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The Word on the Street

Haddonfield's 30th annual Crafts and Fine Art Festival will be held downtown on **Sat Jul 13 and Sun Jul 14.**

If you were an artist or crafter with a booth at the Festival, what would you sell, and why?





As the mother of a young child, ***KATHLEEN SOLOMON*** *would put her maternal motivations to work selling "kid-related crafts to parents and grandparents." For example? "Foot prints and hand prints on canvas – to hang on the wall." Cute!*

ALYSSA SWEENEY *of Stratford is a movie buff. "I'd make and sell large posters and tapestries based on movie themes," she says. "You know .... collages."*



MATTHEW BASS *of Haddonfield, who teaches in a Camden public school, would craft classroom aids to help students organize their "stuff." "I think there would be a market for that," he says.*

A few years ago, ***MOHAMMAD NADEEM*** *of Blackwood bought a "beautiful silver ring" at a farmers market. That turned him on to silver jewelery. "So that's what I'd make and sell."*





Haddonfield's ***AJ SOLOMON*** *would offer to write haiku on the spot for and about passers-by. "I'd use parchment and hand-cut goose quills dipped in India ink," he says. "Three dollars a pop!"*



An avid golfer, ***DENISE AMONS*** *of Haddonfield imagines she might make sculptures from golf balls she would retrieve from water hazards. "There's a virtually unlimited supply of raw materials," she says. "And it's free!"*

Banners to honor vets: Order now!

› The Borough Commissioners have approved the renewal of the Military Tribute Banners initiative under which banners featuring photographs of veterans with a Haddonfield connection are displayed in Downtown Haddonfield during November – Veterans Month.

The organizing committee will accept applications from **Fri Jul 5** thru Labor Day (**Mon Sep 2**). The cost is $150 per banner. Checks payable to "American Legion Post 38" should be mailed to 129 Veterans Lane, Haddonfield NJ 08033, and marked to the attention of Joe McElroy.

Those who participated in the program in 2022 and 2023 may renew for $75 for 2024. The renewal deadline is **Thu Aug 1.** Since the number of poles available for displaying banners is limited, those planning to renew should do so immediately.

Questions? Call Joe McElroy at 856-428-7396.

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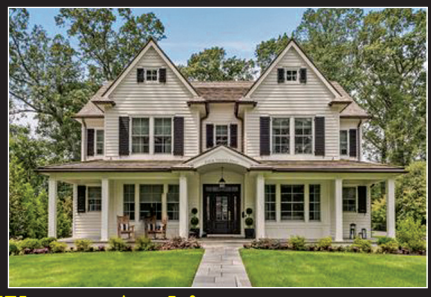
The program will be held at the Lutheran Church from **Mon Aug 19** thru **Thu Aug 22,** in three sessions:

- 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.

For additional details and to register, go here – bit.ly/3X6CwNI – or scan the QR code ■.

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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 began on **Wed Jun 19** and will run thru **Sat Aug 31**.

- **Reading Challenge for Children** (to Grade 5) – Option 1: Pick up your reading log 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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Dine with PRIDE

› The Partnership for Haddonfield invites "one and all" to celebrate PRIDE Month by dining al fresco in Kings Court on **Wed Jun 26** from 5:30 to 8:30pm.

The event will be hosted by Gass & Main, the restaurant in Kings Court whose owner, Chef Dane DeMarco, was nominated this year for a James Beard Award ("the Oscar of the culinary world").

This event is outdoors, so is weather-dependent. (Plan B: **Thu Jun 27**.)

Tickets for the three-course meal, which will include coffee, tea, and available soft drinks, are $55 and may be purchased here – bit.ly/3RDpdkn – or scan the QR code ■. Two seatings: 5:30pm and 7pm.

Start with Brussels chips, hush puppies, or zucchini and orzo. The entrée choices are shrimp scampi, artichoke cake, and chili lime pork. For dessert: Apple pie or canoli. The event is BYOB.

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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.

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Greenfield Hall garden party

› The Historical Society invites one and all to enjoy an 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!*

The garden party will celebrate two important campaigns:

- First, 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.
- Second, to explore the possibility of transporting a historic train shed to the grounds of Greenfield Hall. The shed is owned by the Board of Education and is currently located behind Lullworth Hall on the Bancroft property. Local historians say the shed originally stood at the Haddonfield railroad station and was moved when the Speedline was constructed.

The garden party will feature music by Historical 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.

Questions? 856-429-7375 *HaddonfieldHistory.org*

Register for **ROOFS, RAILS, & ROOTS**

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FAMILY FUN! JULY 3

NEW LOCATION!

