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The Word on the Street

To raise funds for its building preservation fund, The Haddonfield Fortnightly will hold a Denim & Diamonds Casino Night on **Sat Apr 5**.

What's your favorite casino game, card game, or board game? And why?





KAITLIN SCHWENK *of Haddonfield is not a fan of casino games, but enjoys chess. "I find it challenging," she says. "It makes you think. And you've got to stay sharp for the whole game, or suddenly you could blow it and it's all over."*

JEFF WEST *of Medford Lakes prefers blackjack over other casino games "because the house does not have an overwhelming advantage. You win some, you lose some."*



Craps is the favored casino game of ***NATHAN BODIN*** *of Haddonfield "because it's a community game. When one person wins, everyone wins."*

LYNN MICHELLE BROWN ("EVE") *of Palmyra is a fan of Jackpot Party. "I've played it at Rivers Casino in Philadelphia. It doesn't cost a lot to play, so you're not risking too much."*





Like his brother (above), Philadelphia's ***TIM BODIN*** *is a fan of craps. "I like it because it's so interactive. Everyone gets involved and excited."*



SUZY WEST *of Medford Lakes enjoys playing the board game Scattergories with her 18-year-old son "because he stinks at it, and I usually win." Really? "Yes, but he's very good at lots of other things."*

Quiet time

The First Baptist Church will open its sanctuary each Tuesday during Lent, for reflection.

From 12n to 12:30pm, church musicians will provide Lenten piano meditations. From 12:30 to 12:45pm, The Rev. David Yu will be available for prayer.

All are welcome.

Bus trip to Winterthur

The Delaware estate of Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969), a prominent antiques collector and horticulturist, will be the destination for a bus trip being planned by the Garden Club for **Tue May 20.**

The bus will leave from the Wedgewood Swim Club at 9am and return at 4pm.

The du Pont home, Winterthur, houses one of the richest collections of Americana in the United States. Its woodland gardens produce spectacular displays in every season.

Transportation and admission fee is $45 for club members; $55 for non-members. Mail to Jeannette Glennon, 926 Lenton Ave, Barrington NJ 08007.

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The 2025 application window is open for 501(c)(3) organizations that meet certain criteria. Priority is given to those that focus on education and literacy, relief from poverty, disease prevention and treatment, and water and sanitation. The deadline is **Tue Apr 15.** *HaddonfieldRotary.org.*

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Egg hunt time

› The Y's Men's Club will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Crows Woods on **Sat Apr 19.**

There is no rain date.

Children ages 1 thru 10 are invited to scramble for eggs from 10am sharp.

Bring your own baskets, and keep an eye out for the Easter Bunny!

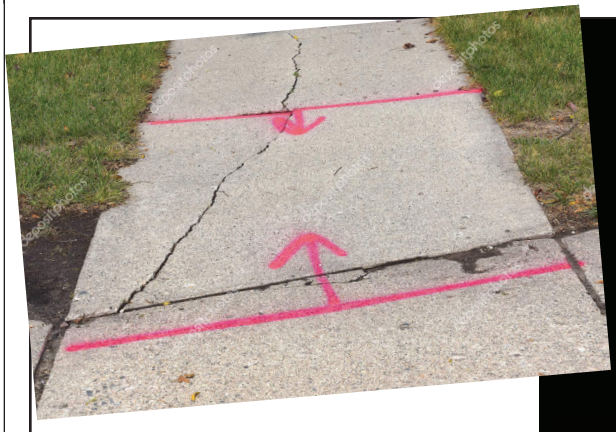
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Rummage!

› Grace Church's semi-annual Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall is scheduled for **Thu May 1** from 10am to 7pm.

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

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

Donations will be accepted on **Sun Apr 27** beginning at 11am in the Parish Hall.

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

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

Buon appetito!

› Pasta lovers, unite! Mark your calendars for the Lions Club's annual Pasta Bowl, to be held at the First Presbyterian Church on **Sat Apr 5.**

Dinner is from 4 to 5:30pm. The menu includes lasagna, meatballs, sausage and peppers, penne Alfredo, Caesar salad, rolls and butter, dessert cakes, water, soft drinks, tea, and coffee.

But that's not all ...

A gift basket auction will run from 5:30 to 6:30pm. (Some folks go to the Pasta Bowl just to bid on the baskets!)

Admission is $15 ($10 for children to age 10).

Proceeds will benefit the Lions Club's many charitable projects, especially those that support individuals with vision impairments.

String classics

The final concert in Symphony in C's 2024-25 Virtuosi Series will be presented at the United Methodist Church 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.*

Tickets at *symphonyinc.org/tickets.*

Networking for women

For Women's History Month, the Partnership for Haddonfield and Sparrows (10 Mechanic Street) are teaming up to host Women's History Networking '25 on **Wed Mar 26** from 5 to 7pm.

The event is designed to enable women in business in Haddonfield to network in a relaxing, pleasant atmosphere. Sparrows will provide a proseco juice bar and happy-hour snacks.

