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SUN 23 p21 Jazz Concert

SUN 23 p05 Ecumenical Service



FRI 28 p19 Tree Lighting / Santa

FRI 28 p19 Ready. Set. Shop!

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The Word on the Street

Candlelight Shopping in Haddonfield begins on **Fri Nov 28.**

Are you an early or a late shopper? An online or an in-person shopper?



▲ ***CAT ROZY*** *of Deptford says she tends to shop online, and earlier. "On Black Friday, I can get good deals online on the things I need for my work and hobbies. And it's really convenient."*



◀ *"I shop early," says* ***SARA HASTINGS*** *of Haddonfield, "because there's no way I could do it all at once." In-person or online? "Both. I like to support the downtown. If there are things I need from a mall shop, I'll buy them online to avoid the hassle of going there."*



◀ *"I'm a late shopper," says* ***MARK PLATZER*** *(with Mabel) of Haddonfield, "but I do most of it in town. It's important for residents to patronize local stores and businesses."*

▶ *"As little as I can," says* ***WARREN REINTZEL*** *of Haddonfield. "I suppose I buy early, to get the task out of the way. And I shop online, because for seniors – like me – it's so convenient."*





▶ *"I shop early for kid things, since I know what they want and I can check that task off," says* ***STACY LOMBARDO*** *of Haddonfield. "For everyone else, I shop later, online, at night, in bed."*



▲ *"Late," says* ***RYAN HASTINGS*** *(with Emerson) of Haddonfield, "because when it comes to holiday shopping I always procrastinate." And where? "Both. I shop downtown because I want to support the stores. But I also buy some stuff online, because it's so easy."*

ChildrenSong's holiday concert

› Mark your calendar and prepare to celebrate the holiday season with a diverse selection of songs that capture the spirit of wonder, joy, and delight: **Sun Dec 14** at 3:30pm at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

The program – presented by ChildrenSong of New Jersey choirs – will open with a vibrant processional – *Betelehemu* – a Nigerian Christmas carol, and continue with a diverse musical journey through festive carols, reflective poetry, and joyous Hanukkah selections.

A non-profit community children's chorus in residence at Lutheran Church, ChildrenSong is directed by Polly Murray. The choir performs both a cappella and accompanied masterworks, and travels abroad frequently. Its singers are known for their passion for music. The preparation ChildrenSong provides enables many to pursue music degrees or join college choirs.

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› Haddonfield's annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Council of Churches, will be held this year at Christ the King Church. The date is **Sun Nov 23.** The time is 7pm.

Clergy from many of Haddonfield's houses of worship are expected to participate.

Bells at Baptist

› Mark your calendar for the annual performance of the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble at the First Baptist Church on **Sun Dec 14** at 3pm and 7pm.

All are welcome to attend the concert, titled "Frosty Toes and Sparkly Bows." A donation of $15 (minimum) per adult is suggested.

Yuletide at the Indian King

› On three Fridays in December – the 5th, 12th, and 19th – the Indian King Tavern Museum will host a new holiday event: "Yuletide at the Museum."

Between 6 and 8pm, visitors will learn how residents of the area observed the holidays during the American Revolution. There will be refreshments and a make-and-take craft: historical holiday ornaments. Reenactors will show old-fashioned marionettes and engage in caroling.

Located at 233 Kings Hwy E, the Indian King Tavern Museum is normally open Wed to Sat 10am to 12n and 1 to 4pm; Sun 1 to 4pm. Admission to "Yuletide at the Museum" is free.

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The line-up of mainstage productions includes:

- *Shrek: The Musical* – "Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek."
- *Noises Off* – "the funniest farce ever written."
- *Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill: The Musical.* – "visceral and stunning, [it] takes a stand against complacency."
- *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* – "Full of pith and Grand Guignol grossness."
- And a holiday production to be announced.

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Toys for Tots

› For the 28th year, the Haddonfield Police Department is serving as a drop-off location for donations to the US Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.

Police Chief Jason Cutler and his fellow officers are encouraging residents to take new, unwrapped toys to the Police Station – rear of the Borough Hall – through **Fri Dec 19.**

Drop-off hours are 8am to 4pm on weekdays.

"We love this time of year as the lobby fills up with toys," says Chief Cutler. "We are happy to play a part in making a child's holiday extra special."

Jewelry & Timepiece Mechanix at 16 Kings Court is also a collection point for Toys for Tots.

Book club

› The Public Library's Book Club for adult readers meets monthly except in June, August, and December.