Food trucks, bounce houses, music, entertainment, and other family fun activities will take place from 6pm on SYLVAN LAKE AVENUE, alongside Haddonfield Memorial High School. ALL ARE WELCOME! This year's event is being planned, staged, and paid for by the Borough of Haddonfield.

FIREWORKS! JULY 3



NEW VIEWING LOCATION!

Haddonfield's spectacular pyrotechnic display will be staged on the former Bancroft site, from about 9pm. The fireworks can be viewed from the HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM (excluding the track and field) – enter via Sylvan Lake Avenue – and sidewalks in the vicinity. NOTE that the Bancroft site will be CLOSED to the public.



PARADE! JULY 4

SAME LOCATION!

As usual, the best Independence Day parade in the region will step off at 10am sharp from vicinity of the Presbyterian Church, along Kings Highway East to the High School. Registration for participants will begin at 8:30am at the corner of Chestnut Street and the Highway. Antique autos may line up on Kings Highway by PATCO after 9:30am.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who sponsored and financially supported the Fireworks and Parade this year.
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Holiday trash

› Trash and recycling collection for **Thu Jul 4** (Independence Day) will be postponed to **Fri Jul 5.**

Collections in the Friday route will take place as scheduled on **Fri Jul 5.**

The next Chipper Week will begin on **Mon Jul 15** (third full week of the month).

Heat refuge

› On weekdays when the temperature is forecast to exceed 90 degrees, the Mabel Kay Senior Center will be open from 9am to 4:30pm.

Those without air-conditioning in their homes are welcome to drop in, linger, and keep cool. There are lots of jigsaw puzzles!

Wolf down those dogs!

› The second annual Hot Dog Eating Contest at King's Road Brewing Company will take place after the parade on **Thu Jul 4** (ie some time after 11am).

This year, the event will be sponsored by King's Road, Hot Dawgs, Grill and Chill, and Haddonfield Financial Planning.

The entry fee of $30 includes a "Hotdogs & Beer" tee-shirt and a pre-paid drink ticket for a King's Road beverage.

The winner will receive a trophy, and the top three contestants will each receive prizes.

Proceeds will benefit the Haddonfield Educational Trust.

To enter, go here – bit.ly/4ezWAyo – or scan.

Register for **HOT DOG EATING CONTEST**

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.

The fee is $100, with discounts for multiple children in the same family. 856-429-0007

Summer afternoon cabaret

› Haddonfield native Emily Vick Agnew will wear some of her treasured outfits and sing some of her favorite songs in a fast-paced and fun cabaret at the Markeim Arts Center at 4pm on **Sun Jul 28.**

Emily will be accompanied by Paula Meyer on the piano.

Tickets for *Put On Your Sunday Clothes* are $22 – $12 for children; age 8+ is suggested – and are available at here – bit.ly/45C4nrG – or scan the scan the QR code ■.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sign up for Emily's newsletter at emilyvickagnew.com to stay up to date on her performances.

Tickets for **EMILY VICK AGNEW CABARET**





ELECTION INFO

ELECTION PETITION

Election to fill vacancy on Borough Commission

› A special election will be held on **Tue Nov 5,** coinciding with the General Election, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners created by the recent resignation of Commissioner Kevin Roche, who relocated.

The board consists of three commissioners, elected concurrently to serve four-year terms. The commissioner who is elected in November will serve until the next regular election, on **Tue May 13, 2025.**

Those who wish to compete in the November election must (a) reside in Haddonfield; (b) be at least 18 years of age; (c) have been registered to vote for at least one year prior to **Tue Nov 5;** (d) file a petition on or before **Thu Aug 22** signed by at least 103 Haddonfield registered voters. (Note: Registered voters may sign the petition of only one candidate, since that is the number of seats to be filled.) Check the Borough website, here – bit.ly/3z9tRAm – for full details.

The petition form is available here – bit.ly/45DkpBA – or scan the QR ■.

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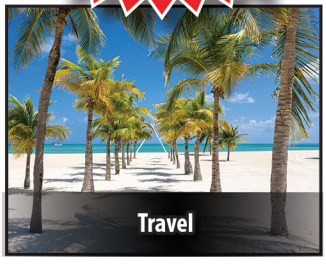


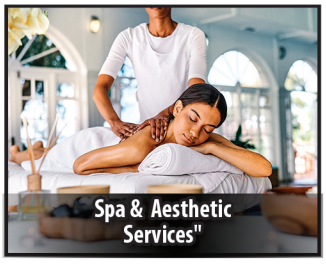


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Storytime in a historic setting

› 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 35 for a QR code to email.

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

- **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.

These programs are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays.

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

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Antique typewriters on display

› An exhibit of manual typewriters from the first half of the 20th century will be on display at Greenfield Hall (home of the Historical Society) thru **Mon Sep 30**.