The fee is $12 for those age 21 and up. Future women leaders (age 20 and up) must be accompanied by an adult 25 years or older.

Register soon because space is limited. Go here – bit.ly/4kQKoMQ – or scan the QR code ■.

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Markeim art classes, camps

› The Markeim Arts Center (Lincoln Ave at Walnut) is accepting registrations for its spring classes, spring break camp, and summer camp.

The full catalog of spring classes, for adults, teens, and kids, is available here – bit.ly/4b6hUu9 – or scan the QR code ■.

Offerings include painting and sketching; clay, pottery, and throwing on the wheel; photography; and mixed media. Also yoga, pilates, and tai chi.

The Markeim is also offering a clay workshop in association with Passover, Purim and Tu B'Shevat. And Eid al Fitr and Celtic celebrations as part of its Cultural Heritage series.

Spring Break Camp, for kids age 5 to 12, will run from **Mon Apr 21** thru **Fri Apr 25** – 9am to 12:30pm each day with two snacks; no lunch break.

Campers will explore mixed media art, pottery, and movement, and participate in fun, engaging activities led by visiting teachers. The morning will include two snacks; no lunch break.

To register for Spring Break Camp, scan the QR ■ (bit.ly/4i1BtGR).

Summer Camp, for ages 5 to 12, will run for nine weeks from **Mon Jun 23** thru **Fri Aug 22** – 9am to 12:30pm each day with two snacks; no lunch break.

To register, scan the QR ■ (bit.ly/4gKx1KY).

Early bird special! Register by **Wed Apr 30** and receive $25 off Summer Camp registration. (Apply promo code SUMMER25 in the checkout.)

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I'm **ITIR COLE** and I'm running for a seat on the Board of Commissioners.

In the coming weeks, I'll be knocking on doors, attending community events, and chatting with residents in coffee shops and supporters' homes.

To learn about me and why I'm motivated to serve as a commissioner, please visit my website – **www.ColeForHaddonfield.com** – or email itir@coleforhaddonfield.com.

I will respond. Thanks!

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Flute concert

› In the Performance Hall at Grace Church at 1:30pm on **Sun Mar 16:** A free concert presented by flutist Renae Block and pianist Linda Henderson.

The solo and duo repertoire will include flute and piano music by female composers from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

From lyrical romances to African-American spirituals and driving Latin rhythms, there will be something for everyone on the program.

The concert will be sponsored by the Musicians Performance Trust Fund and the American Federation of Musicians Local 77 and is therefore free and open to the public.

'50s sci-fi flicks

› Local film historian Ralph Secinaro will continue his series on science-fiction movies of the 1950s at the Public Library on **Wed Apr 9** and **Wed Apr 23** – 1:30 to 4:45pm.

To register, go here – bit.ly/3DHcsBG – or scan the QR code in the margin ■.

Time to get social!

› The Tatem School PTA will hold a Spring Social at The Factory Workers (13 Fern Ave, Collingswood) on **Fri Apr 4** from 7 to 10:30pm.

Get footloose and have a blast from the past with the '80s Prom theme – music, dancing, and attire (encouraged but not required). All are welcome! Early-bird tickets are $55, with swag bags and VIP lounge access for the first 20 purchasers. General admission is $65. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Go here: bit.ly/3DJBvEb, or scan ■.

While you're online, get your early-bird (i.e. discounted) wristband for the Tatem Fair on **Sun May 18**. Just $35. Go here: bit.ly/4iFrSFC or scan ■.

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Questions? Email info@haddonfieldhistory.org

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Tix for **CANDLELIGHT DINNER**

Author talks, online and free

› The Public Library is a member of a collaborative that arranges for prominent authors to discuss their work live, online ... and free for viewers.

Coming up:

- **Thu Mar 20** at 2pm: Join a conversation with award-winning journalist and author Clara Bingham as she chats about her new book, *The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973.*
- **Wed Mar 26** at 7pm: NY Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner – *Good In Bed, In Her Shoes, Big Summer, and The Breakaway* – will chat about the signature emotional depth of her books that has been inspiring readers toward self-discovery for decades.
- **Thu Mar 27** at 12n: Success isn't about fitting in – it's about standing out. Yet too many of us hold back, afraid to be seen as too ambitious or too direct. It's time to unlock your true potential!

Join an electrifying conversation with Jenny Wood, author of *Wild Courage: Go After What You Want and Get It.*

- **Wed Apr 2** at 7pm: Step into Spring and chat with the acclaimed New York Times bestselling author Jodi Picoult about her newest novel, *By Any Other Name.*

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

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

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

Post 38 Last Man's Club Dinner set for April 8

Company B of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment departed Stillwater MN at the outbreak of the Civil War with 101 men. When the survivors returned to Stillwater for a reunion in 1885, only 34 remained. The veterans decided to meet annually on July 21 – the anniversary of the Battle of Bull Run. They named their group the Last Man's Club, and purchased an expensive bottle of burgundy wine that would remain unopened until just one of their number survived. When the second-to-last man died in 1930, the honor of opening the bottle fell to Charles Lockwood, age 87 – the Last Man.

