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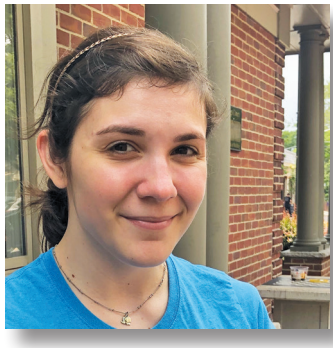
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The Word on the Street

It's the end of the school year, and lots of kids are going on bus trips.

If you were planning a school bus trip in South Jersey, where would you take the kids, and why?

For technical reasons, we're reprising a previous Word on the Street.





***RON,** who lives in Burlington, would head for the Camden Aquarium. "We go all the time and love it," he says. At the Aquarium, kids can learn about "all the sea life they can't see at the shore."*

*"The Pine Barrens," says **REBECCA TURNER** of Audubon. "It's a hidden gem in South Jersey that most people don't usually visit."*



***CLAUDIA WATSON** of Haddonfield says, "The Beach! They could learn about conservation and have fun."*

*Haddonfield's **JESSE ORLANDO** is a fan of Wheaton Village. "They have a terrific museum and glass blowing demonstrations," he says. "The history of commerce in New Jersey, for all to see."*





*"Batsto would be a great trip, or any farm where they could go berry-picking, says Audubon's **ANGELINA SOSI.**"It's always good to give the kids a hands-on experience."*



*Mike Lepore of Haddonfield says that **MARCO**, age 2, would jump right on a bus to Storybook Land in Egg Harbor Township. "He and his brother love it."*

Skirmish is just part of a full day of activities

› Fleeing from the British in 1777, the NJ Assembly met in session at Haddonfield's Indian King Tavern and declared that the "Colony" of New Jersey would henceforth be the State of New Jersey. They also adopted the state seal.

British and American forces both encamped at Haddonfield or marched through the town at various times during the war. Lafayette was among leaders of the Revolution known to have stayed in Haddonfield.

At 1:30pm on **Sat Jun 7**, a skirmish between British and Colonial forces that actually took place in Haddonfield will be re-enacted on Kings Hwy E, in front of the Indian King Tavern Museum. It will be the culmination of a full day of events and activities that will highlight the role that residents of Haddonfield and the region played in the Revolutionary War.

Full details of the program are in the *Indian King Gazette*, available downtown and online ■.

Read the **INDIAN KING GAZETTE** on your smartphone or tablet:

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Art – and more – this summer

› The Markeim Arts Center is offering a wide variety of classes this summer, for adults, teens, and kids.

Clay classes include:

• Adult Clay Workshop: Lidded Casseroles – Sun Jun 8, 4 to 6pm. For intermediate to advanced teens and adults. Instructor: Ryan Sickles.

• Dad and Me Wheel Throwing – Sat Jun 14, 1 to 2pm and 2 to 3pm. (Ages 6 and up. Kids must be accompanied by their "Dad.")

• Clay Workshop: Ceramic House Numbers – Mon July 14, 6 to 8pm. Adults/teens. Instructor: Patti Dirscherl

• Teen Wheel Throwing Thu Jul 10, 17, 24, 31, 3 to 5:30pm. Instructor: Jen Coelho.

• Kids Wheel Throwing Wed Jul 23, 30, Aug 6, 13; 2 to 4pm. Ages 8 to 12. Instructor: Miss Patti.

• Foundations of Pottery Wed Jun 25, Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13; 7 to 9:30pm. Adults & Teens Instructor: Patti Dirscherl.

The Markeim is also offering a number of fitness classes:

• Tai Chi – 8 weeks from Mon Jun 9, with Jack Poupard.

• Yoga for adults and teens – 8 weeks from Mon Jun 9, with Gwen Harrison.

• Pilates for adults and teens – 7 weeks from Mon Jun 10, with Sue Heindel.

To see the full menu of classes – and to sign up! – go to *markeimartscenter.org/classes.*

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Strawberry Fest at Mabel Kay

› Haddon Grange #38 will hold its annual Strawberry Festival at the Mabel Kay Senior Center (24 Walnut Street) on **Thu Jun 12** from 6 to 8pm.

All are invited to enjoy fresh local strawberries with cake and whipped cream. Admission is free!

The event is held at the Senior Center because for many years it was the headquarters of Haddon Grange #38, chartered in 1874.

National Grange strengthens individuals, families, and communities through service, education, grassroots advocacy, and agricultural awareness.

Registration will be appreciated, to facilitate catering, here – bit.ly/4mixibS – or scan the QR ■.

Register for **STRAW-BERRY FESTIVAL**

Blood Drive

› The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the First Presbyterian Church on **Wed Jun 11** from 2 to 7pm.

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The schedule for the program, which is held at the Lutheran Church is:

- Children's Choir (entering 3rd to 5th grades) – 5:30 to 6:30pm
- Concert Choir (entering 6th-12th grades) – 6:20 to 8pm
- Cantate Singers (entering 6th-12th grades, by audition) – 6:20 to 8:30pm

The program will end on **Fri Aug 22** with an evening performance at a Trenton Thunder baseball game.

