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FALL FESTIVAL RETURNS TO THE DOWNTOWN

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SO MUCH TO DO IN THE FALL!

Fri Sep 19 ***RENT*** (the musical) begins • Thu Sep 25 to Sat Sep 27 **AUTUMN SOUNDS**
Sat Oct 4 **LIONS 5K RUN** • Sat Oct 4 and Sun Oct 5 **LIBRARY FRIENDS' BOOK SALE**
Sat Oct 4 **FALL FESTIVAL** • Thu Oct 9 **WITCHY WALK: GIRLS' NIGHT OUT**
• Fri Oct 10 **HAUNTED HADDONFIELD TOURS** begin
• Sat Oct 18 **HADDONFIELD DAY AT THE DINOSAUR PARK**

About

Haddonfield Today is mailed free to homes and businesses every three weeks – less often in the summer, more often during the holidays. Also available at high-traffic locations around the town (eg: Acme, Jersey Java).

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The Word on the Street

Fall Festival will return to Haddonfield on **Sat Oct 4** in its traditional format, sponsored by the Lions Club.

What's your favorite season, and why?





*"I love the summer, for two reasons" says **DANA RONGAUS** of Pittsburgh. "I was a teacher, so summer meant time off and the opportunity to travel. But mostly, I love being on the water. Boating, floating, swimming, fishing – I'm all about it."*

*"Fall is my favorite season," says **SCOTT LEVERICK** of Haddonfield. "The temperature is cooler in the morning, but in the afternoon you can take your jacket off and enjoy the outdoors."*



*For **HALEIGH BUNTING** of Philadelphia, spring brings the excitement of longer days. "I enjoy seeing color again," she says, "and driving with the windows down."*

*For **MARYBETH DiLORENZO** of Ship Bottom, it's the fall. "I love the changing colors. I also like turning over my wardrobe and wearing something new – especially sweaters."*





*Glassboro's **SANDY REDDY** enjoys spring because "It's not too hot and not too cold." Sandy likes being able to go camping again, and to the beaches.*



*As the owner of an art and crafts gallery, **YLVIA ASAL** of Haddonfield appreciates "the varied colors that fall brings." Ylvia opened her store in September 2018, "so this time of the year also reminds me of being able to realize my dream of having my own studio."*

Podcast will address local issues

› In advance of May's municipal election, Haddonfield resident Chadd Levine conducted hour-long video interviews with two of the candidates: Frank Troy and Itir Cole. (The latter's session garnered more than 2,500 views in the days immediately before and after the election.)

Now Levine has launched *Haddonfield Talks,* a more-or-less regular podcast during which he and Chris Timpano will discuss "local issues that matter, with community leaders and residents who care about them." The first session, with Commissioner Cole, is scheduled for **Mon Sep 22** at 8:30pm.

You can watch it live at *facebook.com/haddonfieldtalks*. You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch the podcast, but it is suggested that you "like" the page. From **Tue Sep 23,** the podcast may viewed on YouTube at *youtube.com/@HaddonfieldTalks*.

Want to suggest a topic? Or be a guest? Email *HaddonfieldTalks@gmail.com.*

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Haddonfield Foundation's scholarships and community grants.

Details and tickets at HaddonfieldRotary.org

Rotary

Creativity meets commerce

› A four-week program at the Markeim Arts Center, designed for artists, creatives, and aspiring entrepreneurs, will explore how the arts are integrated into the world of business.

Each week, participants will hear directly from local business leaders working in creative industries – from branding agencies to greeting card companies – and then dive into a hands-on business simulation that brings entrepreneurship to life.

"The Art of Business: Where Creativity Meets Commerce" will be held on **Thu Oct 2, 9, 16,** and **23** from 7 to 9pm.

Each week, during the first hour, participants will hear from a local business leader who will share how their creative background has shaped their business. The group will explore licensing, branding, storytelling, product development, and the personal paths that brought the speaker into creative entrepreneurship.

In the second hour, the group will use the Startup Wars platform to run their own virtual business in real time. Participants will break down the decisions they make in the simulation and connect to real-world strategies for running a creative business.

To participate in the simulation, students must bring a laptop, Chromebook, or other device with internet access.

Register at *markeimartscenter.org.*

Jazz on Sunday

› The Tri-State Jazz Society will host the High Society New Orleans Jazz Band at the Methodist Church on **Sun Sep 21** at 2pm.

The band includes some of the best trad jazz performers in the northeast – straight from a gig at Birdland. They play the music of New Orleans in the 1920s, popularized by revivalists in the 1940s.

Admission is $20 ($10 for members). Full-time students with ID, or children accompanied by a paying adult, are free.

Introductory offer: Start a new, first-time annual membership ($20) at the door and receive free admission to this concert.

tristatejazz.org

Hit the Road!

