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THU 27 p23 Turkey Trot

FRI 28 p20 Tree Lighting / Santa

FRI 28 p20 Ready. Set. Shop!



FRI 05 p11 *Fiddler on the Roof*

SAT 06 p23 Snowflake Run

SAT 06 p19 Gay Men's Chorus

THU 11 p05 Holiday House Tour

SUN 14 p07 ChildrenSong Concert

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The Word on the Street

Thanksgiving 2025 marks the 70th anniversary of the creation of the Green Bean Casserole, by the late Dorcas Reilly (a Haddonfield resident) at Campbell's Soup Co.

What's your must-have dish for Thanksgiving? And why?

Photos and captions are reprinted from a past issue.





◀ ***BROOKE MORELLI*** *of Cherry Hill says "I just love creamy, buttery, mashed potatoes on Thanksgiving. With gravy, of course."*

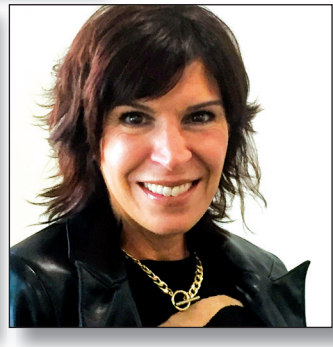
▲ *Woodbury's* ***TOM BECKETT*** *answers with one word: "Stuffing." He also liked his mother's specialty: rice casserole, but fundamentally, it's all about "stuffing."*



◀ ***ANDREA JACK*** *of Cherry Hill loves sweet potato and mushroom casserole. "But it's not part of my in-laws' tradition," she says, "so when we go to their house I really miss it."*

▶ *"For me, it would be turkey," says* ***LOU DeSIMONE*** *of Washington Twp. In Lou's view, the day would be nothing without turkey. "And stuffing. But you can keep your cranberries."*





▶ *Sicklerville's* ***DEBBY SAUNDERS-FONT*** *treasures her family's three-potato tradition: "Sweet, mashed, and Southern-style potato salad." My grandmother made it, my mother made it, I make it, and now my daughters make it. Delicious!"*



▲ ***NICOLE LUKAITIS*** *of Barrington says her mother "makes a delicious chestnut stuffing," and Thanksgiving wouldn't be the same without it. Nicole's note to self: "Get Mom to write down the recipe."*

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 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.

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› 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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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.

Admission: $20. Seniors/students: $15. Children 14 and under: $Free.





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.

Go Dawgs!



Support for fire victims

› Shortly after 5am on **Thu Nov 20,** fire broke out in a condominium on the second floor of the Haddon Building within Haddonfield Commons. For details, see the NJPen report on page 15.

At least two families lost all their possessions; one had just moved to New Jersey to begin their lives in Haddonfield. Residents of 12 units remain displaced, pending remediation of smoke and water damage.

An online donation facility has been set up here – bit.ly/44inreS – or scan the QR ◄.

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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.**

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 ◄.

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Two Extraordinary Events. More to Come!

Haddonfield American Legion Post 38 recently launched a new initiative: A series of public discussions on topics of widespread interest and concern.

Under the banner "Community Conversations," we held the inaugural session at the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. The topic – **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder** – was subtitled, "It's not just a military matter."

A panel of five told their personal stories of coping with PTSD, either themselves or in relation to family members or service members. About 55 people were in attendance. One audience member described the event as "the most wrenching, impactful gathering I have ever attended – on any subject."

The second Community Conversation – on Wednesday, November 19 – attracted more than 110 people. They came to hear three Memorial High School students present profiles of three **World War II Veterans:** Lt. Cmdr. Thomas H. Reilly (age 99), Chief Petty Officer Thelbert "Pug" Snyder (age 102) – both of Haddonfield – and 2nd Lt. Eugene J. Richardson Jr. (100) of Philadelphia, a pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen.

That night, CBS3 aired a report of the event. Scan the QR ▶ to view. [bit.ly/49xsfRg]

Watch the **CBS3 NEWS REPORT** of Haddonfield Salutes a Century of Service.



The unique layout of the First Baptist Church sanctuary is ideally suited for the Community Conversations format.



Ted Gallagher, director of Veterans Affairs for Camden County, presents a Commissioners' proclamation to 2nd Lt. Eugene J. Richardson Jr.



Memorial High students Johanna Richards, Luke Patterson, and Pete Simpson with Air Force recruiter D-Flt TSgt Joseph Timpson and Post 38 Commander Rodney Thomas.

Next: Breast Cancer

We urge you to mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 21** at 7pm, when a panel of regional experts will discuss cancer awareness, treatment, advances, and survivorship.

Post 38 thanks **AllRisk Property Damage Experts** for their support of Community Conversations.

Donations in support of this initiative are welcome, and will be received with gratitude by mail or online.

● Post 38 meets at 7pm on the second Monday of each month at 129 Veterans Lane, Haddonfield. To learn more about the Post, membership, programs, and benefits, please visit www.alhpost38.com or contact Joe McElroy at 856-429-8644 or proprinting@comcast.net.

