



*Top Row: Commissioner Paul Dougherty, Clean Communities Coordinator Barbara Prince, Karen Israel, Mayor Randall Teague, Grace Jarger, Commissioner John Foley, and Angelica Diodato
Kneeling /Bottom Row: Sam Law, Kevin Irwin, and Brian Kasilowski (not pictured, Zach Law)*

Haddon Township's Karen Israel and Kevin Irwin find that caring about environment is a "day at the beach." The team was honored for their video promoting environmental responsibility which was submitted to the New Jersey Clean Communities Council as part of the 7th Annual Clean Communities Seminar and Awards Program held in Atlantic City on May 26th. The students were treated to an afternoon of fun in the sun! The day's activities also included a basketball game hosted by the Clean Communities "Slam Dunk" partners the Harlem Wizards, an awards ceremony, performances, environmental exhibits, and lunch on the boardwalk.



Virtual Town Watch



Do you want to be aware of crime activity in your neighborhood? Do you want to prevent crime from taking place? Do you want to make it less inviting for criminals to commit a crime in Haddon Township? Do you want your home to be watched when you are away? Become informed and involved through our email chain? Please contact Officer Kirk Earney at **856-854-1176 ext. 4134** or via email at **Kearney@HaddonTwpPolice.com**.

Police Officers Sworn In



Former Police Chief Charles Gooley and mother, Gail, help swear in their son, Sean Gooley to the rank of Sergeant.



Officer Joe Johnston's wife Gia, and son Aaron assist Commissioner Dougherty in promoting him to the rank of Sergeant

Drivers Must Stop For Pedestrians in Crosswalks!



Drivers in New Jersey are now required to come to a complete stop when approaching a pedestrian in a crosswalk under a new state law that went into effect, April 1, 2010.

New Jersey has one of the highest rates of pedestrian fatalities in the country, with 27 percent of auto fatalities in 2008 involving pedestrians, almost twice the national rate, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The law applies to both **marked** and **unmarked** crosswalks, which the state traffic code designates as existing at the intersection of any two roadways. It calls for violators to be assessed up to a \$200 fine and to get two points on their driver's licenses, as well as 15 days of community service.

"This new law complements our ongoing effort to enhance pedestrian safety on our busiest streets and roadways," said Haddon Township Police Chief Mark Cavallo. "Our goal with the summer months upon us is to reinforce the importance of pedestrians to always use crosswalks and for motorists to recognize that they must be alert and stop to allow them to cross safely."

The Haddon Township Police Department also offers these safe walking tips for pedestrians:

- Wear bright-colored, reflectorized clothing, especially at night.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths and always cross at the corner, within marked crosswalks if provided. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic and make eye contact with motorists.
- Never cross mid-block, between parked cars or by climbing over median barriers. This is against the law.
- Look left, then right and left again before crossing, and always be on the look-out for turning vehicles.
- Continue to look for vehicles while crossing, even when in marked crosswalks.
- Learn the proper use of "walk/don't walk" signals and obey them.
- Walk and cross with others, when possible.
- Do not attempt to cross while talking or texting on a cell phone. Pedestrian inattention is a common cause of pedestrian-motor vehicle conflicts.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kirk Earney, Community Policing Officer at **Kearney@haddontwppolice.com** or at **856-854-1176 ext. 4134**.

Trash Talk



During the summer season, we ask that you consider the importance of property maintenance in preserving the appearance of our beautiful town. Please abide by the following Township ordinances:

- 134.3 (E) Containers or other items to be disposed of shall be placed outside after 6:00p.m. of the day immediately preceding the day of collection. After collection, any empty containers shall be removed from curbside promptly, but not later than 7:00 p.m. of the day of collection.
- 134.3 (G) All solid waste which can not be placed in containers shall be bundled and tied and each bundle shall not exceed 50 pounds or six feet in length, nor shall any such bundle be of such bulk that it requires more than one man to lift.
- Grass, leaves, and brush should be placed in open containers to be recycled April through October. **This organic matter will not be recycled if placed in plastic bags!**

Camden County Special Waste Collection Day

This summer, Camden County is sponsoring their Household Special Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, September 11th** at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, 9600 River Road, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

The following items will be accepted at no charge: Automotive chemicals, paint-related products, household cleaners, pesticides, personal care chemicals, fuels, home and hobby chemicals, mercury thermometers and thermostats. Do not bring motor oil, tires, landscape timbers, air conditioners, electronics, space heaters, other scrap metal, empty containers, medications. This is only a partial listing—call **856-858-5241** for more details.