Saturday, October 4, 2025 • 9am sharp

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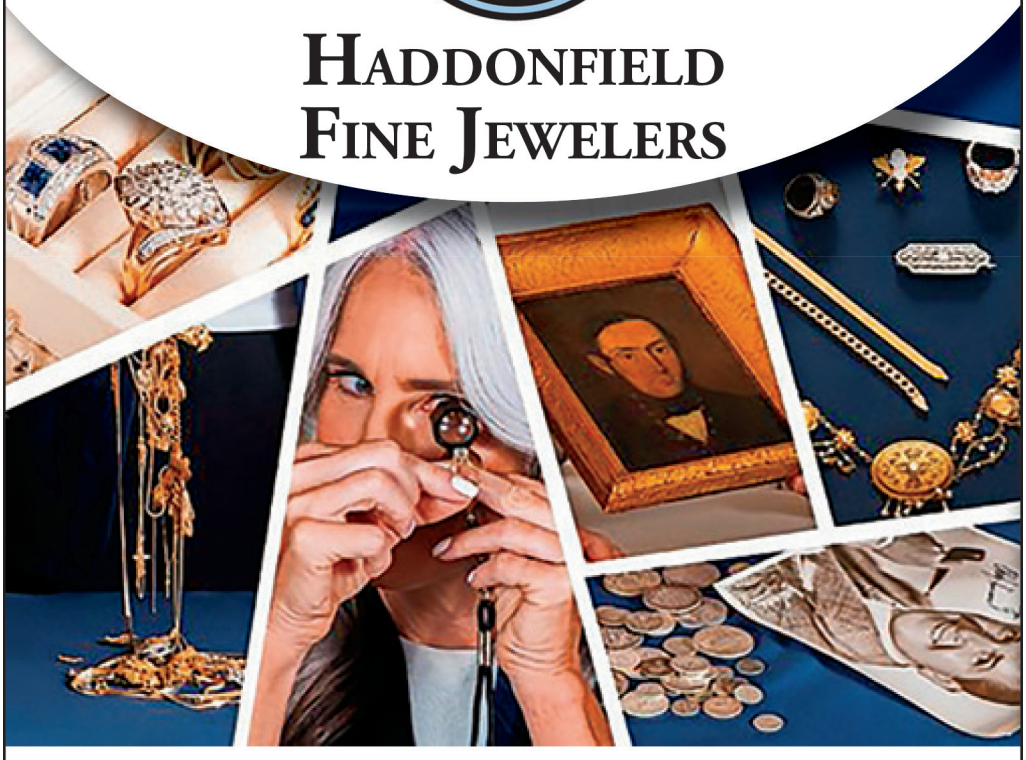
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Hot topics: PTSD and trauma

When we hear the words Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), many of us think first of soldiers returning home from combat.

But the truth is that PTSD can affect anyone. It is not limited to the battlefield. Survivors of accidents, abuse, violence, loss, or other deeply distressing experiences may also carry invisible wounds.

Haddonfield American Legion Post 38 invites residents of the region to attend a Community Conversation on PTSD and Trauma at the First Baptist Church (124 Kings Hwy E, parking in rear) on **Wed Sep 24** at 7pm.

It's a chance to listen, learn, and share in a safe and supportive space.

The panel will include:

- Two veterans sharing their personal experience with PTSD.
- A professional counselor specializing in trauma and healing.
- Family members who lost loved ones to suicide after struggles with PTSD.

The conversation will explore what PTSD really is, how it affects not just individuals but entire families and communities, and the resources that are available for hope and healing.

This important discussion is not only for those directly affected, but for everyone – friends, neighbors, caregivers, and community members – because understanding trauma helps us all build a stronger, more compassionate community.

If you are dealing with stress caused by trauma, remember you are not alone. If you are simply interested to learn more about this topic, come join the conversation!

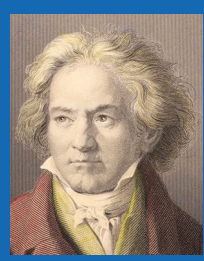
A second Community Conversation – a discussion of issues related to breast cancer – will be held in October.

The November Community Conversation will salute Lt. Eugene J. Richardson Jr, a Tuskegee Airman who will turn 100 in September.

The event on **Wed Sep 24** is free. Donations at the door will be appreciated.

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- Mozart: Piano Trio No. 6, K.564
- Beethoven: Piano Trio, Op. 67 "Archduke"

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Chat with Chief

› Starting on **Wed Oct 1** – which just happens to be National Coffee with a Cop Day – Police Chief Jason Cutler will be at Jersey Java & Tea from 8 to 10am to talk with residents and business owners about ... whatever.

The November session will be on Zoom during the evening.

Safely dispose of your bad stuff

› Camden County will collect household hazardous waste at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill (9600 N River Road) on **Sat Sep 27** from 8:30am to 3pm, rain or shine.

Items that will be accepted include oil-based paint and thinners, motor oil, pesticides, household cleaners, nail polish remover, pool chemicals.

Items that will not be accepted include tires, medications, smoke detectors, and commercial waste.

For a full list of items that can and cannot be dropped off, go here – bit.ly/46uk8lh – or scan the QR code ■. Questions? Call 856-858-5241.

HAZARDOUS WASTE INFO

Fall into fitness! Pilates, sculpt-&-tone

› A new session of the popular fitness classes at the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Sue Heindel, will run thru **Thu Dec 18**.

There will be no classes during the week of Thanksgiving.

- Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:15 to 10am: Pilates.

A progressive series of exercises that accommodate all fitness levels, focus on the abdominals and back, and are designed to increase strength, flexibility, and balance.

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

Group fitness using a non-aerobic strength-training system that combines effective exercises based on weight training, Pilates principles, and calisthenics, with tools such as tubes, bender balls, and glides.

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

Proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Preschool.



We're gathering a focus group to share thoughts on how the *Haddonfiled Today* publication can better serve the community. Selected participants will enjoy light refreshments at The Little Hen restaurant and also receive a gift card for participation.

APPLY HERE: tinyurl.com/HaddonfieldFocus

You've got to be in it to win it

› The holidays are coming. Could you use a handful of top-name gift cards with a total value of $500?