The meetings take place at the Library on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8.

Members may attend in person at the library or participate from home.

Reading copies are available through Interlibrary Loan services and, at times, through library digital apps.

The book – debut fiction – for **Mon Nov 24** is *Martyr* by Kaveh Akbar.

For more information and help with reading copies, contact Kathleen Metrick at 856-429-1304.

Centerpieces

› Learn the creative secrets behind holiday centerpieces arranged by members of the Haddonfield Garden Club during their meeting on **Tue Dec 9** at 12n.

The venue is the Lutheran Church, 204 Wayne Ave. Guests are welcome. A canned food donation for the church pantry is requested.

Church seeks turkey donations

› The First Presbyterian Church is inviting residents of Haddonfield and the region to help those less fortunate, on **Sun Nov 23,** by donating frozen turkeys to Your Food Shelf, a Camden-based nonprofit that provides emergency food, clothing, and household items to seniors, families, and children in need.

The collection will take place from 9am to 12n at the First Presbyterian Church (20 Kings Hwy E). Enter from Chestnut Street by the playground.

Questions? Call Margot at 609-238-0694.

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Holiday trash

› Trash and materials for recycling will not be collected on **Thu Nov 27** – Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday's collection will be postponed to **Fri Nov 28.**

Friday's trash collection will be on schedule, but Friday's recycling collection will be postponed to **Sat Nov 29.**

Are you ready to ... rally?

› The popular streetfest fundraiser for the Haddonfield Educational Trust will return on **Sat Nov 22** from 5 to 8:30pm.

As in the past, the venue for Rally in the Alley – which will feature live music, local food, drinks, auction baskets, and lots of fun – will be Mechanic Street and its parking lot.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit High School and Middle School mental health programs that help foster connection, build resilience, and provide students with the tools to navigate life's challenges.

Guests will enjoy performances by Mislabeled Lunchbox and DJ Ducette, plus delicious bites from local eateries such as the Bistro, Bread Board Plus, Café Lift, Crumb, Gouldsburger's, Haddon Culinary, Hazelnut Bakery, Hot Dawgs, Umile, and Passariello's.

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History Book Club

› The "incredible story of the Black men who became America's first paramedics" will be the topic of discussion for the Historical Society's Book Club of **Tue Dec 2** at 7pm.

Kevin Hazzard's American Sirens has been described as "a quintessentially American story that reads like a novel ... an amazing story of an Austrian immigrant, an unlikely group of Black men, and a minority community in Pittsburgh who transformed paramedic and ambulance care throughout the United States."

The discussion will be held on Zoom. To register, email *info@haddonfieldhistory.org*.

Last chance to win it all!

› 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 from Marie DiMatties. Call 856-428-9290.

One winner will be drawn on **Fri Nov 21.**

Note: There's an upper limit and tickets are selling fast.

Citizen of the Year 2026

HADDONFIELD LIONS CLUB

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Haddonfield organizations and individuals are invited to submit nominations for the 2026 Citizen of the Year.

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› Haddonfield Plays & Players will hold its next monthly meeting – in-person at the theater (957 E Atlantic Ave) – on **Wed Dec 10** at 7:30pm.

Go along and get involved ... on stage, backstage, or front-of-house!

Register here – bit.ly/3LcsKG8 – or scan the QR code ►.

Choral concert

› The NJ MasterChorale is a regional symphonic choir comprised of 70 singers with various backgrounds from the greater South Jersey and Philadelphia areas.

Part of the music ministry at the United Methodist Church in Haddonfield, it has performed major choral works with orchestral accompaniment for more than 50 years.

Under the direction of Jason Vodickahe, the group will present its annual Christmas Concert – *In the Bleak Midwinter* – on **Sun Dec 14,** in the Sanctuary, beginning at 7pm.

The program will feature Bach's *Cantata No. 62,* Pergolesi's *Magnifcat,* and seasonal selections celebrating the beauty of winter.

The MasterChorale will be joined by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends, as well as soloists: Robin Massie, soprano; Kristin Titus DiAmore, mezzo soprano; and Aaron Cafaro, tenor.

Admission is free, but tickets are required. Go here – bit.ly/4a4t3Nu – or scan the QR code ►.

Live nativity at Baptist church

› The children of the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield will present an outdoor live nativity on **Fri Dec 5** at 7 and 7:30pm.

