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The Word on the Street

If there's one thing we all can agree on, it's that it's been pretty hot lately. **If you could be somewhere cooler right now, where would you be. And why?**





ERIC MOSCOW, *of Voorhees, would head north, to Alaska. "I'd love to see the Northern Lights, but this is not the right time of year. So I'd probably go just because males outnumber females in Alaska."*

West Deptford's ***LYNDA LEDRICH*** *would rather be "in Vermont, in a cabin on a big lake – maybe Lake Champlain – with a boat."*



BILL McMICHAEL *of Haddonfield was in Stone Harbor last week and would be happy to be back there. "The beach is great, the town is clean, and there's terrific community spirit," he says.*

After confessing that she loves the heat, ***JENNIFER TOSTEVIN*** *of Milville agreed she could probably put up with "Bora Bora, or some other Polynesian island."*





Jennifer's husband, ***JOSH TOSTEVIN,*** *gave the smart-husband answer: "I'd be happy wherever she is."*



JAY COKOS *of Haddonfield didn't hesitate: "Miami, by the bay." Jay says his daughter lives there and he'd love to be with his two grandchildren. "Also, I like the fact that it's ethnically diverse and there are so many active and energetic young people."*

Summer sessions for Pilates, sculpt-&-tone

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

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Mark your calendars for **Sat Sep 21.**

The location and times remain the same: One Centennial Square (Euclid Ave) from 8am to 2pm.

HaddonfieldLions.org

Busy summer on HPP stage

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

Tickets are $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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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 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.

The first Festival was conceived, planned, and funded by volunteer members of the Haddonfield Business and Professional Association, with financial support from The Haddonfield Foundation.

Phillies outing

› Members of the Rotary Club will join thousands of Rotarians, family members, and friends from throughout the Delaware Valley at the 37th annual Phillies Strike Out Hunger game (vs Marlins), on **Wed Aug 14 –** 6:40pm at Citizens Bank Park.

For every ticket sold through this event, the Phillies will donate 50% of the ticket price to the Rotary Foundation. The Gates Foundation will match $2 for every $1 raised. Proceeds will be used to purchase vaccines for polio and other childhood diseases.

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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.

Sessions are scheduled for **Wed Jul 17** and **Thu Aug 15** 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.

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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!



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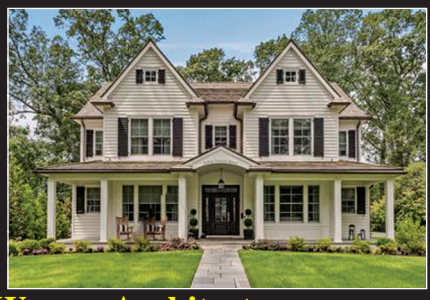
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Donated pieces do not need to be washed; they will be cleaned before use. A drop bin is located at the entrance to the Markeim, corner of Lincoln Ave and Walnut Street.

A building competition for all ages – titled "Art of the Lego" – will be held at the Fortnightly clubhouse on **Sat Oct 26** from 1 to 5pm.

For details and the entry form, check the next issue of *Haddonfield Today,* on **Fri Aug 30**.



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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 **Wed Jul 31** and again from **Wed Sep 4** 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.*

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Admission for Tri-State Jazz Society members is $10; general admission is $20. Full-time students with ID, or children accompanied by a paying adult, are free.

Uplifting lyrics

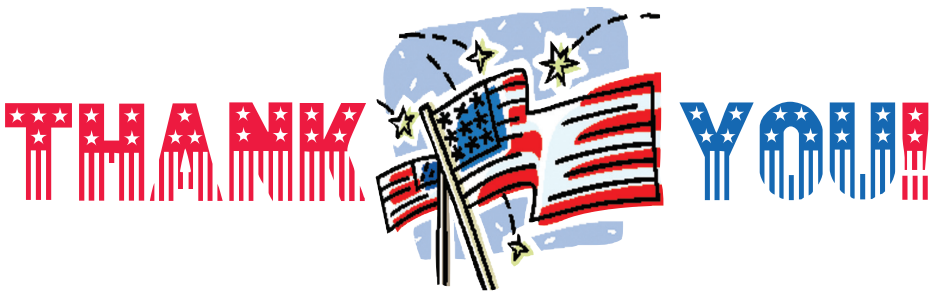
› Portland OR-based folk/pop singer and songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine will visit Grace Church on **Sun Aug 11** at 3pm to share his spirit-focused, award-winning songs and stories.

Tickets are $20 and may be purchased here – bit.ly/3z9dF2b – or scan the QR code in the margin ■.

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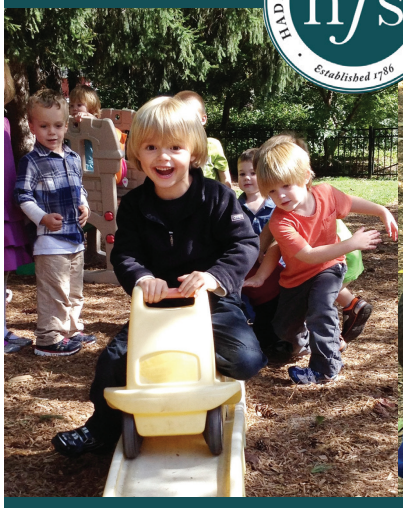
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Election to fill vacancy on Borough Commission

› 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.