Water Conservation Measures Everyone Can Take



As Summer approaches, many residents look forward to beautifying their lawns and gardens. Some will grow a variety of vegetables; others take pride in sweet smelling roses and wild flowers, and still others long for the perfect green lawn. Additionally, as Spring turns to Summer, there are increased opportunities for recreation, swimming and generally cooling off. No matter what your activity, this time of



year brings with it an increase in water use that translates into higher utility bills.

Haddon Township's water is supplied by a well that draws water from underground aquifers. Federal and State permits allow the Township to take only a specific budgeted amount of water from this well on a yearly basis. Over the past couple of years the Township has exceeded this budgeted amount of water. When this happens, we have to stop taking water from the well and start purchasing it from a utility company like NJ American Water. The result is a price increase that is reflected in your utility bill.

There are several things that homeowners can do to conserve water throughout the year. Below is a list of things that you and your families can do both at home and at work to conserve water:

- Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth
- Take shorter showers and use a water saving shower head
- Wait for a full load of dirty clothes before running the washing machine
- Use rain barrels to collect water from gutters to be used later for lawn and garden watering
- Take your car to a car wash that recycles water instead of washing your car at home
- Water your lawn or garden in the early morning or early evening hours to minimize evaporation which will lead to less watering
- Garden and landscape with native plant species and grasses which often require less watering than non-native species
- Turn off your sprinkler system when rain is in the forecast
- Look for the water saving Energy Star label when purchasing new appliances such as water heaters, washers and dishwashers
- ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO PARTICIPATE

The environmental and financial benefits of water conservation can also be realized at our regional wastewater treatment facility operated by the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority. Using less water inside the home means there is less wastewater to be processed. This results in both lower operating costs and less energy consumption.

Clean water is a finite resource that must be shared with wildlife, trees and other flora and fauna. The Haddon Township Environmental Commission supports practicing the above steps to promote water conservation. If you have additional ideas on how to conserve water, please contact us at **856-854-1176 ext. 4303** or **EnviroComm@HaddonTwp.com**. You are also encouraged to attend Commission meetings. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of every month at the Haddon Township Library.

Spay our Strays



"Spay Our Strays" spay/neuter clinics are offered in an effort to reduce the number of stray cats brought into the Camden County Animal Shelter. For only \$35 CASH the Camden County Animal Shelter will spay/neuter and vaccinate any cat. The next "Spay Our Strays" Clinic will be held in Lindenwold on Sunday, June 27th. Distemper and Rabies vaccines are included as well as ear tipping for feral cats. This clinic is open to all residents of Camden County.

Please call **856-401-1300** to schedule an appointment. For more information, email us at info@ccasnj.org or visit us at **www.CCASNJ.org**. If you are unable to bring your cat to the "Spay Our Strays" Clinic, or if you have a dog in need of low-cost spay/neuter or vaccinations, please call to set up an appointment at the shelter in-house clinic. "Spay Our Strays" Clinics will be held monthly as funding permits and are funded entirely through donations. Please consider making a donation to the Camden County Animal Shelter to help end euthanasia. "Spay Our Strays" Clinics are for residents of Camden County only. All other residents are invited to make appointments at our in-house low-cost clinic.



Onward and Upward

As we move rapidly toward the end of another school year, I'm reminded by Mother Nature again just how important transitions can be. Without spring, we would not be given the opportunity to put the harsh extremes of this past winter behind before embracing the fun and frivolity (and perhaps other extremes) the long sun-filled summer days can offer. When my brother moved to Los Angeles many years ago (after attending college for only one year) to pursue a music career, I remember being intrigued by his answer to the most common question his family and friends would ask of him months, then years down the line: "What do you miss most about New Jersey?" His immediate response was always quite simply, ... "the seasons." While I quickly came to appreciate his viewpoint, admittedly, I did so originally on a strictly literal level.

