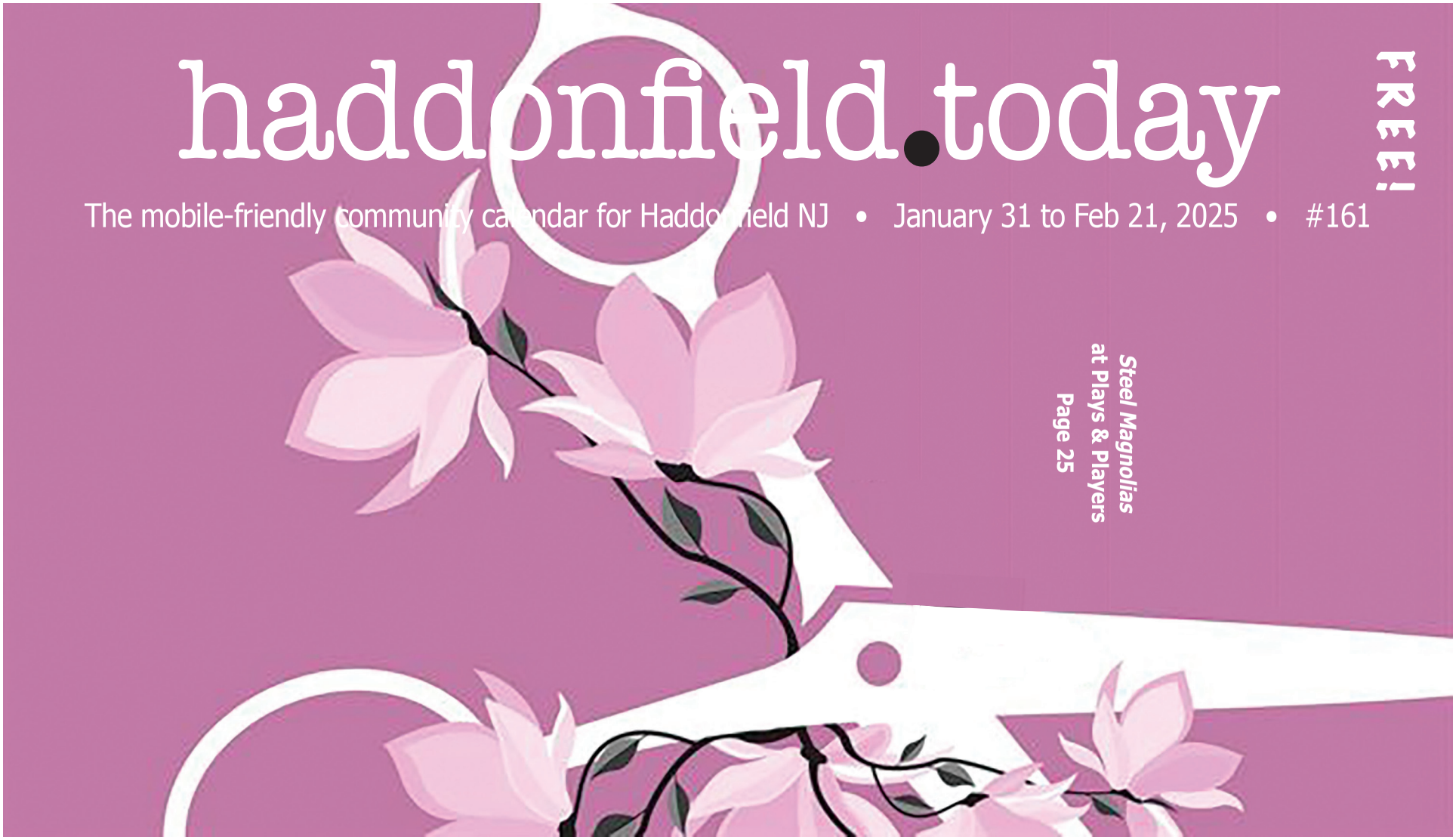
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The Word on the Street

Haddonfield Plays & Players will raise the curtain on *Steel Magnolias,* its second Main Stage production of 2025, on **Fri Feb 21**.

If you were active in the theater, would you be cast or crew? On stage, in the orchestra pit, or behind the scenes?