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› 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 ■.

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.

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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 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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Sondheim on stage

› Coming up at Haddonfield Plays & Players, a musical – believe it or not – that explores the lives of nine men and women who killed or tried to kill one of the presidents of the United States.

From John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald and beyond, the stories of these actual and would-be assassins intersect in unexpected ways, creating a powerful, yet unnervingly funny look at some of the most shocking moments in US history.

Assassins will open on **Fri Sep 20** and run thru **Sat Oct 5.** Tickets are $32 and may be purchased here – bit.ly/3zdkcsF – or scan the QR code ■.

Haddonfield Plays and Players is located at 957 E Atlantic Ave.

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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.

Donations to the GoFundMe account can be made here – bit.ly/4cugYzf – or scan the QR code in the margin ■.

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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.

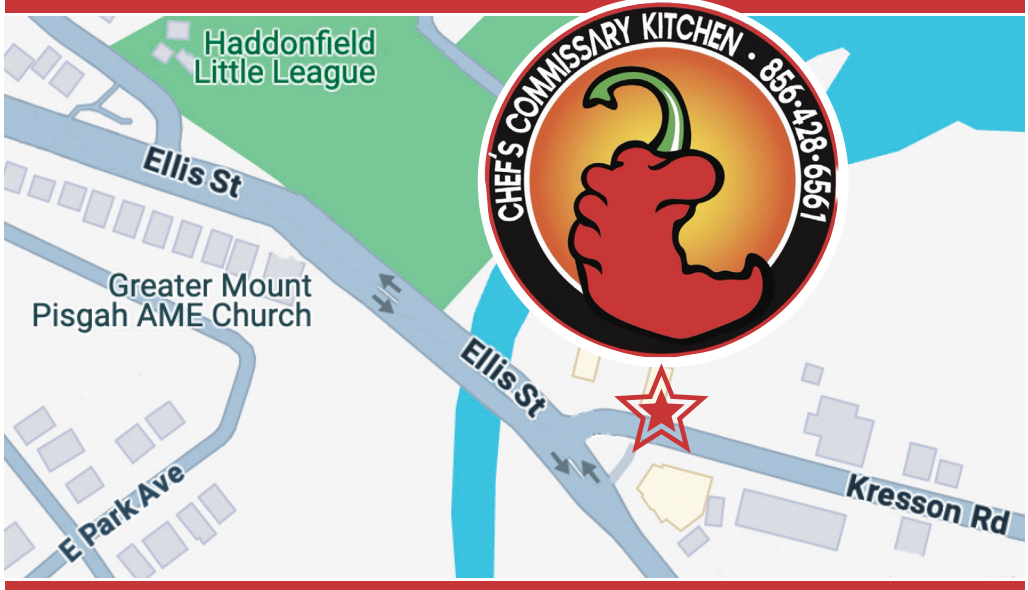
Assemble in the Choir Room at 9am for a quick warm-up and rehearsal.

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Around the Town

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Bancroft objectors are back, with a petition and a lawsuit

By Matt Skoufalos / July 11, 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*

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

The decade-plus saga that has come to define redevelopment of the 8.2-acre Bancroft parcel in Haddonfield has taken yet another turn in recent weeks, as objectors to the latest plan put forth by the borough government – to construct 120 apartments on the site – have set in motion processes to overturn it.

The latest of these is a lawsuit from the group Haddonfield Encouraging Responsible Development (HERD), with borough residents David Huehnergarth and Chris Maynes alleging that Haddonfield Commissioners didn't follow their own processes outlined within the May 2023 requests for qualifications and proposals for the project (RFQ/P).

According to that document, the redevelopment plan calls for "4.65 acres of Public Use/Active Recreation and 1.42 acres for the repurposing of the existing Lullworth Hall" on the west side of the parcel.

