



Howell Heritage

The Newsletter of The Howell Historical Society July, 2009

Howell Historical Society Meeting July 31, 2009 8:00 pm Howell Township Municipal Offices Building

All Aboard for July

The July meeting of the Howell Historical Society will feature a video called Great American Train Rides. 'Boarrddd!

In June We Went Visiting

Randall Gabrielan the executive director of the Monmouth County Historical Commission and the appointed local historian of Middletown Township, was the guest speaker for the June meeting of the Howell Historical Society. He showed

a video of several places in Monmouth County which had benefited from grants from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. Following the video presentation, he answered many questions from the audience. It was a very interesting and informative evening. All those who were in attendance received copies of the video. The Society has extra copies, if you would like to have one, contact **Lynne Gillette**.

Go to **visitmonmouth.com**, click on Departments for the Commission's page, then look for the link to videos in order to see current activities.

TRIVIA TIME —

Q. In 1987, what did the Township of Howell say were the energy savings gained by recycling aluminum products?

Many Thanks — Let's Do It Again

To all who worked so hard to make the June 13 yard sale happen. We could not have done it without the concerted efforts of many people, both members and friends.

See next month's Howell Heritage for a list of workers and contributors.

The committee is planning another yard sale for September 19, from 9:30-1:30.

How will you help?

When submitting items for inclusion in Howell Heritage, please make sure that any names used are complete (first and last) and spelled correctly. Thank you.

More Nostalgia and Recent History How many do you remember?

Many of the things listed below can't be found anymore. Some are still around if you look hard enough —

Metal ice cubes trays with levers

45 rpm spindles	Brylcreem
Green Stamps	Old Yeller
Beanie and Cecil	Drive in Movies
Roller-skate keys	Jiffy Pop popcorn
Cork pop guns	5 cent stamps
Marlin Perkins	Chatty Cathy dolls
Car Hops	5 cent Cokes
Studebakers	Falstaff Beer
Topo Gigio	Brownie camera
Washtub wringers	Flash bulbs
The Fuller Brush Man	TV Test patterns
Sky King	Burma Shave signs
Tinkertoys	Chef Boy-A R-dee
Erector Sets	Fire escape tubes
Lincoln Logs	Timmy and Lassie
Penny candy	Drive in restaurants

Reel-To-Reel tape recorders

15 cent McDonald hamburgers

5 cent packs of baseball cards

25 cent a gallon gasoline

Gum wrapper chains

Speedy Alka-Seltzer

(Plop-Plop Fizz-Fizz Oh What a relief it is)

Cigarettes for Christmas

Editorially Speaking:

It's great when we get responses to articles in **Howell Heritage**. Here are a couple received recently:

(from an acquaintance of Tim's in the financial market) *I read the articles, really liked the one about the (8th grade) dance. Everyday I tell people...how staying out of the market is similar to the eight grade dance....if memory serves me correct, Tonto was a neighbor of my uncle's when he lived in Calif.*

(from a distant new member) *I thoroughly enjoy the newsletter I receive each month.*

I have noticed in the past couple of issues a little blurb about "Trivial Pursuits". It caught my eye and got me to wondering whether or not I could be of some help with some of the writing that you guys need to do each month.

I am a "displaced" New Jerseyan...But I never forgot my roots.... I happend upon the Mackenzie House...thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon we spent exploring the house and library.

I am actually thinking about writing something about the Battle of Monmouth....I hope to get back to New Jersey in the next few months so that I can utilize some of the excellent reference material you have at the MacKenzie House. I have always been a big history buff and the Battle of Monmouth has fascinated me since I was a boy....

Keep those cards and letters coming.

The Staff of **Howell Heritage**

Ding Dong, Avon calling

Aluminum Christmas Trees

If you can remember most or all of these, then you have lived! Pass this on to anyone who may need a break from their 'grown-up' life . . . double dog dare ya.