To register, go to *childrensong.org* or scan the QR ■.

Questions? Email Polly Murray: *pmurray@childrensong.org*.

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› it's time to think about summer. And Haddonfield's Fourth of July parade.

If you love that summer tradition, the Celebrations Association (which organizes the parade) asks you to help keep the spirit alive, by donating now to the fund that pays for the bands.

Contributions can be mailed to PO Box 15, Haddonfield NJ 08033, or made online at *HaddonfieldCelebrations.org*.

The all-volunteer Association also plans, funds, and presents the Halloween Parade and the Tree Lighting ceremony and Santa Parade on the day after Thanksgiving.

Every dollar helps keep the tradition alive!

'shrooms 101

› The topic for the speaker at the Garden Club's meeting on **Tue Jun 10** will be "Mushroom Mania."

Dorothy Smullen is a past president of the NJ Mycological Association. (Mycology is the branch of biology concerned with the study of fungi.)

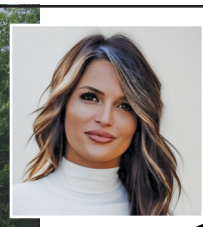
The meeting will be held at Grace Church (19 Kings Hwy E). Social and refreshments from 12n; program at 12:30pm.

A teacher/naturalist at the NJ Audubon Society, the speaker also is a former board member of the Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Guests are welcome; admission is free.

The Garden club meets on the second Tuesday of each month.





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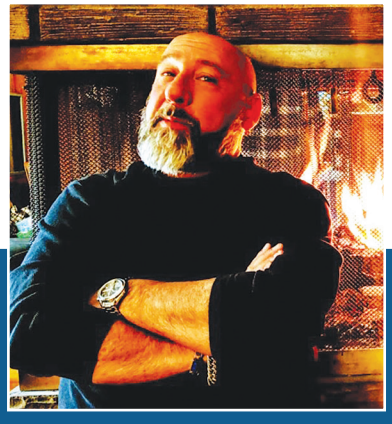


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Library invites all to "Color Our World"

› The Public Library's Summer Reading Program – for kids, teens, and adults – will begin on **Wed Jun 18.**

Children's reading logs may be picked up at the circulation desk in the Children's Department from that date.

Challenges for teens and adults will be activated on that day on Beanstack.

A "Mess-tival" for those age 3 to 17 on **Thu Jun 26** will use this year's theme. Color Our World will explore a variety, messy, colorful, creative, and entertaining activities:

- Splatter Art – Fling paint like Pollock and let your imagination fly!
- Sand Art – Layer vibrant sand into mini masterpieces.
- Water Ice – Cool off with a sweet, frosty treat.
- Community Art Project – Help create a one-of-a-kind collaborative art project that will brighten our space all summer long.

Art Lab will introduce teens to famous artists in "Color for a Cause," a drop-in series of four sessions. The group will be encouraged to create art for Cathedral Kitchen and Cradles to Crayons.

Prizes for teens will include an art basket, a music basket, and a Lego kit. For adults, the grand prize is a pottery session at the Markeim Arts Center for up to eight people. (There will be weekly drawings with a chance to win gift cards donated by Haddonfield businesses.)

The Summer Reading Challenge will end on **Sun Aug 31.** Children can drop off their completed logs and receive reward coupons any time through the summer. Winners of the teen and adult prizes will be notified in September.

The sponsors of this year's Reading Challenge include Acme Markets, Double Nickel Brewing Company, King's Road Brewing Company, William Heritage Winery, and the Friends of the Library.

Learn more and register here – haddonfieldlibrary.org/summer-reading – or scan the QR code ■.

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› Local business owners are invited to gather at King's Road Brewing Company on the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30am to chat, make connections, discuss resources, etc.

Questions? Email *HaddonfieldNetwork@gmail.com.* 215-850-9284

Dance the night away

› That's what scores of singles and couples do every Sunday night in the Grace Church auditorium, courtesy of Dance Haddonfield.

Join them!

The evening begins at 6pm with an Intermediate Lesson.

Throughout June, it will be Bachata, a popular Latin dance characterized by its close partner connection, sensual hip movements, and a distinct rhythm and tempo.

The instructors will be Noel and Jessica Rodrigues.

Beginner Lessons follow at 6:45pm.

On **Sun Jun 8**, Night Club Two-Step will be taught by George Davis.

Thereafter:

- **Sun Jun 15 –** Merengue
- **Sun Jun 22 –** Waltz
- **Sun Jun 29 –** Samba

Open Dancing from 7:30 to 10pm.

The admission fee ($10) includes Beginner Lesson, Open Dancing, and food from China King. The fee for the Intermediate Lesson is an additional $5.

DanceHaddonfield.org





Thank you!

To all who supported my successful campaign for a seat on the Haddonfield Board of Commissioners ... thank you!

I am looking forward to working collaboratively and productively with my fellow commissioners, in service to our community.

I plan to be at the Borough Hall on Wednesdays from 12n to 2pm, and will welcome visits from residents and business owners. Most Fridays, I stop by Saxbys for an hour, from 8:30am.