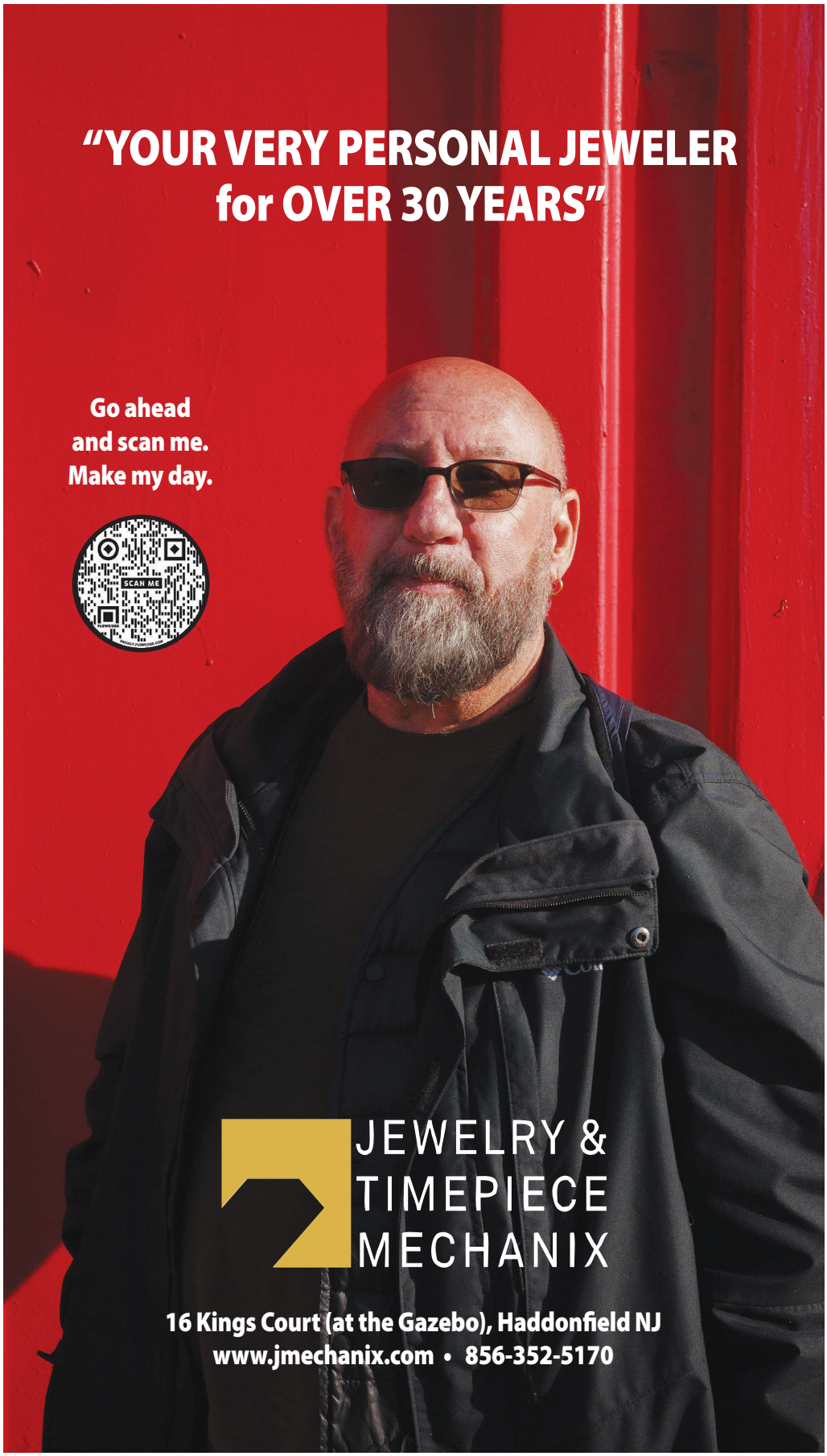
On the east side, it calls for "4.95 acres of passive open space, which will be constructed, owned and ...

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- **Mon Aug 5 to Fri 9:** Sticks & Stones
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- **Mon Aug 19 to 23:** Candyland

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Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Sat Sep 14	Antique Auto Show
Sat Oct 26	Art of the Lego (at The Haddon Fortnightly)
Tue Nov 5	Election Day (General, School Board, Special Municipal elections)
Mon Nov 4	Fall Break (thru Fri Nov 8)
Sat Oct 5	Farmers Market Last Day
Tue Sep 3	First Day of School
Thu Sep 19	Girls' Night Out Fall Crawl
Fri Oct 25	Halloween Night Market
Sat Sep 21	Lions' Flea Market (If rain: Sat Sep 28)
Mon Sep 2	Labor Day
Thu Oct 3	Rosh Hashanah
Tue Dec 10	School Board Referendum

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.



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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Crafts & Fine Art Festival /DT **10-5**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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FIRST DAY: Art Camp /MAC **9-12**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
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**
PJ Story & Craft /PL **6-6^{30}**
Harry Potter Bingo /PL **6^{45}-7^{30}**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**
Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**

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Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9-10^{30}**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}**
Storytime /PL **10-10^{30}**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-1**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
Beach Wine Bottle /PL **2-3**
Library Author Talk: *Max Brallier* / V **2-3**
Film Series: *Counsellor at Law* /PL **5^{30}-8**
Recreation /BH **7^{30}**

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Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Fall Prevention /MI
Summer Storytime
Coffee & Schmooze
Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
Line Dancing with
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Municipal Alliance
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Republican Club /B
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Phil Bruschi Sings: *As Time Goes By – A Tribute to the Best Movie Songs* / PL **1-3**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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FIRST DAY: Art Camp /MAC **9-12**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
STEM Stories Pre-K /PL **9^{30}-10^{30}**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
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}**
Commission /BH V **7**

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Library Trustees /PL **8**
Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}**
Storytime /PL **10-10^{30}**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Cartoon Drawing /PL **1-2**
Library Author Talk / V **2-3**
Film Series: *The Good Fairy* /PL **5^{30}-8**
Toastmasters / LC **7^{15}**

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Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Lego Club /PL **10-1**
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YA Book Club for Ad
Environmental /BH

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Carrie /HPP **3**
Cabaret: *Put On Your Sunday Clothes* /MAC **4**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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DEADLINE: Board of Education Nominating Petitions
FIRST DAY: Art Camp /MAC **9-12**
Pilates /SH **9^{15}-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10^{30}**
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**
Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}**
Book Club /PL **7-8^{30}**

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Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9-10^{30}**
Sculpt & Tone /SH **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Animal Sticker Diamond Art /PL **11-12**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Animal Sticker Diamond Art /PL **1-2**
Library Author Talk: *Dan Santat* / V **2-3**
Film Series: *Dodsworth* /PL **5^{30}-8**

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Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /SH **9^{15}-10**
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Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
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Pharmacy is closed 1[30]-2
Greenfield Hall M W F 1-4
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W Th F S 10-12, 1-4, Su 1-4
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Haddonfield Today

