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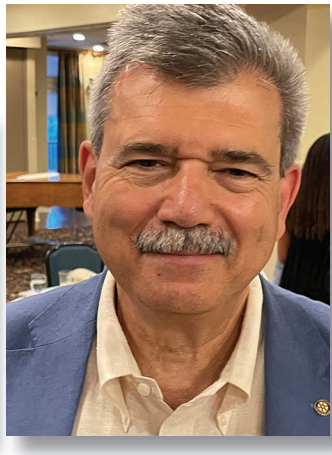
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The Word on the Street

The Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge – for kids, teens, and adults – will begin on **Wed Jun 19.**

If you were to re-read a favorite book from your childhood, which book would you choose? And why?





*"I grew up in Lebanon," says **ASSAD KHOURY** of Cherry Hill. "Reading about the adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn gave me insight to one aspect of life in America, a desire to learn more about the country, and eventually to live here."*

***MICHELE DiGIROLAMO** of Haddonfield says she "spent many a lazy afternoon" in her bedroom reading Nancy Drew mysteries. "I devoured those books," she says.*



***CARLA CORNICK** didn't hesitate: 'Charlotte's Web'! "I don't like spiders," she says, "but it impressed me that a bunch of misfits learned that when one of them won, they all won."*

***JOHN BURMASTER** of Haddonfield says that "'McElligot's Pool' – an early work of Dr. Seuss – "taught me that I could imagine anything." John says, "I believed it then and I still do."*





*Haddonfield's **BILL LANE** confesses that he was not a good reader but was "enthralled" by the Hardy Boys and their adventures. "I would put aside part of my allowance to be sure I had enough to buy the next book, as soon as it came out."*



***MADELINE GRALISH** of Haddonfield would re-read 'A Wrinkle in Time' by Madeleine L'Engle. "It captured my imagination because it provides the reader with a portal into a different dimension."*

Haddonfield Black history walking tour

› A walking tour that aims to strengthen Haddonfield's reputation as a welcoming town by amplifying and preserving its long-overlooked African-American residents, their descendants, businesses, and other institutions will take place on **Fri Jun 14** from 10 to 11am. (Rain date: **Mon Jun 17**.)

Participants will meet at Centennial Field, off Lincoln Ave. Complimentary parking is available at Acme Markets.

Register here – bit.ly/3R61Tvz. Cash donations ($10 is suggested) will be collected on-site. General donations may be sent to Haddonfield Educational Trust ("Black History"), PO Box 178, Haddonfield NJ 08033.

The tour – a Juneteenth activity – will be conducted under the auspices of Preserving Black Haddonfield History Project, a committee of the Haddonfield Alumni Society.

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› The deadline to participate in Survey #2 on the Haddonfield Master Plan website has been extended to **Thu Jun 6.**

The survey seeks input on questions in four categories : Housing, Resiliency, Downtown Economic Vitality, and Circulation.

Input from residents and business owners will help ensure that the Master Plan is an accurate reflection of the community's vision for its future.

Residents love living in Haddonfield, love their neighborhoods, and love their homes. However, the current housing stock that is predominantly detached single-family dwellings does not meet all the needs of many current (and future) residents.

The Master Plan groups want to hear from residents and other interested parties about the types of Missing Middle housing – the range of housing types that exist between single-family detached and mid-rise apartments – they believe will address these issues without negatively affecting the unique character of the Borough or causing other unwanted effects.

To learn more about the types of Missing Midde housing, go here – bit.ly/3WVj9Y7 or scan the QR ■.

To learn more about Accessory Dwelling Units, go here – bit.ly/4bUu88d or scan the QR ■.

To respond to the survey, go here – bit.ly/3wUQHeg or scan the QR ■.

MISSING MIDDLE

ACCESSORY DWELLINGS

RESPOND TO SURVEY

Junior tennis

› The Haddonfield Tennis Association will conduct a six-week summer tennis camp for juniors on Tuesdays at the Tavistock Hills Swim Club. The program will begin on **Tue Jun 18**.

Participants are encouraged to register early, as space is limited.

The cost is $80.

Class times are: Ages 6 to 9 – 6 to 7pm; ages 10 to 13 – 7 to 8 pm.

The program is directed by Mitch Winkler. Mitch has been tennis director for the Haddonfield Tennis Association for over 20 years and was inducted into the Inaugural Class of the SJ Tennis Hall of Fame in 2021.

Contact Mitch at 856-428-8541 or *mwinkler5@verizon.net.*



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- Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:15 to 10am: Pilates.
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Host families sought for Japanese students

› After COVID interrupted the exchange of high school students with various cities in Japan, the Haddonfield Japan Exchange resumed its program in 2023, sending 17 Memorial High School students to Sendai, Japan, for two weeks.