As I've matured, I've come to understand just how sage those words really are, on so many levels. Speaking specifically with respect to education, this is the time of year our seniors are making their final decisions regarding their immediate futures as young adults. Will I attend college and, if so, which one? Should I venture into the workforce, and find my way there before pursuing some form of post-secondary education? Or, will I see if military service has something to offer me? Of course, these aren't the only questions currently being posed, but they are some of the biggest. And while the answers themselves will shape many lives for years to come, it is the process that is often under appreciated, if not forgotten.

Those who know me can attest that I'm consistently preaching to our students about the absolute need for personal integrity to be the foundation upon which they build their futures. I say it not because it is expected of my position, or because it sounds good; rather, I say it quite simply because

I truly believe it. Who could intelligently argue against it? Unfortunately, too many in our society fail to consistently acknowledge its absolute truth.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has reinforced this ideal in all of our students, especially our seniors, over the last four years. Whether as teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, coach, advisor or support staff, HTHS has been blessed with so many who truly care enough to thoughtfully guide our students through the many important transitions, above and beyond those encountered in the classroom, that face them from adolescence to young adulthood. Specifically, I'd like to acknowledge three individuals who may not be recognized by these general titles. They are: Mrs. Janet Hanlon, S.A.C. (Student Assistance Coordinator), Officer Joseph Talucci, S.R.O. (Student Resource Officer), and Mr. Bill Schmidt (student liaison). These folks have been integral in the development of countless students' lives and the creation/sustaining of the wonderfully positive student climate we sometimes take for granted.

Finally, I'd also like to thank my brother, who showed me quite powerfully by example, that the answers to the aforementioned transitional questions are only as good as the integrity with which one muses upon them. While he returned fourteen years later and earned his degree at night, working full time during the day and raising a family (no mean feat, I might add), I can honestly say that I've never heard him second guess his decision.

To every one of our seniors, present and future...may you always value and respect the importance of transitions and summon the integrity necessary to negotiate them without trepidation or remorse.

Gary O'Brien, Principal, Haddon Township High School

HTHS Sports Champions

The Haddon Township Girls Basketball Team once again had an outstanding season. The team finished 24-4 and won the Colonial Conference Patriot Division. In addition, the team won the Clearview Pioneer Holiday Tournament and was ranked most of the season in the Top 10 Poll by the Courier Post. Jessica Brown and Jess Donaldson were named 1st team all-conference, while Katie Getzinger was named to the 2nd team. In addition, Jessica Brown was named to the Courier Post All-South Jersey 2nd team. Senior Lauren McCutcheon was selected to play in the Al Carino All-Star Game. Lauren was also the recipient of the Dr. Goldberg Scholarship from the club given to a senior who aspires to study in the medical field.



Colonial Conference Girls Track Championship team



Top Row:

Danielle Frank (coach), Emily Moore, MaryBeth Bayruns, Carly Francis, Gina Pearson, Lauren McCutcheon, Kate Getzinger, Jess Brown, Kathryn Mulholland, Nicole Cutrera, Courtney Krieger, Maggie Rust, Kelly Roche, Shannon Donahue, Jim Bonder (coach)

Bottom Row:

Charles Senatore (coach), Patrice Maro, Hannah Merschen, Marissa Tomaski, Asia Bryant, Laura Dochney, Meg Miller, Olivia Duca, Lydia Rogers, Emilie Curl, Tori McErlean, Caitlyn Manning, Jess Dochney, Kate Schafer (coach)

Living History Comes Alive at Strawbridge School



1 In the craft room Ella O'Connor and Quinn Parker helped create their own birdhouse to be installed outside of school. The birdhouses were covered with recycled items the students brought in from home .

2 In the interactive oceans room Colin and Dominic play dress up with actual gear people who work within the ocean use. There was also an interactive bottom trawling tank showing the kids the effects of fishing this way and its effects on the ecosystem.