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 Lee Ann /MK **11[15]-12**
Kids' Summer Movie /PL **12[30]-2[30]**
The Hotspurs! Summer 24 /HPP **8**

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

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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]**
Story & Craft /PL **10[15]-10[45]**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Girl Scout Summer STEM Challenge /PL **2-2[30]**
Inclusion Club: *Model Magic* /PL **4-5**
Lions Club /TCC **6[15]**
Mean Girls Jr /HPP **7**

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Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga with Lee Ann /MK **11[15]-12**
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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
GloForge Craft: Jersey Shore Map / PL **10[30]-12[30]**
Carniverous Plants & Mindy's Den / PL **1-2**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Board of Education /MHS **7[30]**
Carrie /HPP **8**

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Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
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Carrie /HPP **8**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
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Mavis /MK **1-2[30]**

01 AUG

DEADLINE: Veteran Banner Renewals
Sculpt & Tone /SH **9[15]-10**
Sidewalk Sale /DT **10-8**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Girl Scout Summer STEM Challenge /PL **2-2[30]**
Summer Street Fest /DT **3-10**
Driving Mrs Dansbury to the NAACP Convention /PL **4-5**

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Sidewalk Sale /DT **10-8**
Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga with Lee Ann /MK **11[15]-12**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Sidewalk Sale /DT **10-5**
Crystal Bowl Sound Bath /PL **3-4**

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11 Singer Bobby Valentine /GC **3** Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**	**12** **FIRST DAY:** Art Camp /MAC **9-12** Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **10^{15}-11** Chair Yoga with Jackie /MK **11^{15}-12** Spanish for Beginners /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}** Fairy House Planter /PL **1-2^{30}** Mah Jongg /MK **1-3** PJ Story & Craft /PL **6^{15}-6^{45}** Commission Work Session /BH V **6^{30}** Binglo /PL **6^{45}-7^{15}** Bereavement Support /MC **7-8^{30}** American Legion /HQ **7^{30}**	**13** Figuring Out Retirement /MC **9-10^{30}** Glow Dance Party /PL **9^{45}-10^{15}** Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-1** Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11** Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3** Film Series: *Jezabel* /PL **5^{30}-8** Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**	**14** Fall Prevention /MI Coffee & Schmooze Storytime /PL **10-1** Open Play /PL **10^{30}** Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}** Cupcake Decoratin Rotary Club /TCC 1 Something to Chev Line Dancing with Rotary at Phillies / Plays & Players /HP
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Bancroft: Affordable Housing Q&A

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

In our June 21 issue, we published answers to a baker's dozen of questions we posed to Woodmont Properties, the designated redeveloper for 8.2 acres of land at Kings Hwy E and Hopkins Lane, known as Bancroft.

On pages 42 thru 45 of this issue are answers to questions we posed to the sponsors of a petition that calls for developing Bancroft as open space.

Since Affordable Housing is common to both, and since there is a widespread lack of understanding of the topic, we asked McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, the Borough's redevelopment counsel, to answer the following questions.

Q1. Affordable Housing 101

› What is the "Mount Laurel Decision," and what obligations does it place on municipalities in New Jersey with respect to the provision of affordable housing?

ANSWER: The Mount Laurel Decision refers to a series of NJ Supreme Court decisions from the 1970s and 1980s through the decades up to the current time. Generally, the Mt. Laurel case law provides that all towns in the State must address their fair share affordable housing obligations in order for the Courts to find a town's overall zoning to be valid. Over time, the NJ Supreme Court has generally upheld the Fair Housing Act, the 1986 legislative answer to the Mt. Laurel cases. The NJ Supreme Court's 2015 Mt. Laurel decision dramatically changed the way towns addressed their "fair share" affordable housing obligations. Towns no longer needed to seek approval from the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH"). Instead, most towns (including Haddonfield) voluntarily filed Declaratory Judgment actions with the Superior Court to protect their zoning from a Builder's Remedy lawsuit, as discussed below.

Q2. Haddonfield's Obligation

› How many affordable housing units is Haddonfield obligated to provide, and by what date, under the most recent plan approved by the Council on Affordable Housing?

ANSWER: Haddonfield's Third Round Fair Share obligation is as follows:

- Rehabilitation Share: 11 units
- Prior Round 1987-1999 Obligation: 192 units
- Third Round 1999-2025 Gap and Prospective Obligation: 320 units

The Superior Court adjusted the 512-unit cumulative Prior Round/Third Round obligation to an 83-unit Realistic Development Potential (RDP) and a 429-unit unmet need through a vacant-land adjustment. Again, the Superior Court – not COAH – approved the Borough's 2019 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") with specific compliance measures to address the 83-unit RDP and, among several measures, overlay inclusionary zoning to provide possible future opportunities to address unmet need.

Q3. Current Status

› How many occupied affordable housing units are there in Haddonfield currently, and where are they located? How many units are actively under construction or renovation, and where are they located?

ANSWER: There are 48 senior affordable units at Tarditi Commons (on Lincoln Avenue), and four units of affordable housing located in the Kings Court condominiums. Twenty units of affordable housing are under construction on Snowden Avenue. Six properties were purchased by the Borough of Haddonfield to provide eight total affordable units. The locations are: locations are:

- Haddonfield Commons 1 unit
- Fowler Avenue 1 unit
- Lake Street 1 unit
- Stiles Avenue 3 units
- Tanner Street 2 units

These eight units are currently being renovated and it is anticipated that they will be fully occupied by year-end.