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If you'd like to learn a little more about me, my background, and my views on municipal government, I suggest:

■ A May 7, 2025 interview with Chadd Levine, a founder of Haddonfield Safe. This video has been viewed over 2,800 times. bit.ly/3Z9PBWY

■ A May 30, 2025 story published by *USA Today*: "Former federal worker elected to New Jersey local office after leaving DOGE office." bit.ly/45lOF5V

■ **STOP PRESS** – A June 2, 2025 story on MSNBC's *The 11th Hour with Stephanie Ruhle*. bit.ly/4dK3BN8

Creative writing for seniors

› Elinor Mattern teaches creative writing and has had poems and prose published in literary magazines and newspapers. A visual artist who has exhibited her photographs and paintings, she also speaks on many aspects of creativity and culture.

On **Tue Jun 24,** from 1 to 3pm, she will conduct a writing seminar at the Mabel Kay Senior Center. It will include activities and discussion about meaningful ways to develop creative potential and have fun in retirement.

The fee is $15 payable directly to the instructor on the day. Sign-ups are required, at ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov or 856-354-8789.

Register for **SUMMER CAMP**

Art camp

› The Markeim Arts Center is accepting registrations for its summer camp for kids ages 5 to 12.

The camp will run for nine weeks from **Mon Jun 23** thru **Fri Aug 22 –** 9am to 12:30pm.

To register, scan the QR ■ in the margin or go to bit.ly/4gKx1KY.

Rotary congratulates our 2025 Scholarship recipients



At Tavistock Country Club on May 22, 2025, scholarships valued at $2,000 each were awarded to ten senior students from area high schools. Back Row from left: **Leo Davis** (Audubon), **Sinjin Spellmeyer** (Haddonfield), **Harmony Bronson** (Creative Arts Academy), **Kealah Glover** (Urban Promise Academy). Front Row: **Shaleah Navarro** (Creative Arts Academy), **Connor Mollis** (Haddonfield), **Mary Millenbach** (Paul VI), **Lindsey Cummins** (Haddonfield), **Ian Mazzei** (Haddonfield), **Angel Lagares** (Camden Academy Charter). Back Row, third from left: **Mountai Line** Voorhees Middle School (Alice Downs Scholarship for Young Violinists).

Each year, the Rotary Club of Haddonfield Foundation provides financial assistance to deserving students in Camden County who are planning to further their education in a university, college, or vocational setting. Since first making its awards in 2002, the Foundation has provided more than 175 scholarships with a total value of over $330,000.

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

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Major award for Middle School Teacher

On June 12, during this year's American Legion Department of NJ convention in Wildwood, the Department will honor Haddonfield Middle School teacher **Travis Thomas** with its New Jersey Educator of the Year Award.

The annual award recognizes an educator who has demonstrated leadership and participation in promoting American Legion Americanism programs, civic responsibility, flag etiquette, and patriotism, and who has gone above and beyond their assigned duties in supporting these values.

Mr. Thomas has organized the Middle School's participation in Veteran's Day activities for many years, and this recognition by the NJ Legion is appropriate, timely, and well-deserved.



Travis Thomas (rear); Vice Commanders Bill Polise and Sam Romanelli and Post 38 Commander Rodney Thomas.

Flag Day Celebration at Borough Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 IS FLAG DAY in the United States. Haddonfield will mark the occasion with a celebration on the steps of the Borough Hall, hosted by CBS3 weekday morning news anchor Jim Donovan.

A program of music, dance, and art, from 12:30 to 1:30pm, will be followed by a dramatic reading, musical entertainment, and salute to the flag from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

The event is being sponsored by the Haddonfield Civic Association and Post 38.

All are welcome, especially current and former members of the United States Army – the oldest branch of the US Armed Forces – which will celebrate its 250th anniversary on June 14.



It's Flag-Flying Season!

Mark these dates on your calendar and fly the American flag with pride!

- **Saturday, June 14** – Flag Day
- **Friday, July 4** – Independence Day
- **Monday, September 1** – Labor Day

Got old, torn, faded flags?

Flags that are no longer in a condition to be flown should not be thrown away as trash. They should be retired honorably. If you have a flag that is torn, tattered, or faded, you may deposit in is the special box in front of Post 38 (Veterans Lane, between Euclid and Redman Avenues) or take it to the Fire House (Haddon Avenue). From time to time, Post 38 conducts a flag retirement ceremony during which unserviceable flags are burned.

Curious about the right (and wrong) ways to fly the flag of the United States? Go here – bit.ly/3HAPZaU – or scan the QR code ■ for details.

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Another election

› New Jersey's primary elections will be held on **Tue Jun 10.** Polls will be open from 6am to 8pm.

There are contested races for governor in both Democratic and Republican parties. The Democrats have fielded six candidates: Sean Spiller, Steve Sweeney, Mikie Sherrill, Steven Fulop, Ras J. Baraka, and Josh Gottheimer. The Republicans have fielded five: Jack Ciattarelli, Justin Barbera, Bill Spadea, Mario M. Kranjac, and Jon Bramnick.

