

FREEHOLD BOROUGH

Lantern

Freehold Borough, NJ 07728

The quarterly publication highlighting the very latest in borough news and local happenings

Olde Freehold Day returns July 30

A day filled with music, games, treasure hunts, food, nature walks, tournaments, history and more will once again celebrate Olde Freehold as the festive town-wide celebration popular for many years makes a triumphant return on Saturday, July 30 at Lake Topanemus.

Olde Freehold Day began in 1976 in celebration of the borough's place in history and the role it played in the development of Monmouth County and the borough as the county seat. The festivities and town pride offered throughout the day long event are reminiscent of Tom Sawyer days when the entire town celebrated in the park.

Co-Chaired by Judi Guy and Kevin Kane, the Committee also invites volunteer groups to participate in the program and raise awareness for their own projects and purposes. "Groups can be sports, hobbies, special interests, arts, music and charities," said Kane, in inviting all borough residents to get involved.

Ms Guy pointed out that "we're fortunate some old timers have returned to share their expertise and new comers who have brought an infusion of creativity and

resources" to the planned events. "As the word spreads, new individuals are anxiously jumping on board...our committee is enthusiastic and working hard to bring back this traditional event."

Anyone interested in volunteering time or talent towards making the day a success can contact Ms Guy at 732-462-4558 or Kane at 732-239-5228. Clubs interested in selling food items at Olde Freehold Day can contact Sue Summers at 732-886-5375.

Included among the entertainment already scheduled for the event are Eddie Testa and Step Aside, who played in the original celebrations in 1976. Also on tap are Trademarks, a Freehold musical group, a fishing derby conducted by Fisherman Gary Louk, "In a Freehold Minute," a hometown version of the popular game show, "Minute to Win it," a horseshoe tournament, children's rides, boating on the lake, a triathlon, a dunking stool for local celebrities, the Freehold Borough Volunteer Fair, and a variety of food supplied by local clubs and restaurants.

In case of rain, Old Freehold Day will be celebrated July 31.

More music coming to Freehold Boro

There's something new happening in the arts, music and cultural world all the time in Freehold, and the latest is the brainstorm of Freehold photographer Mark Costanzo.

Costanzo is introducing his Live From Freehold series this summer, and it will continue as a year long town wide, community based music series featuring a wide ranging variety of current national touring artists. Couple that kind of

entertainment with a variety of intimate venues, and socializing afterwards, and you have a unique opportunity to hear original

music, meet national touring artists, and chalk up one more innovation for Freehold.

Costanzo has introduced his website, livefromfreehold.com to highlight each of the entertainers who will appear in such diverse locations as the Knights of Columbus on Main St., the Jewish Community Center and Freehold High School during the summer months.

Check out the website, livefromfreehold.com, to keep up with the latest from the hometown of the famed and great Bruce Springsteen. Dates, times and locations of each of the concerts in the series will be posted on the website.

Billed as a program that has been in Freehold for six years, the Concerts in the Studio series, which has played host to artists as diverse as Fountains of Wayne, Willie Nile, Graham Parker, Cracker, Garland Jeffreys and countless others, is being offered for the first time in a more open forum, able to accommodate crowds of 200 to 500. The change was brought about by popular demand when Costanzo's 60-seat studio overflowed its doors every performance and regular concert-goers clamored for a borough-wide series.



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MEET THIS COMMITTEE

Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Although Lake Topanemus officially is within the limits of Freehold Township...Freehold Borough ends at Holmes Terrace, the Commission that keeps its natural beauty preserved is worthy of note in view of Olde Freehold Days slated for the end of July. The connections between this magnificent lake and the borough are many.

Roger Kane is the Commission Chairman and a resident of Freehold Borough; his son, Kevin Kane is a Freehold Borough councilman and a resident of the borough. He is a co-chairman of the Olde Freehold Day celebration for 2011.

The Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Freehold Borough Hall, and is comprised of members Neal Herstik, Ed Daley, Robert Higley, James Coleman, Jim Lau, Patrick Preston and

Joseph Reilly, in addition to Chairman Kane.