Now it's Haddonfield's turn to host 20 students from Sendai.

The students and their chaperones will arrive on **Fri Jul 19** and depart on **Wed Jul 31.**

Haddonfield residents who are interested in opening their homes to the visiting students should visit the Exchange website – hjex.org – and complete the Host Family Application. Note that host families must have a teenage student in their home and that hosting students will be given priority consideration for the planned exchange visit to Japan in 2025.

Questions? *Email hje08033@gmail.com.*



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Two book clubs

› The Public Library's Mystery Book Club and YA (Young Adults) for Adults Book Club will meet – at breweries! – in June.

From 7 to 8pm on **Wed Jun 19,** the Mystery Book Club will discuss *The Sunset Years of Agnes Sharp* by Leonie Swann at King's Road Brewing Company.

Contact ezino@haddonfieldlibrary.org – for details. Register here – bit.ly/4bBKgvQ ■.

From 6:30 to 7:30pm on **Wed Jun 26,** the YA for Adults Book Club ("Novels on Tap") will discuss *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard at Mechanical Brewery, 5 Perina Blvd, Cherry Hill.

Register here – bit.ly/4aEZr69 – or scan the QR code ■.

A summer sing, for kids

› Children ages 8 to 18 who are passionate about singing are invited to register to participate in a free SummerSing Vocal Music Program sponsored by ChildrenSong of NJ.

The program will be held at the Lutheran Church from **Mon Aug 19** thru **Thu Aug 22,** in three sessions:

- 3rd to 5th grade: 5:30 to 6:30pm
- 6th and 7th grade: 6:20 to 8pm
- 8th to 12th grade: 6:20 to 8:30pm.

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Grab your reading gear – your most comfortable chair and your favorite snacks – and prepare to traverse the globe through stories. Adventure is calling your name, so join in for a summer reading journey that you'll never forget!

To register for the Adventure Begins at Your Library summer reading program, go here – bit.ly/3KmfxXs – or scan the QR code ■ in the margin.

The program begins on **Wed Jun 19** and runs thru **Sat Aug 31**.

- **Reading Challenge for Children** (to Grade 5) – Option 1: Pick up your reading log on or after **Wed Jun 19.** Option 2: Register on the Beanstack website or download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

Complete all the activities to earn the reward. Take your log to the library to receive your prize (a certificate for Sparrows or a prize from the Library's treasure box).

- **Reading Challenge for Teens** (Grades 6 to 12) – Register on the Beanstack website or download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

Log your reading and/or complete activities to earn tickets that qualify you to win one of three grand prizes: Candy Tower, Haddonfield Hits, or Treetop Adventure.

- **Reading Challenge for Adults** – Register on the Beanstack website or download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

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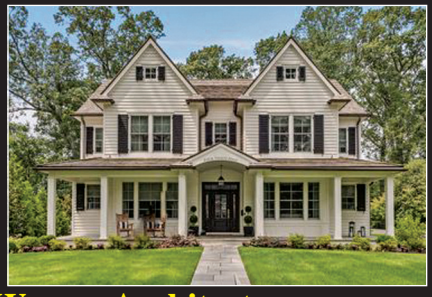
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Due to its vivid color and visibility, geologic kinship with Earth, and potential as our best hope for settlement, Mars embodies everything that inspires us about space and exploration.

Dr. Shindell hosts the National Air and Space Museum's podcast, AirSpace, and is the author of *For the Love of Mars: A Human History of the Red Planet.*

- **Thu Jun 13** at 8pm: Freida McFadden – the queen of plot twists – will chat about writing psychological thrillers, her mega-bestselling hit *The Housemaid* series, and her forthcoming third installment: *The Housemaid Is Watching.*
- **Thu Jun 20** at 2pm: Tiffany Jewell will highlight the inequities Black and Brown students face from preschool through college as she discusses her new book *Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School.*

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

Recordings of scores of previous author talks are available online. Go here – bit.ly/3T4u6B9 – or scan the QR ■.

Bancroft plans

› The Borough's designated redeveloper for the Bancroft property will present their concept for the site and invite community comment during a meeting at the Borough Hall on **Mon Jun 17** at 7pm.

The commissioners encourage all interested parties to attend.

Election time

› New Jersey's Primary Election will be held on **Tue Jun 4.**

• Early in-person voting will be available from **Wed May 29** thru **Sat Jun 1** (10am to 8pm) and **Sun Jun 2** (10am to 6pm) at seven sites in Camden County. For locations, go here: bit.ly/3xaoFsA or scan the QR code ■.

Polls will be open on **Tue Jun 4** from 6am to 8pm.