There is also a contested Democratic primary for the State Assembly seat for the 6th legislative district, which includes Haddonfield. The candidates are Rebecca Holloway, Kevin Ryan, Louis D. Greenwald, and Melinda Kane. Greenwald and Kane are incumbents.

Elections for County Surrogate, Board of Commissioners, and Democratic County Committee are uncontested.

Ballots for those who are registered to vote by mail were mailed to voters several weeks ago. Ballots must be postmarked by 8pm on **Tue Jun 10.** (The Haddonfield Post Office closes at 5pm. Tip: Take your envelope inside to be postmarked.)

Alternatively, Vote by Mail ballots may be deposited in the secure box on the sidewalk in front of the Borough Hall up until 8pm on **Tue Jun 10.**

Sample ballots are available here – bit.ly/43u5NVG – or scan the QR code ■.

Grieving?

› A nationwide support group that comforts and helps those who have suffered a loss or who are grieving is offered at the First Baptist Church.

The group meets each Monday at 7pm. A new series of meetings will start on **Mon Jun 30** and run thru **Mon Sep 22.**

GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where participants will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal."

Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, participants will learn helpful ways of coping and dealing with unpredictability – and gain solid support each step of the way.

Learn more about the program and register at *GriefShare.org* or scan the QR code ■.

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Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Mon Aug 18	ChildrenSong's SummerSing (thru Thu Aug 21)
Sat Jul 12	Crafts & Fine Art Festival
Mon Nov 3	Fall Break at Public Schools (thru Fri Nov 7)
Tue Sep 2	First Day of Public School
Fri Jul 4	Independence Day Parade and Block Party
Mon Sep 1	Labor Day
Thu Aug 7	Sidewalk Sale (thru Sun Aug 10)
Thu Aug 7	Summer Street Feast
Sun Jul 20	Tri-State Jazz All-Stars
Wed Dec 24	Winter Break at Public Schools (thru Fri Jan 2)

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**

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Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Senior Citizen /MK **9**^{15}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Baby Bookworms /PL **10**^{15}**-10**^{45}
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11**^{15}**-12**
Baby Buddies /PL **12**^{30}**-2**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Commission Work Session /BH V **6**^{30}
LGBTQ Teen Meet-Up /PL **6-7**
American Legion Post 38 /HQ **7**^{30}

10 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

CLOSED (except as Polling Place)
Borough Hall, Mabel Kay Center
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Baby Bookworms /PL **10**^{15}**-10**^{45}
Garden Club /GC **12**
Storytime /PL **1-1**^{30}
Crafternoon /PL **1-2**
Open Play /PL **1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Library Author Talk /V **2-3**
Lego Club /PL **3-5**
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}

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Balance & Core /M
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Blood Drive /PC **2-**
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15 FATHER'S DAY

Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

16 CHIPPER WEEK

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Senior Citizens /MK **9**^{15}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Dance Party! /PL **9**^{45}**-10**^{15}
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11**^{15}**-12**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
PJ Story & Craft /PL **6**^{15}**-6**^{45}
Baccalaureate Service /BC **7**
Feed My Starving Children /KR **7**^{30}

17 HALF DAY Public Schools

Shade Tree /BH **8**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Open Play /PL **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Mindfulness Workshop /PL **11-12**
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}
Lego Club /PL **3-5**
Zoning /BH **7**
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}
Recreation /BH **8**

18 HAL SUM BEG

Balance & Core /M
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Line Dancing /MK
Bingo /MK **1-2**^{30}
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Memorial High Sch
/MHS **6**
Municipal Alliance
Mystery Book Club
Plays & Players /HP

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Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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BEGINS Markeim Summer Camp
Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Lego Duplo Club /PL **10-12**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11**^{15}**-12**
Lego Club /PL **1-3**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Adult Book Club /PL **6**^{30}**-8**
Commission /BH V **7**^{30}

24 *Haddonfield Today* Deadline

Library Trustees /PL **8**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Mr Bobby /PL **10-10**^{30}
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Senior Game Day /LC **12-3**
Storytime /PL **1-1**^{30}
Open Play /PL **1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Workshop: *Creative Retirement* /MK **1-3**
Living the Otter Life /V **4-5**
Evening Art /PL **6-7**^{30}

25

Balance & Core /M
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Summer Storytime
Coffee & Schmooze
Line Dancing /MK
Something to Chev
Art Lab /PL **1-2**
Bingo /MK **1-2**^{30}
Film Series: *Sci-Fi* /
Rotary Annual Din
YA for Adults Book
Environmental /BH

110	110 Rhoads Ave	CF	Centennial Field	GH	Greenfield Hall	IKT	Indian King Tavern Museum	KR	King's Road Brewing Co	MC	
BC	Baptist Church	DT	Downtown	HL	Haddy Lane	JJ	Jersey Java	LC	Lutheran Church	MHS	
BH	Borough Hall	GC	Grace Church	HQ	Post 38, 129 Veterans Lane	KC	Kings Court	MAC	Markeim Arts Center	MK	