National Do Not Call List

In the near future (very soon) advertisers will legally begin calling you on your cell phone. As with most other calls, these advertisement calls will cost you each and every time. In order to avoid these charges (and the aggravation) , put yourself on the

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HistoriFUN is History

HistoriFUN is now a fun part of Howell Historical Society's history. A small group of young children gathered each morning from July 6 through July 10 to learn some thing about MacKenzie House, Howell history, history in general, crafts of past years. **Ida Devlin**, aided by **Erin MacKenzie**, guided the kids through many activities that were old but with a new twist. Stenciling was done on small totes, pressed flowers, some from our very own dogwood tree, became lovely laminated bookmarks and pictures. Mosaic work decorated picture frames, quilling created lovely colorful designs, articulated wooden snakes were colored and today's kids had fun thinking about the good times that old time kids had doing similar things. The art of paper making allowed the kids to explore a very old craft and they made some very interesting pins to wear. Carved designs were colored and used to decorate small keepsake boxes much as old time youngsters did to create gifts for moms and sisters and sweethearts. Erin took the kids outside in the back yard each day for an active break and showed them about kite flying.

The participants ranged from almost second grade though 5th grade. Already we have a request for enrollment in next year's HistoriFUN program from someone who was unable to make it this year.

We have lots of pictures from the week. Since we do not post photographs of children on line they will available for viewing in a notebook at the Howell Historical Society meeting in September.

Thomas Megill (1795-1875) Lifelong Area Resident

This surname has been spelled in various ways. Quite often the spelling is different, document by document for the same individual. Such is the case for Thomas Megill. As one reviews the various documents for Thomas Megill, his name is spelled Magill, Mcgill and Megill. Of interest is the fact that the 2009 Monmouth County Telephone Directory listed eight Magills, sixteen Mcgills and thirteen Megills.

Thomas Megill, the son of David Megill and Catherine Cosgrove, was born in Farmingdale, Monmouth County, New Jersey on August 5, 1795. He married Agnes Bennett about 1818 (based on the 1830 Census). By examining the 1850 and the 1860 Census Records, it was determined that Agnes was born during 1791/92. Thomas and Agnes Megill issued at least five children, Anthony, Cornelius,

Anthony B., one unknown male, and one unknown female.

As noted in "The History of Monmouth County", Thomas Megill was a member of Col. John Freylinghuysen's Battalion, 1814.

At the time of the 1830 Census in Howell, Thomas "MaGill" was listed as the Head of Household. Living in the household were two males and one female (Thomas, Agnes and son Anthony). During the 1840 Census, Thomas Megill was once again listed as the Head of Family. Four males and two females were living in the household (Thomas, Anthony B., Cornelius T., one unknown male, Agnes, and one unknown female).

When the 1850 Census was taken, Thomas "McGill", his wife Agnes, age 58, and their son Anthony, age 18, were living in Howell, New Jersey. As indicated by the record, Thomas was age 53, he was born in New Jersey, his occupation was farmer, and the value of his real estate was \$1,200.

At the time of the 1860 Census, Thomas "McGill", his wife Agnes, age 69, their son Anthony, age 28, and Anthony's wife and two children were living in the same Howell dwelling. As stated in the record, Thomas was age 64, his occupation was farmer, the value of his real estate had grown to \$4,000 and the value of his personal estate was \$420. In regard to real estate values, it should be noted that Thomas and Agnes Megill purchased and sold land in Howell on numerous occasions.

During the 1870 Census, Thomas "Magill", his wife Agnes and two grandchildren, were living in Howell. The record indicated that Thomas was age 75 and that his occupation was farmer. Anthony, the son of Thomas and Agnes, was living next door with his family.

The date of death for Agnes Megill was October 9, 1871. As noted in the Church of the Latter Day Saints records, Thomas Megill died in Monmouth County on May 12, 1875.