"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. (Closed in August.) For additional information, contact the Historical Society at 856-429-7375 or *info@haddonfieldhistory.org*.



Rotary Club of Haddonfield: 2023-24

IT'S A WRAP!

The Rotary Club of Haddonfield has had a great year! Here's a recap – and some exciting news!

Our Club's projects and events in 2023-24 included: Bird Seed Sale, Bicycle Collection, Pies & Pints at King's Road Brewing Company, Holiday Tree Auction, Wine Tasting at Markeim Arts Center.

Our fundraising arm, the Rotary Club of Haddonfield Foundation, awarded scholarships totaling $20,100 to ten HMHS seniors and gave grants totaling $12,500 to these local, regional, and international nonprofit organizations: Camden Schools Foundation, Cathedral Kitchen, Little Hands Little Feet, ShelterBox USA, Prevent Child Abuse NJ, and The Tender, Inc.

SAVE THE DATE for next year's Foundation fundraiser at Topgolf: Sunday, February 23, 2025, from 4 to 7pm. We accept donations year-round! Scan the QR code.

Rotary is all about Fellowship and Service. That's the basis of our club's motto: "Doing good, and having fun doing it."

We meet every Wednesday for lunch (12:15 to 1:30pm) at Tavistock Country Club. Guests are always welcome.

If the middle of the day doesn't work for you, read on ...

NOW FOR THE EXCITING NEWS!

Have you thought about joining Rotary, can't commit a lot of time or money, but still want to make a difference in our community? Come to King's Road Brewing Company on Thursday, July 25, at 6pm to hear about our newest membership option: **ROTARY LITE!**

Contact Ian Gallagher at ian.p.gallagher@gmail.com.

Assad Khoury, Club President 2023-24
Amy James, President-elect 2024-25
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Summer sessions for Pilates, sculpt-&-tone

› A new session of the popular fitness classes at the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Sue Heindel, will begin on **Mon Jun 24** and run thru **Thu Aug 29**. No classes on **Thu Jul 4** and **Mon Aug 12** thru **Thu Aug 15.**

- Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:15 to 10am: Pilates.
  Exercises that accommodate all fitness levels, focus on the abdominals and back, and are designed to increase strength, flexibility, and balance.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:15 to 10am: Sculpt & Tone.
  Group fitness using a non-aerobic strength-training system that combines effective exercises based on weight training, Pilates principles, and calisthenics, with tools such as tubes, bender balls, and glides.

Classes will be held in Sue's back yard the week of **Mon Jul 29.**
Contact Sue for details and fees: *sueheindel@gmail.com or* 609-238-5468.
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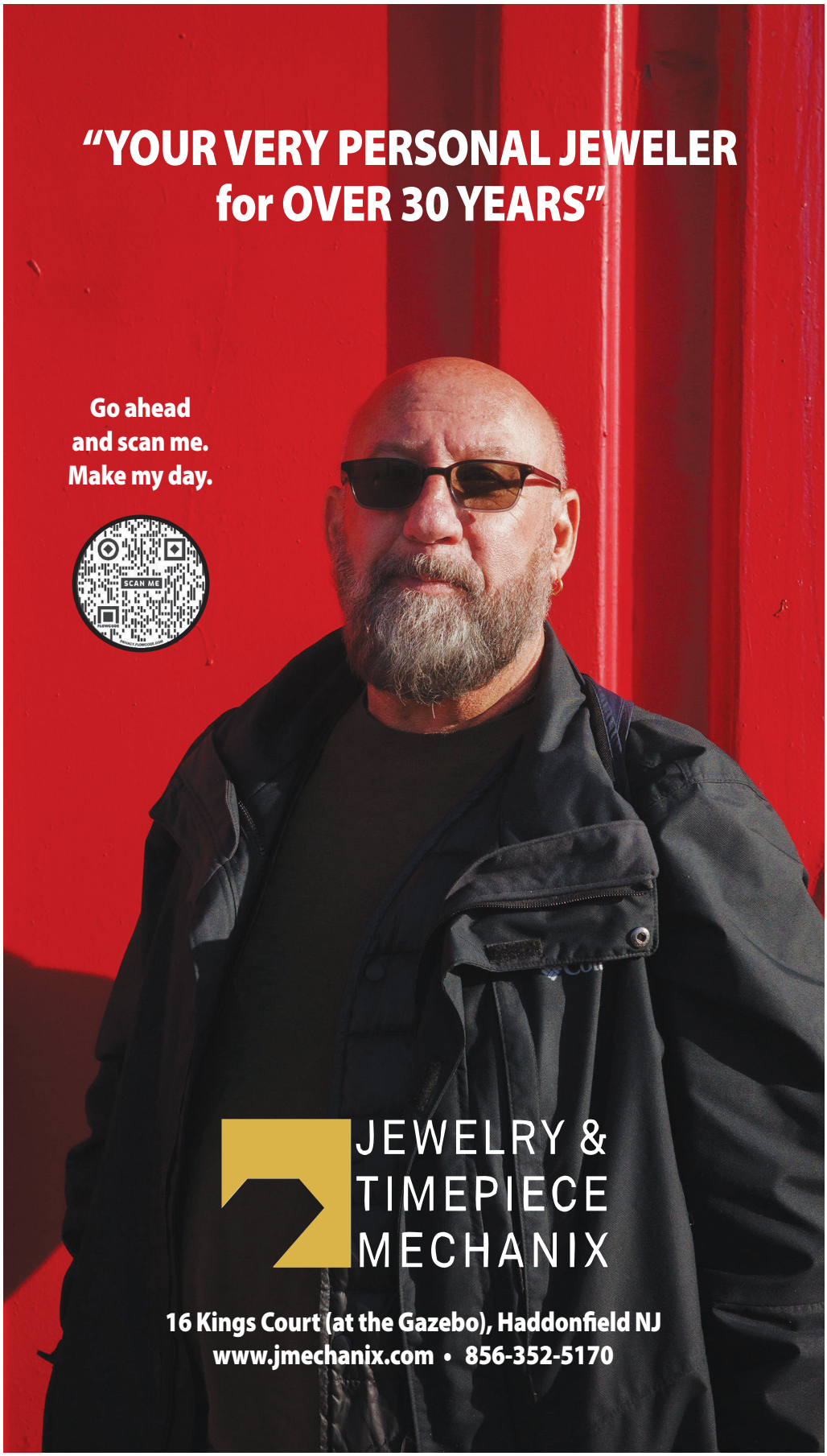
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Author at reading kick-off

