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FRI 05 p15 *Fiddler on the Roof*

SAT 06 p18 Snowflake Run

SAT 06 p13 Gay Men's Chorus



THU 11 p25 Holiday House Tour

SUN 14 p29 ChildrenSong Concert

SUN 14 p15 Philadelphia Handbells

SUN 14 p19 NJ MasterChorale

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The Word on the Street

The Holiday House Tour is scheduled for **Thu Dec 11.** Proceeds will benefit Interfaith Caregivers.

How would you respond if your spouse announced, apropos of nothing: "Incidentally, honey, I told Interfaith they could put our place on the House Tour"?



◀ ***JACK TASSINI*** *of Brielle thinks he would respond, "OK. That's fine. It's for a good cause."*



▲ *"I didn't realize you were going to do the decorating this Christmas," is what* ***NANCY LYNCH*** *of Cinnaminson would tell her husband.*



◀ ***SAMANTHA GLEASON*** *of Haddonfield would ask: "When is it? How many people should we expect?" And: "What kind of cookies do you plan to buy?"*

▶ *"I'd say, 'Honey ... we always run major decisions by each other,'" says* ***LUIS RODRIGUEZ*** *of Marlton. "Why in the world didn't you talk with me about this first?" And then? "Then I'd say 'OK.'"*





▶ *Haddonfield's* ***MARGE McELROY*** *would say, "Get cleaning!" And "I suggest you dig out that To Do List I gave you last Christmas."*



▲ ***JIM KLINE*** *of Maple Shade says, "I'd be less than thrilled." Even so ... "I probably wouldn't mind if the visitors were members of a local community group. I would balk at opening our home to the general public, however."*

Holiday trash

› Christmas trash and recycling collection has been scheduled as follows:

- **Thu Dec 25** (Christmas Day) – No collection.
- **Fri Dec 26** – Thursday's and Friday's trash and recycling collection.

Trash: 800-633-9096
Recycling: 856-429-0183

Seniors' holiday party

› The Mabel Kay Senior Center invites local seniors to its annual Holiday Party at Grace Church on **Fri Dec 12** from 12n to 1:30pm.

Registration in advance is required, preferably online. Go here – bit.ly/4rxO1L5 [note: the "O" is the letter "O," not a zero] – or scan the QR code ▶.

The fee – $3 for residents; $5 for non-residents – is payable at the door. Those who are able are asked to bring a dessert to share and an unwrapped toy.

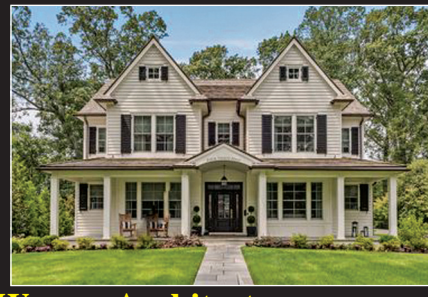
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Blood Drives

› 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*.

Yuletide at the Tavern

› Put the "historic" in your Holiday!

On **Fri Dec 5, 12,** and **19,** the Indian King Tavern Museum will host "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 hot cider and an "ornament of the week" to decorate.

On **Fri Dec 12** from 7 to 8pm, The Sea Dogs – a pirate/privateer re-enactment group – will perform historic songs of the seas.

On **Fri Dec 19** at 6:30 and 7:30pm, Haddonfield Players & Players will present a dramatic reading of Clement Clarke Moore's beloved poem, "The Night Before Christmas."

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, as is admission to the Museum during regular hours.

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Proceeds from the Haddonfield House Tour provide supportive volunteer services for people who are 65+ or have disabilities.

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.

Dance in December!

› Slide along to Dance Haddonfield at Grace Church, any Sunday night.

The Intermediate Lesson begins at 6pm. For the first three Sundays in December, instructors from the Philadelphia Argentine Tango School will teach.

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

Open dancing runs from 7:30 to 10pm.

Admission $10; $5 extra for Intermediate Lesson. Desserts, beverages, and copious amounts of Chinese food are provided.

DanceHaddonfield.org

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.

A mixer for business owners

› Haddonfield merchants and professionals are invited to mix and mingle – and sip hand-crafted cocktails – during the Partnership for Haddonfield's Joy to Networking event on **Wed Dec 10** from 5 to 7:30pm. The location is Wildfether Distilling. (Must be 21 years or older to attend.)