Lake Topanemus Park is a 71-acre site, long a favorite for fishermen, bikers, walkers, picnickers, joggers and bird watchers as well as all those who just enjoy a quiet, pastoral setting. The Commission's primary goal and mission is to maintain and improve the park for the benefit of all who want to use it.

To date, the Commission has purchased benches, picnic sets, fencing, playground equipment, evergreen seedlings birdhouses, and completed the work of installing the birdhouses and planting trees and seedlings. It also applies for funds for weed harvesting in the lake, lake and environmental projects, and general park maintenance.

The Commission invites volunteers to assist and can be e-mailed at info@twp.freehold.nj.us. Volunteers can also visit the website at www.laketopanemuspark.org

News from the Schools

Eighth grade graduation will be held at the Park Avenue Complex on June 17 at 5 p.m. All students will have early dismissal that day as well as on June 20, the last day of school. The final marking period for the year ends June 10. The next school year for all students begins on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Freehold High School graduation will be Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m. at the high school. June 20 is also the last day

of school for all students, and the day the final marking period ends.

High school students have early dismissal June 14, 15, 16 and 17 because of final examinations.



SCHOOL SPORTS

The Fall Sports Information meeting for incoming freshmen and their parents and guardians will be held Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium, Robertsville Rd.

The program will include the introduction of Superintendent of Extracurricular activities Jesse Renna and School Principal Linda Jewell, as well as the athletic

staff and trainers.

The fall sports program includes football, boys and girls soccer and cross country, girls volleyball and tennis, field hockey, gymnastics and cheerleading.

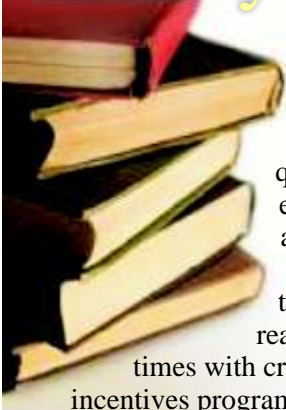
Information on the school's programs is available at www.FRHSD.com/freehold

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For comments, questions, concerns, and suggestions, please email Muriel at murieljs1@aol.com

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Library Lines By Kathy Mulholland



Plans for this summer at the Freehold Carnegie Library once again attest to the fact that libraries are very definitely not quiet, dark little nooks that limit educational experiences to books and encyclopedia perusals.

One World, Many Stories is the theme of this year's summer reading program. Preschool story times with crafts; two different reading incentives programs for elementary and middle/high school students; parties, contests, teen volunteer opportunities and activities; family events and special "critter visitors" are in store this summer.

The activities heat-up right after Independence Day and run through the middle of August. Check our collection

for your summer reading list, favorite "beach reads," or DVD for your family's movie night. For more information, visit or call 732-462-5135 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/fplschedule> for the activity schedule.

As noted in a separate article in The Lantern, the Teen Library Committee is collecting old and damaged flags once again, due to the overwhelming community response to last year's effort. Although the collection is during June, the library will still accept any flags that arrive afterwards so they can be respectfully disposed of.

LIBRARY HOURS

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Evenings: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Weekends: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Closed on holidays as posted.

Freehold Idol back on stage



Radio host/DJ Lisa Anderson of The Breeze radio will be emcee for the fifth annual Freehold Idol, which gets underway Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotunda in front of the Hall of Records.

Sponsored by Downtown Freehold in conjunction with the talented Monmouth Academy of Musical Arts of

Morganville. Freehold Idol became an instant runaway hit when first presented, drawing rockers, folk singers, rock and rollers and others to the outdoor stage as well as crowds at outdoor tables in downtown restaurants or along Main Street to hear the competition to win the Idol award at the end of the season.

Contests are held every Wednesday between June 1 and Aug. 10, followed by two finale weeks when the contests for the two older age groups, 15 to 22 year olds and 23 and older, will be held Aug. 17 and for the 10 to 14 year olds, on Aug. 24. Competitors are vying for monetary prizes and free studio recording time to create a

personal CD from the Academy of Musical Art. Second and third place finishers in each category will also receive prizes.