Completed mail-in ballots may be deposited in secure Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout Camden County. In Haddonfield, there is a drop box in front of the Borough Hall. Ballots can be deposited at any time, up to 8pm on Election Day.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Rotary congratulates our 2024 Scholarship recipients



At Tavistock Country Club on May 29, 2024, scholarships valued at $2,000 each were awarded to ten senior students from Haddonfield Memorial High School: Back Row from left: **Anna Savranska, Oscar Matanovic, Estella Maguire, Chloe Gwaku, Hannah Fritzsche, Mary Bentley** (Academic Scholarships). Front Row, from second to left: **Daniel Plum** (William H. Bromley Scholarship), **Richard McEntire** (Margaret Bancroft Scholarship), **Chloe Kilkelly** (Joe Baltake Scholarship), **Elly Incollingo** (Bill Wallner Scholarship). Front Row left: **Henry T. Gralish** Haddonfield Middle School (Alice Downs Scholarship for Young Violinists).

Each year, the Rotary Club of Haddonfield Foundation provides financial assistance to deserving students in Camden County who are planning to further their education in a university, college, or vocational setting. Since first making its awards in 2002, the Foundation has provided more than 165 scholarships with a total value of $311,000.

You may contribute to our Scholarship Fund at HaddonfieldRotary.org.

Speakers at the 65 Club

› Retired? Male? Haddonfield resident? Interested in hearing any (or all) of the following speakers? Contact Chuck Kanupke at 856-795-5810.

- **Thu Jun 6** – Dr. Jaryd Freedman (Dermatology of Philadelphia) on skin care.
- **Thu Jun 20** – Steve Anderson on his research at Haverford College into the history of slave ownership in Haddonfield.
- **Thu Jun 27** – Al Schmidt on the G-scale railroad, and his garden railroad in particular.

The 65 Club meets at 1:30pm each Thursday at 110 Rhoads Ave. Go here – bit.ly/3Vkm5wj – or scan the QR ■ to learn more in the club's newsletter.

65 CLUB

Fun Run: 6/9

› The Boys' Lacrosse team at Memorial High School will host its second annual Legacy Run and Family Fun Morning on **Sun Jun 9.** All are welcome to run, walk, play spike ball, and enter the dunk tank.

Registration will begin at 7:30am; the 5K race will start at 8am.

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Around the Town

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Commissioner Kevin Roche resigns after moving out of state

By Matt Skoufalos / May 30, 2024



▲ *Commissioner Roche was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Commissioners in May 2021. He served as Director for Revenue & Finance.*
Photo: Matt Skoufalos

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Tuesday's meeting of the Haddonfield municipal government would be the last for Commissioner Kevin Roche, who on Wednesday morning tendered his resignation amid a move to Washington, D.C.

Roche, who had planned to complete the final year of his term by maintaining a rental residence in the borough, said in an open letter to the community that he chose to resign rather than allow the ongoing work of the commission to be undermined by political detractors.

"I was deliberate in my actions, and followed the rules and by-laws for elected officials in town; however, for some, this is not good enough," he wrote.

"I have become a distraction to the office, and a detriment to the work my colleagues are doing for Haddonfield."

Although he had secured a Haddonfield rental apartment while selling his home in the borough in early April and closing on his new residence two weeks later, the subject of Roche's residence was raised in public comments at the May 13 and 28 ... Scan the QR ■.

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"Typewriter Tidbits" features four American and three German machines. One of the German typewriters has keys for both German and French punctuation. A small Corona #3 folds up to fit in its box; the Iron Butterfly, by Oliver (a Chicago-based manufacturer), weighs 34 pounds.

Information panels describe the typewriters' timeline, parts of these manual machines, pictures of early prototypes, and the origin of the QWERTY key system.

Greenfield Hall is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 4 pm. Other hours are by appointment. For additional information, contact the Historical Society at 856-429-7375 or *info@haddonfieldhistory.org*.

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› Have you ever wondered about what's involved in adopting or fostering a child into your family?

Ronald Taylor, the Camden County Resource Family Recruiter for the NJ Department of Children and Families will share information and answer questions at the Public Library on **Tue Jun 4** from 6:30 to 7:45pm.

All are welcome, especially adults who want to make a difference in a child's life. And, in all likelihood, change their own.

Music camp

› Children ages 7 to 12 can look forward to fun, singing, handbells, boomwhackers, field trips and more at the Grace Church Music Camp from **Mon Aug 19** to **Fri Aug 23,** 9am to 3pm each day.