*Haddonfield's **IRENE POWERS** didn't hesitate: "Crew!" Because ...? "I don't like performing in front of people. I prefer to watch." So ... backstage? "Yes, I think I'd really enjoy working in wardrobe."*

***TERRY MONTANA** of Cherry Hill has never been involved with theater, but says it would be fun to be on stage, "with a small speaking part." Anything in particular? "Yes. A cowboy."*



***JAZMINE INGALLS** of Camden hasn't been active in theater since high school. "But I'd love to be on stage again. Maybe I'll audition for something at Plays & Players."*

*Clementon's **JULIAN FULLER** thinks he'd feel quite comfortable on stage "in a supporting role, with a few good humorous lines, rather than as a lead."*





***MARLEE LICK** of Haddonfield says she'd enjoy being a part of the lighting crew. "I can see myself working the follow spot, shining light on other people. Just don't ask me to go on stage."*



***ROBYN CARROLL** of Marlton remembers being in "Bye Bye Birdie" in high school. "I have a good singing voice – I was in the New Jersey All-State Choir – so I'm sure I could hold my own in a musical."*

Two Blood Drives: Pick one!

› The Rotary Club has scheduled a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Wed Feb 5**.

The location will be the Tavistock Country Club, where Rotary meets for lunch each Wednesday. The hours for the Blood Drive are 9am to 2pm. To register, go here: bit.ly/3Oh5ZzD or scan the QR code ■ in the margin. Alternatively, call the number below.

If you can't make that date, the Lions Club, American Legion Post 38, and Grace Church will give you a second chance on **Sat Feb 22**. The location is the Community Hall at Grace Church. The hours are 9am to 2pm. To register, go here: bit.ly/499lNMv or scan the QR code ■ or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter haddonfieldcommunity to schedule an appointment.

Alternatively, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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A new year

A celebration of the Lunar New Year will be held in Kings Court on **Sat Feb 1** from 2pm, and at the Markeim Arts Center from 4pm.

The first event will include the making of traditional fans and lucky knots, and a fan dance performance.

The second will include activities related to customs, symbols, and food. Registration is required. Go to *markeimartscenter.org*.

The events will be sponsored by the Human Relations Commission and the Education Association, in collaboration with the Public Library, the Middle School and High School Asian American Culture clubs, and local Girl Scouts.



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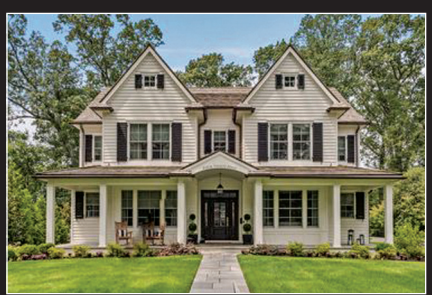
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Tax time

› Property taxes are due on **Mon Feb 3**.

The Borough provides a ten-day grace period, but if taxes are not received before the grace period expires, interest will be charged from the due date.

Payments may be:

- Mailed to Borough of Haddonfield, 242 Kings Hwy E, Haddonfield NJ 08033; or
- Paid in person at the Borough Hall, Room 105. The office is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Or
- Placed in the secure black box in front of the Borough Hall; or
- Paid online, here: bit.ly/2A3xxp2, or scan the QR code ■.
- Paid via the Haddonfield Happenings app on a cell phone or tablet.

Lunch & learn

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

- **Wed Feb 12 –** Joella Clamen, of the Indian King Tavern Museum, will share stories from the past of this iconic site.
- **Wed Feb 26 –** Adrienne Rhodes, co-founder of the Preserving Black Haddonfield Project, will describe what the group is doing to celebrate the African American community that once thrived in Haddonfield.

Registration is required, for catering purposes. $1 for Haddonfield residents; $3 for others. To register, call 856-354-8789 or email *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov.*

Holiday hours

› The Borough Hall, Public Library, and Mabel Kay Senior Center will all be closed on **Mon Feb 17** in observance of Presidents Day.

Monday's trash will be collected on Monday.

Monday's recycling collection will be postponed to **Tue Feb 18.**

The next election

› The next election for the Haddonfield Board of Commissioners will be held on **Tue May 13.**

All three seats, each for a four-year term, will be on the ballot. Candidates must by U.S. citizens and residents of Haddonfield, at least 18 years of age, and have been registered voters in Haddonfield for one year prior to the election.