Tim Clayton

Sources:

Church of the Latter Day Saints Records

"Genealogy of the Megill Family of Monmouth

County, New Jersey"(compiled by Charlotte Louise Megill Hix and Carol Lee Fisher Megill)

Ancestry.com

"The History of Monmouth County", by Franklin Ellis

1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 Howell Census Records

Pass the Word

Howell Heritage, the newsletter of the Howell Historical Society is now posted on the Howell Township web site www.twp.howell.nj.us/content/71/6294/default.aspx. Look under the section called Spotlight.

World War II

“The War at the Shore”

Through The Eyes of a Young Boy

The United States entered World War II during 1942 when I was only four years of age. At the end of the war in 1945, I was seven years of age and in second grade. Therefore, this account of the “War at the Shore” is through the eyes of a little boy. To be totally honest, I do directly remember most of the following account. In addition to my own recollection, my family also shared many WWII stories over the years (the two sources are a little blurred after sixty-five years). In preparation for this article, I also contacted a few people that lived through the war as children in order to be sure that I did not overlook anything. Now, with all of that being said, this article is only a “young boy’s” account of the civilian life that took place during WWII and it is not meant to diminish the sacrifice that our Armed Forces made for our continued freedom.

To begin this story, I should mention that I was very fortunate in that my father did not have to serve in the Armed Forces due to physical reasons (heart and blood poisoning). Both of my parents had the knack of keeping my sister and I informed about the war, but without giving us undue worry. I do remember that all civilians, both adults and children alike, had an immense amount of national pride. Every post office had “We Want You” posters, which helped to provide a vast amount of civilian support for the “Troops” overseas. During this period of time, most people had tears in their eyes when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance or when singing “**God Bless America**”. To this day, I have the same “choked up” feeling when I hear a beautiful rendition of “**God Bless America**”. On those rare occasions when we went to the movies, the audience always viewed an upbeat newsreel war report prior to the cartoon and the main attraction. My family and I joined most other civilians in the government mandated food, sugar, gasoline, tire and shoe rationing, plus the loss of other items such as new automobiles, meat and butter (many farmers such as my wife’s family were self sufficient and could provide themselves with such food items). One of our family “sacrifices” actually turned out to be fun for my

sister and me. We kneaded Oleo Margarine in plastic bags with the orange colored button until it looked like butter. As with most families here in Point Pleasant, we had a big victory garden which made us self sufficient year round due to my mother’s hard work in canning. My father raised chickens in our back yard which provided us with eggs and meat. Although I do not remember with much detail, my dad also dug clams in the Manasquan River. Even the children gathered and saved tin foil from cigarette & gum wrappers, which was rolled into balls. The tin foil was used to support the war effort.

I remember the air raid drills at home and at school. At home during the drills, we pulled down dark green or black shades and turned down the lights in order to stop all visible lighting from the exterior (this was especially important along the coast due to the German subs). We could not light our gas stove during the drills due to the excessive light. During the school hours, we would practice air raid drills by sitting in the basement halls with our backs to the wall and with our arms over our heads for protection. My friend’s grandfather was an aircraft warning service volunteer observer. They were on duty in Bay Head mostly during the evening hours.

In later years, my brother-in-law informed me that he was also an “airplane spotter” from the top of the Osbornville School. My father was the air raid warden on our street which gave me a lot of pride. He had an arm band and a night stick as he enforced the rules during the air raid drills.

During the war and for several years after, my family did not always have enough money for coal. Therefore, it was our custom to gather drift wood from the beach in Point Pleasant or Bay Head. Due to the immense amount of sunken ships off of the Jersey Coast, the beaches were full of oil and tar. Shoes had to be cleaned with kerosene and rags before leaving the beach. Quite often my family would come across an unopened crate on the beach. My sister and I were told to stay away just in case explosives were present.

At the end of the war in 1945, I remember the local celebrations on Arnold Avenue in Point Pleasant Beach. People were hugging and banging pots & pans. We were all so excited and proud of our troops!

Tim Clayton

Friends,

I'm taking orders for handcrafted birdhouses which are being assembled by the Men's Club of my church. All profits will be added to our Men's Club treasury. We help to support the missions and operating cost of the Central United Methodist Church of Point Pleasant Beach. If you are interested in ordering, please let me know what and how many you would like to order. You do not need to make payment until I deliver your order.