Chat, exchange business cards, and sample the culinary offerings from Haute Dog, Fishtown Seafood, Maya's, Mystea, and Umile Trattoria.

Wear your best, ugliest Christmas sweater and take home a special prize.

Registration and a nominal donation are required, here – bit.ly/3M4UmNY – or scan the QR ▶.

Register for **JOY TO NETWORKING**



- **Dorothy Evans, 98**
  December 1, 2025
- **Betty Phillips, 97**
  November 30, 2025
- **Nancy Ruth Mang, 96**
  November 20, 2025
- **David S. Bewick, Jr, 83**
  November 19, 2025
- **Thelma Susann Brennan Morris, 91**
  November 18, 2025
- **John William Camp III, 84**
  November 14, 2025
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› Having trouble finding a holiday gift for your retired husband, father, or grandfather?

A local community group has just what you need. One size fits all, and it's really affordable!

The 65 Club is a social and service organization for retired male residents of Haddonfield. Members meet each Thursday in the clubhouse on 110 Rhoads Ave. Most meetings feature a guest speaker.

The club holds seasonal luncheons and wine-and-cheese get-togethers to which spouses are invited, as well as several bus trips during the year. There are regular bowling and golf outings, card games each week, and an extensive book lending library.

Members raise funds to support a variety of local charities – the Salvation Army's Kroc Center in Camden, for example. They serve as marshals for local 5K runs (including one sponsored by the Haddonfield Lions Club and the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning). On behalf of the Salvation Army, they ring the Red Kettle Bell outside the Acme during the holiday season.

This "perfect present for grandpa" will set you back all of 58 cents a week – although the treasurer would prefer an annual check for $30.

For more information and a membership application, go to *haddon65club.blogspot.com* or call Chuck Kanupke at 856-795-5810.

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."

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Crossing the country to run cross country

› Seven boys from Memorial High School will compete against nearly 400 other runners in the Nike Cross Nationals (NXN) – "the ultimate cross country experience" – in Portland OR on **Sat Dec 6.**

The members of the team are Luke Andresen, Ben Andrus, AJ Blum, Ryan Gibson, Pete Simpson, Michael Sinnes, and Brandon Stoner. They are dedicating their efforts in honor of longtime Haddonfield coach Nick Baker, who passed away in 2023, and the Baker family.

Link to **NXN WEBCAST**

The race, set to start at 1:05pm Eastern time, will be webcast live and may be viewed here – bit.ly/3Xw0Ac8. Or scan the QR ◄.

Haddonfield placed second at Regionals and ranks #16 in the United States. This will be the first time a Haddonfield cross-country team has competed at this level.

The team is coached by Matt Cieslik and his assistant, Dave Stewart.



Feed My Starving Children

The packing event at the Haddonfield Middle School on November 21 and 22, 2025 was a big success.

500 volunteers packed 101,304 meals – enough to feed 277 kids for one year!

Thanks to all who participated and donated. And a special "Thank You" to those listed below, for their support.

Bob Hochgertel & King's Road Brewing Co., Hardenberg Insurance Group, Haddonfield Council of Churches, Christ Our Light Church, Jane Oswari / Friends of Christ, Nancy Lynch & M&T Bank, First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, United Methodist Church of Haddonfield, Adam Puff & Haddonfield Financial Planning, Georgetown University Alumni Club of Southern NJ, Kiwanis of the Haddons, Girl Scout Troops 30284 and 30974, Haddon Heights First Presbyterian Youth Group, Robyn & William Wright, Anthony Chwastyk, Barbara Roth, Barbara Nobel & Haddonfield Board of Education, David Hunter & Haddonfield Today

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haddonfieldhistory.org

Two choral concerts

› The Greater SJ Chorus, whose home base is the Methodist Church, has scheduled two seasonal concerts in the region:

- **Sat Dec 13** at 7:30pm – "A Festive Evening of Brass and Voice" – with the award-winning Atlantic Brass Band – in the Pfleeger Concert Hall at Rowan University. Tickets: bit.ly/4pI7B5o or scan the QR ▶.
- **Sun Dec 14** at 3pm – "Sounds of the Season" – at the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill. Tickets: bit.ly/3Kj4IsZ or scan ▶.