Residents who are interested in running for election to the board must file their petitions by 4pm on **Thu Feb 27.**

Important information for candidates and their committees is available on the Borough website, here – bit.ly/4gKxZrg – or scan the QR code ■.

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Senior Trivia

› Question: On what date or dates in February will Trivia for Seniors be held at the Mabel Kay Senior Center?

Answer: **Thu Feb 13** and **Thu Feb 27** – both from 2 to 3:30pm.

Prizes include $3 in Mabel Money to be used toward Mabel Kay programs.

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Bingo is back!

› Looking for a place to get together with friends for an evening of fun and excitement? The chance to win money, raffle baskets ... even a "Dine Around Town" raffle prize of gift cards to popular local restaurants?

Then mark your calendar for "Bingo Frenzy" at The Haddon Fortnightly on **Fri Feb 28**. The doors will open at 6:15pm and the games will begin at 6:45pm.

Admission is $30, but if you reserve a table for six or more players and payment is received by **Thu Feb 13**, you will receive a special price of $25 per person.

Players who bring canned goods or other staples for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry will receive three additional playing cards.

Take snacks to nibble on. Soft pretzels and water will be available for purchase.

Call 856-667-8099 or email *susan.dewey1@verizon.net* to reserve your seat or request an order form for groups.

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Women's art exhibit

› In partnership with The Haddon Fortnightly, the High School's 50/50 Club is seeking entrants for its seventh "Through a Woman's Eyes" Art Show, to be held at the Fortnightly (Kings Hwy E and Grove) on **Sat Mar 8** from 11am to 4pm.

Female-identifying artists, high school-age and older, are encouraged to submit works on the theme "Growing Toward Equality." Artworks in various mediums will be on display for attendees to view, and prizes will be awarded to artists for excellence in seven categories. There will be food and entertainment throughout the day, as well as a basket raffle. Public admission is free; a suggested donation of $10 at the door would be appreciated.

For details and an application form, email *hmhsfeminism@gmail.com.*

The application deadline is **Fri Feb 21**.

Proceeds will benefit Girls Learn International, an organization dedicated to furthering education equality.

- **Donald F. "Don" Miano, 77**
  January 24, 2025
- **Patricia C. Stewart, 88**
  January 20, 2025
- **William Frank "Bill" Seibert, 94**
  January 4, 2025
- **Patrick Joseph Walsh, 85**
  December 27, 2024
- **Rosemarie Krauss, 89**
  December 30, 2024
- **Anna Mae Sutterley, 87**
  December 15, 2024
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› Looking for something romantic, festive, fun (and free!) for your sweetie?

Renew your vows (or start new ones) on Valentine's Day – **Fri Feb 14 –** at the "Open Heart" sculpture in downtown Haddonfield.

This seventh annual celebration of love, sponsored by the Haddonfield Outdoor Sculpture Trust, will take place from 5 to 7:30pm in Kings Court.

Haddonfield Commissioners will make it (un)official for couples interested in renewing their vows, getting married (official NJ documents required), getting engaged, or making partnership commitments. Couples will receive flowers and chocolates, and may have photos taken in the romantic, pink-lit courtyard. Many couples return each year – so don't delay, reserve your time spot today at *HaddonfieldSculpture.org*.

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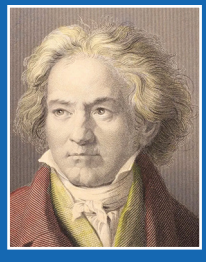
Sunday, Feb 16 at 4pm

- **Rachmaninov:** Trio élégiaque No. 1 in G minor
- **Tchaikovsky:** Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 50

Haddonfield United Methodist Church

Beethoven/Schubert

Saturday, Feb 22 at 7:30pm



- **Beethoven:** Piano Concerto No. 3



- **Schubert:** Symphony No. 9 "The Great"

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- **Tue Feb 4** at 2pm:

The COVID-19 pandemic won't be our last, because what makes us vulnerable to pandemics also makes us human.