If so, get yourself a ticket or two to The Haddonfield Fortnightly's Gift Card Raffle.

One lucky person will win all of the following: Amazon $100, Dave and Busters $100, Olive Garden $75, Acme $50, Boscov's $50, Target $50, Lowe's $25, Wawa $25, CVS $25.

Tickets are $2 and can be purchased downtown during Fall Festival on **Sat Oct 4** and through **Sat Oct 18** at the Farmers Market in Kings Court. One winner will be drawn on Fri Nov 21.

Questions? Call Marie DiMatties: 856-428-9290.

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Speak español?

› A new-ish program at the Mabel Kay Senior Center has been growing in popularity: Spanish!

Classes – Mondays from 11:15am to 12:15pm – are led by Cathy Campbell, who taught ESL in Camden public schools for 30 years.

The program is free, and registration is not required.

Rummage for treasures

› United Women in Faith will host their annual Thrifty Treasures Rummage Sale on **Thu Sep 25** thru **Sat Sept 27** at the Methodist Church, in Fellowship Hall and Propert Café.

Proceeds will benefit the mission work of United Women in Faith and Haddonfield United Methodist Church.

Got nearly new or quality used items to donate? Drop them at the church during donation drop-off days. (No large furniture, computers, exercise equipment, men's suits/dress clothes, used shoes for adults and children over 5 years old, or combustible materials.)

The Thrifty Treasures schedule:

- **Mon Sep 22** thru **Wed Sep 24:** Drop Off 9am to 7pm.
- **Thu Sep 25:** Early Admission Sale – $10 donation for entry from 5 to 6pm.
- **Thu Sep 25:** Regular Sale 6 to 9pm
- **Fri Sep 26:** Regular Sale 8am to 2pm
- **Sat Sep 27:** Bag Sale 9am to 12n. $5 per filled bag.

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Casino trip is a sure winner

› Members of the Haddonfield Lions invite one and all (well, adults) to join them on a trip to the Tropicana Casino on **Thu Oct 23.**

Upon arrival, each person will receive a food voucher for $20, $25 in slot play, and a ticket to the 3pm show, "Jersey Tenors from Sinatra to Valli."

The cost for the entire trip is just $100.

The bus will depart from the Wedgewood Swim Club parking lot at 10am and return at 7pm.

Send your check payable to "Haddonfield Lions" to Deborah Partenheimer, 244 Windsor Ave, Haddonfield. Include your phone number in case the trip is overbooked. Q: billbrown08033@aol.com.

Paint 'n' sip

› "Watercolor and Wine: Fallin' for Fall" is the title of a workshop to be held at the Markeim Arts Center on **Thu Sep 25** from 6 to 8pm.

Sip, snack, and complete a card and two bookmarks with Sharon Ann Smith. Bring a friend and a beverage.

Art supplies provided. *markeimartscenter.org*

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

- **Mark A. Bolinger, 65**
  September 12, 2025
- **Marizita T. Seher, 84**
  August 26, 2025
- **Robert L. Wells, 92**
  August 24, 2025
- **Jane Alberts Kasse, 94**
  August 19, 2025
- **Marianne Weeks Anzaldo DelRoccili, 65**
  August 14, 2025
- **Katherine Colette Rochford, 33**
  August 11,2025
- **Ralph Lewis Stegall, 90**
  August 11, 2025

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Shop thrifty!

› The Thrift Shop in the basement of Grace Church – 19 Kings Hwy E – was closed for the summer, but it reopened on **Fri Sep 5** and is back in business.

Regular days and hours are Fri and Sat from 10am to 4pm.

Donations are always welcome!

Explore your home's history

› On **Wed Sep 24,** the Historical Society will host local historian and preservation advocate Douglas McVarish for a free presentation and Q&A session on unlocking the secrets of a home's past.

This session is designed for homeowners, history buffs, genealogists, and all who are curious to learn about the story behind their front door.

The author of *Researching the History of a New Jersey House* will offer guidance on uncovering the architectural, genealogical, and cultural history of residential properties in South Jersey.

To register, go here – bit.ly/3K8t0FG ■. Questions? Email *info@haddonfieldhistory.org* or 856-429-7375.

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Inclusive congregations

› A workshop titled "From Inclusion to Belonging: Creating Congregations that Embrace All" will be held at the Methodist Church on **Sat Sep 27.** The free workshop – from 1 to 4pm – will be led by Bill Gaventa, one of the nation's leading voices in faith and disability ministry. Through a mix of discussions and panels, those attending will explore the journey from inclusion to belonging, learning practical ways to transform congregations.

All are welcome. Register at *haddonfieldumc.org/now* and click on the registration link.

Questions: Email the church office at *office@haddonfieldumc.org* or call 856-429-0403.

Inside the Fire House

› If you've never seen inside the Haddonfield Fire House, mark your calendar for Fire Prevention Night on **Thu Oct 9,** starting at 6pm.

It's a family-friendly evening that will include demonstrations, safety tips, and a chance to meet the firefighters of Haddon Fire Co. No. 1 – the second-oldest fire company in continuous service in the United States (established in 1764).

Firefighters will visit schools during the week of Mon Oct 6 to talk with students about fire safety and to ask them to remind their parents to replace smoke alarm batteries on **Sun Nov 2** – when clocks "fall back" one hour. Check extinguishers also!



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Senior Trivia

› 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.