Q4. Current Status

› What triggers the requirement to provide affordable housing units?

ANSWER: As a court-approved vacant-land adjustment town, the Borough must require 20% affordable units for all development that has five or more total residential units. In addition, there are nine specific overlay areas that require a 20% affordable housing set-aside of the total number of residential units. These nine areas are located within the downtown districts.

Q5. Snowden Avenue Project

› What entity owns the Snowden Avenue project? Where did the money come from to build it?

ANSWER: The developer for the Snowden Avenue project is Community Investment Strategies. The project is owned by E&B Housing LLC. The majority of the funding for the project came from the Municipal Settlement Fund, a part of the Department of Community Affairs' Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and in part from the Borough of Haddonfield's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Q6. Scattered Housing

› What entity owns the single residences? Where did the money come from to purchase and renovate them?

ANSWER: The single residences are owned by Haddonfield Housing Agency, an affordable housing nonprofit that the Commissioners created. The start-up funds for the renovations came from the Borough's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Q7. Immediate Future

› How many additional affordable housing units does the Borough hope to approve or acquire by the end of 2025?

ANSWER: The Borough's plan includes a minimum of ten family affordable rental units on the property formerly owned by Bancroft by June 2025. The Woodmont Properties proposal includes an additional eight units, which the Commissioners anticipate as satisfying prospective obligation(s) and/or accounting for unmet need, which will be revisited shortly as a result of recently passed legislation.

Q8. Borough's Obligations at Bancroft

› If the contract between the Borough and Woodmont Properties (to construct and manage 120 rental units on the Bancroft site, including 18 affordable housing units) were rescinded or somehow become null and void and the Bancroft site were to became dedicated open space, what implications would that have for the Borough's obligations under the 2020 court-approved agreement between the Borough and Fair Share Housing Center?

ANSWER: The Borough needs to include ten units of affordable housing on the site or obtain permission and a time extension from Fair Share Housing Center and the Court in order to acquire additional property(s) and construct these ten units. The Borough has established that it does not own any properties where construction of ten units would be feasible; nor does it have enough time or available funds in its Affordable Housing Trust Fund to purchase, renovate, and convert ten existing market-rate units within Haddonfield to affordable units, or to identify, acquire, and construct ten brand-new units elsewhere.

These answers were provided by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, the Borough's redevelopment counsel, in response to questions posed by Haddonfield Today.

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Q9. Rental Process

› What is the rental application process for affordable units? How many applications were received for the most recent rental opportunity?

ANSWER: The Borough's Housing Agency has subcontracted with Triad Inc. (an experienced Affordable Housing Administrative Agent) to fully address the State's Uniform Housing Affordability Controls and Federal Housing Administration requirements in implementing the affordable housing rental application process. Over 2,500 applications have been received to date, illustrating the need for affordable housing and the demand for access to affordable housing within Haddonfield.

Q10. Housing Management

› What entity sets the rents for affordable units?

ANSWER: In addition to addressing the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls, Triad Inc., will establish allowable rents, affirmatively market affordable units, income-qualify eligible tenant households, deed-restrict affordable units, etc.

Q11. Consequences of Failure to Comply

› What is a "Builder's Remedy," lawsuit and what could give rise to such a lawsuit in relation to a municipality's legal obligation to provide its "fair share" of affordable housing?

ANSWER: Typically, a builder-developer/builder-plaintiff sues a town to attempt to get a Builder's Remedy on a site they control that is NOT currently designated for inclusionary zoning (one affordable unit provided for every four market-rate units, or a 20% affordable housing set-aside). Such Builder's Remedy lawsuit is typically for higher density, multi-family housing on a site not contemplated by the town for high-density residential housing. A builder-plaintiff suing a town would have to win in court on three main points, the first of which is whether the town has addressed its fair share affordable housing obligations. If the answer is no, only then can the Builder's Remedy complaint proceed in Court to determine the suitability of the builder-plaintiff's site, and whether they propose a substantial amount of affordable housing.

Q12. Action in Other Towns

› Have any Builder's Remedy lawsuits been litigated and settled in New Jersey in recent times? If so, please give one or two examples.

ANSWER: Yes. Towns continue to get sued for Builder's Remedies – as recently as 2023 in Monmouth County, for example. Settlements are not just between a town and Fair Share Housing Center, but also may be between a town and a builder-plaintiff. In the Third Round, there have been approximately 375 voluntary settlements between Fair Share Housing Center and towns, possibly another 30 to 40 settlements between builder-plaintiffs and towns, with the balance of towns in the State having not participated in the voluntary Court process or in resolving Builder's Remedy litigation.

Q13. A Potential Threat to Haddonfield

› What actions, or lack of actions, by the Borough could trigger a Builder's Remedy lawsuit in Haddonfield?

ANSWER: The Borough may be subject to a Builder's Remedy lawsuit if it refuses to implement its court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan without first working out an amendment to its settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center, and achieving court approval of such amended settlement, and ultimately getting court approval of an amended Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. At this late stage of the Third Round, which ends in June 2025, Fair Share Housing Center and the Superior Court are unlikely to permit the Borough to transfer family affordable rental units off the Bancroft inclusionary housing site.