› 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

Summer sing

› All who would like to sit in the choir stalls at Grace Church and sing hymns, or maybe learn an easy anthem or two, are welcome to join others similarly inclined each Sunday during the summer.

Assemble in the Choir Room at 9am for a quick warm-up and rehearsal.

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Get set for Sidewalk Sale

› If you'll be spending the summer at The Shore, be sure to mark your calendar for **Thu Aug 1** thru **Sun Aug 4** and make plans to head back home for Haddonfield's annual Sidewalk Sale.

Traditionally, Sidewalk Sale offers retailers the opportunity to liquidate seasonal merchandise and clear their shelves and racks for the fall. Bargains!

The Partnership for Haddonfield is encouraging downtown businesses to stay open until 8pm on **Thu Aug 1,** when it will present a Summer Street Feast. There will be food trucks on Kings Hwy, the Camden County Stage, musical entertainment, and yard games.

'YA' book club

› The Public Library's YA (Young Adults) for Adults Book Club will meet from 6:30 to 7:30pm on **Wed Jul 24** at Mechanical Brewery, 5 Perina Blvd, Cherry Hill.

The group will discuss *The Counselors* by Jessica Goodman.

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

YA FOR ADULTS BOOK CLUB



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Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednes

Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Sat Sep 14	Antique Auto Show
Thu Jul 25	Board of Education
Mon Aug 19	ChildrenSong Summer Vocal Music Program (thru Thu 22)
Tue Nov 5	Election Day (General election; Special municipal election)
Sat Oct 5	Farmers Market Last Day
Mon Jul 29	First Baptist Bible Camp (thru Fri Aug 2)
Tue Sep 3	First Day of School
Thu Sep 19	Girls' Night Out Fall Crawl
Fri Oct 25	Halloween Night Market
Mon Sep 2	Labor Day
Thu Aug 1	Sidewalk Sale (thru Sun Aug 4)

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.



23

Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

24

Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Toddler Dance Party /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**
Commission /BH V **7^{30}**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**

25

Library Trustees /PL **8**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}**
Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9-10^{30}**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Rockin' Out with Mr Bobby /PL **10^{30}-11**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Stand-Up Comedy /MK **11^{30}**

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Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Fall Prevention /MI
Summer Storytime
Coffee & Schmooze
Something to Chev
Line Dancing with
PRIDE Al Fresco /KC
Rotary Club: *Annua*
YA Book Club /MB
Environmental /BH

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Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Story and Craft /PL **10-10^{30}**
Open Play /PL **10-2**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10^{15}-11**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11^{15}-12**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**
American Legion /HQ **7^{30}**

02

Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Author Lecture: *Timothy Matlack* / IKT **7**
Toastmasters / LC **7^{15}**
Planning / BH **7^{30}**

03

CLOSING EARLY Pu
Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
Line Dancing with
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Fireworks /MHS **9is**