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Autumn sounds all over town

› A new, vibrant, three-day fall music event is coming to Downtown Haddonfield, **Thu Sep 25** thru **Sat Sep 27.**

Autumn Sounds will present a diverse lineup of local talent performing rock 'n' roll, alt-country, bluegrass, indie pop, and everyone's favorite covers – 23 different acts at seven different venues.

Headlining acts will take the stage on the steps of the Borough Hall, with additional performances at the Kings Court gazebo, Masonic Temple steps, and King's Road Brewing Co. You can also catch special sets at Brandywine (on Warwick Road), the Public Library, and Sparrow's Gourmet Snacks.

To add to the experience, local shops will stay open until 7pm on Thursday and Friday, and the Farmers Market will have a special pop-up on Thursday, in addition to regular hours on Saturday.

Experience the sights, sounds, and spirit of autumn in Downtown Haddonfield – right in the heart of South Jersey.

Here's your handy clip-and-take schedule:

AUTUMN SOUNDS IN HADDONFIELD 2025

THU SEP 25

• 2 to 5:15pm	Huston West – Kings Court Gazebo
• 4 to 6:15pm	John Clark's Little Big Band – Brandywine Living
• 4 to 6:30pm	The Big Trip – Masonic Temple Steps
• 6 to 8:15pm	Late Last Night – Borough Hall
• 7 to 8pm	Stephen Butler – King's Road Brewing Co
• 8:10 to 8:50pm	Joe Lombardo – King's Road Brewing Co
• 9 to 10pm	Stephen Butler – King's Road Brewing Co

FRI SEP 26

• 3:30 to 4pm	Jim Hardenrader – Kings Court Gazebo
• 4 to 4:30pm	Joe Lombardo – Kings Court Gazebo
• 4 to 6pm	Red Desert Motel – Masonic Temple
• 4:15 to 5:45pm	Lost Art – Kings Court Gazebo
• 6 to 7pm	The Garden Sounds – King's Road Brewing Co
• 6 to 8:45pm	The Unstoppable Hackbeats – Borough Hall
• 6:30 to 7:30pm	April Mae and the June Bugs – Library Point
• 7:10 to 10pm	Jack 7 – King's Road Brewing Co

SAT SEP 27

• 10am to 12n	Sug Daniels – Kings Court Gazebo
• 10am to 12n	Katie & Mike – Sparrow's
• 11am to 1:30pm	Sweetspot with Dennis & Gail – Masonic Temple
• 12n to 3pm	Big Trip Duo – King's Road Brewing Co
• 2:15 to 3:30pm	Sean & Sienna – Masonic Temple
• 3:30 to 5pm	Haddonfield Sound Band – Masonic Temple
• 3:30 to 6:30pm	Late Last Night – King's Road Brewing Co
• 7 to 10pm	The Parkways – King's Road Brewing Co

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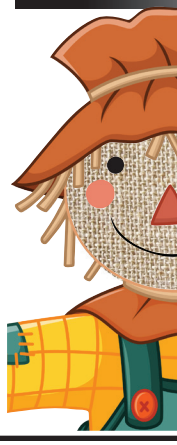
Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Tue Nov 4	Board of Education Election
Mon Oct 13	Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tue Nov 4	Election Day
Mon Nov 3	Fall Break at Public Schools (thru Fri Nov 7)
Sat Oct 18	Haddonfield Day at the Dinosaur Park
Fri Oct 24	Halloween Night Market IV
Thu Oct 30	Halloween Parade
Thu Nov 27	Thanksgiving
Fri Oct 31	Trick-or-Treating
Wed Dec 24	Winter Break at Public Schools (thru Jan 2)
Thu Oct 9	Witchy Walk: Girls' Night Out
Thu Oct 2	Yom Kippur (Public Schools closed)

Your Events?

› On this calendar, and throughout *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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Mushroom Prints Craft /PL **12^{30}-1^{30}**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**
Tri-State Jazz Society /MC **2**
RENT /HPP **3**

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Starts sundown thru Wed 24

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Baby Bookworms Crawler /PL **10-10^{30}**
Open Play /PL **10-2**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11, 11^{15}-12**
Beginner Spanish /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Haddonfield Talks Podcast: *Commissioner Cole* /V **8^{30}**

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CLOSED Public Schools
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Senior Game Day /LC **12-3**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Friendship Bracelet Party /PL **3^{30}-4^{30}**
Undergarment Collection /HF **5-6^{30}**

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Balance & Core /M
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
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Film Series /PL **1^{30}**
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Mosaic Sticker Scene /PL **10-11**
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Beginner Spanish /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
After-School Storytime /PL **4-4^{30}**
History Book Club /PL **6^{30}-8**
GriefShare /BC **7**
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Library Trustees /PL **8**
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Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Storytime /PL **1-1^{30}**
Open Play /PL **1^{30}-2^{30}**
Mosaic Sticker Scene /PL **3^{30}-4^{14}**
Planning /BH **7^{30}**

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Coffee with Chief C
Balance & Core /M
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Lego Duplo Club /P
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Beginner Line Dan
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
Lego Club /PL **3-4**

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Charming Ghost Craft /PL **10-2**
Friends of Library Book Sale /MT **1-1**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

06 SUKKOT

Starts sundown thru Mon 13

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11, 11^{15}-12**
Beginner Spanish /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
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GriefShare /BC **7**

