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WED 15 p04 **Town Dinner**

WED 15 p23 thru Sun Apr 19 **Spring Stroll Downtown**

SAT 18 p05 **Police Station Tour**

MON 20 p22 thru Sat Apr 25 **Green Week**



SAT 25 p21 **At the Sculpture Zoo**

SUN 26 p12 **NJ MasterChorale**

SUN 17 p14 **Symphony in C Gala**

To **ADD AN EVENT** to your smartphone calendar – **instantly!** – scan the QR code. ▲

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The Word on the Street

On **Sat Apr 25**, the Haddonfield Outdoor Sculpture Trust will host Grandparents Day at the Children's Sculpture Zoo (Kings Hwy E and Evergreen).

What's you favorite animal? And why?





◀ *"As a kid, I loved geckos," says **MAX DELICATA** of Haddonfield. "My parents promised that if I got straight A's in fourth grade, they'd buy me a gecko at the end of the school year." And? "I did, and they did," says Max. "I had it for about six years."*

▲ *"I'm a cat person," says **KENDALL GEIS** of Haddonfield. "My two cats really have their act together and are happy in their own world." So they approach life on their own terms? "Yes, and I admire that."*



◀ *"My favorite animal is a tiger," says Haddonfield's **SHARON WHITE**. Because? "It lives on the wild side."*

▶ *Haddonfield's **LINDA GEIS** adores horses. "They're so beautiful and strong." Do you ride? "I did a bit when I was young, but not now. I'm happy to relate to them from a distance."*





▶ *"A giraffe," says **MICHAEL WHITE** of Haddonfield, "because it's willing to stick its neck out."*



▲ *"Duh!" said **MAN IN THE STREET** of Haddonfield, a tad sarcastically. "Keeping in Touch," by Seward Johnson, at the corner of Kings Hwy E and Tanner Street, is one of more than a dozen sculptures placed downtown by the Haddonfield Outdoor Sculpture Trust.*

Town Dinner set for Apr 15

Each year for the past 86 years, the Haddonfield Civic Association – founded in 1911 – has honored a resident or organization with an award recognizing service to the community.

Known since 1979 as the Alfred E. Driscoll Community Service Award – named for a former Haddonfield commissioner and governor of New Jersey – the award this year will be presented to Joseph P. McElroy at the annual Town Dinner, on **Wed Apr 15.**

Also at the dinner, three Memorial High School students will receive scholarships: the Bradshaw Literary Award, the Quanci Visual Arts Award, and the Kaufmann Performing Arts Award.

The event will be held at Tavistock Country Club. Cocktails at 6pm; dinner at 7pm. Tickets are $70 and may be purchased online by scanning the QR ▶ (bit.ly/3NiGrVo).

Tickets for **TOWN DINNER**

Introducing a New
Family Support Group!

While this group is focused on memory care, all families are welcome. Each month, we will read and discuss a few chapters of a selected book, connect with one another, and learn from local guest speakers and experts. Join us on the second Wednesday of every other month, 5:00–6:00 PM, for meaningful conversation, support, and community

5:00pm–6:00pm
Second Wednesday of Every Other Month

April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th, & December 9th



Register for **POLICE STATION TOUR**

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Go to jail

› In advance of the official opening of the new Police Department building (Ellis and Walnut Streets), Chief Cutler and his officers are inviting the public to tour the facility on **Sat Apr 18** from 12n to 4pm.

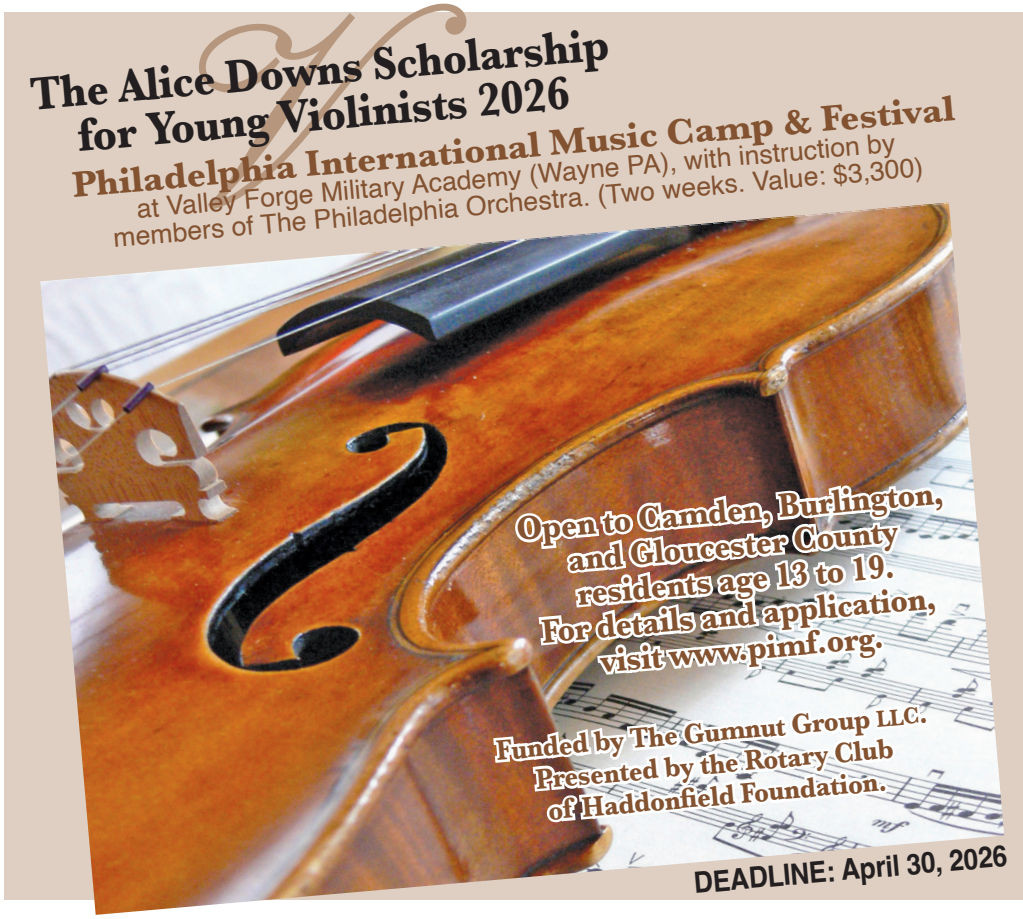
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New for seniors

› Interfaith Caregivers is collaborating with the Princeton Center for Modern Aging to make a variety of programs available to local senior citizens.