07

Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10^{15}-11**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11^{15}-12**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Commission Work Session /BH V **6^{30}**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**
American Legion /HQ **7^{30}**

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Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9-10^{30}**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Open Play /PL **10-1**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Library Author Talk: *Mercy Watson and Kate DiCamillo* /V **2-2^{45}**
Visit with Jarrett J. Krosoczka /MHS **4^{30}-5^{30}**
Toastmasters / LC **7^{15}**

10

Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Open Play /PL **10-**
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Line Dancing with
Teen String Art /PL
Plays & Players /HF

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

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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 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

Friday

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Haddonfield Today

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[15]-1[45]**

Saturday

22

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

K **9[15]-10**
e /GH **10-10[30]**
e /MK **10-12**
w On /MK **12[30]-2**
Mavis /MK **1-2[30]**
5[30], 7[30]
l Dinner /TCC **6**
6[30]-7[30]
7

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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Inclusion Club: *Lego Stamp Art* /PL **4-5**
Roofs, Rails, & Roots /GH **5-7**

28

Lego Club /PL **10-12**
Lego Duplo Club /PL **10-12**
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**

29

Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Fourth of July Take-Home Craft /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Cabaret: *A Night We'll Never Forget* /HPP **8**

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Mavis /MK **1-2[30]**
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04 INDEPENDENCE DAY

CLOSED Banks, Borough Hall, Mabel Kay Senior Center, Post Office, Public Library
POSTPONED to Friday: Trash and recycling collection
OPEN Indian King Tavern Museum **11-1**
Reading of the Declaration of Independence /IKT **9[30]**
Independence Day Parade /DT **10**
Hot Dog Eating Contest /KR **11**

05

POSTPONED to today: Thursday's trash and recycling collection
Storytime /PL **10[3]-10[30]**
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**

06

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

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Mavis /MK **1-2[30]**
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PP **7[30]**

11

Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Rockin' Out with Mr Bobby /PL **10[30]-11**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Beach Camper Craft /PL **2-2[30]**
Bottle Cap Flowers /PL **6-7**

12

Haddonfield Today
Lasts until Fri Aug 30

Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Baby Buddies /PL **10-11[30]**
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]**
The Hotspure! Summer 24 /HPP **8**

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NOT ON today: Farmers Market
Sand Art / PL **10-12**
Crafts & Fine Art Festival /DT **11-7***
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

* **ON SUNDAY** Crafts & Fine Art Festival /DT **10-5**

PC Presbyterian Church
PL Public Library
TCC Tavistock Country Club
V Virtual

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Just for laughs

› Stand-up comedian Paul Bailey has been booked to appear at the Mabel Kay Senior Center on **Tue Jun 25** at 11:30am.

Paul's philosophy of life (a la Monty Python): "If life seems jolly rotten there's something you've forgotten, and that's to laugh and smile and dance and sing!"

Making Haddonfield safer

› In effort to help Haddonfield Police expand their efforts to keep our community safe, a new organization – Haddonfield Safe – is raising money to purchase license-plate-reader cameras that alert the police when stolen vehicles cross their path.

Each camera costs $5,000, and the group would like to purchase six. At press-time, they were nearly half way to their goal of $30,000.

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Meet Timothy Matlack, scribe

› Born in Haddonfield on March 28, 1736, Timothy Matlack was a brewer, a military officer, a politician, and the scribe of the original Declaration of Independence.

At the Indian King Tavern Museum on **Tue Jul 2** at 7pm, author Chris Coelho will discuss the fascinating and dramatic story of Matlack and the Revolution, including the mystery of where and when the Declaration of Independence was read in public for the first time.

There will be a book signing after the lecture.

Note that seating for this free lecture is limited.



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Newbery Medal-winning author Kate DiCamillo will share the stories behind the creation of her early chapter book series, the original *Mercy Watson,* and the follow- up series, *Tales from Deckawoo Drive.*

• **Tue Jul 16** at 2pm: Would you survive a zombie apocalypse?

Join NY Times bestselling author Max Brallier when he talks about *The Last Kids on Earth* – both the book series and the animated series on Netflix. In this virtual event, Max will share how he came up with the different monsters and villains, as well as the unique ways that Jack and his friends figure out to defeat them.

• **Tue Jul 23** at 2pm: Learn about the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo. The author will provide a short reading from her National Book Award- winning and NY Times bestselling novel-in-verse, *The Poet X.*

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 ■.