Tim (Contact Tim at WordPeople@AOL.com)

I Remember —

What Do You Remember?

If you have been nudged into the Memory Lane of your history by the nostalgia piece or Tim's piece on **The War at the Shore**, please share them with us. Send them to: **WordPeople@AOL.com**.

History is not necessarily something from ancient times. Our Howell Township Middle School Students wrote a bit of history in 1998. It is worth repeating!
Tim Clayton

Genetics Project Letter of Introduction

Posted by Howell Township Middle School Team 8-4 on Friday, 11 December 1998, at 7:34 a.m.

Hello from our 8th grade science classes, known as Team 8-4, here in Howell Township, New Jersey. We were happy to participate in this genetics project. It was a bit more work than we anticipated, but we enjoyed the time spent on making observations about our classmates' genetic traits. We are still in the process of analyzing the data and evaluating our hypotheses. But here is information we collected and wrote about our school and community.

Located in New Jersey's Monmouth County, Howell Township is situated at longitude of 74 degrees, and 12 minutes, 0 seconds, and at a latitude of 40 degrees, 11 minutes, and 30 seconds. It is a ninety minute drive from both Manhattan and Atlantic City, a seventy five minute drive from Philadelphia, and only a fifteen minute ride to the Jersey shore! With 82% of Howell's land zoned residential and 10% designated commercial, the township houses Monmouth County's largest body of fresh water, the Manasquan Reservoir.

Both of the Montawk and Lenni Lenape Indian tribes inhabited Howell Township approximately 10,000 year ago. The early European settlers were mostly Dutch or English. Escaping religious persecution, Quakers found refuge here. These groups supported themselves by farming and working in the lumbering industry. In 1804, the township was named after New Jersey's third governor, Richard Howell.

As of 1995, there were almost 43,000 people living in Howell Township; the projected population for the year 2010 is close to 50,000. A diversity of nationalities, races, and religions is reflected in the area with the largest Kalmuck (Kalyk) community in the Western Hemisphere!

Howell boasts of its 18-hole public golf course, and children are provided with a year-round recreational program. Located at the municipal center, Oak Glen Park is a multi-million dollar complex. It is a

setting for the annual "Howell Day" festivities with its pony ride, variety of activities, and smiles for all!

Howell Township's school system has grown significantly from its original one room building with an outhouse! Although the structure (and the outhouse) are no longer used for classes, they receive many visitors each year. To date, there are eight elementary schools housing kindergarten through grade six. With over 1500 seventh and eighth graders, our middle school is the largest in New Jersey. A second middle school is scheduled to open in September of 1999. With an anticipated enrollment of 1200 each, the two buildings will hold grades six, seven, and eight. Howell High School is one of six in the Freehold Regional High School District.

Our middle school has been named one of the most technologically advanced public schools on the East coast. The students are offered three foreign languages and an array of electives such as computers, art, life skills, music, and technology. Available also are extra-curricular activities such as newspaper, yearbook, peer-mediation, peer tutoring, forensics, and the international club. In addition, the school has two ³Plus² programs: ³Humanities² and ³Math/Science². Each middle school grade is divided into seven teams, each with approximately 110 students, four ³core² teachers (science, social studies, math and language arts), a resource room teacher and other professionals. This genetics project has included all students and teachers on our team.

researched and submitted by Tim Clayton

Round and About Howell Township

"Fiction to Fact" Space Toys & Memorabilia Collection

Dec.-Aug.09; the collection features toys, games, posters, and books, as well as memorabilia from Russia's and America's space mission; it is on loan from Kaller's America Gallery; Monmouth Museum on Brookdale Community College Campus, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft; 732-747-2266; www.monmouthmuseum.org