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Mon Aug 19	ChildrenSong Summer Vocal Music Program (thru Thu 22)
Sat Jul 13	Crafts & Fine Art Festival (and Sun Jul 14)
Wed Jul 3	Fireworks
Mon Jul 29	First Baptist Bible Camp (thru Fri Aug 2)
Tue Sep 3	First Day of School
Thu Jul 4	Independence Day
Mon Sep 2	Labor Day
Mon Jun 24	Partnership for Haddonfield Trade Show (at Borough Hall)
Thu Jun 27	*Roofs, Rails & Roots!* (at Greenfield Hall)
Thu Aug 1	Sidewalk Sale (thru Sun Aug 4)
Wed Jun 26	YA for Adults Book Club (at Mechanical Brewery)

Your Events?

› On this calendar, and in the pages of *Haddonfield Today*, we list and publicize coming events sponsored by Haddonfield organizations.

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



02

Fundraiser for EHE Foundation /KR **10-12**
Chess Club /PL **1^{15}-3^{15}**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

03

Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Storytime **10** • Open Play /PL **10^{30}**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10^{15}-11**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11^{15}-12**
Spanish for Beginners /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
STEMStories Pre-K /PL **1-1^{30}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Library Author Talk: *Matt Shindell* /V **2**
Commission Work Session /BH V **6^{30}**
Creative Writing Group /PL **6^{30}-8**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**
American Legion /HQ **7^{30}**

04 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

CLOSED Borough Hall, Mabel Kay Senior Center (except as Polling Places)
OPEN Polling Places **6-8**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}**
Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9-10^{30}**
Coffee & Conversation / 110 **10-12**
Baby Bookworms /PL **10^{15}-10^{45}**
Lego Stamp Art /PL **1^{15}-1^{45}**
Foster/Adopt Info /PL **6^{30}-7^{45}**
Toastmasters / LC **7^{15}**
Planning /BH **7^{30}**

05

Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Fall Prevention /MI
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC 1
Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
Line Dancing with
Glowforge Craft /P
Masonic Education
Frolic (Graduation)
Human Relations /
Municipal Alliance
Historic Preservatio

09

Boys' Lacrosse Legacy Run and Family Fun Morning /MHS **7^{30}**
Chess Club /PL **1^{15}-3^{15}**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

10

Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Story and Craft /PL **10-10^{30}**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10^{15}-11**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11^{15}-12**
Spanish for Beginners /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
American Legion /HQ **7^{30}**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**

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Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}**
Coffee & Conversation / 110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Garden Club /LC **12**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Toastmasters / LC **7^{15}**

12

Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Lego Duplo Club /P
Something to Chev
Rotary Club /TCC 1
Line Dancing with
Lego Club /PL **3-4^{3}**
Republican Club /B

16 FATHER'S DAY

Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

17

Senior Citizens /MK **9^{15}**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
RAIN DATE Black Haddonfield History Tour /CF **10-11**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10^{15}-11**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11^{15}-12**
Spanish for Beginners /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Bancroft Presentation /BH **7**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**

18 *Haddonfield Today Deadline*

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Half Day
Shade Tree /BH 8
Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9-10^{30}**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Joyce Gilchrist Pierce Honor /MS **10**
Coffee & Conversation / 110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Recreation /BH **7**
Zoning /BH **7**
Graduation /MHS

19 JUNE

CLOSED Post Office
BEGINS Summer F
Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC 1
Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
Line Dancing with
Mystery Book Club

110	110 Rhoads Ave	CF	Centennial Field	HQ	Post 38, 129 Veterans Lane	KR	King's Road Brewery	MC	Methodist Church
BC	Baptist Church	DT	Downtown	IKT	Indian King Tavern Museum	LC	Lutheran Church	MHS	Memorial High School
BH	Borough Hall	GC	Grace Church	KC	Kings Court	MAC	Markeim Arts Center	MK	Mabel Kay Senior Center

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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 F 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

31 MAY

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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-12**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11[15]-12**

01 JUN

Haddonfield Skirmish /DT **9-4**
For *Indian King Gazette*, scan QR:

Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Rainbow Heart Craft /PL **10-2**
Library Book Sale /PL **10-1[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

K **9[15]-10**
e /MK **10-12**
2[15]-1[30]
Mavis /MK **1-2[30]**
L **3[30]-4[30]**
Banquet /MT **6**
/HFS **6[30]**
BH **7**
/BH **7**
on /BH **7[30]**

06

DEADLINE Master Plan Survey
Art for Beginners /MK **9-11**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Art (Advanced Studio) /MK **11-2**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
LGBTQ Teen Meet-Up /PL **3[30]-4[30]**
Lions Club /TCC **6[15]**

07

Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11[15]-12**
Kids' Book Club /PL **3[30]-4[30]**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