That is the timely message of *The Human Disease: How We Create Pandemics, from Our Bodies to Our Beliefs,* which travels through history and around the globe to examine how and why pandemics are an inescapable threat of our own making.

The speaker will be Smithsonian curator Sabrina Sholts.

- **Tue Feb 11** at 7pm:

Join a conversation with bestselling author Waubgeshig Rice to chat about his newest book *Moon of the Turning Leaves,* the hotly anticipated sequel to the bestselling novel *Moon of the Crusted Snow.*

- **Tue Feb 18** at 2pm:

Pulitzer Prize finalist Lee Hawkins will discuss his family's legacy of post-enslavement trauma and resilience, described in his riveting memoir, *I Am Nobody's Slave: How Uncovering My Family's History Set Me Free.*

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

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Classical Sundays

› Two masterpieces of the piano trio repertoire will be performed by musicians from Symphony in C at the Methodist Church on **Sun Feb 16** at 4pm.

The program will begin with Rachmaninov's *Trio élégiaque No. 1 in G minor.* It will be followed by a performance of Tchaikovsky's *Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 50.* An enchanting afternoon of music!

Tickets at *symphonyinc.org/tickets.*

The final concert in the 2024-25 Virtuosi Series will be presented on **Sun Apr 6** at 4pm. The featured works will be Debussy's *String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10,* and Ravel's *String Quartet in F Major, M.35.*

Seniors' dance

› The Leo Club at Memorial High School will host their annual Valentine's Day Dance for Seniors on **Sun Feb 9** from 1 to 2:30pm.

There will be dancing, snacks, games, a photo booth, and more.

The event is free but registration is requested. Email Sheri at *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov.*

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Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Fri Feb 28	"Bingo Frenzy" (at Haddon Fortnightly)
Sun Mar 9	Daylight Saving Time begins
Wed Jun 18	Last day for Public Schools. High School graduation.
Mon Feb 24	Library Book Club
Mon May 26	Memorial Day
Tue May 13	Municipal Election. Petition deadline: Thu Feb 27
Tue Mar 4	Restaurant Week (thru Sun Mar 9)
Sun Feb 23	Rotary Golf (at Topgolf, Mt Laurel)
Fri Apr 18	Spring Break for Public Schools (thru Fri Apr 25)
Sun Mar 30	Symphony in C Gala (at Tavistock Country Club)
Sat Mar 8	"Through a Woman's Eyes" Art Exhibit (at Haddon Fortnightly)
Sat Mar 8	Women;s Retreat (at Presbyterian Church)

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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Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

03 VEGETATIVE WASTE AND CHIPPER WEEK

DUE Property Taxes
Coffee with Comm. Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11, 11^{15}-12**
Spanish (Beginners) /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Commission Work Session /BH V **6^{30}**
Creative Writing Group /PL **6^{30}-8**

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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
GlowForge Craft /PL **11-12^{30}**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}**
Storytime /PL **1-1^{30}**
Library Author Talk /V **2-3**
Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**
Planning /BH **7^{30}**

05

Blood Drive /TCC **9-**
Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Eagles Pep Rally /T
Coffee & Schmooze
Pizza Party & Craft
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
Line Dancing /MK
Eagles Pep Rally /H
Film Series: *1950s*
Human Relations /

09

Teen Volunteer Opportunity /PL **12^{30}-4**
Seniors' Valentine Dance /MHS **1-2^{30}**
Tri-State Jazz /MC **2**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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Coffee with Comm. Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11, 11^{15}-12**
Lego Duplo Club /PL **10-12**
Spanish (Beginners) /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Games at the Library /PL **6-7^{30}**
American Legion Post 38 /HQ **7^{30}**
Commission /BH V **7^{30}**

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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**

Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Book Club /MK **11-12**
Mindfulness Workshop /PL **11-12**
Garden Club /LC **12**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}**
Storytime /PL **1-1^{30}**
Animals in Winter /PL **3^{45}-4^{45}**
Teen Volunteer /PL **5^{30}-8**
Foster Care /PL **6-7**
Library Author Talk /V **7-8**
Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**

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

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Preserving Black History: *Project "Conversations" Series* /PL **2-3**
Symphony in C Virtuosi Series Concert /MC **4**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