Following the end of World War I, veterans across the country formed Last Man clubs, principally to maintain the bonds of comradeship they had forged during the war. On April 22, 1940, at a gathering to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the formation of Haddonfield American Legion Post 38 – and just a few months after the outbreak of hostilities in Europe that would lead to World War II – 108 veterans of World War I organized a Last Man's Club and identified four purposes:

- *First, To preserve our memories of 1917-18*
- *Second, To pay fitting tribute to our departed comrades*
- *Third, To foster and perpetuate good comradeship*
- *Fourth,To eat drink and be merry.*

The charter called for "a bottle of rare brandy ... to remain unopened until our ranks have thinned to the last three men," at which time "the bottle shall be opened and a toast offered to those comrades who have gone before."

In 1987, with five members surviving, it was decided not to wait until the next two passed away. Each member took a few sips of cognac during that year's Last Man's Club dinner. The bottle was resealed and remained so until, at the dinner on April 5, 1993, Robert Wright stood alone. "I didn't think I'd ever make it," Wright told the *Philadelphia Inquirer* a week before the event. "Then," the *Inquirer* reported, "the soft-spoken, white-haired veteran smiled wryly and added: 'At least I think I will.'" Robert Wright died on January 19, 1998, at age 98.

Post 38 has active Last Man's Club charters for World War II; Korea; Vietnam; Korea and Vietnam (combined); Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Iraq; and Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, and Haiti.

Don Beck, age 96 (US Army), and Tom Reilly, 99 (US Merchant Marine), are the two remaining signatories of Post 38's World War II Last Man's Charter.

Make Your Reservations TODAY!

This year's Last Man's Club Dinner – the 84th – will be held at Tavistock Country Club at 6pm on **TUESDAY, APRIL 8. ALL ARE WELCOME.** Affiliation with the American Legion, Post 38, or a veteran is not necessary.

For reservations, mail a note with **1.** Your name; **2.** Your phone number; **3.** Your entrée choice (prime rib, salmon, chicken, chopped sirloin, pasta primavera); and **4.** a check for $65 per person, payable to "Last Man's Club / Post 38," to Joe McElroy, 135 Lansdowne Avenue, Haddonfield NJ 08033.
Deadline: Friday, March 28. Questions? Email proprinting@comcast.net.

HQ: 129 Veterans Lane, Haddonfield NJ 08033. **ARE YOU A VET?** Join us! Call 856-304-0261 for details.

Around the Town

NJ PEN

Huehnergarth withdraws from Haddonfield Commissioners race

By Matt Skoufalos / March 13, 2025



▲ *Ballot position drawing for 2025 Haddonfield commission election. Borough Clerk Deanna Bennett is at left; David Huehnergarth is at right. Photo: Matt Skoufalos.*

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

› NJPen subscribers can read the rest of the story here – bit.ly/4hx3sgg – or scan the QR ■.

Less than a week after the ballot position drawing for the 2025 municipal government election, Haddonfield voters have one fewer candidate from which to choose when they vote May 13.

Communications consultant David Huehnergarth has withdrawn from the race.

Huehnergarth, who has criticized generally dense redevelopment in the borough, and at the former Bancroft parcel specifically, was the plaintiff in a recently settled lawsuit opposing the project.

Huehnergarth's objections centered mostly on the process by which the borough advanced its redevelopment agreement with developer Woodmont Properties.

The suit claimed that the Woodmont application was out of scope with the original request for proposals, and that former Commissioner Kevin Roche was not a borough resident when he voted to approve it.

But after a review of all the proposals in closed session last Wednesday, Haddonfield commissioners advanced the original Woodmont Proposal again ... ■.

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Take your grandparents to the zoo

› The Haddonfield Outdoor Sculpture Trust is inviting children from all over South Jersey to take their grandparents to the zoo on **Sat Apr 19.**

But not just to any zoo ... to the Children's Outdoor Sculpture Zoo at the corner of Kings Hwy E and Evergreen Lane in Haddonfield, where **Sat April 19** will be Grandparents Day, from 11am to 2pm. The rain date is **Sun Apr 20.**

The event will feature a sculpture demonstration by nationally-renowned sculptor John Giannotti (creator of the Haddonfield dinosaur sculpture "Haddy") at 12n; drawings for jobs as "Visiting Curators" for Zoo animals; free children's books on animals and art (courtesy of BookSmiles); free animal face painting, balloons, backpack pins, and animal crackers; and great family photo opportunities with the Zoo's animals.

If you've never been to the zoo, you can preview its residents here: *haddonfieldsculpture.org.*

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A local "hike"

› The Duty to God Committee of the Garden State Council of Scouting America is planning a "10 Commandments Hike," visiting ten houses of worship in Haddonfield.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled for **Sat Mar 29** from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Participants will "hike" (walk or drive) from stop to stop, spending 20 to 30 minutes at each.