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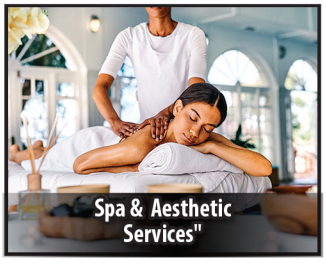


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Bancroft: Open Space Q&A

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In our June 21 issue, we published answers to a baker's dozen of questions we posed to Woodmont Properties, the designated redeveloper for 8.2 acres of land at Kings Hwy E and Hopkins Lane, known as Bancroft.

Five Haddonfield residents have formed a Committee of the Petitioners and are asking Haddonfield voters to sign a petition calling on the commissioners to "pass an ordinance or to put a referendum for voter consideration as an open space ordinance at Bancroft site."

In the interests of helping residents understand the Committee of the Petitioners' proposal for Bancroft, its petition initiative, and its proposed ordinance, we posed the following questions to the committee.

Read on ...

Q1. Petition Committee

› Who are the members of the Committee of the Petitioners?

ANSWER: Neal Rochford, Jim Twitchell, Claudette Fonshell, Lisa Quanci, and Terry Sentman. Our names are on the petition sheets currently being distributed. All of us are longtime residents of Haddonfield with extensive civic engagement and roots in the community.

Q2. Why Open Space?

› Why does the committee favor open space development at Bancroft over other types of development?

ANSWER: Open space will have the greatest benefit to all of Haddonfield residents young and old for decades to come. Once lost, open space cannot be brought back. At this point, Haddonfield is almost completely built out. If we miss this opportunity there are no other areas left for open space. In a hundred years our future citizens of Haddonfield will appreciate the fact that we resisted development in 2024 in favor of open space for everyone to enjoy. We doubt that an aging apartment complex will bring future generations joy. One only has to observe surrounding towns who have aging apartment complexes to see the issues associated with these buildings.

The greatest number of Haddonfield residents will benefit from this space than any other use. Lastly, open space has been shown to increase home values in the surrounding areas.

Q3. Affordable Housing Obligation

› Why does the committee's proposed ordinance include the construction of ten Affordable Housing units within the open space?

ANSWER: In 2019 the Borough entered into an agreement with Fair Share Housing Center and was approved by the Special Master for 10 units of affordable housing on the Bancroft site. We are acknowledging our Third Round obligation and we are supporting the Borough's commitment to meeting our affordable housing obligation. We agree that more scattered-site locations are needed for affordable housing. The Borough was responsible for finding eight scattered site locations when the number of units at Snowden was reduced to 20. We cannot find information on the Borough website to ascertain progress.

The 10 units we proposed to stay at Bancroft is a longstanding agreement with COAH and Fair Share Housing Center. It is hard to imagine that Fair Share Housing Center would object to the Borough completing its obligation at that site.

Q4. Affordable Housing Space

› How much of the open space (in acres) would be carved out for those units, for associated walkways, landscaping, resident parking, etc, and for general visitor parking?

ANSWER: We anticipate that 85% to 90% of the site can be reserved for open space and the historic structures. The Snowden site is about an acre with 20 units, so a site with 10 units should not take up a significant amount of space.

Q5. Affordable Housing Integration

› Given that one of the primary objectives of affordable housing is to integrate low- and moderate-income families into the broader community, to prevent the creation of isolated, low-income housing areas, and to promote diverse, mixed-income neighborhoods, how does the committee justify locating a single block of Affordable Housing units within the open space, disconnected from other residences in the neighborhood (except for the upscale condominiums at Lullworth Hall)?

ANSWER: Since Haddonfield is almost completely built out, we recognize the importance of any opportunity to fulfill the obligation for affordable housing. We would suggest that the Bancroft development should be closer to Kings Highway, so that its residents could take advantage of public transportation, be closer to neighborhoods in that area, and have shorter walks into town. One of the complaints about the Snowden project is there is no green space for the new residents to enjoy, it is surrounded by stockade fencing and parking lots. The Bancroft project will have plenty of open space for the new residents to enjoy and is close to the surrounding neighborhoods. We would not want to have stockade fencing at the site. The site should be developed in a style befitting of the Historic District and the architecture of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Q6. Potential Legal Action

› Is the committee concerned that if the ordinance is adopted, Fair Share and civil rights interests may take legal action, claiming that the ordinance is exclusionary and discriminatory (for example), and that the Borough may incur substantial legal and other costs and time delays as a result?

ANSWER: It is our position that the obligation for 10 affordable units at Bancroft should be honored as called for in the 2019 settlement with Fair Share Housing Center. The Snowden lot is under construction and scattered site locations have been purchased. We are unsure of the exact number of scattered sites, as we could not find that information on the Borough website. Why would Fair Share Housing Center take legal action for honoring our obligation?

Q7. Petition Submission

› What is the Committee's target date for submitting the petitions? How many valid signatures are required?

ANSWER: We would like to complete the signatures no later than the end of July, and we are confident that we can achieve this goal. It is our intention to meet the 535 signatures needed to proceed to the November general election.

These answers were provided by the Committee of the Petitioners in response to questions posed by Haddonfield Today.

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Q8. Timeline

› If the committee's petition is deemed valid but the commissioners decline to adopt the proposed ordinance, a referendum would be held on the question of whether or not to adopt the ordinance. Would it be possible for that referendum to coincide with the general election on Tuesday, November 5? What are the dates and milestones for the process: petition submission / ordinance adoption / ordinance referendum?