17 PRESIDENTS DAY CHIPPER WEEK

CLOSED Public Library, Public Schools, Mabel Kay Senior Center
POSTPONED to Tuesday: Recycling
Coffee with Comm. Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Markeim Art Camp /MAC **9-12/2^{30}** (also Tue 18)
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**

18 *Haddonfield Today Deadline* **CLOSED** Public Schools

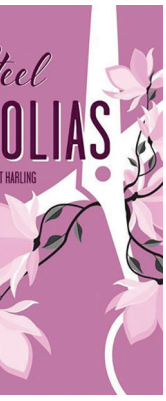
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Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}**
Storytime /PL **1-1^{30}**
Crafternoon /PL **1-2^{30}**
Library Author Talk /V **2-3**
Teen Volunteer /PL **5^{30}-8**
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Recreation /BH **8**

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Fall Prevention /MI
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Story & Craft /PL **1**
Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
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Film Series: *1950s*
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110	110 Rhoads Ave	DT	Downtown	HQ	Post 38, 129 Veterans Lane	KC	Kings Court	MB	Mechanical Brewery, Cherry Hill
BC	Baptist Church	GC	Grace Church	IKT	Indian King Tavern Museum	KR	King's Road Brewing Co	MAC	Markeim Arts Center
BH	Borough Hall	HPP	Plays & Players	JJ	Jersey Java	LC	Lutheran Church	MC	Methodist Church

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Public Library M T Th 10-8,
W F 10-5, S 10-2, Su 12-4

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Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Hunchback of Notre Dame /HPP **8**

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Disability Conference /PC **8[30]-11[30]**
Open Play /PL **10-12**
Take Your Child to the Library Day /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Lunar New Year Celebration /KC **2**
Lunar New Year Celebration /MAC **4**
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Eyles will be Citizen of the Year

› Lifelong resident Maureen Lynn Eyles will be named Haddonfield's Citizen of the Year for 2025 on **Sat Feb 8,** during the annual Mayor's Breakfast, hosted by the Lions Club. The event, at Tavistock Country Club, will begin at 9am.

Henry Cowan will be named as the William G. Hansen Youth of the Year.

Eyles is the president of the Haddonfield Educational Trust and was the leader of Haddonfield CARES, a community group that advocated for the Board of Education's 2024 bond referendum. She served as executive director for First Night Haddonfield (the celebration of the arts on New Year's Eve) from 2011-14 and of the Haddonfield 300th Anniversary Celebration in 2013.

Maureen Eyles was the 2015 recipient of the Civic Association's Driscoll Award for Community Service and was an Alumni Society Lifetime Achievement Award recipient in 2024.

All are welcome. Tickets, at $30, are available at *HaddonfieldLions.org*.

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Dawgs b-ball

› Detailed reviews of most HMHS Boys Basketball games, written by the Dawgs Number 1 fan – Lauree Padgett – can be accessed online ■ at *Haddonfield[dot]Today*.

At press time, the team was 14-4, with six games left in the regular season.

Go Dawgs! (And Birds!)

Tee up for Topgolf

› The Rotary Club is inviting those who enjoy hitting golf balls in the dead of winter from one of the cozy enclosures at Topgolf in Mt Laurel to ... sign up now!

The club's foundation will hold its annual fundraiser at Topgolf on **Sun Feb 23** from 4 to 7pm.

Last year some 100 Rotarians and guests practiced their golf swing in heated bays, enjoyed a delicious buffet, bid on silent auction offerings, participated in a 50/50 raffle, and ... mingled.

Those who attend the event know they are helping to fund scholarships for local students, grants for local nonprofits and a variety of service projects – locally, regionally, and internationally. Donations are tax-deductible.

All who play golf, at any level, are invited to participate.

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› The Haddonfield Public Library's Book Club meets monthly throughout the year, except in Jun, Aug, and Dec. Participants gather at the Library on Mondays from 6:30 to 8pm.

The subject for discussion on **Mon Feb 24** is a work of literary fiction, *Demon Copperhead,* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Then, on **Mon Mar 24:** *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* by Candice Millard, a work of narrative non-fiction.

Reading copies are available. Contact Kathleen Metrick at 856-429-1304.

Green thumb?

› The Garden Club will meet on **Tue Feb 11** at the Lutheran Church.