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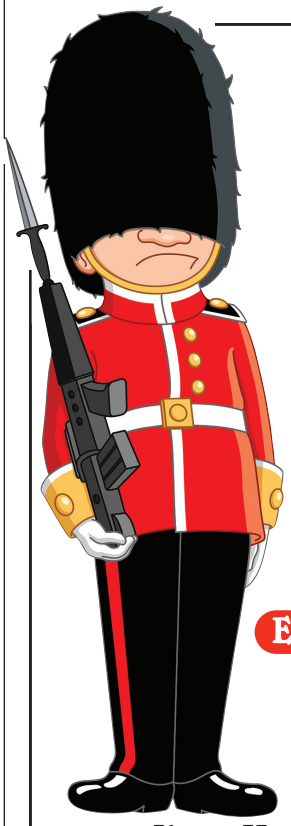
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› One excellent way to give thanks during the holiday season is to donate blood. Red Cross Drives are scheduled for **Mon Dec 22** from 12n to 5pm at the First Presbyterian Church and **Tue Dec 30** from 12n to 5pm at the Lutheran Church.

For appointments, go to *RedCrossBlood.org*.

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 open on **Fri Dec 5** at 8pm and continue as follows:

- Sat Dec 6 at 8pm
- Sun Dec 7 at 3pm
- Thu Dec 11 at 8pm
- Fri Dec 12 at 8pm
- Sat Dec 13 at 3pm
- Sat Dec 13 at 8pm
- Sun Dec 14 at 3pm
- Thu Dec 18 at 8pm
- Fri Dec 19 at 8pm
- Sat Dec 20 at 3pm
- Sat Dec 20 at 8pm

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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.

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.

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Pilates, Sculpt-&-Tone classes

› The fitness classes at the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Sue Heindel, will resume on **Mon Jan 5**. (No class on **Mon Jan 19.**)

• 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.

Fees are $84 for 12 classes; $162 for 24; $234 for 36; $300 for 48. Fees can be pro-rated based on personal attendance schedules.

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

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14 people displaced in Haddonfield Commons apartment fire

By Matt Skoufalos / November 20, 2025



▲ *Two house cats perished in the incident, which ripped through a dozen units at the apartments..*
Photo: Matt Skoufalos.

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

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

An early morning fire at the Haddonfield Commons apartment complex severely damaged four units and compromised 12 in total.

Fourteen people were displaced by the fire, which sadly also claimed the lives of two house cats.

Haddonfield Fire Chief Pat Gorman said that first responders were dispatched to the 400 block of North Haddon Avenue for a report of a fire at 5:22am.

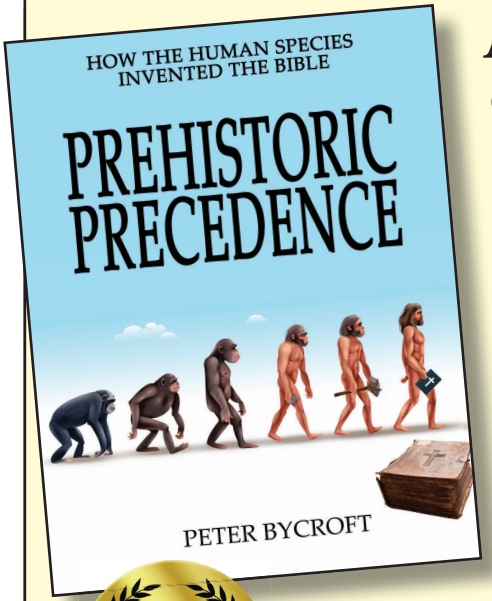
They arrived less than three minutes later to discover heavy fire showing from the front of the building, Gorman said.

Primary crews began attacking the fire while a second group of firefighters began a room-to-room search for occupants of the complex. From there, ladder crews began ventilation operations on the roof of the structure.

One person refused treatment for smoke inhalation at the scene; no other injuries were reported to residents or firefighters, the chief said.

The Red Cross is supporting those families displaced by the fire. The incident is under investigation by the Camden County Fire Marshal, Haddonfield Fire ... ■.

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Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Tue Dec 2	Library Author Talk (also Tue Dec 9)
Mon Dec 22	Blood Drive (at First Presbyterian Church)
Tue Dec 30	Blood Drive (at Lutheran Church)
Thu Dec 25	Christmas
Sat Jan 3	Citizen of the Year nominations due
Wed Jan 21	Community Conversation: *Breast Cancer* (at First Baptist Church)
Sun Dec 21	Longest Night Service (at Methodist Church)
Sat Feb 7	Mayor's Breakfast
Sun Dec 21	Menorah Celebration
Wed Dec 31	New Year's Eve
Wed Dec 24	Winter Break at Public Schools (thru Jan 2)
Fri Jan 16	Winter Fest (thru Sun Jan 18)

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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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**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Creative Writing Group /PL **6[30]-8[30]**
GriefShare /BC **7**