The idol is open to all singers ten years of age and older. The winner of each weekly contest will compete against other weekly winners for the top three prizes during the final weeks. Further information is available by visiting www.downtownfreehold.com

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Historic House Tour set for June 25



The Freehold Borough Historic Preservation Commission is sponsoring the third annual Historic House Tour and offering a number of surprises and innovations for this year's tour.

The tour is between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25; tickets are \$25, and are available at the ReMax office, through Commission vice chairman Barbara Wagner, or at Borough Hall. Tickets, at the same price, will be available at 97 W. Main St., the McDonnell house which



Photo of the Friedman building, at the corner of Court and Broad sts. Was taken decades ago when Broad St. was less traveled. The bright yellow home is on the Historic house Tour set for June 25. From the collection of Dick Dalek

has been the focal point of the House Tours since they were first initiated. That house will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and ticket holders are invited to stop in for punch and cookies any time during the day.

The Freehold Arts Council, in conjunction with the Preservation Commission, is offering a sampling of the arts at the McDonnell House throughout the day at no extra charge. Music, art, and the opportunity to meet with Council members will all be on tap.

Houses on the tour include the Friedman House at the corner of Court and Broad streets. Tour Chairman Muriel J. Smith said "we selected this house for a number of

reasons, but primarily because it is a classic example of how residential buildings with their magnificent architecture and glass and wood treatments, can be converted into professional space with minimal ruination of the historic construction of the building. This building blends in perfectly with the residential area in which it's situated," Mrs. Smith said, "and offers spacious off-street parking unobtrusively hidden behind the building so as not to distract from the community feeling of this particular section of the borough. The building's owner, the Friedman family, went to great pains through the last part of the 20th century and into the 21st to ensure the historic integrity of the building was preserved and intact."

Other homes on the tour include the Nolan Higgins home, as well as the "Hydrangea House", both on W. Main St., an example of a Gordan Van Tine home on Brinkerhoff and a Dutch Colonial belonging to a whimsical family on Broad St.

"A full list of all the homes will be available on the passport ticket," Mrs. Smith continued, "but we're urging tour goers to allow several hours to complete the tour. Each of the homes has unique touches and collections which will draw attention and keep visitors staying longer to learn more about their history."

Persons needing further information can contact Mrs. Wagner at 732-462-2222.



A black and white real photo postcard view of Main Street, looking west between Court and Throckmorton streets, shows Perrine's Big Red Store on the left and a variety of local businesses in a small town, circa 1912. The large clock indicates "Diamonds & Jewelry", and a garage sign is further down the street. Horse and buggies are parked on the dirt street. From the collection of Dick Dalek.

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Summer Concert Series begins July 7



The Downtown Summer Concert Series, in association with 33East Full Service Car Wash, presents its Summer Concert Series beginning July 7 with Jimmy and The Parrots featuring the music of Jimmy Buffet.

The concerts are presented on the rotunda in front of the Hall of Records at the juncture of South and Main Streets. Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On tap at press time for the rest of July are the Jersey 4 with Music of the Four Seasons on July 14, U2 Nation presenting U2 music July 21, and new and different entertainment on July 28.

The Nerds will open the August series on Aug. 4, followed by Mission Dance on the 11th, The Stranger with Billy Joel tunes on Aug. 18 and the Phil Engel Band on Aug. 25. The series is expanded through September. Look for that month's entertainment in the next issue of The Lantern.

Downtown Summer Concert Series: Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. - all summer long.

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Sylvia is the perfect comedy for summer

The Center Players are following up their highly successful run of *The Heiress* with a comedy perfect for summer, *Sylvia*, which opens July 22 and continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 21.

Directed by Carla Jackson Heller, the comedy focuses on man's best friend and the dilemma of whether that is really his wife or his dog.