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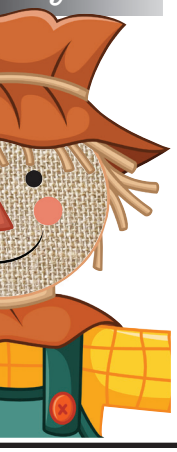
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Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
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Acme M-S 7-10, Su 7-9
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Pharmacy is closed 1[30]-2
Greenfield Hall M W Th 1-4
Archives Center Th 10-12 S 12-3
Indian King Tavern Museum
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Post Office M-F 8[30]-4[30], S 9-1
Public Library M T Th 10-8,
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Friday

19 SEP

Chat with Commissioner Cole /S **8[30]**
Baby Bookworms Lapsit /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Baby Buddies /PL **12-2**
Film Series /PL **1[30]-4[45]**
RENT /HPP **8**

Saturday

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DEADLINE Early-Bird Registration for Lions' 5K Race
Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
History of Haddon Fire Co No 1 /IK **2**
RENT /HPP **8**

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Craft /PL **10-10[30]**
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BYO Art (Beginners) /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Storytime, Play /PL **10-10[30], -12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]** • 65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Senior Trivia /MK **2-3[30]**
Lego Club /PL **3-5**
Read to a Dog /PL **3[30]-3[45] -4,-4[15],-4[30]**
Rummage Sale /MC **5-6, 6-9**
Watercolor & Wine /MAC **6-8**
Board of Education /MHS **7**
RENT /HPP **8**

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Rummage Sale /MC **8-2**
Snack and Craft /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Fall Fair /HS **4-8**
RENT /HPP **8**

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Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Household Hazardous Waste
Collection /PSL **8[30]-3**
Rummage Sale /MC **9-12**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Open Play /PL **10[45]-12[45]**
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Creating Congregations that Embrace All /MC **1-4**

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CLOSED Public Schools
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Open Play /PL **10-2**
Rummage Sale /GC **10-7**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Library Author Talk /V **2-3**
The Art of Business /MAC **7-9**
RENT /HPP **8**

03

Movie Munchkins /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
RENT /HPP **8**

04 FALL FESTIVAL 10-4

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Lions' 5K Run /MBG **9**
Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Friends of Library Book Sale /MT
9[30]-2
Zoophoria NJ /PL **10-11**
18th Century Sewing Workshop /
IK **10-4**
Craft Show /T **10-4**
Fall Festival /DT **10-4**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10[30]**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Open Play /PL **10[30]-12**
Wall Hanging Craft /PL **11-12[30]**
65 Club Meet/Greet /110 **11-2**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]** • 65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Senior Trivia /MK **2-3[30]**
BCD Build Club /PL **3[30]-4[30]**
Witchy Walk: *Girls' Night Out* /DT **5-8**
Library Author Talk /V **7-8**
Fire Prevention Night /FH **6**
Historic Preservation /BH **7[30]**
Human Relations /BH **7[30]**

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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Halloween House Craft /PL **10-10[30]**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Haunted Haddonfield Tour /GH **7**

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Shredding Event /BH **8-11**
Farmers Market /KC **8[30]-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Haddon Fire Co No 1 History /IKTM **2**
Haunted Haddonfield Tour /GH **7**
Rent /HPP **8**

MC Methodist Church
MHS Memorial High School
MK Mabel Kay Senior Center
MS Middle School
PC Presbyterian Church
PL Public Library
PSL Pennsauken Landfill
RCC Ramblewood Country Club
TCC Tavistock Country Club
V Virtual

ADDITIONS? ERRORS? OMISSIONS?
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Shred it!

› The Borough's annual Shredding Event will be held in the Borough Hall parking lot on **Sat Oct 11** from 8am to 11n.

The event is open to Camden County residents and Haddonfield businesses.

Note that papers with staples, rubber bands, or paper clips are okay.

Bargains galore

› Mark your calendar for The Haddon Fortnightly Evening Membership Department's Flea Market Treasures, to be held on **Sat Oct 18** from 9am to 2pm.

The Flea Market will be at the Fortnightly's clubhouse, at the corner of Kings Hwy E and Grove Street. It will feature antiques, collectibles, plants, jewelry, clothing, baked goods, holiday items, electronics, furniture, and more. You never know what treasures you will find!

Proceeds will benefit the fund established to ensure the preservation of the Fortnightly's heritage-listed building.



PTSD – More than just a military matter

When we hear the words Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), many of us initially think of soldiers returning home from combat.

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Survivors of accidents, abuse, bullying, violence, loss, or other deeply distressing experiences also may carry invisible wounds. Seventy percent of US adults have experienced some type of traumatic event at least once in their lives.

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Wildlife-friendly gardening

› Learn all about Hummingbirds and Other Pollinators at the next meeting of the Haddonfield Garden Club, on **Tue Oct 14.** Refreshments and social time from 6:30; program at 7pm.

The speaker will be Garden Club member Neeti Bathala. An author and educator for Drexel and Duke in ecology and environmental sciences, Dr Bathala is a world traveler who has investigated dolphins in Greece, sea turtles in Costa Rica, and created a diverse ecosystem using native plant species in her own garden.

The meeting will take place at Grace Episcopal Church. Admission is free and guests are welcome.

Rummage time

› Grace Church's semi-annual Rummage Sale will take place **Thu Oct 2** from10am to 7pm in the Church's Parish Hall (rear building, 19 Kings Hwy E).

The "best of the best" items will be spotlighted in the Boutique Room. 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 Sep 28** beginning at11am in the Parish Hall.

For more information, call 856-429-0007.