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Thursday

Open Hours

Acme M-S 7-10, Su 7-9
Borough Hall M-F 8[30]-4[30]
CVS M-F 9-9, S 9-7, Su 12-5
Pharmacy M-F 9-9, S 9-5, Su 12-5
Pharmacy is closed 1[30]-2
Greenfield Hall M W Th 1-4
Archives Center: Call 856-429-7375
Indian King Tavern Museum
W Th F S 10-12, 1-4, Su 1-4
Post Office M-F 8[30]-4[30], S 9-1
Public Library M T Th 10-8,
W F 10-5, S 10-2, Su 12-4

Friday

06 *Haddonfield Today*

Donut Day Party /PL **10-10[30]**
Mini Macrame Plant Hanger /PL **10-5**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**

Saturday

07 JUN

HADDONFIELD SKIRMISH
Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Household Hazardous Waste Collection /L **8[30]-3**
Breakfast with the Troops /PC **9**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
History Walking Tours /GH **10, 12**
The Clash! /DT **11**
The Skirmish! /IKT **1[30]**
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K **9[15]-10**
e /MK **10-12**
Home Craft /PL
2[15]
w On /MK **12[30]-2**
PL **1[30]-4[45]**
7
/PL **3[45]-4[30]**
BH **7**
on /BH **7[30]**

12

Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Art (Beginners) /MK **9-12**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Art (Advanced) /MK **12-3**
Storytime /PL **1-1[30]**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
Trivia for Seniors /MK **2-3[30]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Strawberry Festival /MK **6-8**
Board of Education /MHS **7**

13

Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12[30]**
Black Haddonfield Walking Tour / CF **12-1**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**

14 FLAG DAY

Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Dragon Take-Home Craft /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Flag Day Art Program /BH **12[30]-1[30]**
Flag Day Ceremony /BH **1[30]-2[30]**
Black Haddonfield Narratives /KR **4-5**
Black Haddonfield Barbecue & Dance Party /HL **6-8**

F DAY
MER READING
INS
K **9[15]-10**
e /MK **10-12**
12[30]-2
2[15]
hool Graduation
/BH **7**
/PL **7-8**
PP **7[30]**

19 JUNETEENTH HALF DAY

Business Networking /KR **7[30]-8[30]**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Art (Beginners) /MK **9-12**
Juneteenth Take-Home Craft /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]**
Lions Club /TCC **6[15]**

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CLOSED Board of Education
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Open Play /PL **10-12**
Open Play /PL **12-2**
Thift Shop /GC **10-4**
Family Session: *Colonial Surveyor* / IKT **10[30]-11[30]**
Adult Session: *Colonial Surveyor* / IKT **1-3**

K **9[15]-10**
e /GH **10-10[30]**
e /MK **10-12**
12[30]-2
w On /MK **12[30]-2**
PL **1[30]-4[45]**
ner /TCC **6**
Club /MB **6[30]-7[30]**
7

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Art (Beginners) /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Art (Advanced) /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Trivia for Seniors /MK **2-3[30]**
Summer Reading Mess-tival /PL **3[30]-6[30]**

27 *Haddonfield Today*

Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
4th of July Take-Home Craft /PL **10-5**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Scrabble /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Open Play /PL **10-12**
Open Play /PL **12-2**
Thift Shop /GC **10-4**

Methodist Church
Memorial High School
Mabel Kay Senior Center
PC Presbyterian Church
PL Public Library
TCC Tavistock Country Club
V Virtual

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Cool off

› As the weather warms up, Sheri Siegel of the Mabel Kay Senior Center reminds residents that the building – a designated cooling center – will be open from 9am to 4:30pm on days when the temperature is expected to exceed 85 degrees.

"Come in and cool off ... with a jigsaw puzzle!"

Monday with the mayor

› Mayor Dave Siedell invites residents and business owners to chat with him about municipal matters of interest and concern at Jersey Java – most Mondays, from 7 to 9am-ish.

"No agenda. No speeches. Just coffee and conversation. Ready to listen, talk about what's going on in town, and connect with residents in a relaxed, informal setting.

"Stop by on your way to work or school – and let's keep building a stronger Haddonfield together."

Incidentally, videos of commissioner meetings are now available on the Borough's YouTube channel: *youtube.com/@boroughofhaddonfield7313*.

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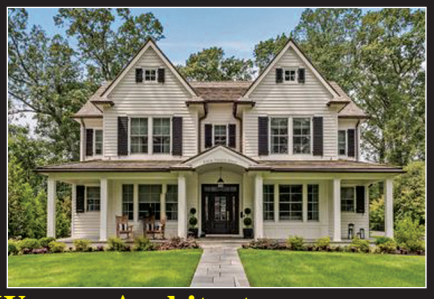
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Celebrating Juneteenth

› Several activities are being planned in association with Juneteenth:

• Walking Tour – **Fri Jun 13** from 12n to 1pm.

A powerful and enlightening journey through Haddonfield's lesser-known yet deeply significant African-American heritage.

Sponsored by the Preserving Black Haddonfield History Project, the tour will visit 12 sites that celebrate the lives, contributions, and legacies of the town's Black residents, their descendants, local businesses, and community institutions.