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Mavis /MK **1-2[30]**
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Art for Beginners /MK **9-11**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Art (Advanced Studio) /MK **11-2**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Inclusion Club /PL **4-5**
Ankokas Auto Club /BH **7[30]**
Library Author Talk: *Freida McFadden* /V **8**

14 FLAG DAY

Flag Day Ceremony /?
100th Anniversary Assembly /TS **10**
Black Haddonfield History Tour /CF **10-11**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Father's Day Take-Home Craft /PL **10-5**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11[15]-12**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

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Reading /PL
K **9[15]-10**
e /MK **10-12**
2[15]-1[30]
Mavis /MK **1-2[30]**
/KR **7-7**

20 SUMMER SOLSTICE

Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Cricut Craft /PL **11[30]-12[30]**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Library Author Talk: *Tiffany Jewell* /V **2**
Lions Club /TCC **6[15]**

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CLOSED School District Offices (Juneteenth)
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11[15]-12**
Kids' Summer Movie /PL **12[30]-2[30]**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

MS Middle School
MT Masonic Temple
PC Presbyterian Church
PL Public Library
TCC Tavistock Country Club
TS Tatem School
V Virtual

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Storytime in a historic setting

› The Public Library and the Historical Society will team up once again to sponsor Summer Story Times in the gardens behind Greenfield Hall.

Representatives of the two organizations will read stories based around Haddonfield's history to children age 4 and up.

A take-home craft will be given to each child.

The program will begin on **Wed Jun 26,** from 10 to 10:30am. To register, go here – bit.ly/3UUOZBA– or scan the QR code ■.

This program is designed for children who are accompanied by engaged adults.

Drop-offs will not be permitted.

Register for **STORYTIME**

Bible camp

› Oh, Jonah! is the theme for this year's Bible Camp at the First Baptist Church.

The camp, for children from age 4 to 5th grade, will be held from **Mon Jul 29** to **Fri Aug 2,** 9am to 12n (with Family Fun at 12n on **Fri Aug 2**).

The registration fee is $40. See ad on page 8 for a QR code to email.



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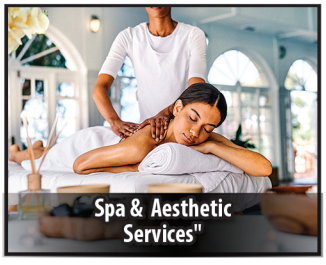


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ChildrenSong at the Phillies

› If you're planning to take in a Phillies game some time soon, a good one to pick would be the contest against the Milwaukee Brewers on **Mon Jun 3.** Why? Because Haddonfield's ChildrenSong will be singing the National Anthem before the game.

Founded in 2000 and directed by Polly Murray, ChildrenSong is a choral music education and performance program serving children in three choirs between the ages of 8 and 18 from Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester counties.

The Choir is in residence at the Lutheran Church (Wood Lane and Wayne Ave).

ChildrenSong.org

Art camp

› Registration is open for the Markeim Arts Center's eight-week Summer Art Camp for kids, from **Mon Jun 24**.

Campers will dive into exciting weekly themes led by talented and seasoned teaching artists. Children will create art, make pottery, explore science and engage with Wildlife.

Hot news: Science teacher Ms Detta will visit weekly with live animals.

Half-day camp (9am to 12n) is available for students ages 5 to 12. Full-day camp (9am to 3pm) is open to those age 8 to 12.

For full details and to register, go here: bit.ly/442vbjZ or scan ■.

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Borough designates developer for Bancroft site

By Matt Skoufalos / May 14, 2024



▲ *Woodmont Properties, a Fairfield NJ-based developer, proposes to construct and manage 120 rental apartments in four buildings on the former Bancroft site, west of Hopkins Lane. Photo: Matt Skoufalos*

Nine months after unsealing bids from nine entities for the right to redevelop the 8.2-acre former Bancroft parcel in downtown Haddonfield, the borough government has selected its partner for the process.

On Monday [May 14], Haddonfield commissioners voted 2-1 to enter into a conditional redevelopment agreement with Woodmont Properties, LLC of Fairfield.

The motion was introduced by Mayor Colleen Bianco Bezich and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Roche, with Commissioner Frank Troy the lone dissenter.

Troy said after the meeting that he withheld his support for the Woodmont proposal because he wanted the project to create housing for sale rather than for lease.

"Most of the feedback that I've received, I would prefer it to be one of the other solutions," the commissioner said. "It's not a bad solution. Going forward, I'll be supportive, and we'll find a way to get it done."

Bianco Bezich, who would have preferred that the parcel be preserved as open space, said she was most convinced that Woodmont represented ... Scan the QR ■.

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Greenfield Hall garden party

› The Historical Society invites one and all to enjoy a spring evening in the gardens behind Greenfield Hall (343 Kings Hwy E) and join it in celebrating several upcoming projects.