3 The Phanatic plants a big kiss on Mrs. Michelle Dayton when the PM Kindergarten class wasn't looking!

4 The many parent volunteers that create and present Living History at Strawbridge School. This year's topic, The Living Earth.

5 June Kaslowski takes the students of Strawbridge School on an adventure through the rainforest. This room was a replica of a tropical rainforest with a giant tree growing in the center of the room. There were 4 activity stations on the following topics: "Rainforest Layers," "Rainforest Animals," "Rainforest People & Plants," and "Rainforest Facts."



Summer Camps

In just a few days, school will be out for summer. If you're still looking for fun things for your children this summer, please consider the following:

The Summer Recreation Program will be held at Edison Elementary School, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Extended childcare hours are also available from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm. Summer Recreation is similar to a day camp program that offers opportunities for sports, crafts, games, drama and free play. This program will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd and operate through Friday, July 30th.

Sports Camps, independently run by local coaches, are held on school district grounds. These include Learn to Swim, Strength, Speed and Conditioning Camp, Learn to Row, Field Hockey, Track and Field, Quick Start Tennis, Basketball, Football, and Soccer Camps. Times, length and costs for these sports camps and instructional programs vary.

Full details of all of the summer programs have been distributed through the schools. Registration forms are also available at the schools, the Rohrer Library, the Municipal Building, and the Community Activities office. Information is also posted on the school website, <http://www.edline.net/pages/HaddonTownshipSD/Schools/community>.

Questions regarding summer programs may be directed to the Community Activities Office at **856-854-0926** or by emailing Pat Thieringer at pthieringer@haddon.k12.nj.us.

Special Education Programs

Parents of children with known or suspected educational disabilities are urged to contact Dr. Jerry M. Scheinberg, Director of Special Services for the Haddon Township School District, at his office in the high school at **856-869-7750, ext. 7313**.

For the upcoming school year there will continue to be three special education classes at the elementary level for students with learning and/or language disabilities. These classes will be offered at the Van Sciver School.

Resource Center programs will also be conducted at each of the elementary schools, taught by certified special education teachers who will be working with students in their neighborhood schools. These classes will be in session the same times and days as the regular elementary school classes and are under the supervision of Dr. Jerry Scheinberg.

In addition, the district will offer three special education preschool programs for students with disabilities and two preschool inclusion classes. One of the classes will be a new three to five-year-old inclusion class, budget permitting.

There will continue to be a wide range of inclusive programs at Rohrer Middle School. Classes taught by both general education and special education teachers will be offered in language



arts and math. Pull-out Resource Center programs will also continue for students in need of more intensive instruction.

At the high school, inclusive program options have been expanded for students with disabilities. Both in-class and pull-out programs will be offered in the Resource Center. In-class support programs are taught collaboratively both by highly qualified general and special education

teachers. In the high school emphasis on transition and pre-employment skills will continue to be emphasized with the objective to better prepare students for post-high school careers.

School Age Child Care

Summer has just started, but it's already time to plan for the next school year. Registration packets will soon be available for the Haddon Township School Age Child Care Program (SACC). Information will be available online at <http://www.edline.net/pages/HaddonTownshipSD/Schools/community>, at each of the elementary schools, the Community Activities Office, the Rohrer library and the Municipal Building.

SACC provides Before School Programs from 7:30 am to 8:30 am and After School Programs from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm in each of the Haddon Township elementary schools for kindergarten through fifth grade students. The SACC programs are housed in the multipurpose rooms of each of the schools. Activities are also conducted in schoolyards and adjoining playgrounds. Please contact the Community Activities Office at **856-854-0926** or cmelnyk@haddon.k12.nj.us with any questions.

Dr. Raivetz (Continued from page 16)

The well documented impact of New Jersey's very real budget crisis – the loss of \$482,000 in fund balance targeted for 2010-11 tax relief and an additional \$77,000 in promised debt service aid; a 5% reduction in the 2009-10 budget, equating to a loss of 17% of our 2010-11 state aid; and an unbudgeted increase in special education tuition of \$1.3 million – have combined to put the district in a very new place. Plus, the district must budget for an estimated \$829,000 in unemployment costs in the 2010-11 budget, resulting in even fewer dollars dedicated to teaching and learning. It is from that new place that we begin.