Suggested cash donation: $10 at the start of the tour.

Location: Centennial Field (Lincoln Ave).

Register here – bit.ly/4klVJDZ – ■.

• *Narratives from Historic Haddonfield's African-American Community* – **Sat Jun 14** from 4 to 5pm.

A new docuseries that amplifies the voices and stories of Haddonfield's Black residents.

Location: King's Road Brewing Company.

Register here – bit.ly/4kTwzN3 – or ■.

• Community Barbeque and Sadie Hawkins Dance Party – **Sat Jun 14** from 6 to 8pm.

Move, groove, and eat well at this vibrant, family-friendly celebration of music, dance, and heritage inspired by the spirit of American Bandstand.

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Location: Haddy Lane.

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› The popular fitness classes that Sue Heindel runs at the Presbyterian Church will continue thru **Thu Jul 24**.

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- Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:15 to 10am: Sculpt & Tone.

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Contact Sue for details and fees: *sueheindel@gmail.com or* 609-238-5468.

Proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Preschool.

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

- **Ronald P. Sandmeyer, 95** May 23, 2025
- **Claire Evelyn Callista, 102** May 8, 2025
- **William Arthur Chalbert, 78** May 2, 2025
- **Helen B. Ade, 87** May 3, 2025
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Art, crafts to return in July

› Sponsored by Subaru, the 31st annual Haddonfield Crafts and Fine Art Festival will be held in Downtown Haddonfield on **Sat Jul 12** (11am to 7pm) and **Sun Jul 13** (10am to 5pm).

As in the past, the festival will feature more than 200 artists showcasing the best of fine art and craft from the region and beyond.

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.

This year, artists will be invited to compete in a Celebrate Haddy contest, showcasing their unique take on Haddonfield's famous dinosaur.

Those attending will be able to visit artist booths, restaurants, and shops along Kings Hwy between Washington and Haddon Aves, on Tanner Street, and in Kings Court, where an Emerging Artists area will be located.

It will feature several new artists working in various mediums, including student glass blowers from Salem Community College, student ceramics artists from Camden County College, and work by artists from the Perkins Center for the Arts' Pottery Associates Program and the Markeim Art Center (with a dinosaur-themed make-and-take craft station for kids).

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For seniors ...

› A popular program at the Mabel Kay Senior Center – Something to Chew On – has some interesting programs on its schedule, all from 12:30 to 2pm.

• • **Wed Jun 11 –** Chiropractor Shari Saluck: "It's about more than just back-cracking!" Chiropractic is good for posture, balance, sleep, anxiety, jaw tightness, and so on.

• **Wed Jun 25 –** Mayor Dave Siedell will discuss the state of the Borough, and answer questions about municipal programs and services.

Attendance is free for Haddonfield residents; $3 for non-residents.

Registration is required, for catering purposes and because there is a limit to the number of people who can be accommodated.

Call 856-354-8789 or email *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov* on or before the Monday prior.

› Is your noggin filled with obscure knowledge? Trivia with Jay at the Mabel Kay Senior Center – second and fourth Thursdays from 2 to 3:30pm – is for you!

All seniors are welcome. The winning team gets a Dollar Tree prize and $3 in Mabel Money.

And bragging rights!

› Retired men are invited to stop by the 65 Club on Tuesday mornings for Coffee and Conversation.

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Commission meetings

› Haddonfield commissioners meet twice each month, in the Borough Hall auditorium.

A work session is held on the second Monday at 6pm. An action meeting is held on the fourth Monday at 7:30pm.

Agendas are posted on the Borough's website – *haddonfieldnj.org* – on the Friday afternoon prior.

All are welcome. Time for public questions and comments is provided at each meeting.

Video of each meeting is posted on the Borough's YouTube channel, here – *youtube.com/@boroughofhaddonfield7313* – within 48 hours of the meeting.

Graduation

› A Baccalaureate Service in honor of this year's Memorial High School graduates will be held at the First Baptist Church on **Mon Jun 16** at 7 pm.

All are welcome.

The graduation ceremony will take place at the High School on **Wed Jun 18** at 6pm.

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Recent Issues

The return of Fall Festival?

For many years, a Fall Festival on a Saturday in downtown Haddonfield provided a valued opportunity for Haddonfield's non-profit organizations to connect with the community.

Haddonfield nonprofits, sports organizations, Borough boards and commissions, and the School District set up tables and exhibits on the Kings Highway sidewalks, providing information to passers-by about their activities and programs, recruiting members, and selling merchandise.

Sponsored by the Borough, the festival included a craft festival on Tanner Street that helped draw many thousands of visitors from near and far.

Several years ago, the Borough decided to try a different approach, and dispensed with the long-established format. Unfortunately, the changes were less than successful.

Recently, the Haddonfield Lions Club stepped up and offered to organize a Fall Festival, along the traditional lines, in downtown Haddonfield on **Sat Oct 4.** The basic concept is in place. The next step is to receive a green light from the new board of commissioners.