On stage: *RENT*

› One of Broadway's most successful musicals will open at Haddonfield Plays & Players on **Fri Sep 19.**

Loosely based on the opera La Bohème, *RENT* tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists struggling to survive and create a life in Lower Manhattan's East Village, in the thriving days of a bohemian culture and under the shadow of HIV/AIDS.

The show – one of the longest-running on Broadway – debuted in New York in 1993. It won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Musical.

For tickets, go here – bit.ly/46boPkS – or scan ■. The show runs through **Sat Oct 4.**

Tix for *RENT*



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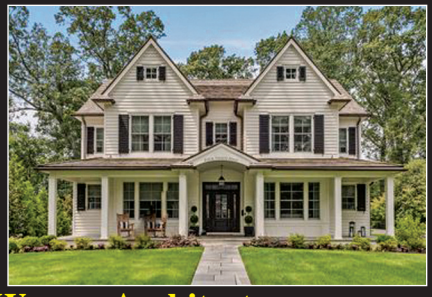
Online talks by authors

› Coming up in the Public Library's ongoing series of online talks by prominent authors:

- **Thu Oct 2** at 2pm – Nuestra América: Stories of 30 inspiring Latinas/Latinos who have shaped the United States, with Smithsonian educators.
- **Thu Oct 9** at 7pm – 10 Years of Daring Heists and Lovable Outcasts in YA Fantasy with Leigh Bardugo, author of *Six of Crows* and *Shadow and Bone Series.*
- **Wed Oct 22** at 7pm – Finding My Way with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai.

For more details and to register, go here – bit.ly/4mr9l10 – or scan the QR code ■.

For past programs, go here – bit.ly/42vIjOS ■.

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Scary tours

› The Historical Society's popular Haunted Haddonfield Walking Tours will begin on **Fri Oct 10.**

The tours are based on the stories in Bill Meehan's two volumes of *Haunted Haddonfield* (both available for purchase at Greenfield Hall and at *haddonfieldhistory.org*).

Additional tour dates are **Sat Oct 11, Fri Oct 17, Sat Oct 18, Fri Oct 24,** and **Sat Oct 25.**

Departure is from Greenfield Hall (343 Kings Hwy E) at 7pm.

Tickets are $20 ($15 for children) and can be purchased at Greenfield Hall, online, here – ■ bit.ly/46HnvX8 – and at Fall Festival on **Sat Oct 4**.

This popular event is always sold out, so sign up soon!

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Haddonfield's Black history

› The Preserving Black Haddonfield History Project will sponsor three events on **Sun Oct 19.**

• A 10am service At Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (206 Douglass Ave), one of two Haddonfield churches primarily serving the African-American community.

• A historical marker installation ceremony followed by a walking tour through Haddonfield's lesser-known yet deeply significant African-American heritage.

Beginning at The Point (the intersection of Potter and Ellis Streets), 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.

Note that the tour is free – donations are welcome! – but registration is required, here – bit.ly/42vmDSY.

• A gospel/jazz concert and singalong at 2pm in front of the Public Library, featuring the soul-stirring gospel choir of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church special jazz/orchestral elements.

The marker dedication will take place at The Point, the unique neighborhood that once was predominantly occupied by African-Americans.

The new marker complements two others made possible with funding from The Haddonfield Foundation, the Rotary Club of Haddonfield Foundation, and individual patrons.

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Sunday recital

› Works by Mozart (Piano Trio No. 6 in C major, K.564) and Beethoven (Piano Trio, Op. 67 "Archduke" – a majestic work of warmth, nobility, and expressive depth) will be featured during Symphony in C's Virtuosi Concert on **Sun Oct 12** at 4pm at the United Methodist Church.

Tee time

› It's time to register for the annual golf outing to benefit the Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation.

The date is **Mon Sep 29,** and the venue this year is the Ramblewood Country Club in Mount Laurel. Shotgun start at 8am.

A Haddonfield resident, Brad Wilby was passionate about sport and compassionate towards others.

He died suddenly at age 25 from an undiagnosed and little-understood condition to which teenagers and young adults are particularly vulnerable: arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC).

The mission of the foundation is to promote awareness of ARVC and sudden cardiac arrest, to provide accessible AEDs for local facilities, and to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

The fee is $150 per golfer.

Send checks payable to Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation to PO Box 452, Haddonfield NJ 08033.

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Popular fall tradition returns to Downtown sidewalks

› A juried crafts show on Tanner Street with more than 50 vendors, a big book sale at the Masonic Temple, pumpkin painting, and scarecrow stuffing are expected to be popular features of Haddonfield's Fall Festival on **Sat Oct 4.**

More than 45 Haddonfield community and civic organizations will set up exhibits on the Kings Hwy sidewalks to promote their activities and events, publicize their programs and services, and recruit members.

Musicians and other entertainers will perform during the day. Haddonfield's many fine stores, restaurants, and vendors of libations will be open for business, as usual, and the Farmers Market in Kings Court will operate from 8:30am to 1pm.

Set to run from 10am to 4pm, Fall Festival is organized by the Haddonfield Lions Club. Subaru is the major sponsor, and financial support has been provided by The Haddonfield Foundation, the Haddonfield Cultural Events Commission, and a number of generous donors. The book sale is sponsored by Haddonfield Friends of the Library.