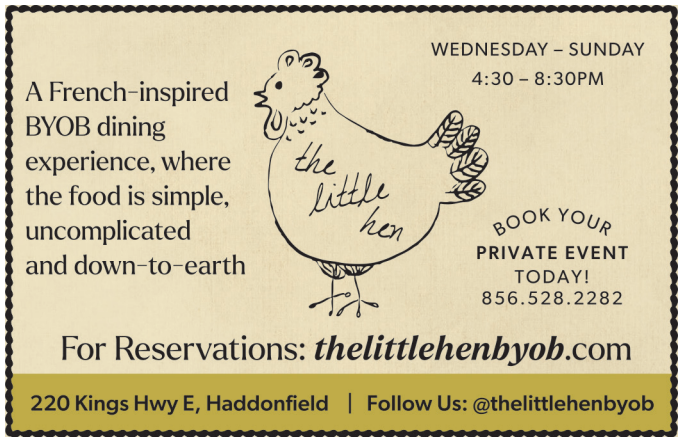
All are invited to share the story of Christmas as the scene unfolds in the manger, complete with live animals and music provided by the church's handbell choir.

If rain: **Fri Dec 12.**

First Baptist Church is located at 124 Kings Hwy E (at Tanner).

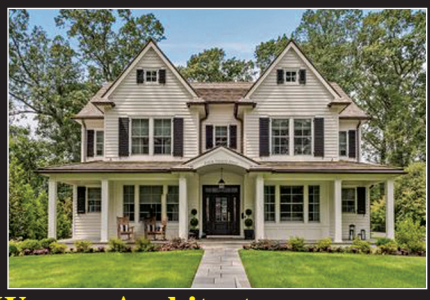
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It's time to tour ... houses!

› Mark your calendar for **Thu Dec 11** and a self-guided tour of five gorgeous Haddonfield homes and the First Presbyterian Church, all decked out in their holiday best.

• Washington Ave Victorian. Built in the 1890s, this beauty was featured on seasonal tours in the early 1900s. Note the ornately carved chestnut staircase.

• Warwick Road Victorian. Built in the 1870s, this home features some original tile work, light fixtures, stained-glass, and fireplace mantels.

• Clinton Ave California-style Ranch. The open-concept floor plan has a seamless inside-outside flow. Note the 12-ft Christmas tree hung with ornaments passed down thru generations.

• Washington Ave. A 1987 contemporary – a mini art museum – is filled with 40 years of family-collected art. The oversized kitchen is the heart of the home.

• Kings Hwy Colonial. This stately brick home hides a mid-century modern interior. Filled with art and objects created by the homeowners and family members.

Tickets – $30 in advance; $35 on the day – may be purchased at *giftofalift.org* or at Interfaith Caregivers (20 Chestnut Street).

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Around the Town

Friends School seeks funds for historic preservation

By Matt Skoufalos / November 13, 2025



▲ *Haddonfield Friends School Development Committee co-chair Jill Horner and Head of School Matthew Sharp. Photo: Matt Skoufalos.*

The oldest continuously operating school in Haddonfield is appealing to its community for a financial lift to help restore its campus.

Haddonfield Friends School (HFS), which has educated generations of locals at its Haddon Avenue campus since 1786, is in the middle of restoring its historic property to continue that mission.

The challenge the school faces is that, as a private institution, it doesn't have the same fundraising mechanics as the borough public school district.

In the past decade, voters have approved two multi-million-dollar capital bonds restoring the local public school district infrastructure. By comparison, the funds that HFS is seeking represent a fraction of those costs.

In 2019, HFS alumna Cherilyn Widell, a historic preservation expert, wrote a $65,000 planning and use grant to preserve the three buildings on its campus. That led to the school winning a NJ Historic Trust grant in 2021, which could be worth as much as $725,000 — if its staff can raise an equal amount of money to match it. Since then, HFS has raised $510,000 through ... ■.

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- **Michael J. Feicht, 79** October 25, 2025
- **Joan L. Giordano, 82** October 22, 2025
- **Kay Meckley Spicer, 87** October 5, 2025
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Mon Dec 22	Blood Drive (at First Presbyterian Church)
Tue Dec 30	Blood Drive (at Lutheran Church)
Sun Dec 14	ChildrenSong of NJ Holiday Concert (at Lutheran Church)
Thu Dec 25	Christmas
Sat Jan 3	Citizen of the Year nominations due
Sun Dec 14	Hanukkah (thru Mon Dec 22)
Sun Dec 21	Longest Night Service (at Methodist Church)
Thu Jan 1	New Year's Day
Sun Dec 14	NJ MasterChorale Winter Concert (at Methodist Church)
Sun Dec 14	Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble (at First Baptist Church)
Sun Dec 14	Tea with Mrs Claus (at The Haddon Fortnightly)
Wed Dec 24	Winter Break at Public Schools (thru Jan 2)