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If you hear that we have been actively exploring a variety of options to ensure that our 130-year-old organization will be able to maintain and manage our iconic building in perpetuity, not only for our own purposes but for the benefit of the entire Haddonfield community and the region – believe it. **IT'S TRUE.**

Owning a historic building is a huge responsibility – and a costly one. Structural maintenance, insurance, and general day-to-day expenses cost more each year. But the members of The Haddon Fortnightly take the responsibility for our beautiful clubhouse very seriously. The building was purchased over ninety years ago by members of our club at a time when it was rare for a woman to obtain a mortgage on her own, and their achievement in purchasing and renovating the former church into a beautiful, iconic place to meet and hold events is **our cherished legacy.**

Although we recently considered suggestions for converting all or part of the interior in ways that would provide financial support while enabling us to retain our use of the building, we decided, after much deliberation, to take a different approach, looking both to our members and to our community for increased participation and support.

We plan to be more proactive in making our facilities available for parties, receptions, and special events. [Check our website for details!] We plan to ramp up our fundraising activities. And we plan to recruit new members who will not only enjoy the social interactions that our meetings and activities provide but also derive personal satisfaction from our many and varied service projects. [Check our website for details!]

WE ARE LEADERS in empowering women of all ages to make a difference, through education, the arts, and social justice. **We know how to get things done,** and we are determined to ensure the future of our club and our beloved clubhouse. **JOIN OUR CAUSE!** The General Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 1pm. The Evening Membership Division meets on the second Tuesday at 7:30pm. **Guests are welcome!**

For more information about The Haddonfield Fortnightly, please contact:

- **General Club:** Sue Sheehan 856-625-9009
- **Evening Membership Department:** Kim Otto 856-429-7896
- **Rentals:** Remi Fortunato 856-278-0442 rentals@thehaddonfortnightly.org

Phillies outing

› Grace Church is planning a trip to Citizen Bank Park on **Tue Jul 30** to see the Phillies crush the New York Yankees.

Tickets, in Section 138 (left field foul line, lower level in the shade), are $70, and may be obtained from John Poliero: 856-429-5766.

The first pitch will be hurled at 6:40pm.

Busy summer on HPP stage

› Summertime is synonymous with theater, and Haddonfield Plays & Players has plenty on the playbill.

Tickets are $25.

- **Sat Jun 29** at 8pm: *A Night We'll Never Forget Cabaret.* Tickets $25.
- **Fri Jul 12** at 8pm: *The Hotspurs! Summer 24.*
- **Thu Jul 25** thru **Sat Jul 27** at 8pm; **Sun Jul 28** at 3pm: *Carrie.* Based on Stephen King's classic horror film-turned-musical about a teenage outcast who longs to fit in. At school, she's bullied by the popular crowd, and virtually invisible to everyone else. At home, she's dominated by her loving but controlling mother. What no one knows is that Carrie's got a special power, and if pushed too far, she's not afraid to use it.
- **Fri Aug 9** at 8pm: *SciFi Theater 2.* Tickets $25.
- **Sat Sep 7** and **Sun Sep 8** at 3pm: *Love, Loss, and What I Wore.* A play by Nora and Delia Ephron based on the 1995 book of the same name by Ilene Beckerman. A series of monologues presented by a rotating cast of five women.

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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 27 –** Al Schmidt on the G-scale railroad, and his garden railroad in particular.
- **Thu Jul 18 –** Author James Strock, on Ronald Reagan.
- **Thu Jul 25 –** A Borough status report from Commissioner Frank Troy.
- **Thu Aug 15 –** Author Jack Peric, on jujutsu.

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

Hear ye! Hear!

› There will be a public reading of the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the Indian King Tavern Museum on **Thu Jul 4** at 9:30am.

Members of the militia (re-enactors) who helped defend the new nation will be present.

The Museum will be open from 11 am to 1pm.

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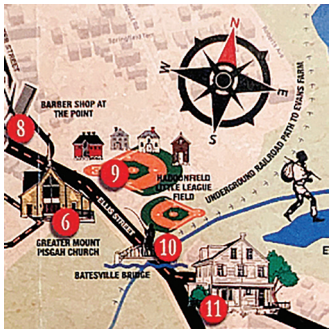
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Commemorating Black Haddonfield history

By Matt Skoufalos / June 19, 2024



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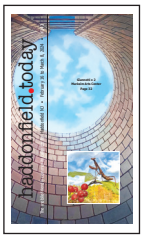
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Bancroft: Woodmont Q&A

› **From David J. Hunter, publisher of *Haddonfield Today:***

On May 13, 2024, the Board of Commissioners designated Woodmont Properties of Fairfield NJ as the conditional redeveloper for 8.2 acres on the east (Cherry Hill) side of Hopkins Lane, commonly known as "Bancroft."

The Borough intended that a charet in the Borough Hall on June 17 would provide residents and others with an opportunity to learn, directly from representatives of Woodmont, about their proposal. The information meeting was less than successful, for a variety of reasons (which I will not detail here).

I therefore thought it might be helpful, especially for those who did not attend on June 17, to pose some questions to Woodmont Properties.

