able to do what I've done.

The truth is, I don't see myself as someone extraordinary. I see myself as one of many people in this community who show up, lend a hand, and do their part. There are many others who are just as deserving of this recognition.

My life experiences – especially my time serving in Vietnam – taught me something that has stayed with me ever since: We depend on one another.

In Vietnam, I served first in the infantry. When my division was sent home, I was transferred to another unit, where I volunteered for a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol company, often called LURPS. It was entirely voluntary – you could leave and return to the infantry if it wasn't for you. Their motto was *Sua Sponte* – which means "of their own accord."

Many would consider that a risky decision. But I believed I was better off with soldiers who looked out for one another at the highest level. It proved to be the right choice.

That experience stayed with me. None of us gets through life alone. We rely on each other in many ways – big and small – whether we realize it or not.

That's why I've stayed involved in the American Legion, in the Lions Club, in church, and in other groups. Not because I expected recognition, but because being involved is its own reward. It brings purpose, connection, and a sense of being part of something larger than yourself.

I've come to believe those connections matter more than we sometimes realize. Every small act of kindness – every time we show up for one another, especially when it's not easy – has a way of lifting people up, including ourselves.

Like many communities, we're navigating a moment where fewer people are stepping forward, and sustaining volunteer energy has become more challenging.

And this matters, because a town like ours doesn't just happen; it's built and sustained by people who care enough to give their time and energy. That spirit of volunteerism is the very fabric of our community.

Sometimes we live as if there's not enough time, not enough energy, not enough to give. But in my experience, the opposite is true. When we give of ourselves – our time, our care, our attention – we don't lose anything. We gain connection. We gain purpose. We gain each other.

I truly believe we are meant to be connected. That is what we are here for– to love, to serve, and to be forgiving of one another. I have come to understand that love is rooted in forgiveness. We are stronger, healthier, and more complete when we look out for one another and take part in something beyond ourselves.

In the end, it's those connections – those acts of care and of service – that bring real happiness.

So, if this award stands for anything, I hope it serves as a reminder – not just of what has been done, but of what still needs to be done. There is always room for one more person to step forward, to get involved, and to make a difference.

Thank you again for this honor – and thank you to everyone here who continues to keep our community strong.

Joe McElroy is the recipient of the Alfred E. Driscoll Community Service Award for 2026. He was honored during the Civic Association's Town Dinner at Tavistock Country Club on Wednesday, April 15. Joe has lived in Haddonfield since 1979. A devoted member of Christ the King Parish, he is a past president of the Lions Club and past commander of American Legion Post 38. He was Haddonfield's Citizen of the Year in 2011.

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