They will learn about the history of the building and hear a short message on one of the ten commandments.

Attendees should bring their own lunch and water, and wear comfortable hiking/walking shoes.

To register, call Joe Brennan 856-428-2645 or *jpbrenfsa@verizon.net.*

Lions Pasta Bowl!
at First Presbyterian Church
Saturday
April 5
Dinner: 4 to 5:30
Gift Basket Auction: 5:30 to 6:30
Adults: $15
To age 12: $10
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Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

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Thu May 8	Blood Drive (at Masonic Temple)
Sat Jul 12	Crafts & Fine Art Festival
Sun Apr 20	Easter
Wed Jun 18	Last day for Public Schools. High School graduation
Sat May 10	Mayor's Health & Wellness Festival
Mon May 26	Memorial Day
Tue May 13	Municipal Election
Fri Apr 18	Spring Break for Public Schools (thru Fri Apr 25)
Sun Apr 6	Symphony in C Virtuosi Concert (at Methodist Church)
Wed Apr 9	Town Dinner (Civic Association at Tavistock)
Thu May 8	Viva La Diva

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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Baby Buddies /PL **12**[30]**-2**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**

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Fitness with Mel /MK **10**[15]**-11**
Game Day /LC **12-3**
Bridge Club /MK **12**[30]
Storytime /PL **1-1**[30]
Craft: *Origami Paper Wreath* /PL **1-2**
Writing Seminar /MK **1-3**
Open Play /PL **1**[30]**-3**
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Teen Volunteers /PL **5**[30]**-8**
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YA for Adults Book
Library Author Talk
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SAT Math Tutoring /PL **12**[30]**-2**
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Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

31 EID AL-FITR SPRING CLEAN-UP begins

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**

01 APR

APRIL FOOL'S DAY
***Haddonfield Today* Deadline**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**[15]**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**[15]**-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12**[30]
Storytime /PL **1-1**[30]
Open Play /PL **1**[30]**-3**
Toastmasters /LC **7**[15]
Planning /BH **7**[30]

02

Fall Prevention /MI
Pilates /PC **9**[15]**-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Edible Art /PL **1-1**[3]
Bingo /MK **1-2**[30]
Line Dancing /MK
Human Relations /
Library Author Talk

110	110 Rhoads Ave	CHPW	Cherry Hill Public Works	FM	Friends Meeting	HQ	Post 38, 129 Veterans Lane	KC	Kings Court	MB	
BC	Baptist Church	DT	Downtown	HF	Haddon Fortnightly	IKT	Indian King Tavern Museum	KR	King's Road Brewing Co	MA	
BH	Borough Hall	GC	Grace Church	HPP	Plays & Players	JJ	Jersey Java	LC	Lutheran Church	MC	

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Open Hours

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Greenfield Hall M W F 1-4
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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

14 PURIM *Haddonfield Today*

Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
St Patrick's Day Snack + Craft /PL **1-1[30]**
Mamma Mia! /MHS **7[30]**

15 MAR

IDES OF MARCH
Adrenaline 5K Run /MHS **8[30]**
Adrenaline Kids Runs /MHS **9[45]**
Open Play /PL **10-12**
Give Peas a Chance /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Haddon Fortnightly Lunch & Raffle: *Irish Spring* /TCC **11[30]**
Makers' Day /PL **12[30]-1[30]**
St Patrick's Day Lunch for Seniors /GC **12-1[30]**
Mamma Mia! /MHS **7[30]**

K **9[15]-10**
e /MK **10-12**
2[15]-1[30]
1-2[30]
-4[45]
in Science /PL
/TCC **6**
/PL **7-8**
/BH **8**

20 SPRING EQUINOX

Business Networking Group /KR **7[30]**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]**
Art (Beginners) /MK **9-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Art (Advanced) /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Library Author Talk /V **2-3**
Button Making /PL **3[30]-4[15]**
Teen Volunteers /PL **5[30]-8**
Paint a Drink Coaster /PL **6-7[30]**
Lions Club /TCC **6[15]**

21

Story and Craft /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Story and Craft /PL **1-1[30]**

22

Spring-Themed Take-Home Craft /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Teen Volunteers /PL **10[30]-2**
Stix Percussion Ensemble /BC **3**

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in Science /PL
Club /MB **6[30]-7[30]**
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letworking /S **5-7**

27

Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]**
Art (Beginners) /MK **9-12**
Storytime /PL **10-1[30]**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12[30]**
Library Author Talk /V **12-1**
Art (Advanced) /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]** • 65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Trivia for Seniors /MK **2-3[30]**
BCD Build Club /PL **3[30]-4[30]**
Teen Volunteers /PL **5[30]-8**
Alice in Wonderland Jr /MS **7**

28

Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Alice in Wonderland Jr /MS **7**

29

BEGINS Mailing of Vote-by-Mail Ballots for Commission Election
Household Hazardous Waste Collection /CHPW **8[30]-3**
Scouts' Ten Commandments Hike **8[30]-3[30]**
Thift Shop /GC **10-4**
Written With Bricks /IKT **1-4**
Open House /IK **1-4**
Alice in Wonderland Jr /MS **5**