Refreshments and Social at 12n. Program at 12:30pm. Learn about the club's mission, yearly activities, and the upcoming trip to Winterthur in May.

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A short lecture by Ralph Secinaro will be followed by a screening and audience discussion.

Free, but registration is requested. Go here – bit.ly/40A1cOR – or scan the QR code ■.

For a laugh ...

› Members of The Haddonfield Fortnightly invite "one and all" to enjoy Comedy Night at the Fortnightly on **Sat Feb 8** at 7:30pm.

Bob Marsdale will open for headliner Dena Blizzard. Appetizers and desserts provided.

Dena Blizzard is a comedian, mother of three, playwright, inventor, and content creator. She has toured extensively with her Off-Broadway shows "One Funny Mother" and "My name is NOT Mom," which were seen in 75 cities throughout North America. She is currently touring her original show, "I Love You Get Away from Me."

Tickets are $50, here – bit.ly/3DJd5KP – or ■.

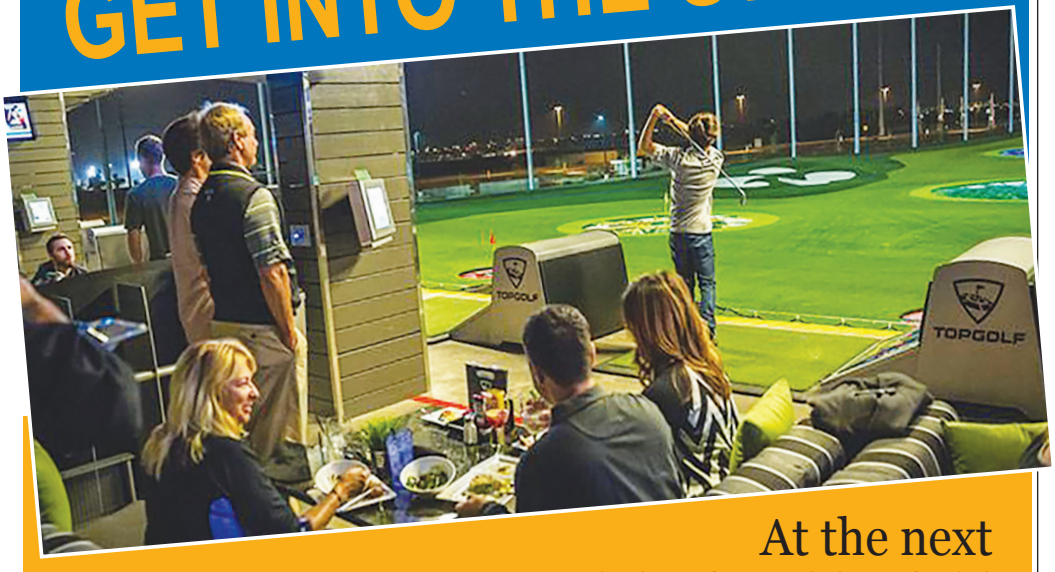
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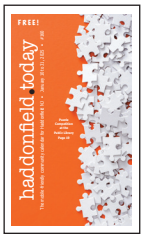
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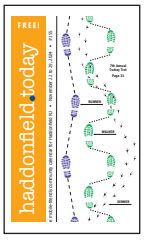
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On stage: *Steel Magnolias*

› An in-home beauty parlor is the setting for the next Main Stage production at Haddonfield Players.

All the ladies who are "anybody" in Chinquapin, LA go to Truvy's to have their hair done.

Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby (the prettiest girl in town), is about to marry a "good ole boy."

Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, *Steel Magnolias* moves toward tragedy in the second act, when the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength and love that give the play and its characters the special quality that makes them touching, funny, and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

Steel Magnolias opens at 8pm on **Fri Feb 21** and runs thru **Sat Mar 8.**

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The foundation's mission includes providing automatic external defibrilators for public places.

bradwilby.org

Art camp

› The Markeim Arts Center will hold an art camp for kids age 5 to 12 on **Mon Feb 17** (Presidents Day) and **Tue Feb 18**.

Morning session: 9am to 12n; full day session: 9am to 2:30pm. Fee: $65/$130 per day.