Details – along with light snacks and lunch – will be provided at the Methodist Church on **Thu Apr 30** from 11:30am to 2pm.



ALICE DOWNS Violin Scholarship details.

Egg hunt time

› The Y's Men's Club will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Crows Woods on **Sat Apr 4.**

There is no rain date.

Children ages 1 thru 10 are invited to scramble for eggs from 10am sharp.

Bring your own baskets, and keep an eye out for the Easter Bunny!

For those who grieve

› A new series of discussions for those who are grieving began at the First Baptist Church on **Mon Mar 9** and will continue for 13 weeks from 7 to 9pm. (It's not too late to register.)

The GriefShare support group is a welcoming and safe space where people can understand the difficult emotions of grief. Participants will discover what to expect in the days ahead, what's "normal" in grief, learn helpful ways of coping with grief in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way.

The fee of $35 includes a workbook.

To register, call Joan Trojan at 856-906-4228.



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BOROUGH TRASH RULES

Clean-up time

› During April, the Borough relaxes the rules on what can be placed for pick-up as trash, so clean out your attics, basements, garages, and yards!

This year's annual Spring Clean-Up is taking place on regular trash days thru **Fri Apr 24.**

All items placed curbside must meet the requirements for proper placement of trash. Details on the Borough's website. Scan the QR ◄.

Trucks also will pick up leaves and other yard debris. Note that leaves may be placed between the curb and the sidewalk without being in containers. The chipper will run the first and third weeks; the leaf machine the second and fourth weeks.

Jazz on Sunday

› The Tri-State Jazz Society's concert on **Sun Apr 12** will feature The Orleans Kids.

The concert, at the Methodist Church, will start at 2pm.

Formed in the early 2010s, The Orleans Kids includes some of the top players in the northeast: John Clark (reeds) and Dan Gabel (trombone) from Boston and Greg Ruby (guitar) and Alex Owen (leader, cornet, vocals) from New York City. They will be joined by Somoa Wilson (vocals) and Brian Nalepka (tuba).

General admission is $20 ($10 for members). Full-time students (with ID) and children are free.

Concerts are streamed live 9and free) on YouTube *@TriStateJazz.*

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Spring fling

› Interfaith Caregivers' annual Spring Fundraiser will be held at Tavistock Country Club on **Thu Apr 23** from 6 to 9pm.

The event will include trivia, prizes, and tombola raffle baskets.

Tickets ($100) include dinner and two drinks (beer and wine).

Go to bit.ly/3PW1he3 or scan the QR ◄.

The last man

› The two remaining members of American Legion Post 38's Last Man's Club for World War II – Don Beck and Tom Reilly – will be saluted during the Club's annual dinner at Tavistock Country Club on **Tue Apr 7,** as will those who passed since last year's gathering.

Time to chat

› The Mabel Kay Senior Center on Walnut Street invites seniors to stop by for its Friday Drop-In.

Relax with coffee, chat with friends, work on a puzzle, read the paper, or simply enjoy some company.

Come on your own or with a friend. Stay as long – or as short – as you like. 9:30am to 1pm.

Bus trip: Grounds for Sculpture

› When you join the Garden Club's road trip on **Thu May 14**, you'll enjoy not only 42 acres of rolling meadows rich with wildflowers, butterflies, and a pond teeming with natural life; manicured fairways, paths, and reflecting pools; and a living library of native and exotic trees and flowers ... but also an extraordinary collection of contemporary sculpture by some of the most important American and international artists working in wood, bronze, stone, steel, paper, and assemblage.

Tour the grounds at your leisure and have lunch with friends in the Van Gogh Café or at the renowned Rats restaurant.

To register, send a check payable to the Haddonfield Garden Club – members $50; non-members $60 (lunch not included) – to Mary Kaufman, 13 Stoney Bridge Road, Laurel Springs NJ 08021-2706.

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EASTER SCHEDULE 2026

Friday, April 3	10am	Children's Stations of the Cross
GOOD FRIDAY	3pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 4	10:30am	Confessions
HOLY SATURDAY	11:30am	Blessing of the Easter Food
	8pm	Easter Vigil

If you would like to participate in the Paschal Fire, please arrive at the outdoor plaza 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass – weather permitting.
After lighting the Paschal Candle, we will process into church and take our seats.

Sunday, April 5	7:30am	Mass
EASTER SUNDAY	9am	Mass
	11am	Mass in Church and Gymnasium

All services are available on our website: ***www.ctkhaddonfield.org***

(No high heels in the gym, please!)

Alleluia. He is Risen! Happy Easter!

Party time!

› The Haddonfield Japan Exchange will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a Sake and Sushi Party and Auction from 7 to 10pm on **Sat Apr 25** at Grace Church.

Tickets are $40 and can be purchased at *hjex.org/sushi-sake-fest.*

Haddonfield will host students from Japan this summer.