The date is **Thu Jun 27.** The time is 5 to 7pm. The theme is *Roofs, Rails & Roots!* And the projects are:

• A campaign to raise funds to repair and restore the slate roof and balustrade on Greenfield Hall. Two grants have been obtained from Camden County and NJ Historic Trust, but they will not cover the entire cost of the restoration.

• A campaign to raise funds to transport a historic train shed from behind Lullworth Hall to the grounds of Greenfield Hall. The shed originally stood at the Haddonfield railroad station and was moved when the Speedline was constructed. The Board of Education is thrilled to find a home for this vintage shed, as is the Historical Society.

The party will feature live music provided by Society president Jessica Lucas and Society member Matt Falciani.

Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets are $30 and may be purchased online here – bit.ly/3V3ndD5 – or scan the QR code ■ in the margin.

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Crafts Festival turns 30

› With more than 200 artists showcasing the best of fine art and craft from the region and beyond, the Haddonfield Crafts & Fine Art Festival will celebrate its 30th anniversary on **Sat Jul 13** and **Sun Jul 14.**

Hours are 11am to 7pm on Saturday and 10am to 5pm on Sunday.

As always, a curated selection of artists and crafters will exhibit a wide range of work, including ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fiber, paper, drawings, paintings, photography, and wearable art.

Visitors will be able to enjoy live music and the restaurants and shops along Kings Hwy E and Tanner Street.

An Emerging Artists Area in Kings Court will include glass-blowers from Salem Community College, and ceramics artists from Camden County College and the Markeim Arts Center.

Also in Kings Court, the Markeim Arts Center will have a make-and-take craft station for kids. Don't miss face painters and Morgan & Olivia's Unique Boutique Slime Shop where kids can buy slime or make their own to take home!

Longtime sponsor Subaru of Cherry Hill will have the new 2025 Subaru Forester on display. They will also sponsor an on-site pet rescue activity.

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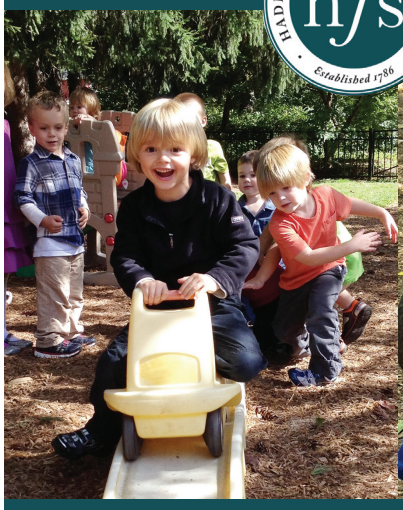
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Haddonfield-based Rising Sun Lodge No. 15 will honor Tammy K. McHale, principal of Memorial High School, as its Educator-of-the-Year, and present a scholarship award to HMHS senior Mike Nuckols.

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Author at reading kick-off

› National Book Award finalist and TED speaker Jarrett J. Krosoczka – author of *Peanut Butter and Jellyfish,* the *Lunch Lady* graphic novel series, and *Hey, Kiddo* – will come to Haddonfield on **Tue Jul 9** for the Opening Party of the Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

Known for his engaging storytelling and illustrations, Krosoczka will use a multimedia presentation to describe the creative journey he takes to create his award-winning books for young readers and teens.

The event will take place at Memorial High School at 4:30pm. To register, go here – bit.ly/4bs7Mv7

Lunch & learn

› Coming up at the popular Something to Chew On program at the Mabel Kay Senior Center, 12:30 to 2pm:

- **Wed Jun 12 –** Linda Amorosia on the legal documents that are important as you age. At capacity; a wait list is available.
- **Wed Jun 26 –** Karynna Baresel will be accompanied by Ladybug, a certified therapy dog.
- **Wed Jul 10 –** No program.
- **Wed Jul 24 –** John Bellace, physical therapist, on improving and/or maintaining hand functionality as you age.

Registration for all sessions is requested, for catering purposes. Email *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov.*

Teacher honor

› The first African-American teacher hired to work in an integrated setting in Haddonfield, and the first to receive tenure, will be honored at a ceremony near the Lincoln Ave entrance to the Middle School on **Tue Jun 18** at 10am.

Joyce Gilchrist Pierce taught in the Haddonfield School District from 1968 until her retirement in 2004.

She began her career at Elizabeth Haddon School (2nd and 3rd grades), then transitioned to the Central and Middle Schools (language arts and world civilizations).

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The Last Word



The outlook at Bancroft? For seniors ... bright!