Haddonfield-based non-profit organizations that are interested in participating in Fall Festival are asked to send their key contact's name, email, and phone to Jo Pecorelli: jpecorelli@verizon.net ... without delay. And stay tuned.

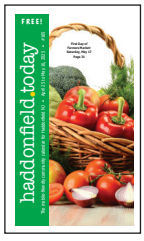
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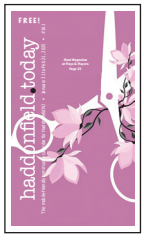
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Election Recap

Borough Commission election

› The quadrennial election for Haddonfield's Board of Commissioners was held on **Tue May 13.** Four candidates were on the ballot for three seats with concurrent, four-year terms.

The successful candidates were Dave Siedell, Frank Troy, and Itir Cole. By tradition, the candidate who receives the largest number of votes – in this case, Dave Siedell – serves as the mayor.

Siedell, an incumbent, chose to continue as director of Revenue & Finance. Troy, also an incumbent and the former Public Works director, is now director of Public Affairs & Public Safety. Cole is the director of Public Works, Parks, & Public Property.

The new commissioners were sworn in on **Mon May 19.** Their first action meeting, on **Tue May 27,** included a ceremonial swearing-in and the formal assignment of departmental responsibilities.

The result of the election also became official on **Tue May 27.**

2025 VOTING	Votes	Margin	% of Voters	% of Votes
• Dave Siedell*	2,259		63.7%	25.9%
• Frank Troy*	2,199	60	62.0%	25.2%
• Itir Cole	2,058	141	58.0%	23.6%
• William C. Shanahan	2,009	49	56.7%	23.0%
• Write-in	208			

* Siedell and Troy were incumbents. Mayor Colleen Bianco Bezich, who had been a member of the Board of Commissioners for five-and-a-half years as director of Public Affairs & Public Safety, did not seek a new term.

COMPARISON	2025	2021	Difference	
• Registered voters	10,182	10,741	– 559	– 5.2%
• Voters participating	3,546	4,377	– 831	– 19.0%
• Votes cast	8,733	11,536	– 2,803	– 24.3%

One reason for the substantial difference in voter participation between 2021 and 2025 is that there were eight candidates in 2021, versus four in 2025. Also this year, there were no hot-button issues to galvanize the electorate or dramatically distinguish one candidate's positions from the others'.

Conjecture: A Party Push?

Republicans typically prefer voting at polling places to voting by mail. For Democrats, it's the opposite. [Pew Research Center]

For the In-person vote on **Tue May 13,** Troy won 7 of the 10 districts and tied 1. Siedell won 1. Shanahan won 1 and tied 1. (Vote by Mail votes cannot be broken down by district.)

Although Haddonfield elections are nonpartisan, the on-the-day numbers for Troy (a Republican) and Shanahan (a Democrat) suggest a last-minute get-out-the-vote push by their respective parties.

	Total	Mail		In-Person	
• Dave Siedell	2,259	1,484	65.7%	775	34.3%
• Frank Troy	2,199	1,319	60.0%	880	40.0%
• Itir Cole	2,058	1,422	69.0%	636	31.0%
• William C. Shanahan	2,009	1,325	66.0%	684	34.0%

Conjecture: A Late Surge?

Provisional votes typically are cast by registered voters who have mislaid their Vote by Mail ballots and who then go to their polling place to cast a provisional ballot there. The valid provisional votes recorded for the candidates were: Cole 73; Shanahan 65; Troy 60; Siedell 58.

The relatively high Vote by Mail and Provisional numbers for Cole suggest that she benefited from a late-in-the-campaign video interview hosted by Haddonfield Safe, which garnered over 1,000 views by the time polls closed.

Block party on the Fourth

› The Borough is making plans to sponsor a Fourth of July block party on Kings Hwy between the Speedline and Haddon Ave, from 12n to 3pm.

The event will feature live music, interactive games, activities, and food trucks. Be there!

Looking to volunteer?

› Feed My Starving Children is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger by sending nutritious, hand-packed meals to children in over 70 countries.

Each meal costs just 29 cents to produce, yet it can mean the difference between life and death for a child living in extreme poverty.

Since its founding, Feed My Starving Children has delivered over 3 billion meals – all funded and packed by volunteers.

On **Mon Jun 16** at 7:30pm, King's Road Brewing Co will host a meeting to discuss details of a Feed My Starving Children packing event planned for November in Haddonfield.

Drinks are on the house, but please register by email Bob Hochgertel – bob@kingsroadbrewing.com – so King's Road can get a headcount in advance.

In just two hours of packing, a group of volunteers can produce thousands of meals.

Do it!

Itir Cole's Open Door

› Commissioner Itir Cole will be at the Borough Hall each Wednesday from 12n to 2pm to meet with residents who have questions or concerns about Borough programs and services.

Also at Saxbys most Friday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30am.

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Haddonfield's new board of commissioners, eager to get to work

Borough YOUTUBE CHANNEL

› The three Borough commissioners elected on **Tue May 13** held their first meeting on **Tue May 27.** (Two meetings, actually – a work session and an action meeting). Dave Siedell was elected the mayor and Frank Troy was elected the deputy mayor.