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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Friendsgiving Fun /PL **12-1**
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Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service /CTK **7**

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Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10^{30}**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11, 11^{15}-12**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
Beginner Spanish /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Adult Book Club /PL **6^{30}-8**
GriefShare /BC **7**
Borough Commission /BH V **7^{30}**

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Library Trustees /PL **8**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Lego Duplo Club /PL **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**
Lego Club /PL **1-4**
Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**

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Balance & Core /MK
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Open Play /PL **10-3**
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11-3
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Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
Film Series /PL **1^{30}-**

30 BRUNCH BIG, SHOP SMALL WEEKEND

Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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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}**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Creative Writing Group /PL **6^{30}-8^{30}**
GriefShare /BC **7**

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

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Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
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Bingo /MK **1-2^{30}**
AI Talking Portraits
/PL **3^{30}-4^{30}**

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Holiday Wrapping Paper Swap /PL **12-4**
Knit Hat Ornaments /PL **12^{30}-1^{15}**
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Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
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Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
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Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11, 11^{15}-12**
Beginner Spanish /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Mah Jongg /PL **1-3**
Commission Work Session /BH V **6^{30}**
GriefShare /BC **7**
American Legion Post 38 /HQ **7^{30}**

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Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Book Club /MK **11-12**
Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11^{15}-12^{15}**
Garden Club /LC **12**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**
Storytime **1** • Open Play /PL **1^{30}**
Craft: *Snow Ballerinas* /PL **1^{30}-3**
Library Author Talk /V **2-3**
Craft: *Labubu Bag Charms* /PL **3^{30}-4^{30}**
Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**

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Indian King Tavern Museum
W Th F S 10-12, 1-4, Su 1-4
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W F 10-5, S 10-2, Su 12-4

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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11**
Thanksgiving Bingo /PL **11-11^{30}**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11^{15}-12**
Prospective Member Meeting /HF **1**
Wicked Bingo /PL **3^{45}-4^{15}**
Feed My Starving Children: *Packing* /MS **4-5, 5-7, 8-10**

22 NOV

Feed My Starving Children: *Packing* /MS **9-11, 12-2, 2-4**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Seniors' Thanksgiving Luncheon /LC **12-1^{30}**
Rally in the Alley /M **5-8^{30}**
Sensory Friendly Movie: *Polar Express* /MC **1-3**

K **9^{15}-10**
e /MK **10-12**
3
Collection /DT
w On /MK **12^{30}-2**
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THANKSGIVING

CLOSED Banks, Borough Offices, School District, Mabel Kay Senior Center, Public Library
POSTPONED to Friday: Trash and recycling collection
Turkey Trot /CW **8**
High School Football: *Haddonfield vs Haddon Heights* /HHHS **11**

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BLACK FRIDAY
Haddonfield Today

CLOSED Borough Offices, School District, Mabel Kay Senior Center, Public Library
POSTPONED to today: Thursday's trash and recycling collection
POSTPONED to Saturday: Today's recycling collection
FREE Parking begins (thru Dec 31)
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Candlelight Shopping /DT **5-8+**
Tree Lighting & Santa Parade /PL **6**

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BRUNCH BIG, SHOP SMALL WEEKEND

POSTPONED to today: Friday's recycling collection
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

ddonfield /BH **8^{30}**
K **9^{15}-10**
e /MK **10-12**
cing /MK **12^{30}-2**
Workshop

04

Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10^{30}**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1^{45}**
65 Club /110 **1^{30}**
Girls Who Code /PL **3^{30}-4^{45}**
Art: *Gingerbread Spoons* /PL **6-7^{30}**
PJ Story & Craft /PL **6^{30}-7**

05

Haddonfield Today

Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Snack & Craft /PL **10-10^{30}**
Yuletide at the Museum /IKT **6-8**
Wrapping Paper Swap /PL **10-5**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11^{15}-12**
Baby Buddies /PL **12-2**
Snack & Craft: *Gingerbread* /PL **1^{30}-2**
Candlelight Shopping /DT **5-8+**
Live Nativity /BC **7, 7^{30}**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

06

Snowflake Run /CW **9**
Holiday Wrapping Paper Swap /PL **10-2**
Branch Managers' Tree Pruning Short Course **1-2^{30}**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**
NJ Gay Men's Chorus /MC **8**