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/BH **7**
/V **7-8**

03

Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]**
Art (Beginners) /MK **9-12**
Take-Home Craft: *Rainbow Pony Bead Banner* /PL **10-8**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Art (Advanced) /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**

04 *Haddonfield Today*

Storytime /PL **10-1[30]**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12[30]**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Tatem PTA Spring Social /FW **7-10[30]**

05

Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Open Play /PL **10-12**
Pasta Bowl /PC **4-5[30]**
Pasta Bowl: Gift Baskets /PC **5[30]-6[30]**
Casino Night: *Denim & Diamonds* /HF **6[30]-10[30]**

C Mechanical Brewery
Markeim Arts Center
Methodist Church
MHS Memorial High School
MK Mabel Kay Senior Center
PC Presbyterian Church
PL Public Library
S Sparrow's
TCC Tavistock Country Club
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Four residents seek three Commission seats

› The ballot for the **Tue May 13** Board of Commissioners election will have the names of four residents on it. In ballot order, they are:

1. Dave Siedell – *siedellforcommissioner.com*
2. Frank Troy – *votefranktroy.com*
3. William C. Shanahan – *shanahanforhaddonfield.com*
4. Itir Cole – *coleforhaddonfield.com*

Siedell (Revenue and Finance) and Troy (Public Works, Parks, and Property) are incumbent commissioners.

A fifth resident, David Huehnergarth, filed a petition but subsequently withdrew from the race.

Each seat is for a four-year term.

Haddonfield Today will publish answers to questions posed to the candidates on **Fri Apr 4,** along with detailed election information.

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To register online, go here – voter.svrs.nj.gov/register, or scan the QR ■.

Vote by mail

› The ballots for Haddonfield residents who have requested to vote by mail will be mailed on or about **Sat Mar 29.**

Completed ballots can be returned by mail or deposited in the secure drop box in front of the Borough Hall up until 8pm on Election Day (**Tue May 13**).

Forum

› The Civic Association will host a Candidate Forum on **Mon Mar 31** from 7 to 9pm via Zoom.

Those wishing to attend must register by 12n on that date to receive the Zoom link. Go here: bit.ly/4htihQV.

The deadline to submit questions is **Thu Mar 27.**

Historic bricks

› If the walls of historic dwellings and Quaker meetinghouses in New Jersey could talk!

Historian Matthew Skic will discuss New Jersey's pattern brick architecture at the Indian King Tavern Museum on **Sat Mar 29** at 2pm. The program is free and space is limited, so arrive early!

Here we go again

› The High School's spring drama production – *Mamma Mia!* – will have its final two performances on **Fri Mar 14** and **Sat Mar 15,** both at 7:30pm.

Based on the music of ABBA, *Mamma Mia!* tells the story of Sophie, a young woman preparing for her wedding on a picturesque Greek island. It features toe-tapping hits such as "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance on Me," and "Super Trouper," and is a lively celebration of love, laughter, and the power of music.

Tickets may be purchased online at *hmhsdrama.com* or at the door. $15 for adults, $12 for students and seniors.

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Don't just sit there ... write!

› For National Poetry Month (April), the Mabel Kay Senior Center will host two seminars that will empower participants to write 30 poems in 30 days.

The leader will be Elinor Mattern, a writer with an MFA in Creative Writing from Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she was the recipient of the Director's Award in Poetry. Her work has appeared in *The Boston Globe, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Tiferet,* and *The Journal of New Jersey Poets*.

Sign-ups are required for the two seminars at 1pm on **Tue Mar 25** and **Tue Apr 15.** Email *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov* or phone 856 354-8789.

For background, go to *napowrimo.net.*

Quaker history

› In 1754, Quakers from Philadelphia and South Jersey agreed to end slavery in their area. An examination of their deliberations and actions will take place in the Friends Meetinghouse on **Sun Mar 16** at 11:25am.

All are welcome.

A potluck lunch will follow.

For updates, and to read **KAIN MURPHY** obituaries, scan:

- **Colleen W. Egan, 57**
  March 9, 2025
- **Joseph A. Ade, 93**
  March 5, 2025
- **Jack E. Heitz, 93**
  February 23, 2025
- **L. Robert "Rob" Smith, 84**
  February 9, 2025
- **Janet E. Bootman, 82**
  February 1, 2025
- **Joan C. Welsh, 90**
  January 27, 2025
- **Donald F. "Don" Miano, 77**
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A free-will offering will be collected to support the ongoing concert series. A $15 minimum donation is requested.

Reading history

› The March selection of the Historical Society's Virtual Book Club is *The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars,* by Dava Sobel.

Participants will meet via Zoom on **Tue Mar 25** at 7pm. Email *info@haddonfieldhistory.org* to receive the Zoom link.

Tennis for juniors

› The Haddonfield Tennis Association will conduct two six-week tennis programs for juniors (ages 6 to 13) on Sundays at the Wedgewood Swim Club and Tuesdays at the Erlton Swim Club.