ANSWER: It is our intention to have the referendum coincide with the general election in November. We don't want the Borough to incur the expense of a special election, if possible.

If the process is delayed, we could call for a special election or have it held with the Commission election in May 2025. Our goal is to turn in the petitions by August 8, and for them to be sent to the county by August 24. This should be adequate time to meet the deadlines for a November election.

Q9. A Missed Opportunity for Open Space?

› One of the members of the Committee of Petitioners was a commissioner from 2013 to 2021 (and the mayor from 2017 to 2021). During that time, the Borough entered into an agreement with a developer to provide 80 market-rate townhomes and 10 affordable housing units on the Bancroft site. The commissioner/mayor in question was a vocal advocate for that proposed development. As a petitioner, he now favors open space. Why did he not advocate for open space as a commissioner/mayor and negotiate with the developer to terminate the contract, which the current commissioners did in June 2023?

ANSWER: In order to steer the developer away from a drug rehab center next to the High School, the commissioners at that time allowed the developer to develop a 80-unit market-rate, owner-occupied, age-targeted, townhouse-style development, with 10 affordable units instead. The townhouses were to scale with the surrounding neighborhoods. The development had received approval from the Historic Preservation Commission.

The new 120 apartment proposals are not age-restricted, totally out of scale and height with the surrounding area, and are surrounded by a sea of parking lots.

The previous commissioner's project proposal was far less in density and would have produced fewer school-age children. The commissioners at that time had offered the school district several different proposals to mitigate the cost to the school district.

Although the commissioners had made several offers to buy the development rights back, at that time the commissioners were unwilling to pay the developer the $3.2 million that was ultimately paid.

Q10. The Woodmont Contract

› On May 13, 2024, the commissioners approved a resolution to designate Woodmont Properties as the conditional redeveloper for the Bancroft property. If the committee's petition calling for an Open Space ordinance is successful, what will be the implications for (a) that resolution and (b) the contract between the Borough and Woodmont Properties?

ANSWER: The contract with Woodmont has not been made public as of this writing.

According to the Borough solicitor, the contract signed on May 22, 2024 is with the land use attorney. Our committee has asked to review the contract and was told that it is not available to the public. Without knowing what's in the contract, we don't want to speculate on the implications of the adoption of our ordinance.

These answers were provided by the Committee of the Petitioners in response to questions posed by Haddonfield Today.

Q11. Cost of Open Space

› What will be the initial cost to design and establish active open space on the Bancroft site? What will be the annual cost for management, maintenance, and enhancement?

ANSWER: We would hope that the Borough would aggressively seek County Open Space funding that the Borough has been paying for years, as well as State Green Acres funding. The Borough also has its own Open Space fund on which to draw.

The first step would be to put out a request for qualifications for an entity that has experience with developing municipal parks. After a plan has been developed with public input, then it could be put out to bid. A cost analysis would need to be established as part of the process. The process does not need to happen all at once but could be implemented in phases as funding becomes available.

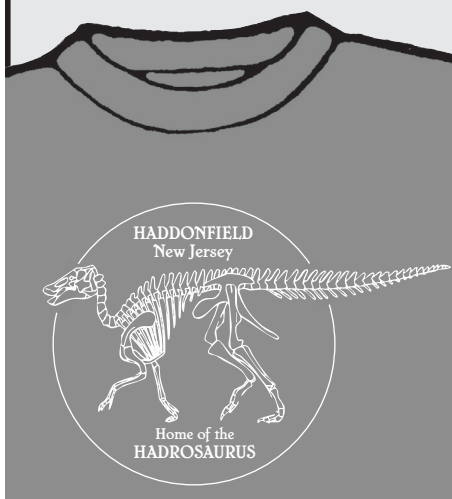
Q12. Compromise?

› Is the committee open to compromise? For example, if Woodmont Properties were to reduce its total number of units from 120 (and the affordable units in proportion) and thus increase the amount of active open space (from 1.2 acres) within their development area (8.2 acres total).

ANSWER: Reviewing Woodmont's other high density rental properties, we are hard-pressed to imagine that they would reduce the density, scale, and mass of this project based on their other projects. Reviewing Woodmont's website, it's apparent that their goal is to benefit from the enormous tax break for 30 years with no funding going to the school district and then sell the project.