Tickets are available by calling the box office at 732-462-9093. Ticket prices include desserts and beverages at intermission. Dinner packages with local restaurants are also available for a full evening of entertainment at this 49-seat intimate theater at 35 South St.

While *Sylvia* is in rehearsal for its opening night, Director/actor/Center Players favorite Anthony Greco will direct a Special Applause feature on June 10. The Special Applause series are the black box presentations of plays by local or well known writers which are offered, at donations of \$5 per person, and without reservations. The play, "*All My Sons*," by Arthur Miller, is the story of a father who has to face the truth of his actions after his daughter prepares to marry his business partner's son. The truth of his actions focuses on the bride-to-be's dad's earlier actions to frame his partner, her intended father-in-law.

The Special Applause series enables theater goers to help determine whether such a production is suitable for the South St. theater and gives the cast an opportunity to try out roles for future presentations.

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Saints and Independence celebrated South of the Border

While we here in the United States celebrate the 235th anniversary of our independence from Great Britain this year, those of Spanish heritage also celebrate Independence Days of their native countries during the summer months.

In Venezuela, July 5 marks Independence Day and four days later, Argentina has its own celebrations of freedom. July 20 is Independence day for Colombia and July 28 celebrates the same for Peru.

July 24 is celebrated in Colombia, Venezuela and Panama for El Libertador, the birthday of Simon Bolivar who led the rebellion against Spanish rule that established the independence of Venezuela and Colombia, as well as Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. Nicaragua has a Revolution Day celebration on July 19, honoring the anniversary the National Liberation army declared its victory over Somoza dictatorship. Bolivia also celebrates its independence on Aug. 6, and Ecuador on Aug. 10. Uruguay celebrates Aug. 25 and Belize, formerly British Honduras, on Sept. 21.

Many Central American nations celebrate their

independence from Spain in the 19th century on Sept. 15.

And Mexico celebrates the date Miguel Hidalgo announced the Mexican revolt against Spanish rule on Sept. 16.

In addition to independence, many South American countries also celebrate religious feasts, including El Salvador del Mundo, honoring the Feast of the Savior, the patron of El Salvador the week of Aug. 1 through 6, when street fairs and a bajada, a procession, honor Christ. Aug. 15 is the Feast of the Assumption, celebrating the belief the Mother of God ascended to heaven, which is a major celebration in many South American countries. Sept. 8 is the birthday of Mary, the Mother of God, celebrated as Nuestra Senora de la Caridad del Cobre in Cuba, where she is the patron saint.



POLICE

Freehold Borough Police Department

While the Freehold Police Department is conscious of its responsibility to the borough residents, and all officers are trained and schooled in being fair, impartial and non-discriminatory in working with residents, the department wants to be made aware if there are complaints against any officer or procedure. To ensure that all complaints are handled properly and quickly, there is a specific policy to follow.

The first step is to contact the department at 732-462-1234 and ask for the shift supervisor. Complaints can be given either in person, on the phone, by mail or fax, either anonymously or with the complainant identified at the

caller's choice.

The complaint should be lodged in a courteous and helpful manner, giving as much information as possible, including the officer's badge number or name if a specific officer is involved. Persons having difficulty with the English language should request an interpreter.

Every complaint is investigated by the department's Internal Affairs Division and a representative of that division would contact you for further information. You will also be notified in writing of the outcome of the investigation.

Although the Department is capable of handling all complaints about officers, persons also have the option of filing a complaint with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office instead by contacting its Internal Affairs Section at 732-431-7000.

In all cases, both the complaint and the complainant's name are kept confidential and not released to the public.

Music and fireworks are part of change

Change is a part of life, Downtown Freehold CEO Rich Gatto remarked. And Downtown Freehold, Western Monmouth County's original downtown, has re-focused its summer entertainment lineup.

The popular Kruse Nite series, which Downtown Freehold introduced on the last Thursday of May, June, July and August, has been discontinued.