By David Hunter, publisher

For some years BC (Before Covid), I was an active member of a group of residents who disagreed vociferously with the Borough's plan to build 80 large (2,250 sqft) and expensive townhomes on the Bancroft site. We advocated for an age-restricted (55+) development that would enable local seniors to downsize from single-family homes valued (at that time) at around $550,000 to flats that would sell for $350,000 or so.

We were so committed to our cause that we took the Borough to court several times – prevailing frequently. By the time the matter was resolved, the original proposal had become all but impossible to implement. This time last year, the Borough and the developer agreed to go their separate ways.

Recently, the commissioners selected a new developer – Woodmont Properties of Fairfield NJ. Friends and neighbors have been asking me what I think of the company's plans for the largest and most significant construction project in Haddonfield in 50 years. Before I tell you what I'm telling them, I'll set the scene.

The 8.2-acre site is a portion of the former Bancroft campus on Kings Hwy E, in the vicinity of Memorial High School and Pennypacker Park. The redevelopment area is located on the east (Cherry Hill) side of Hopkins Lane.

In May 2023, the Borough published a request for qualifications and proposals for the acquisition and redevelopment of the area. It received nine submissions. The Borough rejected two as non-compliant and interviewed representatives of the other seven. On May 13, the commissioners voted to designate Woodmont Properties as the "conditional redeveloper."

> **Mayor Eugene Hinski, also a Planning Board member, stated that he had been approached by a number of people who were unable for one reason or another to keep large homes in Haddonfield, and felt that they must move into an apartment, but that there were none here. They hated to leave Haddonfield, which had been their home for many years, he said.**
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> *The Haddon Gazette, October 15, 1970*

Woodmont proposes to build 120 rental apartments in four 3.5-story buildings (108 market-rate and 12 income-based). None of the units will be age-restricted.

In rejecting the original developer's approach, Woodmont noted that townhomes "are unlikely to achieve the borough's goal of increasing its housing diversity to provide existing residents with less expensive downsizing options, as any new townhomes constructed on this site will be priced at the top of the market. Our apartments, while spacious, will be modestly sized in comparison to single-family homes in the area."

Further, "[most] of the units would be two-bedroom layouts, with some one-bedroom units. All apartments would offer single-level living, with 'top-of-the-market' amenities" and integrated or detached garages. Some three-bedroom units would be among the 12 designated as income-based housing. Woodmont says it will dedicate 1.2 acres for public open space, with walking and cycling paths.

It should be noted that the Commission vote on May 13 was not unanimous. Mayor Colleen Bianco Bezich indicated a preference for the entire area to be retained as open space. However, she settled for the Woodmont proposal because it features inclusive housing and the proposed green space will be accessible to the wider community. Commissioner Kevin Roche said the demand in Haddonfield for additional rental housing with high-end amenities would improve the borough's socio-economic diversity. Commissioner Frank Troy felt strongly that the housing should be for sale rather than for lease, so he voted against the motion to designate Woodmont Properties as the conditional redeveloper. But he added: "I'm not a sour grapes kind of person, so if this is the direction, we'll work to make it successful and it will be a great addition to the town." [*The Retrospect,* May 17, 2024]

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NOTE: This building, at Woodmont's Sewell location, is 4.5 stories high. The buildings at Bancroft will be 3.5 stories.

So ... what's my view? Having reviewed summaries of the proposals published by *njpen.com* on August 11, 2023 – scan QR ■ – I believe the Woodmont proposal is as good as we're likely to get. Although Haddonfield Encouraging Responsible Development (HERD) – the group of which I was a member – advocated for an age-restricted development, and Woodmont's project has no such provision, I believe that their designs for one- and two-bedroom apartments will be attractive for downsizing seniors and not so attractive for families with school-age children.

At Woodmont Townsquare in Sewell, the largest two-bedroom unit (which also has a den or loft) is 1,325 sqft; a regular two-bedroom unit – *shown here* – is 1,180 sqft.



Townsquare's one-bedroom (plus den) unit is 1,120 sqft while the regular one-bedroom unit is a mere 890 sqft. Apartments such as these appeal to singles and couples (of all ages) without kids – not to families.

The three-bedroom affordable units will be relatively few in number and therefore should result in a relatively small increase in the public school population.

But what about units for rent versus units for purchase? Well, I'm with former Commissioner Roche on that question, because it's the only solution that will enable Haddonfield seniors to downsize and remain in town.

A Tortured History – Elected officials and community members have addressed the need for senior housing in Haddonfield at various times during the past 50 years.

Committees were formed, surveys were conducted, federal funds were sought, and proposals were floated. Only one came to fruition, after a slog of more than 20 years: Birchwood at Tarditi Commons, on Lincoln Avenue, has 48 one-bedroom rental apartments available to those age 62+ who meet specific income requirements.