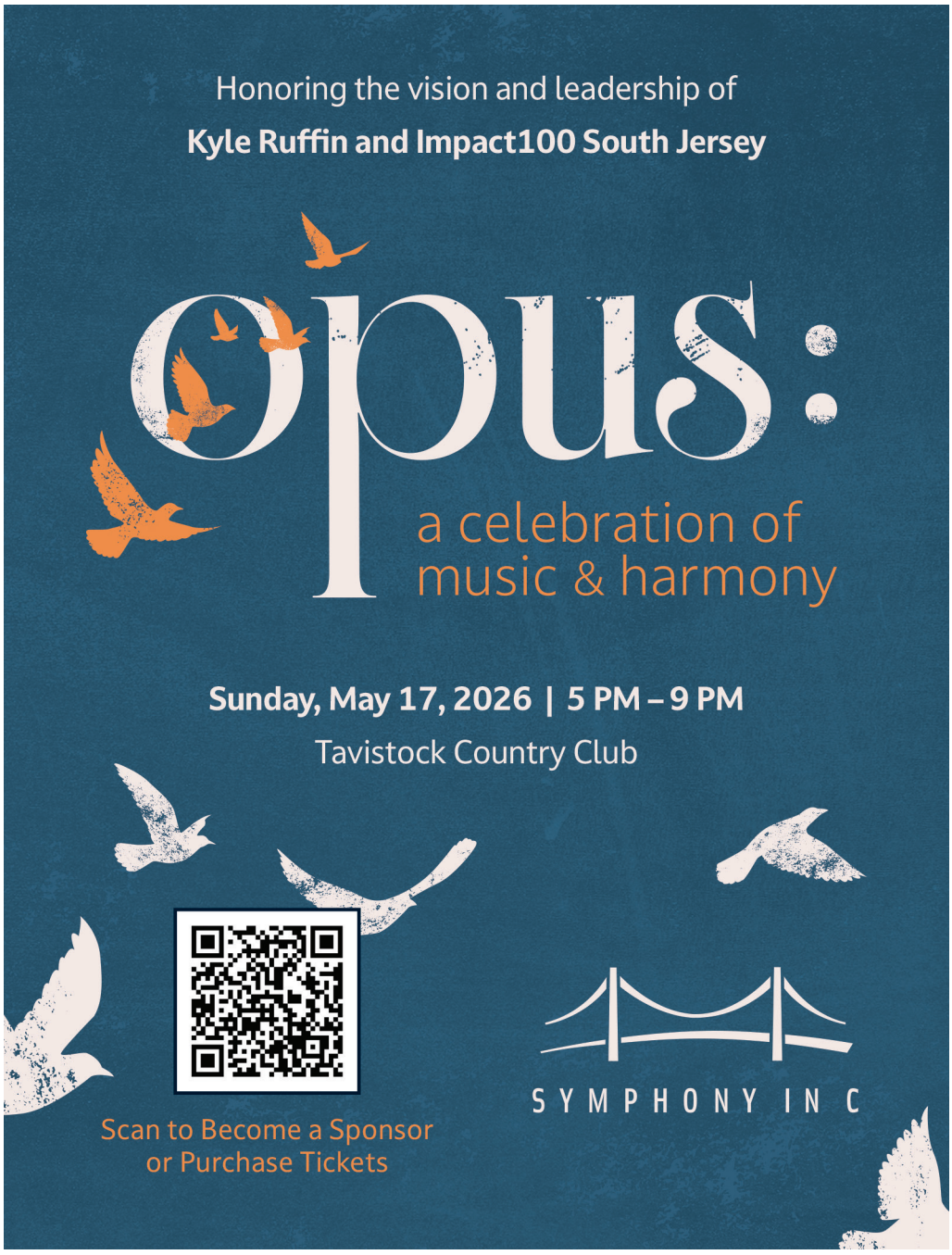
What would Martin say?

› The life and legacy of The Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr will be honored at the Borough Hall on **Mon Apr 6** from 5:30 to 7pm. (Two previously scheduled dates were snowed out.)

Hosted by The Preserving Black Haddonfield History Project, the forum will feature a panel comprised of a local resident who served as a civil rights worker and then became a federal judge and experts from the Museum of the American Revolution and Princeton University. WHYY's Morning Edition anchor will serve as moderator.

Registration is requested, here – bit.ly/49Q0DGJ – or scan the QR ▶.

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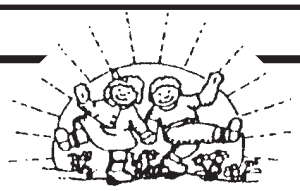
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Authors talk

› Coming up online – live and free – courtesy of Haddonfield Friends of the Library: Discussions of their work by best-selling authors.

- **Tue Apr 14** at 7pm: New York Times bestselling author Brad Taylor will discuss his latest work, *Shadow Strike*, book 20 (yes, you read that right!) in the bestselling *Pike Logan* series.

Taylor served for more than twenty years in the US Army, including eight years with Delta Force. He retired as a Special Forces lieutenant colonel.

- **Wed Apr 22** at 2pm: Award-winning and bestselling author Miranda Cowley Heller will take participants on an intimate journey through the life stages of a woman in her new poetry collection, *What the Deep Water Knows.*

Delicate, yet raw, these poems will transport you as vividly as any work of fiction.

Heller's debut novel, *The Paper Palace*, was a number one New York Times bestseller in the US, and a Sunday Times bestseller in the UK.

- **Thu Apr 30** at 7pm: A virtual conversation with Jason Reynolds, author of *Coach*, the fifth – and last – entry in the highly popular *Track* series.

To register go here – bit.ly/3U3SlAJ – or scan the QR code ◄.

For recordings of previous author talks, go here – bit.ly/3T4u6B9 – or scan ◄.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Haddonfield Friends of the Library.

Register for FUTURE AUTHOR TALKS

Scan for PAST AUTHOR TALKS

PWD pick-up

› The Public Works schedule for picking up yard waste in April is:

- Chipper: Week of **Mon Apr 13.**
- Loose, unbagged leaves (on park strip, not in street): Week of **Mon Apr 6** and **Mon Apr 20.**
- Vegetative waste in green cans: Weekly on trash day.