Downtown Freehold, however, has planned a series of events throughout the summer and credits the generosity of the 2011 Downtown Freehold sponsors with being able to provide a full slate of family-oriented activities. "And this will continue throughout the year," Gatto added.

The annual Fourth of July fireworks event has been expanded this year to include a 30-minute fireworks show, with the event held at the historic Freehold Raceway. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and there will be food, entertainment and a

concert before and after the fireworks. As always, the event is free and all parking both at the Raceway for this event and in downtown Freehold, is free.

For all its events, the Partnership is focusing on family-friendly concerts, amplifying what has become the most popular draw in Downtown Freehold during the summer months.

Each concert, performed by tribute or cover bands with thousands of fans throughout the tri-state area and beyond, is presented on the rotunda in front of the Hall of Records.

There has been a clear shift in the past three years as our music program strengthened and drew a continuously growing crowd," said Gatto.



Mayor Michael Wilson

Mayor's Memo

As we look toward the upcoming summer months, and many residents and visitors are thinking "Jersey Shore," they should pause and remember the Crown Jewel of Western Monmouth County as a happening place during the

summer. Freehold residents, you are right "here." Yes, it is true, we don't have the ocean, at least until New Jersey experiences a few more major nor'easters, then who knows? Maybe Freehold Borough will have its own shoreline!

To begin: Fourth of July celebrations, Sunday, July 3, will be a blast at Freehold Raceway. Coors Light in association with Downtown Freehold, is sponsoring an evening of patriotic and family-fun festivities to celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth. Gates open at 5:30, and there will be food and entertainment, followed by an expanded fireworks show this year.

The next morning, July 4, at 9:00 a.m., is our annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence (which, to my knowledge is not done in any other town nearby). This is read by you, the residents, in front of Borough Hall. This event, which was started just a few years ago, has grown in attendance and enthusiasm every year since. If you or your children want to participate, just simply show up! And don't forget your cameras.

During the course of the summer, Freehold Borough will have many concerts in our thriving downtown, and

also the very popular Freehold Idol on Wednesdays. Who knows, you may be able to see a future blockbuster pop star in the making!

Also, coming back this year is Olde Freehold Day at Lake Topanemus or as the old timers in Freehold call it, "The Freehold Pond." This event will be a joyful experience for the entire family. There will be plenty of food, entertainment, activities and memories in the making during a fun-filled day on Saturday, July 30, rain date, Sunday, July 31. We may not have the Atlantic Ocean at our doorstep but this is the next best thing to have a family oriented town event with a body of water included.

And you can always feel free to check out events and activities held at the YMCA and the Freehold Library, and check in with our Recreation Commission and Neighborhood Pride Committee to see what they are planning and how you can get involved.

Again, feel free to sign up for our Freehold Borough e-mail blast for current news and updates at (732) 462-4200, ask for Pat.

Scouts collecting worn American flags

Girl Scout Troop 66 and the local Library's Teen Library Committee (TLC) are joining forces to collect damaged, worn, faded or otherwise retirement-ready American flags to the library for a dignified flag retirement ceremony later in the season.

Any American flags, regardless of material or size, are being accepted and should be removed from posts or sticks before being brought to the library.

A dignified ceremony to give the flags the respect they have earned in retirement will be announced and conducted at a later date.

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Regular meetings:

Borough Council:

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Borough Council:

Workshop/Regular meeting
Third Monday 7 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission:

4th Monday 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Pride Committee:

First Thursday, 7 p.m.

Planning/Zoning Board:

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Recreation Committee:

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission:

2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health:

1st Thursday, 8 p.m.

Downtown Partnership

Annual Meeting
March 9, 8:30 a.m.
732-333-0094

Community Information Committee

2nd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.

Boro happenings:

Retired Flag Collection

Begins: June 1

Historic Preservation Commission special meeting:

June 6:
Borough Hall
6:30 p.m.

Primary Election Day

June 7:
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission House Tour

June 25:
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$25/ticket
732-462-2222

Olde Freehold Day

July 30:
All Day
Lake Topanemus Park (rain date: July 31)
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