The programs will begin on **Sun Mar 16** and **Tue Mar 18** respectively.

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

The cost of each program is $80.

Class times are:

- Sunday: Ages 6 to 9 – 3 to 4pm. Ages 10 to 13 – 4 to 5 pm.
- Tuesday: Ages 6 to 9 – 4 to 5pm. Ages 10 to 13 – 5 to 6pm.

The program is directed by Mitch Winkler. Mitch has been tennis director for the Haddonfield Tennis Association for over 20 years and was inducted into the Inaugural Class of the South Jersey Tennis Hall of Fame in 2021. He is a former *Philadelphia Inquirer* SJ High School Coach of the Year.

For additional information, contact Mitch at 856-428-8541 or *mwinkler5@verizon.net.*

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It's outta here!

› During the 1926 World Series, Babe Ruth promised Johnny Sylvester, an ailing boy from New Jersey, that he'd knock a homer for him.

In Game 4, Ruth made good on his promise.

From 6 to 8pm on **Thu Mar 27,** Johnny Silvester's great nephew will be in the Borough Hall auditorium for a screening of his documentary *I'll Knock a Homer for You: The Timeless Story of Johnny Sylvester and Babe Ruth.*

A question-and-answer period will follow the screening. Admission is free, but registration is required by email to Sheri Siegel *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov* or by phone: 856-354-8789.

The last man

› The two remaining members of American Legion Post 38's Last Man's Club for World War II – Don Beck and Tom Reilly – will be saluted during the Club's annual dinner at Tavistock Country Club on **Tue Apr 8,** as will those who passed since last year's gathering.

See page 12 for details.



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Town Dinner set for Apr 9

Each year for the past 85 years, the Haddonfield Civic Association – founded in 1911 – has honored a resident or organization with an award recognizing service to the community.

Known since 1979 as the Alfred E. Driscoll Community Service Award – named for a former Haddonfield commissioner and governor of New Jersey – the award this year will be presented to Lisa Wolschina at the annual Town Dinner, on **Wed Apr 9.**

Also at the dinner, three Memorial High School students will receive scholarships: the Bradshaw Literary Award, the Quanci Visual Arts Award, and the Kaufmann Performing Arts Award.

The event will be held at Tavistock Country Club. Cocktails at 6pm; dinner at 7pm. Tickets are $70 and may be purchased online by scanning the QR ■ (bit.ly/3QrgiSk).

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Cover Story

Step out in style: Casino Night!

› If you're feeling lucky and itching to risk a few dollars on the spin of a wheel, there's no need to go to Atlantic City. Head instead to The Haddon Fortnightly's clubhouse, 6:30pm to 10:30pm on **Sat Apr 5,** for a Denim and Diamonds Casino Night that will offer classic casino games, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music, and fabulous raffle baskets.

A live auction will include a set of author-signed books; a chef-prepared, four-course meal for six, in your home; and a pair of lab-created diamond earrings (1.5 carats total weight in "martini-style" 14k white gold settings), valued at $1,150 – donated by Haddonfield Fine Jewelers.

Proceeds will benefit the fund for the restoration and preservation of the Fortnightly's historic building on the corner of Kings Hwy E and Grove Street. Constructed in 1857 as a Methodist Church, the building is listed on both the State and National Historical Site Registers. As the clubhouse for The Haddon Fortnightly, it has played a pivotal role in Haddonfield's social, educational, and philanthropic history. But it is in urgent need of structural renovations, historical preservation, and improved ADA accessibility.

Tickets are $55 online – an early-bird discount for those who register in advance – and $75 at the door. Go here – bit.ly/4i4IZjQ – or scan the QR code ■.

Dress in your favorite denim and flashiest bling!

Tix for **CASINO NIGHT**

Shoes, shoes,

› If you're into shoes – aren't we all? – you'll want to make tracks to Greenfield Hall (home of the Historical Society) to view a new exhibit: "240 Years of Women's Footwear."

Each pair displayed is accompanied by historical and educational information. The parts of a shoe and a shoe-style timeline are among the topics explained. You'll also learn about trades using leather, and what a "shoe last" is.