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on /BH **7^{30}**
PP **7^{30}**

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Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Storytime **10** • Open Play /PL **10^{30}**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Holiday House Tour /IFC **11-9**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1^{45}** • 65 Club /110 **1^{30}**
Trivia for Seniors /MK **2-3^{30}**
Girls Who Code /PL **3^{30}-4^{45}**
GOP Holiday Party /TCC **6-9**
Board of Education /MHS **7^{30}**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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Haddonfield Today

Yuletide at the Museum /IKT **6-8**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11^{15}-12**
Seniors' Holiday Party /GC **12-1^{30}**
Candlelight Shopping /DT **5-8+**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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Craft: *Hanukkah Take-Home Ornament* /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **3**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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hurch MHS Memorial High School PC Presbyterian Church V Virtual
Street MK Mabel Kay Senior Center PL Public Library

ADDITIONS? ERRORS? OMISSIONS?
Please email news@gumnutgroup.com

Are you ready for some football?

› The annual Thanksgiving Day football game between Haddonfield and Haddon Heights will be played at Heights on **Thu Nov 27**. Kick-off at 11am.

The Bulldogs have had a solid season, with an overall record of 9-2, and a league record of 4-1. The Garnets? They're 2-8 overall.

The Haddonfield-Haddon Heights rivalry stretches back to 1902. This year's game will be the schools' 116th meeting on the gridiron. (Some years were skipped during times of international strife – most recently 2020, because of the pandemic.)

The Bulldogs won 23-20 last year thanks to a field goal with 7.8 seconds remaining on the clock.

Haddonfield has long held a seemingly insurmountable record: 66 wins, 43 losses, 6 ties, and has won 20 of 24 games since 2000.

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Cover Story

Light the tree!

› Mark your calendar for **Fri Nov 28** at 6pm.

That's the date and time of the annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Library Point.

Join the Celebrations Association, Borough Commissioners, and the Memorial High School Choir in welcoming the holiday season with music by DJ Frank, lights, cheer, and hot chocolate provided by Haddon Culinary and the Partnership for Haddonfield.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr and Mrs Claus will lead a parade down Tanner Street and along Kings Hwy to Kings Court, where they will pose for photos at the Gazebo and receive children's letters.

Shop! Dine! Etc!

› The 2025 Holiday Shopping season in Haddonfield will get under way at 5pm on **Fri Nov 28 –** the first of four Candlelight Shopping nights in the downtown business district. Many merchants will have extended hours, to 8pm or later.

Parking will be free from Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve.

Carolers and musicians will fill the night air with classic holiday music during Candlelight Shopping.

Shoppers are encouraged to "Brunch BIG & shop small" on **Sat Nov 29** and **Sun Nov 30.**

A Last Minute Magic event is being planned for **Sat Dec 20** thru **Wed Dec 24.**

downtownhaddonfield.com

Look ahead!

› On Fridays following the tree-lighting:

- Mrs Claus will return to the Downtown on **Fri Dec 12** and **Fri Dec 19** to visit stores, greet shoppers, and represent the four dozen women-owned businesses in Haddonfield.
- New this year, on **Fri Dec 5,** the Grinch will be on hand to provide fun, entertainment, and mischief.
- Also new! Carriage Rides through the Downtown in an electric vehicle that's specially decorated for the holidays.

Reservations are not required. The line-up spot will be at the CVS on **Fri Dec 12** and **Fri Dec 19.** The fee covers up to four people.

- And Candlelight Shopping until 8 at least!

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Seeking the Citizen of the Year

› The Lions Club is inviting nominations for the Haddonfield resident who will be the 2026 Citizen of the Year.

For more than 50 years, the Lions (and the Jaycees before them) have honored government officials, educators, administrators, artists, teachers, medical professionals, businesspeople, and hard-working volunteers.

If you know a resident who has contributed to the town in a significant way, send your nomination to Jack Tarditi at PO Box 401, Haddonfield, or email *jtarditi@connerstrong.com* by **Sat Jan 3**. The form is available at *haddonfieldlions.org/coty*.





GOP dinner

› The Haddonfield Republican Club is inviting members and friends to join the Camden County Republican Committee for a Holiday Party at Tavistock Country Club at 6pm on **Thu Dec 11.**

Tickets are $70.

Sign up at *haddonfieldgop@gmail.com*.