In case of inclement weather, the festival and crafts show will be postponed to **Sat Oct 11.** An announcement will be posted on the Lions Club's website – *HaddonfieldLions.org* – by 6am on **Sat Oct 4.**

Music line-up

› In front of the Baptist Church, sponsored by Sugar Space Wellness:

- 10am – Sweet Spot Duo
- 11am – Golden Kazoo Band
- 11:30am – Ann Michal
- 12:50pm – Matinee Relics
- 2:10pm – Plays & Players' Stage Kidz
- 3pm – Jessica Lucas Duo

Kazoo debut

› The Golden Kazoo Band, formed during the summer by several dozen who frequent the Mabel Kay Senior Center, will give its world premiere performance at 11am in front of the First Baptist Church.

The band's limited-edition tee-shirts will be available for purchase at $20 each. Vinyl next year!

Don't miss:

- Friends of the Library Book Sale at Masonic Temple (also Sunday.)
- Pumpkin painting at the Shops at 116.
- Scarecrow stuffing at First Presbyterian.
- Zoophoria – live reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates – at the Public Library (10am).
- Loxie Camper photo studio at Fulton Bank.
- Chili contest and Thrift Shop at Grace Episcopal.
- Origami making with Haddonfield Japan Exchange.
- Author book-signing with The Preserving Black Haddonfield History Project.
- Haddy merch by HATCH, at the dinosaur sculpture.
- Wheel throwing demos by Markeim Arts Center, on Tanner.

Participanting organizations

as of Thu Sep 18

ARTS, HISTORY, CULTURE
- Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum
- Friends of the Library
- HATCH (Dinosaur Sculpture)
- Historical Society
- Markeim Arts Center
- Outdoor Sculpture Trust
- Plays and Players
- The Preserving Black Haddonfield History Project

EDUCATION
- Alumni Society
- Board of Education
- Friends School
- Haddonfield Educational Trust
- Haddonfield Japan Exchange

FAITH
- Christ the King Church
- Christian Science Reading Room
- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- Grace Church
- United Methodist Church

GOVERNMENT
- Environmental Commission
- Haddon Fire Co. No. 1
- Human Relations Commission
- Mabel Kay Senior Center
- Police Auxiliary
- Public Library

POLITICS & ADVOCACY
- Democratic Club
- Republican Club
- Haddonfield Residents for Fair and Effective Homeless Solutions

RECREATION
- Dance Haddonfield
- Garden Club
- Girl Scouts Unit 303
- Haddon Field Club
- Haddonfield Softball
- Water Trails Association

SERVICE & SOCIAL
- 65 Club
- American Legion Post 38
- Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation
- Celebrations Association
- Civic Association
- Feed My Starving Children
- The Haddon Fortnightly
- The Haddonfield Foundation
- Interfaith Caregivers
- Lions Club
- Rotary Club

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› Events such as Fall Festival are not inexpensive to plan, publicize, and produce. The Haddonfield Lions Club acknowledges the generosity of:

- Subaru of Cherry Hill
- The Haddonfield Foundation
- Haddonfield Cultural Events Commission
- Fulton Bank
- Sugar Space Wellness
- Lisa Wolschina & Associates
- Dynamic Language Services
- Seriously Addictive Math (S.A.M.) Haddonfield
- Haddonfield Fine Jewelers
- Whitcraft Farms

Register now!

› Haddonfield community and civic organizations that have not yet registered to participate in Fall Festival still have time to sign up – but not much.

The deadline is **Thu Sep 25.** The $50 fee covers the provision of a table, cover, and two chairs. Register at *HaddonfieldLions.org*



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Male? Retired? There's ~~an app~~ a club for that!

› The 65 Club, a social group for retired male residents of Haddonfield, will hold a Meet & Greet barbecue luncheon for prospective members on **Thu Oct 9** from 11am to 2pm. The event will be held at the clubhouse, 110 Rhoads Ave.

The club was formed in 1955 to enable retired men to renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and participate in civic, social and other activities that give members a sense of well-being and contribution.

It provides a wide range of offerings including enjoyable social events and a variety of get-together activities – Coffee & Conversation, Bridge, Pinochle, Cinema Club, bowling, golf, and occasional trips.

Weekly meetings typically include a guest speaker.

The Meet & Greet is drop-in – but a heads-up of your intention to attend would be appreciated: Email fredogdon51@outlook.com.

Or stop by our Fall Festival table downtown on **Sat Oct 4.**

Lunch & learn for seniors

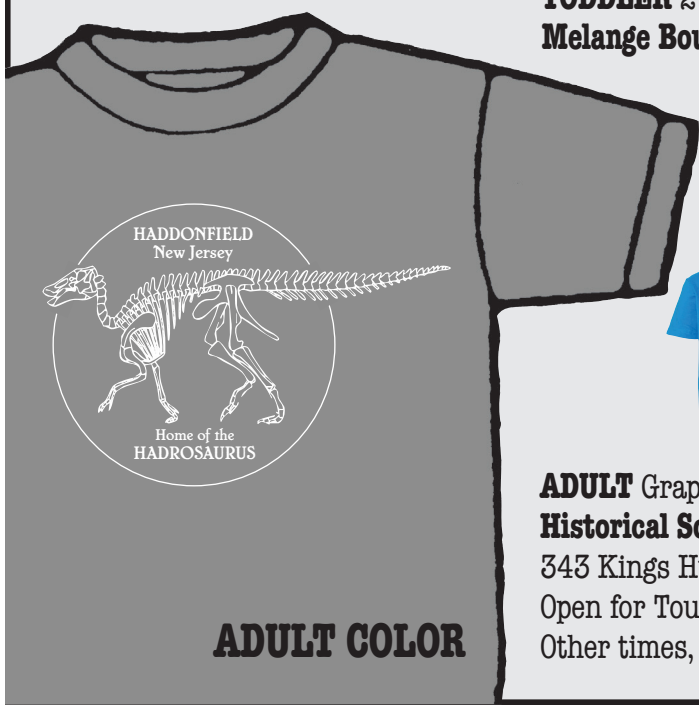
› Coming up at the Mabel Kay Senior Center's "Something to Chew On":