The exhibit will run thru **Sat Jun 7.**

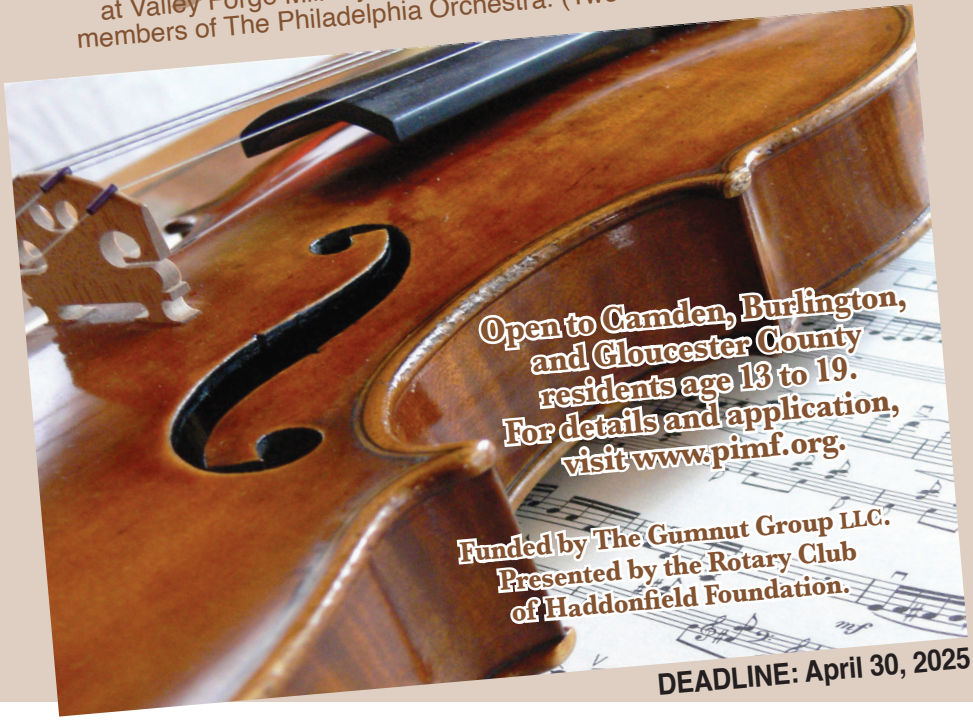
Greenfield Hall is open to visitors on Mon, Wed, and Thu from 1 to 4pm, and by appointment.

For more information: *info@haddonfieldhistory.org* or call 856-429-7375.

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› During April the Borough relaxes the rules on what can be placed for pick-up as trash, so clean out your attics, basements, garages, and yards!

This year's annual Spring Clean-Up will take place on regular trash days between **Mon Mar 31** and **Fri Apr 25.**

All items placed curbside must meet the requirements for proper placement of trash. Details on the Borough's website. Scan the QR ■.

Trucks also will pick up leaves and other yard debris. Note that leaves may be placed between the curb and the sidewalk without being in containers. The chipper will run the first and third weeks; the leaf machine the second and fourth weeks.

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- The significance for the Borough of Haddonfield of the date Apr 6, 1875 (150 years ago)?
- The address of the residence that is at the geographic center of Haddonfield?
- The location of Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh's grave?

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

› DID YOU KNOW?

- Property taxes can be paid online. Go to wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0417. The next due date is Thu May 1.
- Guided tours of the Indian King Tavern Museum are free and are available Wed thru Sat 10am to 12n and 1 to 4pm, and Sun 1 to 4pm. Call ahead for group tours: 856- 429-6792.
- The owners of dogs over six months old and of cats over seven months old (or with a set of permanent teeth, if younger) are required to have them "registered, numbered, and licensed" by the Borough.
- Each Tuesday, Acme Markets gives a 5% discount to shoppers – age 60 and up – who ask for it.

DEADLINES

Both editorial and ads:

- HT163 – Fri Mar 14 Deadline: **Tue Mar 11**
- HT164 – Fri Apr 4 Deadline: **Tue Apr 1**
- HT165 – Fri Apr 25 Deadline: **Tue Apr 22**
- HT166 – Fri May 16 Deadline: **Tue May 13**
- HT167 – Fri Jun 6 Deadline: **Tue Jun 3**

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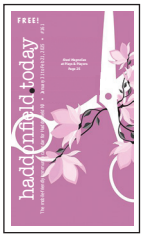
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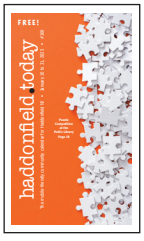
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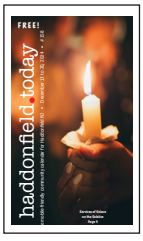
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The Last Word



At "The Bancroft Saga," the fat lady is in the wings

By David J. Hunter, publisher

Advocates for losing causes often quote Winston Churchill to buoy their spirits and rally their supporters: "Never give in – never, never, never, never."

That quote, and sentiments similar to it, have been posted in local online forums recently with respect to – what else? – Bancroft.

Those who favor developing the property as open space, or just building ten Affordable units, or "going back to square one," or ... whatever ... invariably fail to include the rest of the quote: "... except to convictions of honour and good sense."

What Churchill said, quite clearly, was that no matter how passionately you believe in a cause, and no matter how hard or how long you fight for it, sometimes you need to accept that you're not going to win and that the sensible thing to do is move on.

That's the point we've arrived at with respect to Bancroft.

Why? Because, Ben Franklin (whom Churchill admired) could have observed: "... in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death, taxes, and in New Jersey the Draconian consequences of a builder's remedy lawsuit."

A what?

It's imperative that Haddonfield residents who have even the slightest curiosity about what's happening with the Bancroft site should understand that what's at stake right now extends way beyond the boundaries of that site. What's at stake is the very character of our community – for generations to come.