02
***Haddonfield Today* Deadline**

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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Balance & Core /MI
Pilates /PC **9[15]-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
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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]**
Branch Managers' Tree Pruning Short Course **1-2[30]**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **3**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
Senior Citizens /MK **9[15]**
Pilates /PC **9[15]-10**
Baby Bookworms /PL **10-10[30]**
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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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
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]-2[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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Balance & Core /MI
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Plays & Players /HF

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HANUKKAH begins at sundown (thru Dec 22)

Tea with Mrs Claus /HF **1-3**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **3**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**
NJ MasterChorale Winter Concert /MC **7**
Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble /PC **7**

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Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-9**
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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**
Storytime /PL **4-4[30]**
Family Fireplace Ornament /PL **6-7**
GriefShare /BC **7**

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***Haddonfield Today* Deadline**

Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Diamond Art: *Nutcracker Ornaments* /PL **11-12**
Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11[15]-12[15]**
Bridge Club /MK **12[30]-3**
Storytime /PL **1-1[30]**
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Thursday

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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 Th 10-12 S 12-3
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

28 BLACK FRIDAY *Haddonfield Today*

CLOSED Borough Offices, School District, Mabel Kay Senior Center, Post Office, 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**

Saturday

29 NOV

BRUNCH BIG, SHOP SMALL WEEKEND

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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

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Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
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Tai Chi /MK **1-1^{45}**
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Girls Who Code /PL **3^{30}-4^{45}**
Art: *Gingerbread Spoons* /PL **6-7^{30}**
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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Snack & Craft /PL **10-10^{30}**
Yuletide at the Museum /IKT **6-8**
Wrapping Paper Swap /PL **10-5**
Snack & Craft: *Gingerbread* /PL **10, 1^{30}**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11, 11^{15}-12**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Baby Buddies /PL **12-2**
Kid Crafter Market /MAC **4^{30}-6^{30}**
Candlelight Shopping /DT **5-8+**
Live Nativity /BC **7, 7^{30}**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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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**
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Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
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Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
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Trivia for Seniors /MK **2-3^{30}**
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GOP Holiday Party /TCC **6-9**
Board of Education /MHS **7^{30}**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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Yuletide at the Museum /IKT **6-8**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga? /MK **10^{15}-11**
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**
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Business Networking Group /JJ **9-10**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Storytime /PL **10-10^{30}**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Open Play /PL **10^{30}-12**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1^{45}**
65 Club /110 **1^{30}**
Girls Who Code /PL **3^{30}-4^{45}**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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DEADLINE Toys for Tots Drop-Off /PD **8-4**
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**
Candlelight Shopping /DT **5-8+**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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Silly Gingerbread Take-Home Craft /PL **10-2**
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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.



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.

You wanna ...

› Dance?

If so, slide along to Dance Haddonfield – every Sunday night, at Grace Church. The program begins at 6pm with an Intermediate Lesson. On **Sun Nov 30,** Robert Chukrallah will teach the Tango.

A Beginner Lesson starts at 6:45pm. On **Sun Nov 30:** Argentine Tango with Dr. George Davis. Then: **Sun Dec 7** Meringue, **Sun Dec 14** Waltz, **Sun Dec 21** Hustle, **Sun Dec 28** West Coast Swing.

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.

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.**

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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.

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.

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.

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'Tis the season to ... 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 ◄.







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First Baptist Church is handicap accessible.

A free-will offering will be collected to support the ongoing concert series. A $15 minimum donation is requested.

Discuss history

› 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 on **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.*

Tea with Mrs Claus

› Holiday games, crafts, stories, and tasty treats will be on the menu at a Tea with Mrs Claus at The Haddon Fortnightly clubhouse on **Sun Dec 14.**

Children ages 2 to 12 are invited to attend (accompanied by adults) from 1 to 3pm ... and to bring letters to Santa.

Tickets are $10 for children ages 2 to 5; $18 for those age 6 to 12; and $25 for adults.

To reserve places, call Susan Foley at 773-679-8142 or email *susanfoley43@yahoo.com.*

Proceeds will benefit programs at Rowan Medical School (Stratford) for children who have experienced trauma.

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.*

Novel gifts

› Looking for something different to give this holiday season?

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Tread boards!

› 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!

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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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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).

Call 856-429-2326 with questions, or go to *firstbaptisthaddonfield.org*.

On stage in 2026

› Subscriptions for Haddonfield Plays & Players' 2026 season are now available for purchase at *haddonfieldplayers.com*. Scan the QR ▶.

The line-up of mainstage productions includes:

- *Shrek: The Musical* – "Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek."
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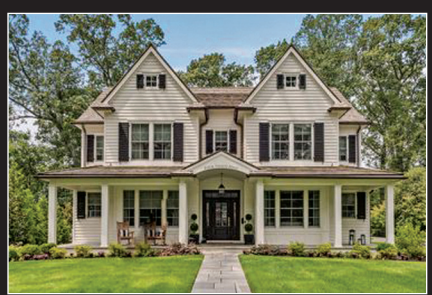
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