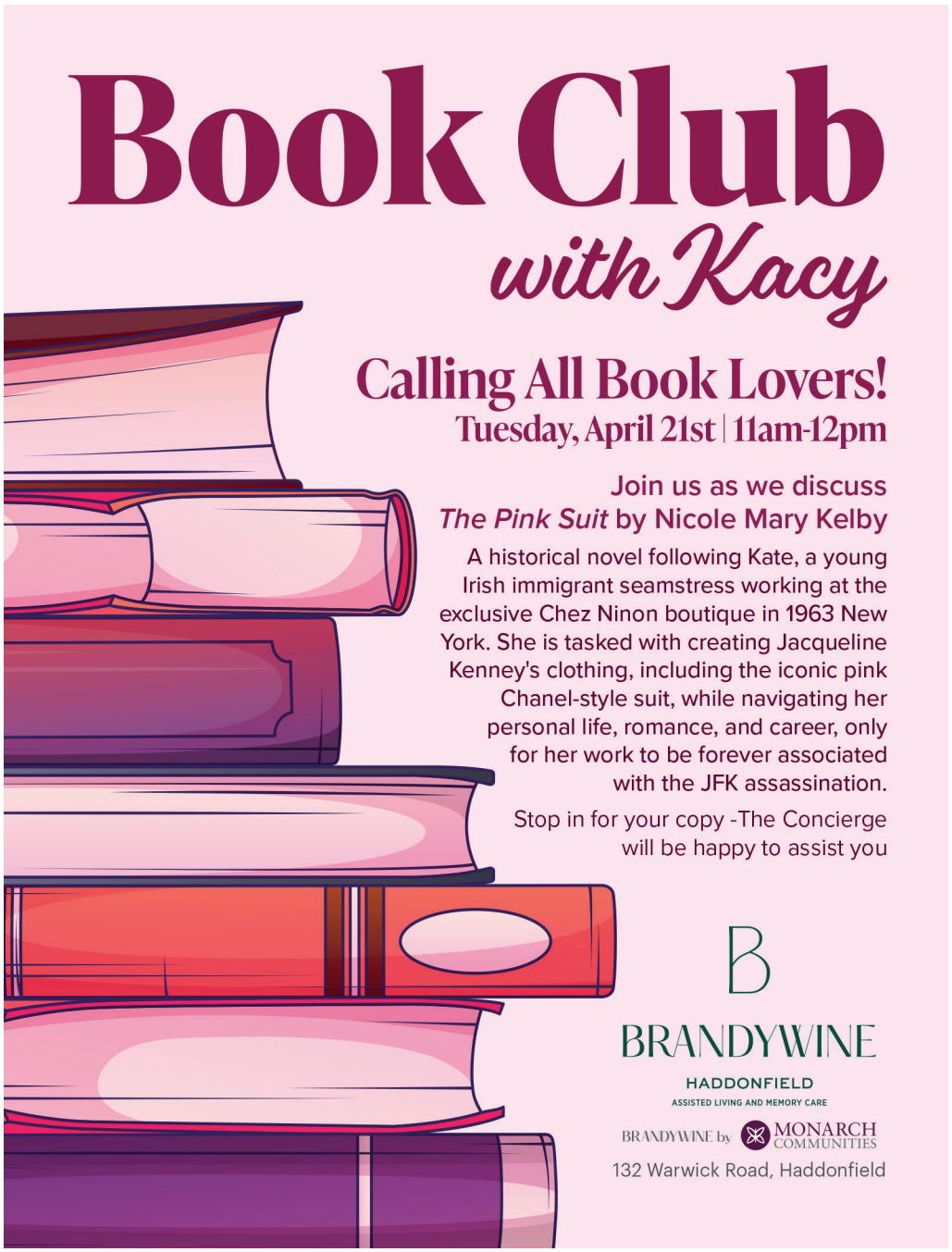
Qs?: 856-429-0183.

A patriotic music fest

› At the Methodist Church at 7pm on **Sun Apr 26**, the NJ MasterChorale will honor the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a soaring program inspired by the ideals of liberty and Divine Providence. Accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra, the group will present:

- Music: American folk tunes and patriotic selections by Copland, Thompson, Cynthia Erivo.
- Poetry: Settings of Emma Lazarus, Robert Frost.
- Guests: The Mosaic Youth Chorus, a diverse ensemble from the Lehigh Valley.

Tickets are free but required. Reserve yours at *haddonfieldumc.org/nj-masterchorale.*



What's a Wistar Party?

> Modern museums had their beginnings in the 17th and 18th centuries with the advent of "cabinets of curious and wondrous specimens."

On **Sat Apr 18**, Dean Howarth, a science-history educator, will assume the role of Dr Casper Wistar, a Philadelphia "man of science," and bring his "Cabinet of Curiosities" to the Indian King Tavern Museum for a viewing of specimens from 2 to 3pm and a presentation of artifacts at 3pm.

Wistar was a member of the American Philosophical Society, a friend of Thomas Jefferson, an expert anatomist, a tutor to Merriwether Lewis, and an assembler of mammoth bones. The wisteria was named for him, as is the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia. At his home on Locust Street, this polymath held Sunday night "Wistar Parties" where he gathered intellectuals, scientists, students, and travelers for intimate, comfortable conversations.

Howarth will recreate such a party right here in Haddonfield. Don't miss it!

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An elegant toast to classical music and its benefactors

› Symphony in C will host its annual gala at Tavistock Country Club on **Sun May 17** from 5 to 9pm.

The theme – "Opus: A Celebration of Music & Harmony" – salutes the transformative power of music and the impact of women philanthropists.

In particular, "Opus" will honor Kyle Ruffin and her philanthropic leadership, community advocacy, and commitment to elevating women's voices in strengthening organizations and serving communities in need throughout South Jersey.

Kyle was a founder of Impact100 South Jersey, a women's collective giving group that has empowered nonprofits, uplifted local leaders, and created a lasting community impact across the region through transformative grantmaking.

Guests will enjoy an open bar, gourmet dinner with wine, and live music by some of the Symphony's talented musicians, plus dancing to the sounds of the Elegance Electric String Quartet.

From Juilliard, the Curtis Institute of Music, and other prestigious music conservatories, Symphony in C brings together the best young professional musicians, bound for orchestras around the world.

For additional details and tickets, visit bit.ly/4uXIqPQ or scan the QR code ▶.

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Chew on this!

› The Lunch and Learn Speaker Series at the Mabel Kay Senior Center has the following programs on its schedule:

- **Wed Apr 8 –** Dick Eastwick, retired public school physical education teacher and coach, will speak on simple lifestyle changes for healthier longevity.
- **Wed Apr 22 –** Jacqueline Riedel DO, of Magnolia Midlife Women's Health, will discuss how a woman's body changes as she ages, and how to adjust.