Read on ...

Q1. Rent

› If the Bancroft development were in place today, what would be the likely range of monthly rents for 2-bedroom and 1-bedroom units?

ANSWER: Our estimate is that today's monthly rents for the market-rate apartment flats would range from the high $2,000s for a 1-bedroom unit, to the high $3,000s for the largest 2-bedroom units. Monthly rent, after payment of the one-time amenity fee, allows every resident the use of the clubhouse facility and other amenities.

Q2. Affordable Units

› Will all the affordable units be 3-bedroom units? Will there be any 3-bedroom units that are not affordable units? If so, what would be the likely range of monthly rents for those units, if the Bancroft development were in place today?

ANSWER: There are 18 affordable units to apply toward Haddonfield's unmet affordable housing obligation. This obligation, and the unit mix for the affordable units, are proscribed by affordable housing regulations. Here, this yields 14 two-bedroom units and 4 three-bedroom units. There will be no market rate 3-bedroom units.

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Q3. Rent vs Purchase

› Some downsizing seniors have said they would be more interested in purchasing a unit than in renting one. Do any of your other properties offer a purchase option? Regardless, would you consider designating some of the Bancroft units – probably the 2-bedroom ones only – for purchase? And would you consider designating some or all of those units as age-restricted (55+)?

ANSWER: There is no for-sale component of this project. The rental apartments will offer a highly amenitized, more flexible, maintenance-free alternative to home ownership, which, in our experience, would be in high demand in Haddonfield and is so in other towns across the state. We believe this will hold particular appeal for seniors who are looking to downsize and free themselves of the headaches and costs of home maintenance and repairs.

Indeed, while the community will not be age-restricted, we anticipate based on the dynamics of this location, as well as on our experience with other similar communities that we have developed in NJ, that a large proportion of our residents will be 55+.

Q4. Universal Design

› Will you commit to ensuring that the Bancroft development is barrier-free and fully accessible to those in wheelchairs? For example: Continuous, no-step paths from streets to elevators, no-step showers in all bathrooms, and grab-bars in all bathrooms from the outset?

ANSWER: Our communities are designed with accessibility in mind and constructed in accordance with the NJ and Federal ADA Accessibility code. Residences are designed to be ADA accessible for all elevator-serviced buildings.

With only a few exceptions in a handful of larger units with loft areas, units will offer one-floor living and all units will provide ample square footage for spacious bedrooms and other living spaces. All ADA-accessible routes will feature doorways wide enough to permit wheelchairs. Blocking for grab bars is installed in all units as part of the adaptability requirement. If a shower is used to meet the adaptable ADA residence requirement, it will be a roll-in shower.

Q5. Historic Buildings

› What use do you propose for the historic building at the east edge of the property (known during its Bancroft days as "The Hospital")?

ANSWER: Haddonfield and this property are rich in history, and we are excited to integrate the historic structures into our project as unique amenity spaces. We have experience in reviving, and integrating into our communities, historic structures and will do the same here.

We are evaluating potential uses and will be able to share more once the details around the community are more formalized. The rehabilitation of these buildings will be undertaken in a manner to preserve their historic character and ensure that they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Q6. Community Input

› Would you consider convening a Community Advisory Group, composed of Haddonfield residents and other interested parties, to provide you with comments, suggestions, recommendations, and feedback at various points as you develop detailed plans for the project?

ANSWER: Our goal in every redevelopment project is to solicit and receive community input. How that takes place and in what form will be a conversation with the Borough Commissioners. We started the process on June 17 with a well-attended community charet at Borough Hall. Of course, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Board will be heavily involved along the way.

These answers were provided by Woodmont Properties in response to questions asked by Haddonfield Today.

Q7. Historic Commission Approvals

› Are you aware that the Haddonfield Historic Preservation Commission, which must review your plans and provide a recommendation to the Planning Board, has a reputation for being extremely vigilant in ensuring that applications comply fully with the requirements of the Historic District Ordinance and that failures to comply can result in significant extensions to the timeline for projects under consideration?

ANSWER: Yes, we are aware and look forward to interacting with the Commission. Fortunately, Woodmont has been part of several historical redevelopments and appreciates the process on both the local and state level. Don't forget, the State Historic Preservation Office – a division of NJ DEP – will have a say here too.

Q8. School-Age Children

› On page 27 of your proposal you state, with respect to the number of school-age children residing in the project: "This will be addressed in a Fiscal Impact Study as discussed in Section F." However, you do not address that matter in Section F, on page 29. How many school-age children do you expect this project to generate? What is the basis for your calculation?

ANSWER: Remember, under the Redevelopment Plan all market-rate homes will be only one and two bedrooms. The only three-bedroom homes on the site will be four affordable homes as required by state regulations (at least 20% of the affordable homes must be three-bedroom).