The programs include favorite Christmas carols, Harper's "Snow Carol," Wainwright's "Fanfare of Joy," and "Christmas On Broadway."

Tix for **SJ CHORUS: DEC 13**

Tix for **SJ CHORUS: DEC 14**

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Symphony in C is a member of ArtPride and the South Jersey Cultural Alliance (SJCA).

Tix for **GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

Tix for **SYMPHONY IN C**

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 ◄.

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.*

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Tix for FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

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.

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

Tickets are $32 and may be ordered here – bit.ly/4ieetFg – or scan the QR ◄.

HaddonfieldPlayers.com

Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednes

Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Tue Dec 30	Blood Drive (at Lutheran Church)
Sat Jan 3	Citizen of the Year nominations due
Wed Jan 21	Community Conversation: *Breast Cancer* (at First Baptist Church)
Mon Jan 19	Martin Luther King Jr Birthday (Public Schools closed)
Sat Feb 7	Mayor's Breakfast / Citizen and Youth of the Year Awards
Wed Dec 31	New Year's Eve
Fri Jan 30	Pet registrations due
Mon Jan 5	Pilates and sculpt-and-tone classes begin (at Presbyterian Church)
Fri Jan 2	Senior Parking Permits for 2026
Fri Jan 16	*Shrek: The Musical* (at Plays & Players)
Sat Jan 17	Souper Bowl Saturday
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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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}**
Holiday Wrapping Paper Swap /PL **10-8**
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**
Craft: *Labubu Bag Charms* /PL **3^{30}-4^{30}**
Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**

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Balance & Core /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
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Greater SJ Chorus /CL **3**
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ChildrenSong Holiday Concert /LC **3^{30}**
Service of Solace /GC **5**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**
NJ MasterChorale Winter Concert /MC **7**

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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 /PL **1-3**
Storytime /PL **4-4^{30}**
Family Fireplace Ornament /PL **6-7**
GriefShare /BC **7**
Borough Commission /BH V **7^{30}**

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Shade Tree /BH **8**
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** Open Play /PL **1^{30}**
Cookie Decorating /PL **4-4^{45}**
Recreation /BH **7** • Zoning /BH **7**
Toastmasters /LC **7^{15}**

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Balance & Core /MI
Pilates /PC **9^{15}-10**
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Blood Drive /PC **12-5**
Mah Jongg /PL **1-3**
GriefShare /BC **7**

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Library Board /PL **8**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12^{30}-3**

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Fri Jan 2)
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Balance & Core /MI
Coffee & Schmooze

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AM Acme Market
BC Baptist Church
BH Borough Hall
CL Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill
CW Crows Woods
DT Downtown
GC Grace Church
HF Haddon Fortnightly
HPP Plays & Players
HQ 129 Veterans Lane
IFC Interfaith Caregivers (20 Chestnut)
IKT Indian King Tavern Museum
JJ Jersey Java & Tea
LC Lutheran Church
M Mechanic Street
MAC Markeim Arts Cent
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MC Methodist Church
MHS Memorial High Sch

sday



Thursday

Open Hours

Acme M-S 7-10, Su 7-9
Borough Hall M-F 8^{30}-4^{30}
CVS M-F 9-9, S 9-7, Su 12-5
Pharmacy M-F 9-9, S 9-5, Su 12-5
Pharmacy is closed 1^{30}-2
Greenfield Hall M W Th 1-4
Archives Center 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
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Friday

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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Snack & Craft /PL **10-1**^{30}
Wrapping Paper Swap /PL **10-5**
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+**
Artwalk Opening /M **5**^{30}
Yuletide at the Museum /IKT **6-8**
Live Nativity /BC **7, 7**^{30}
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

Saturday

06 DEC

Snowflake Run /CW **7-8**^{30} for **9**
Holiday Wrapping Paper Swap /PL **10-2**
Branch Managers' Tree Pruning Short Course **1-2**^{30}
Nike Cross Nationals /V **1**^{05}
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**
NJ Gay Men's Chorus /MC **8**

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/WF **5-7**^{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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Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11**^{15}**-12**
Seniors' Holiday Party /GC **12-1**^{30}
Film Series /PL **1**^{30}**-4**^{30}
Candlelight Shopping /DT **5-8+**
Yuletide at the Museum /IKT **6-8**
Madrigal Dessert Theater /GC **7***
Sea Dogs /IKT **7-8**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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Craft: *Hanukkah Take-Home Ornament* /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Madrigal Dessert Theater /GC **2***
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **3**
Madrigal Dessert Theater /RU **7***
Greater SJ Chorus /RU **7**^{30}
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

* All three performances of Madrigal Dessert Theater are sold out.