Jazz on Sunday

› Check the credentials of the headliner at the Tri-State Jazz Society's next concert, scheduled for **Sun Nov 23:**

She's a Juno Award-winning artist; ten-time Downbeat Rising Star; recipient of the Legend Award by the Society for the Preservation of the Great American Songbook; and a 2025 nominee for the prestigious Academie du Jazz awards.

A trumpeter, vocalist, and songwriter, Bria Skonberg has been called the "shining hope of hot jazz"(NY Times) and is considered "one of the most versatile and imposing musicians of her generation"(Wall Street Journal).

She has been a featured artist at hundreds of festivals and stages the world over, including New Orleans Jazz Heritage, Kobe, Monterey, Breda, Newport Jazz Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival, and recently at Carnegie Hall.

The venue is the Methodist Church. Start time is 2pm.

Admission is $20 ($10 for Society members).

Video preview here – bit.ly/4oHZZ2i – QR◄

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Classes for kids at the Markeim

› One-of-a-kind, handmade projects that will bring soul to the holidays.

• Clay Ornaments and Dreidels – **Thu Dec 4.** Select your session: 3:30 to 4:30pm or 5 to 6pm. Artists will create and glaze artwork in one session. Instructor: Jen Coelho. $35.

• Kids Clay Workshop: Santa Handprint Ornaments – **Wed Dec 3.** 4 to 5pm. One finished piece per child will be available for pickup at during the week of **Mon Dec 22.** All levels are welcome! Instructor: Miss Patti. $35.

• Kids/Teens Clay Workshop: Hot Cocoa Mugs – **Thu Jan 15.** 3:30 to 4:30pm. Escape the January chill in a cozy pottery studio and paint a cocoa mug. Artists will use colorful glazes to personalize a ceramic mug. Finished art will be ready in 2 weeks – plenty of time to use for the rest of the winter season. Instructor: Jennifer Coelho. $35.

Register: *markeimartscenter.org.*

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Green thumb?

› The Shade Tree Commission's Branch Managers will conduct a short course on tree and shrub pruning on **Sat Dec 6** from 1 to 2:30pm, and also on **Sun Dec 7.**

The cost is $10.

Call 856-625-3179 or email *jelkberkstc@gmail.com* to register. Location will be advised when registration is confirmed.

Fund Drive

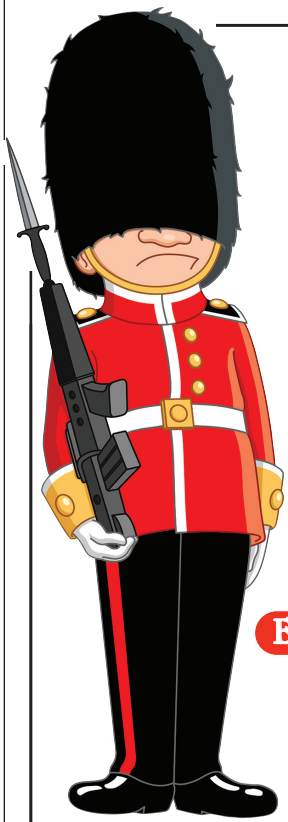
› The Lions Club will conduct its annual White Cane Fund Drive on **Wed Nov 26** from 11am to 3pm.

Members of the club will be stationed at the Acme, Happy Hippo, and Verona Ristorante, offering white cane lapel stickers for donations from passers-by.

Proceeds will benefit the Lions' signature cause: The support of programs designed to prevent avoidable blindness and improve the quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Locally, the Lions support Dance Haddonfield's "Dancing in the Dark" programs at Grace Church on Wednesdays in May/June and September/October.

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Blood Drives

› One excellent way to give thanks during the holiday season is to give blood. Red Cross Drives are scheduled for **Mon Dec 22** from 12n to 5pm at the First Presbyterian Church and **Tue Dec 30** from 12n to 5pm at the Lutheran Church.

For appointments, go to *RedCrossBlood.org* or call 800-733-2767.

Author talks: Online and free

› The Public Library has slated two virtual author talks in December:

• *Scheming Wives and High-Stakes Hilarity* with Sue Hincenbergs, award-winning television producer and author of *The Retirement Plan*. **Tue Dec 2** at 2pm.

• *The Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen* with author and Smithsonian curator Paula J. Johnson. **Tue Dec 9** at 2pm.

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

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Podcast addresses local issues

› In September, residents Chadd Levine and Chris Timpano launched *Haddonfield Talks,* a monthly podcast during which they discuss "local issues that matter, with community leaders and residents who care about them."