Using fresh data from Woodmont communities in Hopewell and West Windsor – two excellent school districts – we expect 24 to 25 school-age children. Of that approximately 15 to 17 will come out of the 18 affordable homes, and the balance will come from the market-rate apartment homes.

Using data from the Rutgers University Center for Real Estate White Paper titled *School-Age Children in Rental Units in New Jersey: Results from a Survey of Developers and Property Managers,* dated July 2018 by Morris A. Davis, we would expect 22 to 23 school age children with a similar affordable-to-market rate mix.

In short, the wild and misguided "scare numbers" that have been circulating of 75 to 100 children are far higher than any data-driven estimate.

Q9. Time to Complete

› On page 28 of your proposal, you estimate that it will take you two years to receive approval to commence construction and an additional two years to complete the project, from the commencement of construction – a total of four years. Correct?

ANSWER: Four years is likely a conservative outside date; we see a path to beat the two-year approval schedule and we can build this project in about 18 months.

Q10. Traffic

› How much vehicular traffic do you expect that this project will generate? What is the basis for your calculation? How does your estimate compare with levels of vehicular traffic that existed when the Bancroft organization was fully functional on the site?

ANSWER: Our community will not have a noticeable impact on local traffic and, given its walkable location, we expect many residents will walk to their destination whenever possible, whether to access the train or any of Haddonfield's many wonderful restaurants and shops.

Per the Institute of Traffic of Engineers, the proposed community will generate approximately 60 total trips in the AM peak hour (12 inbound and 48 outbound) and approximately 71 total trips in the PM peak hour (46 inbound and 25 outbound).

Of course, a full traffic study will be prepared and testified to during the site plan approval process.

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Q11. Architectural Style

› In what ways will you customize the "Woodmont style" (i.e. the typical external appearance of your developments) to suit Haddonfield's historic and architectural environment and the community's sensibilities?

ANSWER: Every town and every project is different. Communities we have constructed in other towns have been designed to respond to their specific contexts. As just a few examples, our red-brick buildings in historic Morristown differ from our modern loft building in Red Bank that differ from our garden-style buildings in more suburban locations.

This community will be designed to harmonize with Haddonfield's historic architecture. We will continue to study the heritage of Haddonfield and bring forth designs that capture both the specific community heritage of Haddonfield, and foster aspirations for its future.

Throughout the design process, we would seek to incorporate community viewpoints and perspectives through collaboration with the Borough, its residents, and other stakeholders.

We don't have a rendering to share of these buildings not only because their overall form is still to be determined but their architecture as well. This will be a clean-sheet design that will be created and refined through the above process.

Q12. Environmental Factors

› What effects, if any, will your project have on the 300-foot riparian zone along the Cooper River? Conversely, what effects, if any, will the 300-foot riparian zone have on your project?

ANSWER: This project will adhere to the NJDEP regulations governing the 300-foot riparian zone along the Cooper River. We will be removing most existing paved areas in this buffer, which will result in a substantial net reduction in impervious and an increase in vegetated area. As we return this area to nature, we are proposing a mulch walking path open to the public that will meander through this bucolic viewshed.

In addition, the extensive stormwater management measures that we will institute will enhance the quality and reduce the overall flow of water from the property to the Cooper River.

Q13. Property Taxes

› Woodmont has proposed to make periodic payments to the municipality in lieu of property taxes. What is a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes), and why is it an appropriate mechanism for the Bancroft redevelopment project?

ANSWER: Under New Jersey law PILOTs come in different forms, but the PILOT being considered at Bancroft is what is known as a long-term tax abatement. Under the existing ad valorem tax methodology, taxpayers pay real estate taxes based upon a percentage of the assessed value.

Under the State statutory PILOT rules set forth in NJSA 40A:20-1 et seq., the property owner pays a percentage of gross income to the town so that the town directly shares in the success of the project as rents increase over time. The percentage typically varies from 10% to 15%, so every time the landowner receives $1, ten to fifteen cents goes to the town. The term of the PILOT is typically 25 to 30 years, with the project converting to ad valorem taxation upon expiration of the PILOT term.

Many municipalities around the State are employing PILOTs to assist them in meeting their affordable housing requirements and in encouraging redevelopment of under-utilized properties to increase their tax base. Importantly, municipalities cannot simply issue a PILOT – pursuant to State law, a town must first conclude that the site is an "area in need of redevelopment" and the redeveloper must then demonstrate a need for the program through a financial showing.

At Bancroft, development of the affordable homes, the requirement to refurbish dilapidated historic buildings, and the possible need for off-site improvements on top of the already high construction and financing costs of the project will drive a showing of need.

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