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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}
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Yeti Cupcake Decorating /PL **4-4**^{45}
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DEADLINE Toys for Tots Drop-Off /PD **8-4**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Red Kettle Collection /A **10-6**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Table-Top Games /MK **11-1**
Chair Yoga /MK **11**^{15}**-12**
Film Series /PL **1**^{30}**-4**^{30}
Candlelight Shopping /DT **5-8+**
Yuletide at the Museum /IKT **6-8**
The Night Before Christmas /IKT **6**^{30}**, 7**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **8**

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Silly Gingerbread Take-Home Craft /PL **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Red Kettle Collection /A **10-6**
Fiddler on the Roof /HPP **3**
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25 CHRISTMAS

CLOSED Banks, Borough Offices, Mabel Kay Senior Center, Public Library, Schools
POSTPONED to Friday: Today's trash and recycling collection

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thru Thu Jan 1

OPEN Mabel Kay Senior Center (but no programming)
CLOSED Borough Offices, Schools, Grace Church Thrift Shop
POSTPONED to Today: Yesterday's trash and recycling collection

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Time to run: Rain, shine ... or snowflakes!

› Grab your sneakers and perhaps a holiday costume and register for the Snowflake 5K Run/Walk on **Sat Dec 6.** Check-in at Crows Woods from 7 to 8:30am. There will be a Costume Contest at 8:30am and pre-race stretching by Mosiac Health at 8:40am. The horn will sound at 9am.

This seventh annual event is sponsored by the Evening Membership Department of The Haddon Fortnightly. Proceeds will benefit Jackson's Wish (a nonprofit that believes that awareness about mental health and suicide prevention for teens starts with a conversation).

The night before the race – **Fri Dec 5** from 7 to 8pm – there will be a free yoga class at the Fortnightly clubhouse (Kings Hwy E and Grove), taught by Christine Buck. Take your own mat. Water provided.

Registration: $35 prior to race day; $40 on the day. Go here – bit.ly/3X4DY20 – or scan the QR code ►.

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Kids' crafts

› The Markeim Arts Center will host a Kids' Holiday Market on **Fri Dec 5** from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Vendors age 8 to 18 will be on hand, selling one-of-a-kind items such as candles, ornaments, 3-D crafts, and original art.

All holiday shoppers are welcome.

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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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.

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 ◄.

Funds received will be distributed to the affected families, and to local emergency services.

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Menorah lights

› Chabad of Camden and Burlington counties will host a menorah-lighting ceremony at Library Point on **Sun Dec 21** at 4pm.

Latkes and donuts will be provided for those who attend, and music will be an integral part of the program.

All are welcome.

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New at Artwalk

› Do you know what – or where – Artwalk is?

It's an outdoor exhibit space on Mechanic Street (alongside King's Road Brewing Co), established and maintained by the Outdoor Sculpture Trust.

Its fifty feet of wrought iron railings evoke scenes of Paris, where artists showcase their paintings and drawings for locals and tourists.

The newest Artwalk installation – panels displaying works by two Haddonfield architects (Jay Reinert and Thom Wagner) – will be opened on **Fri Dec 5** at 5:30pm.

All are welcome.

Established in 2009, J Reinert Architecture focuses on residential work with an emphasis on new construction, renovations, and additions. The firm has been named by Forbes magazine as one of America's Top 200 Residential Architects.

Thomas B. Wagner Architect has been a Haddonfield fixture for over 30 years, completing more than 1,500 custom homes and additions in Haddonfield alone. Examples of his commercial work dot the downtown streetscape.

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.