Why? Because unless the commissioners take certain court-ordered* actions on or before May 12, it is virtually certain that Haddonfield will find itself on the losing end of builder's remedy lawsuits that will allow developers to build hundreds of residential units, including scores of Affordable Housing units, throughout our town.

Potential sites include not only Bancroft but also the former Archer & Greiner site, the former Kingsway Learning Center site, and the former Rite Aid site. Instead of about 100 units at Bancroft, we could get 300, with no consideration for the resulting impact on infrastructure, traffic, or enrollment at the public schools.

The Borough would lose all control over the zoning of the property, including density, setbacks, building heights, lot coverage, green space, etc. Further, the Borough could be held liable for attorneys' fees and the costs of infrastructure upgrades (sewer and water systems, for example) and road improvements.

"How could Haddonfield have gotten itself into such an awful situation?" I hear you ask. I could answer – it would be at length – but frankly, there's no point. The fact is, we're in an awful situation and, like it or not, the Borough has no choice but to do what the court will likely order it to do, or suffer the consequences.

What's the status?

During their work session on March 10, the commissioners complied with the draft order* submitted to the court on March 7 and held a de novo (fresh) review of the nine proposals they received in August 2023 in response to the Borough's request for qualifications and proposals for a housing development on the Bancroft site.

Commissioner Siedell presented a detailed analysis and scoring of each proposal. After commenting, all three commissioners voted to designate Woodmont Properties of Fairfield NJ as the conditional redeveloper for the Bancroft property.

The commissioners also authorized Borough officials and consultants to negotiate the terms of a redevelopment agreement between the Borough and Woodmont. The draft order requires the commissioners to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of both the redevelopment agreement and a purchase and sale agreement on or before March 24.

On or before April 1, the Planning Board is required to provide its recommendations with respect to any necessary amendments to the redevelopment plan for the site. The commissioners are required to adopt any amendments to the plan on or before April 28. Finally, the order requires the Borough to submit to counsel for Fair Share Housing Center all relevant and required documents on or before May 12.

The Last Word

The bottom line?

If the Borough fails to comply with the requirements of the court order, "the Borough's immunity from Builder's Remedy lawsuits shall be immediately revoked pursuant to this Order and any developer shall be entitled to bring suit."*

For those who say, "There's got to be a way out of this!" Or "Can't we appeal? Or "Never, never, never, never give up," note this, from the website of the Township of Randolph NJ: "... it is nearly impossible to find a New Jersey municipality that prevailed in a builder's remedy lawsuit."

Note also what Commissioner Siedell said about his interactions, at last year's League of Municipalities annual conference, with elected officials of several towns that failed to meet their Affordable Housing obligations and that were promptly served with builder's remedy lawsuits as a result: "They cried like babies."

What's next?

It's likely that negotiations between the Borough and Woodmont Properties will result in an agreement to proceed with the scaled-down plan that Woodmont presented to the Borough early in February. It provides for the construction of 98 rental units (including 12 Affordable Housing units) in three buildings on 6 acres of the 13.15-acre site, allowing the Borough to develop the remaining 7.15 acres as open space.



Woodmont offered to pay $4.3 million for the land and to provide $250,000 for the reconstruction of Hopkins Lane from Kings Hwy E to the bridge. They will rehabilitate two of the three historic structures on the site and carry out all required investigations related to the site and its development, including environmental, historic, traffic, and school-enrollment studies.

"The Bancroft Saga" – a tragicomedy of epic proportions, exorbitant costs, and many more acts and scenes than the Haddonfield audience should have had to endure during the past 20 years – is drawing to a close.

The fat lady is in the wings, and **will** sing on May 12.

Churchill tells us it's time to move on.

As I noted previously in this column, the task for residents who are willing to think and act positively about Bancroft is to help make the Woodmont development the best it can be.

In their proposal, the developer made a specific commitment:

It would be our intent with the design to include community viewpoints and perspectives on the character of the overall resultant development, while ensuring a viable and successful development. We will provide an open design process with lots of "sunshine" to ensure community input and compatibility with the vision of a multitude of voices within Haddonfield.

Time will tell not only whether Woodmont will honor that commitment, but also whether the three commissioners who will be elected on May 13 – at least one of whom will be a fresh face – will be more open to involving the community in this project than the current and past administrations have been.

Such engagement, by both Woodmont and the Borough, will go a long way to helping our community put the past behind us and focus on the future.

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* Following a case management conference on February 27, 2025, Fair Share Housing Center submitted a proposed Form of Order, consented to by both parties, to Superior Court Judge Sherri L. Schweitzer on March 7. At press time, to the best of our knowledge, the judge had not yet signed the Consent Order. The commissioners appear to have assumed that it will be signed, and have proceeded accordingly.

The most frequent and reliable sources of information about Bancroft – and many other goings-on in town, for that matter – are *The Retrospect* (a weekly newspaper) and *NJPen.com.* We commend them to our readers.

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