The guest for the first session, on **Mon Sep 22,** was Commissioner Itir Cole.

On **Mon Oct 20,** they chatted with Commissioner Frank Troy and Police Chief Jason Cutler.

The third session, on **Mon Nov 17,** was with Mayor Dave Siedell.

The major topics:

- **Traffic Stop Numbers: The Truth Behind the Discrepancy!**
  Frank breaks down why official statistics on traffic stops can sometimes be misleading. He sheds light on how data collection methods affect the final numbers.
- **First year in office**
  Transparency. Transparency. Transparency. The mayor wants everyone to know what's going on, at all times. He knew the work involved, and honestly just loves doing it. "Mayor" was never really the goal.
  His biggest motto: "We provide the canvas, you provide the paint." (By "paint," the mayor means ideas for things to do, and oftentimes ... doing it.)
- **Homelessness**
  A balance between protecting citizens and helping struggling individuals. The goal is to get them help, even when arrested, not press charges.
- **Fireworks are they ever coming back?**
  No. But it's for the good. In general, there's not enough space to do it, and the Celebrations Association has already secured an amazing drone show to commemorate America's 250th celebration in 2026. The Borough will continue to work with Celebrations to optimize its events. Events come and go over time, as interests wax and wane.
- **Bancroft**
  It's moving forward. Once the Borough approved the PILOT, Woodmont was able to secure its funding. People are now "at peace" with Bancroft, knowing that it's settled and moving forward.
- **New gymnasium at the High School**
  It also will be for community use, not just for students.
- **Crows Woods and other ball fields**
  The Borough will begin by looking at what is needed to be "peeled back" and resurfaced, while providing additional facilities for sports at Farwood during the process.
- **Taxes**
  Everyone thinks Haddonfield has to have more money than most towns, but in reality, we have the same as everyone else, per capita. We are capped at what we plan for; anything over that we have to give back. Although property values are high, the total cash available – for public services, schools, police, etc. – also has to do with the number of people available.
- **What do you want to be remembered by during your term as Mayor?**
  Transparency, and that we made an effort to make this a place for people to stay long after their children have graduated.

You can view the Mayor Siedell podcast on YouTube here – bit.ly/4oS7Vi5 – or scan the QR ◄.

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

MAYOR SIEDELL PODCAST on YouTube

Election 2025

› Official results for Haddonfield for the General Election on **Tue Nov 4** are as follows:

NJ Governor

• Sherrill (D)	4,466
• Ciatterelli (R)	2,014
• Others/Write-In	26

NJ 6th Legislative District (2 seats)

• Greenwald (D)	4,321
• Kane (D)	4,278
• Brangan (R)	1,981
• Sykes (R)	1,921

County Surrogate (1)

• Gentek-Mayer (D)	4,171
• Nieves ((R)	1,894

County Board of Commissioners: Unexpired Term (1)

• Fleisher (D)	4,263
• Bernat 2(R)	2,014

County Board of Commissioners: (2)

• McDonnell (D)	4,178
• Bianco Bezich (D)	3,885
• Navarro (R)	2,151
• Stone (R)	2,161

Haddonfield Board of Education (3 seats)

• Esemplare	4,495
• Grookett	4,529
• Hochgertel	4,514
• Write-In	696

Of Interest ...

Former Mayor Colleen Bianco Bezich will be sworn in as a County Commissioner on **Tue Jan 6.**

The newly elected Board of Education members will be sworn in on the same date.

Among those who received Write-In votes for the Board of Education were two Phillies: Bryce Harper (3) and Kyle Schwarber (2); two Eagles: Jalen Hurts (1) and Nick Siriani (2); and one president: Donald Trump (1).

'Tis the season to ... run!

Register for TURKEY TROT

Register for SNOWFLAKE RUN

› Coming up: Two opportunities to enjoy a Saturday-morning 5K run through the streets of Haddonfield:

- 8th Annual Haddons Turkey Trot 5K on **Thu Nov 27** at 8am. Start and finish at Crows Woods. This run is organized by Teams Work for Good, a Haddonfield-based nonprofit. The run is chip-timed, and a turkey will be awarded to the overall male and female winners. Each age-group winner will receive a freshly baked pie. Register here – bit.ly/4qCboCO – or scan the QR ▶.
- 7th Annual Snowflake 5K Run/Walk on **Sat Dec 6** at Crows Woods, sponsored by the Evening Membership Department of The Haddon Fortnightly. Check-in from 7 to 8:30am.