The programs run from 12:30 to 2pm and include lunch. (Free for residents; $4 for others.) Registration is requested by phone to 856-354-8789 or email to Sheri Siegel at *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov.*

Sunday delight

› The final concert of Symphony in C's 2025-26 Virtuosi season will be presented on **Sun Apr 19** at 4pm in the Methodist Church sanctuary.

Two string quartets are on the program: Borodin's "Notturno" and Tchaikovsky's String Quartet No. 1.

Tickets at the door or *symphonyinc.org*.

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

- **John R. Felten, 83**
  March 11, 2026
- **John David Reed, 69**
  March 9, 2026
- **Doris N. Binder, 96**
  March 8, 2026
- **Jay E. Kauffman, 77**
  February 14, 2026
- **Cheryl L. Brady, 77**
  January 25, 2026
  Lois Carrano, 80
  January 23, 2026
- **Lewis R. Bott Jr, 91**
  January 20, 2026

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Scholarship Award

Attention All High School Seniors Residing in Haddonfield!

The Haddonfield Republican Club will be providing a $1,000 scholarship to a high school (or home-schooled) student based on a 1,000-word essay.

You can obtain the essay topic and rules by emailing HaddonfieldGOP@gmail.com with a subject line "Scholarship Essay."

Deadline for submission is May 12, 2026.

Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednes

Looking Ahead (alphabetically)

Sat Jun 6	Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation Family Fun Night
Thu Apr 30	Deadline: Alice Downs Violin Scholarship applications
Sat May 16	First Day of Farmers Market (new location)
Thu May 14	Garden Club Bus Trip for Grounds for Sculpture
Sat May 9	Garden Club Flower & Plant Sale (in Kings Court)
Thu May 7	Grace Church Rummage Sale
Fri Jul 3	Independence Day Parade, Block Party, Drone Show
Fri May 8	*Jagged Little Pill* (at Plays & Players)
Sun Apr 26	NJ MasterChorale 250th Celebration (at Methodist Church)
Sun May 17	Symphony in C Gala (at Tavistock Country Club)
Sun May 31	Tea with Martha Washington (at The Haddon Fortnightly)
Thu May 21	*When the Declaration of Independence Was News*

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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CLOSED Public Library
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

06 CLEAN-OUT WEEK LOOSE LEAVES WEEK

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-8**^{30}
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**
Rail Cube STEAM /PL **3**^{30}**-5**
What Would Martin Say? /BH **5**^{30}
Creative Writing Group /PL **6**^{30}**-8**
GriefShare /BC **7-9**

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Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}
Storytime /PL **10-10**^{30}
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Open Play /PL **10**^{30}**-12**
Book Club /MK **11-12**
Cricut Craft /PL **11-12**
Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Creative Writing Workshop /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Girls Who Code /PL **3**^{30}**-4**^{30}
Last Man's Dinner /TCC **6**
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}

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Balance & Core /M
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Line Dancing /MK
Something to Chev
Tai-Chi /LC **3-4, 6**^{30}
Candlelight Dinner
Knit Wit Workshop
Plays & Players /HF

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Watercolor Workshop /PL **2-3**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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Beginner Spanish /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
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GriefShare /BC **7-9**
American Legion Post 38 /HQ **7**^{30}

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Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Seniors Tour of Police HQ **1**
Storytime /PL **1-1**^{30}
Open Play /PL **1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Girls Who Code /PL **3**^{30}**-4**^{30}
Backyard Chickens /BH **7**
Library Author Talk /V **7-8**
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}

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Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Coffee & Schmooze
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Bingo /MK **1-2**^{30}
Storytime + Craft
Tai-Chi /LC **3-4, 6**^{30}
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Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

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Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
PJ Storytime & Craft /PL **6-6**^{30}
GriefShare /BC **7-9**

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Golden Kazoo Band /MK **11**^{15}**-12**^{15}
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Storytime/Open Play /PL **1/1**^{30}**-2**^{30}
Earth Day: *Mindy's Den* /PL **3**^{30}**-4**^{30}
Girls Who Code /PL **3**^{30}**-4**^{30}
Zoning /BH **7**
Cooper River /PL **7-8**^{30}
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}

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BH	Borough Hall	EP	Evans Pond	IKTM	Indian King Tavern Museum	JJ	Jersey Java & Tea	LLC	Little Leagie Complex	M

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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
Public Library M T Th 10-8,
W F 10-5, S 10-2, Su 12-4

Friday

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GOOD FRIDAY
PASSOVER
Haddonfield Today

CLOSED Borough Hall, Mabel Kay Senior Center, Public Library, Grace Church Thrift Shop
TRASH & RECYCLING Normal collection schedule
LAST DAY Spring Break

Saturday

04 APR

CLOSED Grace Church Thrift Shop
Easter Egg Hunt /CW **10**
Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fair /MC **10-12**
Teen Volunteer Opportunity: *Technology Center* /PL **10[30]-1[30]**

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ENDS Passover
Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9[15]-10**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10[15]-11**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Senior Trivia /MK **2-3[30]**
Sea Creatures with Amazing Features /PL **3[30]-4[30]**

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DEADLINE Masonic Lodge Scholarship Applications > p25
Friday Drop-In /MK **9[30]-1**
Lego Duplo Club /PL **10-12**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Film Series /PL **1[30]-4[30]**
Lego Club /PL **3-4[30]**
Baseball Night /LLC **5**

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Story + Craft /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
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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**
Book Blinging /PL **1-2**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1[45]**
65 Club /110 **1[30]**
Sew Your Own Stuffie /PL **3[30]-4[30]**
Lions Club /TCC **6[15]**

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Friday Drop-In /MK **9[30]-1**
Baby Bookworms /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Film Series /PL **1[30]-4[30]**

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HADDY'S HALF BIRTHDAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection /Pennsauken Landfill **8[30]-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Take-Home Craft /PL **10-2**
Police Station Tours /PS **12-4**
Wistar Party /IKTM **2**
Happy Half-Birthday Haddy! /PL **2[30]-2[45]**

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Turf /BH **7-8[30]**

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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]**
Senior Trivia /MK **2-3[30]**
Interfaith Caregivers Event /TCC **6-9**
Student Environmental Presentations /PL **7-8[30]**