- **Wed Sep 24:** Lora R. McLeod BSN RN, the founder of Woke to Awaken Healthcare Advisers, will provide information about Durable Power of Attorney and Healthcare Proxy. This session will be of particular interest to those who are family caregivers and advocates.
- **Wed Oct 8:** Chiropractor Dr. Shari Saluck will speak on the topic "Your Feet Are Your Foundation." She will discuss the importance of keeping your feet strong and healthy, for good balance and posture.
- **Wed Oct 8:** Hugh McGuire, a Medicare specialist with hold a Medicare Q&A.

The programs, which run from 12n to 2:30pm, are free for Haddonfield residents. A donation of $3 is suggested for non-residents.

Registration is required, to facilitate accurate food ordering. Email Sheri Siegel at *ssiegel@haddonfdield-nj.gov* or call 856-354-8789.

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Recent Issues

Lions' 5k Race set for Oct 4

› Registration is open for the fifth annual 5K Octoberfest Run, sponsored by the Haddonfield Lions Club.

The event will start and finish at the softball field in the Maria Barnaby Greenwald Park in Cherry Hill (just across the border from Haddonfield). Parking is available on-site.

Check-in is from 8am. Race start time is 9am.

The registration fee – thru 12m on **Sat Sep 20** – is $30. Scan QR ■.

An awards ceremony will take place at the race site at 10:15am.

From 10:30 to 11:30am, complimentary bagels, fruit, and water will be available at King's Road Brewing Company in downtown Haddonfield.

Visually Impaired participants are welcome to participate with a guide or guide dog as needed. (Guides will be available.)

A major focus for Lions Clubs is service to those who are blind or have vision impairments. Proceeds from the race will support Lions' sight initiatives – locally, regionally, and internationally.

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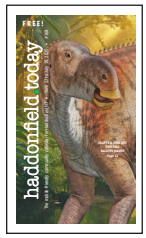
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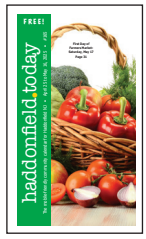
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The Last Word



On homelessness: Let's lead along a different path

By Danielle Paterno

One year ago, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Grants Pass v. Johnson and ruled that cities can punish homeless people for sleeping in public. The case involved an Oregon town that passed ordinances barring people from sleeping outside, in order to deter homeless people from the town.

During oral arguments in Grants Pass, Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked the city's attorney what would happen if towns nationwide passed laws barring people with no homes from sleeping in public places.

"Where do we put them if every city, every village, every town lacks compassion and passes a law identical to this? Where are they supposed to sleep? Are they supposed to kill themselves not sleeping?" Sotomayor asked.

Lily Morgan, the council president in Grants Pass, admitted the purpose of the ordinance at a public meeting. "The point is to make it uncomfortable enough for them in our city so they will want to move on down the road," she said.

There is no question that such laws do not solve problems. People want them because they do indeed kick the can down the road, so it's not "our" problem.

When the Haddonfield Board of Commissioners introduced a similar law during their August 25 meeting, I knew I had to speak up against it. I didn't realize I'd be joined by dozens of other passionate residents who understood that, as a town, we can do better. Afterward, I knocked on doors, asking my friends and neighbors what they thought about it.

I heard a diversity of opinions. Most agreed this was a shameful way for a prosperous town to treat its homeless population. And if a coming recession and cuts to public services tip more people into housing instability, we will see the problem become worse, whether or not we pass this ordinance. Some neighbors asked about surrounding towns. Collingswood, for instance, recently took a harder line against their regular homeless residents.

It seems we are living the consequences of the Grants Pass decision already, where towns feel they must compete in a game of cruelty to make their communities undesirable to "the undesirable." We have to ask: "Is this the world we want for our children?"

People concerned about safety often cite their children as their reason for supporting a law that punishes homelessness. I, too, am concerned for my daughter. What kind of world will she grow up in? I cannot let it be one where our government believes cruelty is the answer to social problems.

At the commissioners' September 8 work session, a proposal was discussed to hire a social worker. Such a person could meet people in need where they are, connect them with services, and collaborate with our churches and nonprofits. This positive vision of how a government should approach social problems is not complex or novel. It just calls for one town to recognize how to serve its community better. To truly lead on this issue, scrapping the ordinance is still necessary.

A group of like-minded friends and I formed Haddonfield Residents for Fair and Effective Homelessness Solutions – website: *hrfehs.github.io* – to help Haddonfield go down a better path. We appreciate the commissioners' choosing a new direction at the September 8 session. We appreciate the efforts they are putting into creating real policy that works. A social worker would be an asset to our town. But they still must vote down the ordinance amendments.

I will end with a quote from Justice Sotomayor's dissent, which in turn quotes from Matthew Desmond's book *Evicted: Property and Profit in the American City:*

"I remain hopeful that our society will come together 'to address the complexities of the homelessness challenge facing the most vulnerable among us.' That responsibility is shared by those vulnerable populations, the States and cities in which they reside, and each and every one of us. 'It is only after we begin to see a street as our street, a public park as our park, a school as our school, that we can become engaged citizens, dedicating our time and resources for worthwhile causes.'"

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