There will be a Costume Contest at 8:30am and pre-race stretching by Mosiac Health at 8:40am. Race start at 9am – rain or shine (or snowflakes!). Proceeds benefit Jackson's Wish. Sign up here – bit.ly/3X4DY20 ▶.

Haddonfield Celebrations Association

The all-volunteer organizers of the Independence Day, Halloween, and Holiday Celebrations.

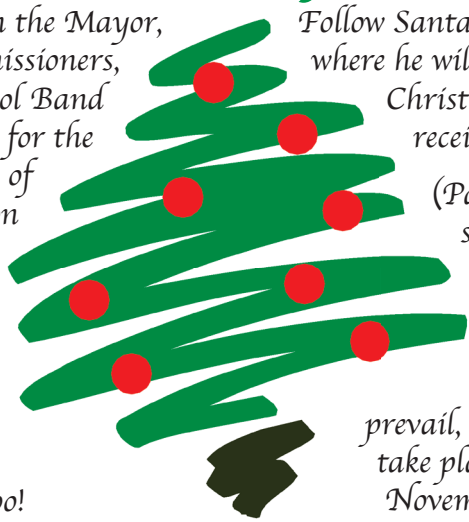
We invite all to attend the annual

Santa's Tree Lighting and Parade

Friday, November 28 – 6pm at the Library

Join the Mayor, Commissioners, High School Band and Choir for the official opening of the holiday season in Haddonfield.

Please bring canned goods to share with local families in need, and a candle or flashlight too!



Follow Santa to Kings Court where he will listen to children's Christmas wishes and receive wish letters.

(Parents! Please be sure to include your child's return address.)

If winter storms prevail, the ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 29 at 6pm.

The Haddonfield Celebrations Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Donations are tax-deductible. PLEASE HELP US fund the Independence Day Parade, Halloween Parade, and Santa's Tree Lighting and Parade.
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› Dance?

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A Beginner Lesson starts at 6:45pm. On **Sun Nov 23:** East Coast Swing with Dr. George Davis. Then: **Dec 7, 14, 21:** Argentine Tango. **Dec 28:** The Hustle, with Donna Boyle.

Open dancing runs from 7:30 to 10pm.

In addition to dancing, there are desserts, beverages, and copious amounts of Chinese food. Admission $10; $5 extra for Intermediate Lesson.

DanceHaddonfield.org.

On stage:

› This year's holiday musical at Haddonfield Plays & Players will be *Fiddler on the Roof,* one of Broadway's most popular and highly acclaimed musicals.

Set in Imperial Russia around 1905, *Fiddler on the Roof* centers on a milkman – Tevye – in the village of Anatevka, who attempts to maintain his religious and cultural traditions as outside influences encroach upon his family's lives.

He must cope with the actions of strong-willed daughters who wish to marry for love; their choices of husbands are successively less palatable for Tevye.

The production will run from **Fri Dec 5** thru **Sat Dec 20.** For tix: ◄.

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End-of-year appeal

› For more than 40 years, The Haddonfield Foundation has provided seed money to support the initiatives of Haddonfield's many nonprofit organizations and public institutions.

The list of projects includes the Crafts & Fine Arts Festival, Farmers Market, Interfaith Caregivers, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, PTAs, Alumni Society, HMHS Athletic Hall of Fame, Fall Festival ... etcetera!

As 2025 comes to a close, the Foundation is inviting members of the community to help it continue its charitable works. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to PO Box 555, Haddonfield NJ 08033 or made at *HaddonfieldFoundation.org* ▶.

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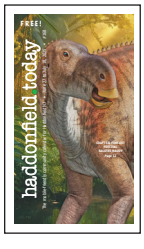
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Sounds of the season

› The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus will present the first of three holiday concerts (titled "It Isn't the Holidays until the NJGMC Sings!) at the United Methodist Church on **Sat Dec 6** at 8pm.

Under the direction of Sarah A. Michel, sleigh bells will ring and the gay men will sing! From traditional choral classics to a pop-culture diva, this concert is filled with heartfelt harmonies, queer cheer, and joyful surprises.

And a holiday cookie sale!

Tickets are $25 ($20 for seniors and students) and may be purchased here – njgmc.org/events – or scan the QR code ►.

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DEADLINE	Issue	Issue Date
• **Fri Nov 21**	HT175	**Fri Nov 28**
Note earlier-than-normal deadline		
• **Tue Dec 2**	HT176	**Fri Dec 5**
• **Tue Dec 9**	HT177	**Fri Dec 12**
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