What remains

Five elementary schools, Rohrer Middle School and Haddon Township High School, representing a district recently recognized by the New Jersey State Department of Education as a one of "High Quality" after passing each of the five components of NJQSAC, the Quality Single Accountability Continuum: Operations, Instruction and Program, Governance, Fiscal Management and Personnel. The duty and responsibility to educate over 2,200 students from pre Kindergarten to grade twelve. A dedicated and committed professional staff. Middle school sports and co-curricular activities – with boys and girls soccer supported by the HTAA. High school sports and co-curricular activities, with only Golf and freshman programs eliminated. No Colonial Conference schools will field freshman sports in 2010-11.

A Board of Education committee consisting of Chairman Jim Mulroy, Board members Laura Chudd and Chuck Albino, and principals Gary O'Brien and Kevin Rooney continues to meet with representatives from HTAA to ensure our students receive opportunities beyond the school day. The committee will establish a fee to off set the costs of participation. Additional information is forthcoming.

What we will miss

Thirteen elementary and special education teachers; twelve middle and high school teachers; Guidance staff; all part time custodians; the School Resource Officer; the District Supervisor of Technology and technology support aides; the Community Activities Office and staff; and summer school programs will be eliminated.

What's new

An increase in shared service opportunities with the Township of Haddon and surrounding school districts.

In addition to the many services the District and the town already share, we are pleased to add custodial services – with district maintenance and custodial staff taking over the cleaning of the Municipal Building. The district will also share a music teacher and student support aid with the Collingswood Public Schools. These are District staff that will spend half time doing their assigned work in Collingswood; and Collingswood reimbursing the District for their services.

Because of the large number of staff reductions and New Jersey certification and bumping rules and regulations, nearly 25 veteran staff will be greeting students in new buildings in September. But their commitment to their craft and their dedication to our children will remain unchanged.

Last year at this time, we had no way of anticipating the events that would impact our school district – or of calculating the millions of dollars in losses that would cripple much of what this community has supported over time. As we look ahead to 2011-12, we can only anticipate more uncertainty. More importantly though, we can expect the students of this community to receive the very best education available from teachers, administrators and support staff that value Haddon Township and their profession. Have a good summer. See you in September. Our "Morning After" begins on the 7th.

Your comments are always welcome. Call **856-869-7700**, or email MRaivetz@haddon.k12.nj.us.



After Nina Mielcarz opened with the National Anthem, over 400 walkers cheered as cancer survivors took to the track for the Survivors' Lap of American Cancer Society's Relay for Life/Haddon Township.



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REFLECTIONS ON WHAT WAS AND A FORWARD LOOK TO WHAT WILL BE

Message from Superintendent Dr. Mark Raivetz



Some of you with longer memories or of a certain age may remember a movie called “The Poseidon Adventure.” It was the number one movie of 1973, with nine Academy Award nominations and two Oscars; and still shows up with some regularity on cable. Briefly, an underground earthquake causes a tsunami

which completely turns the ocean liner SS Poseidon upside down. All on board are lost, with the exception of a small group of passengers that agree to follow their leader (played by Gene Hackman) to safety. Realizing that what was once up is now down, Hackman leads his followers to the hull of the ship, now above the water line, where they are rescued. Hackman himself, after showing the way, gives up his life so the others may survive. Poseidon’s Academy Award

winning Best Song – *The Morning After*, sung by Maureen McGovern, was a huge commercial hit.

That song has been playing in my head a lot lately, as the school district’s budget for the 2010-11 school year is finally set. The traditional Haddon Township education has been turned upside down. Our task now, as a Board of Education, an administration and a community, is to plan for September 7th, 2010; the beginning of our “morning after.” The school year will open with a budget of \$30,313,681; exactly \$2,751,031 less than in 2009-10 – a reduction of 8.3%. Local taxes, after the Commissioner’s recommended \$205,000 in additional reductions increased \$682,674. For the homeowner with a house assessed at the Township average of \$120,000, school taxes will increase by \$111.60; or \$18.16 less than the increase voted down by the community April 20th.

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