Kristen Davila will be the instructor.

markeimartscenter.org

For women

› Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church will hold a Women's Retreat on **Sat Mar 8** from 9am to 12n.

All are welcome.

The theme is "Holy Rest: Reclaiming Sleep and Sabbath in a Culture of More."

The event will be facilitated by The Rev. Laura Colee, associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

Biblical scholars, Christian authors, and sleep scientists will lead and contribute to the discussion.

Register by **Sat Mar 1** by contacting Judy Grantham: *judygrantham@comcast.net.*

The registration fee is $20.

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› DO YOU KNOW?

- The name of the Haddonfield resident who inscribed the Declaration of Independence in 1776?
- The Haddonfield location of the oldest wood-framed house in Camden County?
- The names of the two residents who were governors of New Jersey?
- The former names of Warwick Road?

For answers, go to the Historical Society of Haddonfield's website: **HaddonfieldHistory.org**

› DID YOU KNOW?

- The Lions Club collects eyeglasses that are no longer of use to their owners. There are drop boxes in Kings Court and at the Acme. The NJ Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in West Trenton handles more than one million pairs each year. 856-316-8108
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- Red recycling bins are available at the Public Works facility, 555 Centre Street. $10. Weekdays 8:30am to 4pm. 856-429-0183
- Male residents do not need to be age 65 or older to join the 65 Club ... but they do need to be retired. 856- 795-5810

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The Last Word



Will NJ Legislature curb public's right to know?

By David J. Hunter, publisher

Governmental transparency could decline even further in the coming weeks if the New Jersey Legislature scraps the decades-long requirement that legal notices be published in local and regional newspapers.

Instead of reading legal notices in newspapers such as *The Retrospect* (published in Collingswood and covering a number of area municipalities, including Haddonfield), New Jersey residents may soon find themselves having to monitor a variety of websites for basic information about what's happening in their towns.

As the publisher of *The Retrospect* pointed out recently, his newspaper prints legal notices that cover a wide variety of civic and legal issues. One example: "Nearly every issue includes notices relating to the pending seizure and sale of private property by the county sheriff's department. That's an important and unfortunately necessary business in which government benefits from a transparent process. Peruse the legal notice pages and you will note all sorts of important public business that citizens rightfully deserve to be able to easily monitor."

If the legislature proceeds as proposed, ease of access will be a thing of the past.

To address this threat, the New Jersey Press Association developed a legislative proposal to modernize legal notices. The NJPA plan aims to maximize the exposure of legal notices to the public by expanding the types of news media that would be be eligible to carry legal notices. Publishers of legal notices would be required to upload those notices to a central, third-party website that's freely available to and searchable by the public – NJPA's *njpublicnotices.com*, for example.

State Senator Andrew Zwicker introduced the NJPA plan, which is now NJ bill S4064. The NJPA is encouraging more legislators to sponsor the bill, and calling on the public to voice support its plan. But time is running out.

What's at stake has been described in detail not only by Brett Ainsworth, publisher of *The Retrospect* (and a recent president of the New Jersey Press Association) but also by Lauren S. Barr, publisher and editor-in-chief at *The Westfield Leader & Union County Hawk,* in a statement accompanying a petition on *change.org.*

After reading (online) the report in the Jan 31, 2025 issue of *The Retrospect,* Haddonfield Commissioner Dave Siedell signed the petition and appended a comment: "[A]s a commissioner in Haddonfield, I think it is essential that local news gets reported in local papers. I support the announcement of meetings of pending tax sales and the publishing of our budgets to be an important part of transparency government."

Scan to **SIGN THE PETITION**

To read Lauren Barr's statement and sign the petition, go here – bit.ly/3ErWY4o – or scan the QR code in the margin ■.

Assembly Majority Leader Louis D. Greenwald, who represents Haddonfield residents in the state assembly, could play a major role in moving the NJPA's proposed legislation forward.

I urge readers to contact Assemblyman Greenwald, Assemblywoman Melinda Kane, and State Senator James Beach. Make it clear to them that it is in the public's interest – and in governments' – for access to legal notices to be easier, not harder.

Senator James Beach: 856-429-1572
221 Laurel Road, Suite 105
Voorhees NJ 08043

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Assemblywoman Melinda Kane: 856-435-1247
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