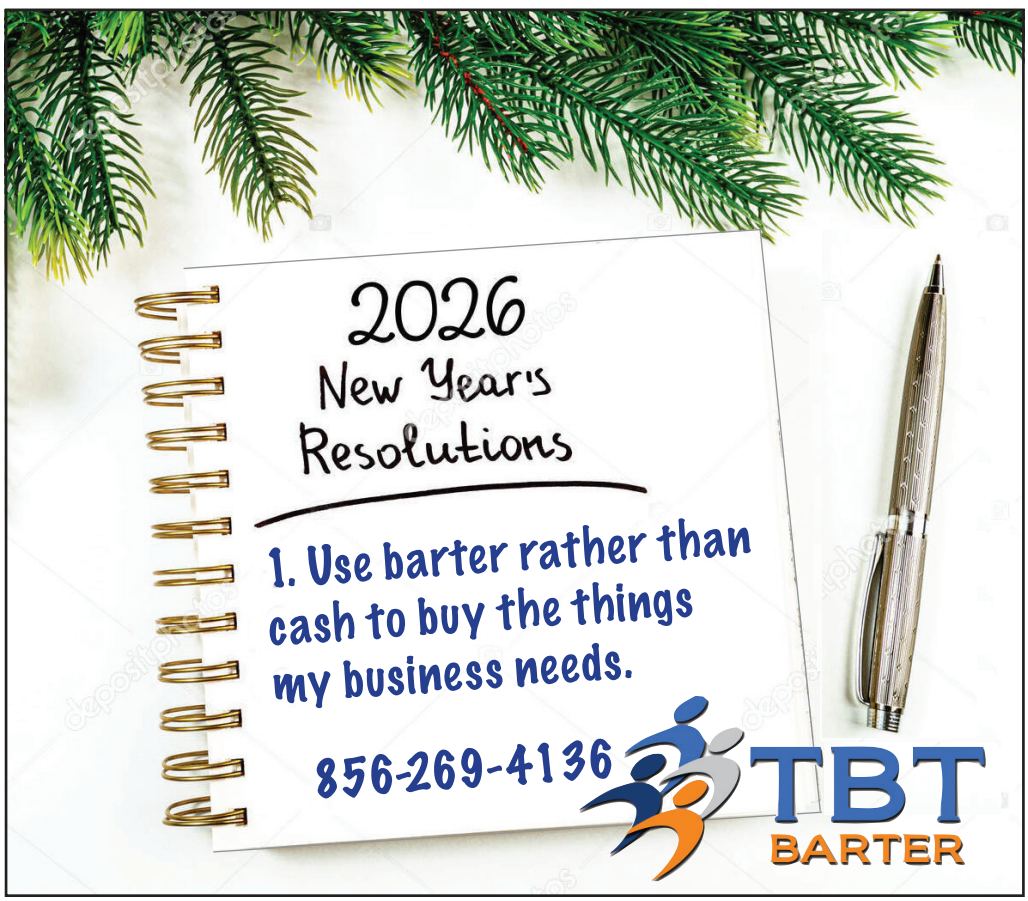
Seeking the Citizen of the Year

› 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.*



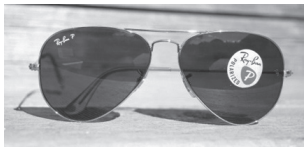


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Leaves, etc

› If you have leaves after the pick-up ends, place them in green bins or brown paper bags for collection in January.

Vegetative matter is collected during the first full week of each month, thru March.

The chipper truck will resume service in January, during the third full week of each month.

Resolve to get fit in New Year

› 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.

Details: 609-238-5468 or *sueheindel@gmail.com.*

Proceeds benefit the First Presbyterian Preschool.

It's time to dine. And shop. And enjoy!

› Haddonfield's business district has been transformed into a sparkling wonderland for the holiday shopping season. One night of Candlelight Shopping night is down; there are three to go: **Fri Dec 5, 12,** and **19.**

Many merchants have extended their hours to 8pm or later. Some have special promotions and in-store hospitality.

Carolers and musicians will fill the night air with classic holiday music on Friday nights. Mrs Claus will visit Downtown Haddonfield merchants on **Fri Dec 12** and **Fri Dec 19.** She's a selfie expert! 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.

Note that parking is free thru New Year's Eve.



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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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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.

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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."
- *Noises Off* – "the funniest farce ever written."
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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.

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