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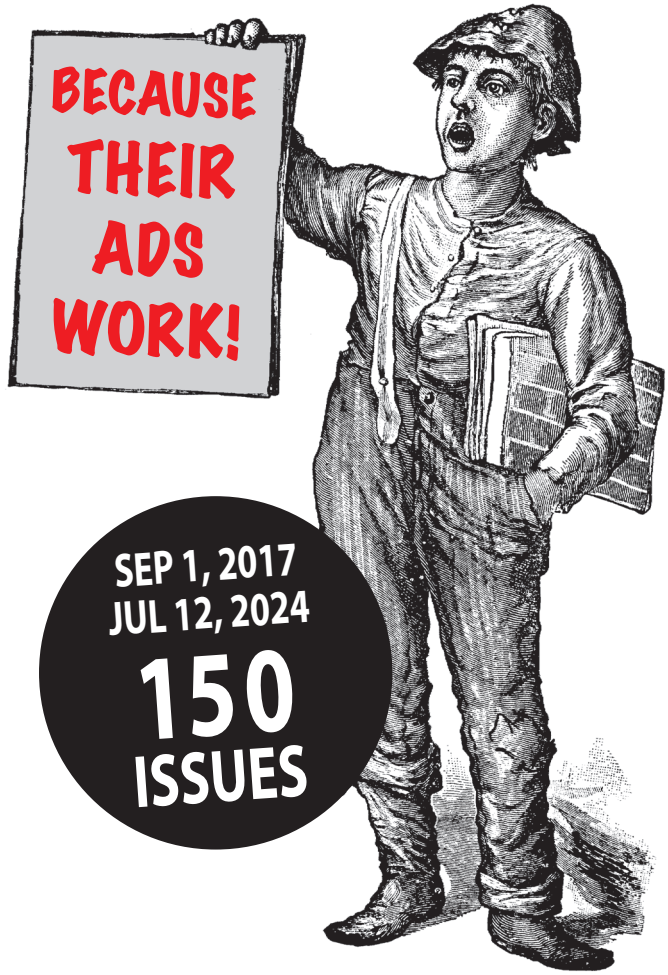
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RECEIVED: AN ANSWER!

In the June 12 issue of *Haddonfield Today*, we invited readers to explain the sharp decreases in Haddonfield's population, as reported by the US Census Bureau, from 1970 to 1980, and 1980 to 1990.

YEAR	POPULATION	CHANGE	
1970	13,118	– 83	–0.6%
1980	**12,337**	**– 781**	**–6.0%**
1990	**11,628**	**– 709**	**–5.7%**
2000	11,669	41	0.4%

Thom Wagner, a local architect, provided this explanation (and won himself a $75 certificate to The Little Hen).

Two reasons:

• The post-war population boom of the late 1940s and 1950s led to many large homes in Haddonfield – along Washington Avenue, for example, and side streets – being converted into apartments and duplexes. More homes, more residents.

But after the Speedline opened in 1969, lawyers discovered that it offered fast and economical access to the courts in Philadelphia and Camden. They flocked to Haddonfield. Other professionals (dentists, accountants, architects, etc) soon followed, as did the conversion of homes to offices on Haddon Avenue (North and South) and Kings Highway (East and West).

Fewer homes, fewer residents.

• The convenience of the Speedline and the increased availability of professional services made Haddonfield an even more desirable place to raise a family. Thanks to changes in zoning regulations, a stronger economy, and "This Old House," many apartments and duplexes were converted back to single-family homes, thus reducing the number of occupants in each house.

Fewer homes, fewer residents.

Thanks, Thom. Bon appetit!

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First up: *Counsellor at Law* (1933, 82 minutes) staring John Barrymore.

Self-defense for women

› Two summertime classes have been scheduled for teenage girls and women interested in learning the basics of self-defense.

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The second class, for women and girls older than 14, will be held at the Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club on **Tue Jul 23**. Paul Cybularz, owner of Ludus Academy of Martial Arts, will instruct.

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The Last Word



The Bancroft petition: More than meets the eye!

By David Hunter, publisher

The sponsors of the Open Space at Bancroft petition have painted a rosy picture. Green grass. Leafy trees. Blue skies. Families picnicking on the lawn. Kids flying kites. Joggers jogging.

But they're keeping one element of the halcyon vision in the background: A block of ten Affordable Housing units within the dedicated open space.

The proposal from the Borough's designated redeveloper, Woodmont Properties, for 120 rental apartments on the Bancroft site includes 18 low- and moderate-income units, completely integrated with the 102 market-rate units. That's exactly what Affordable Housing legislation and practice intend.

But if the petitioners' Open Space ordinance is adopted (either voluntarily by the commissioners or as the result of a referendum), Haddonfield will be guilty of committing **an egregious act of economic segregation –** setting low- and moderate-income residents physically apart from the rest of the community. (The closest neighbors would be in luxury condos at Lullworth Hall.)



COMPOSITE: The Open Space image is from a petition sponsor's Facebook page. The building image is of affordable housing currently being built behind the Borough Hall.

One of the primary objectives of Affordable Housing is to **integrate low- and moderate-income families into the broader community,** to prevent the creation of isolated, low-income housing areas, and to promote diverse, mixed-income neighborhoods. If adopted, **the proposed ordinance would require the Borough to facilitate the construction of housing that does the exact opposite.** And it could trigger Fair Share and Civil Rights lawsuits overnight.

One hundred years ago, the movie theater in Haddonfield (a few doors from where The Happy Hippo is now) required "coloreds" to sit in the balcony. No one in their right mind would propose such racial segregation now. Do the petition sponsors realize they're advocating **economic** segregation?

I have a few questions for residents who signed the Open Space petition:

1. When you were asked to sign, did the petition circulator tell you that a block of ten affordable housing units would be built within the open space?

2. Did the petition circulator show you the proposed Open Space ordinance, which includes the following language: "No development, construction, or alteration of the site shall be permitted, except as necessary for 10 affordable housing units and development of recreation facilities"?

3. Is segregated housing part of your vision for open space at Bancroft?

4. Is segregated housing part of your vision for Haddonfield?

5. Do you feel you were shown the complete Open Space picture?

If you answered "No" to any of these questions, you might want to revisit your decision to sign the petition, and consider withdrawing your signature.

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