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Haddonfield Today

ENDS Spring Clean-Out
Friday Drop-In /MK **9[30]-1**
Spring-Themed Craft /PL **10-10[30]**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10[15]-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11[15]-12**
Spring-Themed Craft /PL **1[30]-2**
Kids' Book Club /PL **3[30]-4[15]**

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Walking Tour of Evans Pond /EP **10-12**
Green Fair /KC **10-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Grandparents Day at Children's Sculpture Zoo / **11-2**
Birds of Prey /PL **12-1**
Saki and Sushi Party /GC **7-10**

MB	Mechanical Brewery, Cherry Hill	MK	Mabel Kay Senior Center	PS	Police Station
MC	Methodist Church	PC	Presbyterian Church	TCC	Tavistock Country Club
HS	Memorial High School	PL	Public Library	V	Virtual

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

Plant sale

› The Garden Club's annual Flower and Plant Sale Fundraiser will be held in Kings Court on **Sat May 9,** from 9am to 1pm.

Fresh arrangements for Mother's Day **– Sun May 10 –** varying in size and color, as well as members' plants and baked goods, will be on sale. Shop early!

Save the date (Sat Jun 6) ...

› ... for a Family Fun Night at Golf Land in Voorhees – 4 to 8pm – to celebrate the life of Brad Wilby and the work of The Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation.

A graduate of Memorial High School and a standout soccer player and college coach, Brad died suddenly at age 25 of an undetected and rare cardiac condition.

The foundation that family and friends established in his memory conducts educational programs, awards scholarships, and provides automatic external defibrillators.

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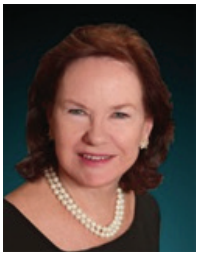


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Questions? info@haddonfieldhistory.org or 856-429-7375.

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Read it! Now!

› The Public Library and The Haddon Fortnightly launched the second annual One Borough, One Book initiative on **Wed Apr 1**. (No foolin'.)

A slate of programs throughout April will celebrate the bestselling novel *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. This moving and gently humorous novel explores friendship, grief, and unexpected connections – told in part through the eyes of a remarkably perceptive octopus.

The initiative aims to bring the community together through shared reading and engaging activities that celebrate curiosity, creativity, and learning.

On the schedule:

- Something to Chew On: *Strategies for Longevity* – **Wed Apr 8**, 12:30pm at the Mabel Kay Senior Center.
- Remarkably Bright Creations: *Knit Wit Workshop* – **Wed Apr 8** at 7pm at The Haddon Fortnightly.
- Sea Creatures: *Amazing Features* with the Wetlands Institute – **Thu Apr 9** at 3:30pm at the Public Library.

Other programs and activities are detailed on the Library's website, here – bit.ly/46VDcKh – or scan the QR ◄.

The book may be purchased at Inkwood Books using the code "One Book."

All are encouraged to join the conversation and dive into a month of ocean-inspired discovery. One Borough, One Book is generously sponsored by The Haddonfield Foundation.