Sites that were considered for new construction included Mountwell Park and the lot behind the Presbyterian Church. Two existing buildings on Kings Highway were considered for renovation: Haddonfield Manor Apartments (at Linden Avenue) and Kingsway Apartments (at Potter Street). And, of course, Bancroft ...

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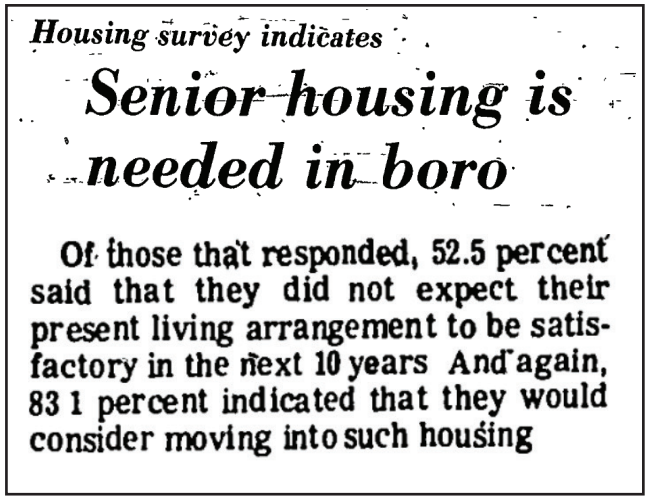
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The ill-fated proposal at Bancroft was touted as being age-targeted (as opposed to age-restricted) – a marketing term that meant nothing in reality because the developer would have been able to sell his townhouses to anyone, including families with school-age children. In any case, the interiors were decidedly unfriendly to seniors, requiring elevators in a significant number of the townhomes.

Consider this: The average "sold" price of homes in Haddonfield is currently floating between $750,000 and $800,000. A significant number of "average" homes are owned by folks in their mid-to-late 70s, empty-nesters who would love to downsize, provided they could do so affordably and stay in town.

But they can't, because there's nothing available, except at the Haddonfield Commons. The result: Seniors are fleeing to Uxbridge in Cherry Hill ("Haddonfield West") or further afield.

That's why the Borough's original proposal for the Bancroft site – townhomes that in today's market would likely to be priced at around $800,000 – was always a non-starter for downsizing seniors. And why HERD so vigorously opposed it.



Housing survey indicates

Senior housing is needed in boro

Of those that responded, 52.5 percent said that they did not expect their present living arrangement to be satisfactory in the next 10 years And again, 83 1 percent indicated that they would consider moving into such housing

The Haddon Gazette, January 24, 1980

For seniors, the "buy" option at Bancroft just doesn't work. But renting does.

Here's the math: Two-bedroom apartments at Woodmont Townsquare in Sewell are renting for $2,710 per month. The American Insurance Group reports that the average life expectancy for a 75-year-old woman is 17.3 additional years. A Haddonfield resident who sells her home for $750,000 will net about $700,000 after commission, costs, and moving expenses. If she has sufficient savings and Social Security to cover living expenses, and if she sets aside $100,000 for future contingencies and lifestyle options (travel, for example), the remaining $600,000 will cover her rent for the next 18 years ($600,000 / 216 months = $2,777 per month) with no property taxes or upkeep. Interest on the invested proceeds will more than cover periodic increases in rent.

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Borough designates developer for Bancroft site

Bottom line: I feel OK about the basics of the Woodmont proposal. One concern is the ability of the interiors to accommodate occupants who have temporary or permanent physical challenges (which we ***all*** will have, at some point in our lives). The interiors must be designed to be easily navigable by a resident in a wheelchair, and bathrooms must have grab bars and step-free showers. It's more economical (and sensible!) to incorporate those features at the outset than to retrofit. Woodmont says it's committed to "green building technologies and design features chosen to approximate local historic district styles." We must press the company to demonstrate that it's equally committed to the principles and practice of universal design.

What's next? Community input!

Representatives from Woodmont Properties will visit Haddonfield on **Mon Jun 17** for a 7pm visioning session at the Borough Hall. I urge you, in the meantime, to learn about the company and its properties by visiting *woodmontproperties.com* and *woodmonttownsquare.com.* And maybe take a drive to Sewell, as I did recently.

A flick through the portfolio on Woodmont's website shows a consistency of style from one development to another, as you would expect. But it's an uninspiring style. Haddonfield must urge the developer to take a more customized approach to the design of the Bancroft development – which does ***not*** mean giving us faux historic! (And, based on what I observed at Sewell, to increase the budget for landscaping.)

A cookie-cutter approach won't cut it. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Haddonfield and its developer to design and build housing that truly addresses the wants and needs of our community. And especially those of our seniors.

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