They addressed members of the public present in the Borough Hall auditorium, and others watching via Zoom. A video of the meeting is available on the Borough's YouTube channel, here – bit.ly/4dF8Xcp – or scan the QR ■.



MAYOR DAVE SIEDELL
Director of Revenue & Finance

Good evening, everyone.
Before we dive in tonight, I want to take a moment to thank Mayor Colleen Bianco-Bezich for her service to Haddonfield. Over the past four years, Colleen has helped bring new energy to our downtown, making it a place where people want to gather and celebrate. Her work on securing grants helped make our new police station on Walnut a reality.

And maybe most importantly, she's been one of Haddonfield's biggest cheerleaders, always promoting our town and reminding people why it's such a special place to live. Thank you, Colleen, and good luck on your campaign for Camden County Commissioner. Having someone at the next level that understands the needs of towns like Haddonfield can only benefit Haddonfield's relationship with the county.

I also want to recognize the new team, including Frank Troy and Itir Cole. Your three commissioners are ready to get to work. We're committed to working together as one administration, and our goal of keeping Haddonfield moving forward, and doing it side by side with our community.

A special thank you to our friends from our boards and commissions for coming out tonight. Your support and willingness to do the hard work makes it all work!

I'd like to recognize those from the county, the state, and neighboring towns who are here tonight. We truly value your partnership, and we're excited to keep working together, not just for Haddonfield, but to help our whole region stay strong and grow in the right direction.

And finally, I'll say this honestly… we're new. We're going to be learning, adjusting, and making some changes to how things run. We just ask for a little patience while we find the rhythm that works best for us and for the town.

Thanks again for being here tonight. Let's get started.

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COMMISSIONER FRANK TROY
Director of Public Affairs & Public Safety

There is a saying that if you can't make a speech memorable, you can at least make it short. Tonight, I will try to do both, but will promise to accomplish one.

I want to thank my daughter Carly for swearing me in tonight. She is home for the summer from the University of Delaware. She is joined tonight with my wife of 25 years, Debbie, and my mom of 52 years, in from Uxbridge, which Haddonfield should consider annexing.

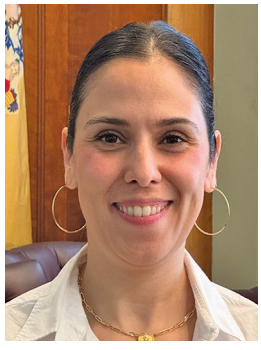
When I was a Lieutenant in the Navy, I used to mentor the new junior officers reporting aboard the ship. I remember telling them: "When times are tough, your people will look to you as a source of energy. It is up to you to decide whether that energy is positive or negative." I tell you this because, every time I was tired, pressed for time, or doubted my capabilities, all of you were the source of positive energy to keep me going, to host another event, and to meet more friends. I am eternally grateful for your support.

To also borrow from my past history, the military is successful for having people downrange and people "in the rear with the gear." Both equally important roles for success, and my wife handles them better than anyone I've ever met.

People often ask me why I am doing this. I have the privilege of having relocated to eight different states, and therefore eight different towns, and I think Haddonfield has always been the greatest place in New Jersey, possibly the U.S. And I was raised in Haddon Heights where it's a sin to even say such a thing. Given all of that, I still think Haddonfield's best days are in front of us and I will continue to do my best to make it so.

As for Dave and Itir, I look forward to working with you over the next four years and accomplishing great things together. Einstein is quoted as saying, "nothing happens until something moves," so tonight we begin to move.

Thank you all for attending and let's get to work.



COMMISSIONER ITIR COLE
Director of Public Works, Parks, and Property

Today is a meaningful day for me, and I'm incredibly grateful to stand before you, sworn in as one of Haddonfield's next Commissioners. This moment isn't just a finish line – it's the starting point. The real work begins now.

Local government touches our daily lives in tangible, lasting ways. From zoning to parks to public safety, it shapes the character and rhythm of our town. But government doesn't run in a vacuum – it runs on all of us. The strength of a community lies in how deeply we each engage in its future.

That's why I believe so deeply in civic participation – not just voting, but staying informed, showing up, lending a hand. We are fortunate to live in a town filled with people and organizations who do this so well – from our volunteers to civic groups to small business leaders and neighbors who step up every day to help others feel seen and supported. It's up to all of us to protect and shape the democracy we live in – not once every few years, but through the steady, everyday work of caring and showing up.

I have too many people to thank to name here; I will personally deliver my gratitude. I want to thank all who supported me in this campaign – with your votes, your time, your advice, your introductions, your encouragement. You carried me forward and reminded me why this work matters. To my parents, who couldn't be here today, thank you for your unconditional love and constant belief in me – it's the foundation for any confidence I carry. To my mother-in-law, thank you for always being a steady, listening ear. To my husband – you instigated this journey and have been not just my biggest supporter, but also my best friend. I couldn't have done this without you. And to my children – you are the reason I do this. Every decision I make is rooted in a desire to make you as proud of me as I am of you, every single day.

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