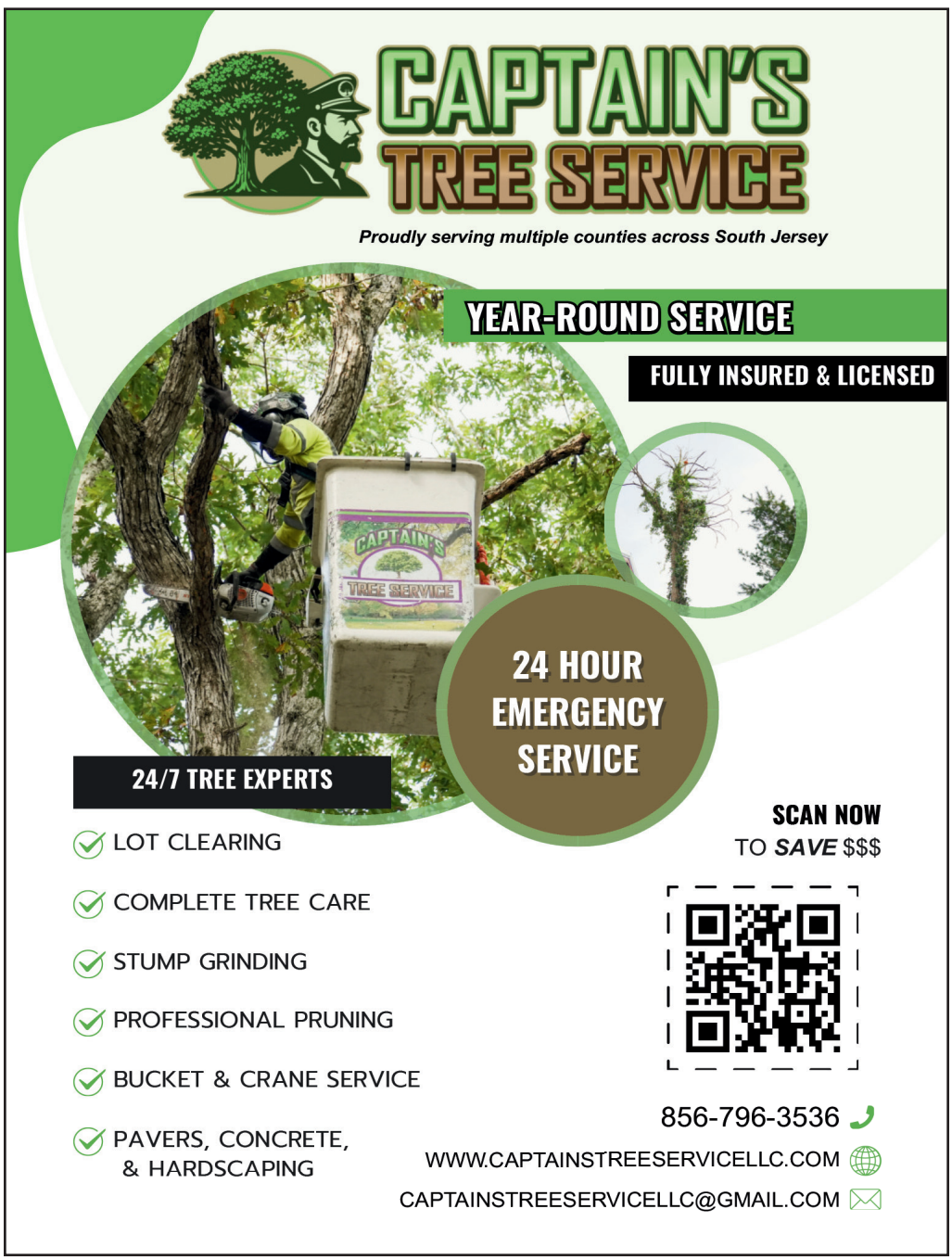
Two new programs for seniors

› By popular demand, Elinor Mattern is returning to the Mabel Kay Senior Center twice a month to conduct two workshops. Here's the schedule:

• First Tuesdays – Optional bagged lunch from 12:30 to 1pm followed by Creative Writing Workshop from 1 to 3pm. First session: **Tue Apr 7**. April is National Poetry Writing Month, so take a pen and a notebook (or tablet or phone) and leave with motivation, energy, and over 30 prompts to help you write 30 poems in 30 days.

• Fourth Wednesday – Retirement Workshop from 2:30to 4:30pm. First session: **Wed Apr 22**. Activities and discussions that will help you develop creative potential, stay connected, stay sharp, and put creativity and meaning into your retirement life.

The fee is $15 per session, payable to Elinor on the day. Sign-up is required in advance, via a Google form. (Call Sheri at 856-354-8789 if you need assistance.)



Cover Story

Take your grandparents to the zoo

› The Haddonfield Outdoor Sculpture Trust is inviting children from all over South Jersey to take their grandparents to the zoo on **Sat Apr 25.**

But not just to any zoo ... to the Children's Outdoor Sculpture Zoo at the corner of Kings Hwy E and Evergreen Lane in Haddonfield, where **Sat April 25** will be Grandparents Day, from 11am to 2pm. The rain date is **Sun Apr 26.**

The event will feature a sculpture demonstration by John Giannotti (creator of the Haddonfield dinosaur sculpture "Haddy") at 12n; drawings for jobs as "Visiting Curators" for Zoo animals;
free children's books on animals and art (courtesy of BookSmiles); free animal face painting, balloons, backpack pins, and animal crackers; and great family photo opportunities with the Zoo's animals.

Since its creation in 2019 by HOST, the Children's Outdoor Sculpture Zoo has become a significant attraction for preschool, nursery school, and elementary school-age children from throughout the region.

Located in the Tatem Memorial Garden at 338 Kings Hwy E, it is the only outdoor sculpture zoo in the nation dedicated exclusively to children.

This unique attraction features six (soon to be seven) bronze animal sculptures, as well as a Zoo Animal Bench. They include: "Tumi," a 15-foot tall, 1,100-pound giraffe cast in Thailand in the 1970s; "Ndoto," a life-sized, 450-pound baby elephant cast in bronze by Gillie and Marc in Australia, and modeled after a real-life orphaned baby elephant found by local tribesmen in Kenya in 2014 and rehabilitated at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust; "Murph" a bronze gorilla whose provenance is unknown; a baby tiger; and a trio of animals created by renowned sculptor Eric Berg, suitable for sitting and climbing: Sea Lion, Rabbit, and Toad.

If you've never been to the zoo, you can preview its residents at *HaddonfieldSculpture.org* or scan the QR ◄.

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Go green, Haddonfield!

› The week of **Mon Apr 20** thru **Sat Apr 25** will be packed with activities related to Green Week, a celebration of Haddonfield green spaces.

Under the sponsorship of the Environmental Commission, it's an opportunity to learn about the environment, understand our impact on the environment, and how to mitigate these impacts through sustainable lifestyles.

Presentations about the Cooper River ("An Underappreciated Natural Resource?"), the risks, benefits, and costs of artificial and natural turf playing fields, and projects of student members of the Commission are scheduled to be held at the Public Library at 7pm on **Tue Apr 21, Wed Apr 22,** and **Thu Apr 23.**

A wide variety of activities will take place on **Sat Apr 25 –** in Kings Court (a Green Fair from 10am to 1pm), at the Public Library (raptors and birds of prey, 12n to 1pm), and at Evans Pont (a two-hour guided walking tour, 10am to 12n).

For details, visit the Borough's Facebook page.



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Sunday, April 19 at 4pm
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and Sunday, May 3 at 3pm
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Symphony in C is a member of ArtPride and the South Jersey Cultural Alliance (SJCA).

Let's get fit!

› A new eight-week session of Pilates (Mon and Wed) and Sculpt & Tone (Tue and Thu) classes at the First Presbyterian Church will begin on **Mon Apr 6**.

For details and to register, call Sue at 609-238-5468 or email *sueheindel@gmail.com*.

Proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Preschool.

Time to stroll

› ... Downtown!

Is there a better way to welcome warmer weather than to take a Spring Stroll – **Wed Apr 15** thru **Sun Apr 19** – in Downtown Haddonfield?

Enjoy five festive days filled with daily live concerts, outdoor shopping, and the kind of small-town magic that makes everything feel so fresh and new.

A highlight of the week? A special Half-Birthday celebration for everyone's favorite prehistoric pal, Haddy the Dinosaur, on **Sat Apr 18**. Families are invited to join the fun with a lively Dino Egg Hunt, hands-on educational seminars, and sweet cupcakes for children.

Music lovers will have plenty to cheer about as talented performers take the stage across town:

- April Mae & the June Bugs and The Woodland Ave Band on the steps of Borough Hall.
- The Hampton Brass Band on the steps of the Masonic Temple.
- Abby Lee and Anna Felice in the Kings Court Gazebo.

Check online full the full schedule:

DowntownHaddonfield.com.

Masthead

Book clubs

› At the Public Library on **Mon Apr 27** from 6:30 to 8pm, the Library's Book Club will discuss a thriller – *Wild Dark Shore* – by Charlotte McConaghy.

Also at the Library, on **Wed Apr 15** from 7 to 8pm, the Mystery Book Club will discuss *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. On **Wed May 20**, *A Share in Death* by Deborah Crombie.

All are welcome!

For adults who like to read novels written for young adults, a YA for Adults Book Club meets each fourth Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30pm at Mechanical Brewery in Cherry Hill.

On **Wed Apr 22**: *Dust* by Alison Stine.

For YA questions, email *cdecampli@haddonfieldlibrary.org.*

Rummage!

› Grace Church's semi-annual Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall is scheduled for **Thu May 7** from 10am to 7pm.

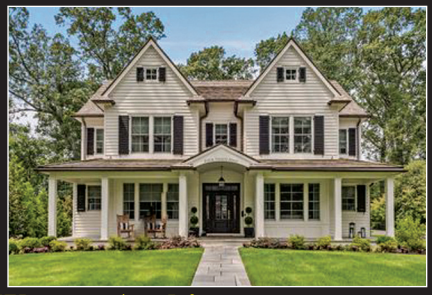
As in the past, organizers will spotlight the "best of the best" in their Boutique Room. Think quality items at bargain prices!

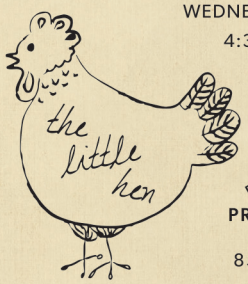
A food truck will be on site, offering delicious lunch and dinner choices; baked goods will be for sale in the Parish Hall.

Donations will be accepted on **Sat May2** beginning at 11am in the Parish Hall.

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The Church's Thrift Shop is open each Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

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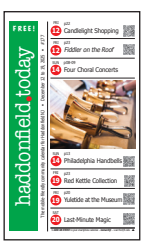
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Student, teacher scholarships

› Rising Sun Masonic Lodge is inviting applications for two $2,000 Education Grants for college-bound students graduating from area high schools.

Also, nominations are invited for the Lodge's 2026 Educator of the Year Award for outstanding educators and administrators in Camden County.

Application and nomination forms are available at *rsl15.com* under the "Community Support" tab.

The deadline for submissions is **Fri Apr 10.**

The scholarship grants and the Educator of the Year Award will be presented to recipients at Rising Sun's annual Education Banquet, scheduled for **Wed Jun 3.**

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The Last Word



Strike up the band – the Pick-Up Band!

By David Hunter, publisher

For 50 years, the Haddonfield Community Philharmonic & Marching Band Society – fondly (and mercifully) known as the Pick-Up Band – was a beloved institution in Haddonfield.

It was founded in 1970 after Tom Patton, a public-school music teacher, placed a notice in *The Haddon Gazette* of June 25 asking: "Can you play an instrument? Would you like to march in a parade?" Tom invited interested musicians to assemble "at 9 a.m. on July 4th in the Junior School field."

Thirty-five musicians turned up, marched in the Independence Day Parade, and unknowingly became the first iteration of the Haddonfield Pick-Up Band.

Some weeks later, Patton received a call, asking if the band could play for a special event downtown. "What band?" he said. "At first, I thought the caller was asking about a school band," Patton told a local journalist some years later. "Then I realized they meant the band that played on the Fourth of July – a band that didn't exist."

So he made some phone calls and pulled together the second iteration of the Pick-Up Band. "And from there, it just evolved," Patton said.

Over the years, the Haddonfield Community Philharmonic & Marching Band Society played on hundreds of occasions, both in Haddonfield and further afield. Despite its highfalutin name, the group always remained a pick-up band, composed of whoever showed up – typically between 20 and 40 musicians.

After 45 years as the band's director, Tom Patton passed the baton (a chopstick) to Kirk Stuart in 2015. He himself passed away in 2019. Kirk followed Tom's annual schedule that included a springtime "read-through" of new music, the Memorial Day observance at the High School, Flag Day ceremony, Independence Day parade, the 13th Annual Emergency Concert in Kings Court in mid-August, Fall Festival, Santa Comes to Town, and a Sounds of the Season concert in mid-December.



>Eight-year-old plays Taps for Legion

To overcome a shortage of buglers to play Taps at the funerals of veterans, the US Army provides instruments fitted with an electronic rendition that even an eight-year-old can play at the touch of a button. An eight-year-old like Patrick Gardner, for example.

Except ... Patrick can play the real thing. He can play it so well, in fact, that the American Legion in Haddonfield invited him to play Taps for their flag-raising at Post 38 on Memorial Day.

Keep your ear open for this young man. Before long, you might hear him playing boogie-woogie for Company B.

Patrick Gardner plays Taps

Then came the pandemic of 2020; its many casualties included the Pick-Up Band. Subsequently, with changed business and family responsibilities, Kirk Stuart informed the group that he would not be able to continue as its director.

During a casual conversation recently, Patrick Gardner (a former student of Tom Patton's who first played with the Pick-Up Band when he was just eight years old) asked Joe McElroy (the custodian of a tuba – the only instrument the band owns apart from some pieces of percussion) whether the band was ever likely to get together again. Joe contacted me – the current custodian of the band's sheet music – and arranged for the three of us to have a chat. I expressed my view that to revive the band we would need to find someone like Tom Patton – a school music teacher with the ability to rally musicians from the region, including students. "That's me," Patrick replied. "I'm the director of instrumental programs at Bishop Eustace."

I quickly took Patrick's hand, shook it, and said, "And also the new director of the Haddonfield Community Philharmonic & Marching Band Society. Congratulations!"

The Pick-Up Band will hold "read-throughs" – the group's constitution prohibits rehearsals – at the American Legion Post 38 (129 Veterans Lane) at 2pm on **Sun Apr 19** and at 7:30pm on **Thu May 14**.

Two dates are on the concert calendar: **Sat May 16** at 10:30am (to be confirmed – stay tuned) and the Memorial Day ceremony at the High School (**Mon May 25** at 10am).

Interested? Just show up with your instrument and a music stand. (No kazoos!)

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