Howell Parks and Recreation

Pony Grooming and Horsemanship Camp

REGISTER EARLY-LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE
August 10-14; This is a Petite Equestrian Program for children 3 to 6 years of age and a Pony Grooming and Riding Program for children 7 to 11 years. These programs are perfect for the returning or slightly experienced participant and for those who learn at a slightly faster pace. Safety, anatomy, English and

Western riding, along with grooming and body language are a few of the topics covered during this event. These camps will be held at the Echo Lake Park. This program will develop your child's self-confidence and team spirit, while creating a genuine appreciation and respect for these animals. For further information call 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Baltimore Inner Harbor

August 15 but RESERVATIONS BY JULY 10; this is one of the top destinations in the city of Baltimore; there is a wide array of things to do at the harbor such as shopping, restaurants, Baltimore Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Fort McHenry; fee is \$43 for transportation only; bus departs town hall at 8:00am and returns approximately 8:00pm; for more information call 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Fathers and Daughters Dinner & Dance

Oct. 2, 6:00pm-9:00pm; MAKE RESERVATIONS ASAP, this event sells out quickly. The evening will consist of a full dinner buffet, a color photo taken by a professional photographer, music for dancing and lots of fun. If you wish to be seated with friends, all reservations must be made under one name and all money for each couple must be sent in at the same time. No mail-in reservations will be accepted. You must register at the Recreation Dept. The dance will be held at Our House Tavern Restaurant, 420 Adelphia Rd., Farmingdale; \$31 per person. Reservations taken only with payment and is based on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call the Recreation Dept. at 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Recreation Dept. selling Great Adventure Passes as well as Hurricane Harbor and 3-park combo passes. \$120 for 3-Park pass, \$90 for Theme/Safari, \$90 for Hurricane pass, regular Theme Park Day pass is \$27, Hurricane Harbor Day Pass is \$25; parking is \$45 and a meal voucher is \$10; for more information, call the Recreation Dept. at 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor/Environmental Center

Weekend Boat Tours

From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

Tours are 45 minutes and will be offered on Sat., Sun. and holidays; tours start at the top of each hour from 1:00pm-4:00pm; the fee is \$4.67 per adult and \$2.80 per child under 12 + tax; each tour is narrated by a naturalist from the environmental center and will include excellent opportunities to view turtles, egrets, herons, ospreys, and perhaps even a bald eagle; for more information call 732-751-9453

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAMS

online 24/7 - www.monmouthcountyparks.com

by phone-732-842-4000 ext. 1, Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm; by mail-send the registration form with payment to:Registration; Mon. Co. Park System; 805 Newman Springs Rd.; Lincroft, NJ 07738-1695; in person-Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm, Administration Bldg; Thompson Park on Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft

HOWELL TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

318 Old Tavern Rd.; 732-938-2300; Mon., Wed. 10:00am-9:00pm, Tue., Thurs. 9:00am-9:00pm, Fri. 1:00pm-5:00pm; Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm; Aug.-Sat. 9:00am-1:00pm

The Mah Jongg Club meets at the library every Monday afternoon from 1:00pm-4:00pm; ages 13 through adult, all levels of play are welcome.

The Chess Club meets at the library every Sat. 10:00am-12:00pm, all ages and levels are welcome.

Basic Guitar Workshop

June 29-July 20, 6:00pm-7:00pm This 4-part workshop will teach you a lot of the basics: guitar tuning, restringing, frets, tuning keys, and note structure. Students are requested to bring in a song that they would like to learn to play. The workshop is for students who have no formal guitar instruction. Bring your own guitar: an electric guitar is preferred but if you have an acoustic that is fine too. Registration is required. Workshop is for 12 and up.

2009 ELECTION INFORMATION

GENERAL ELECTION

October 13-Deadline for registration and change of address (21 days preceding)

October 27-Deadline to vote by mail for civilian absentee.

November 3-General Election (Tuesday next after the first Monday in November) Polls open 6:00am to 8:00pm.

Community School will host trip to opera

Oct. 17 matinee but RESERVATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED

The Lakewood Community School has scheduled a bus trip to the Metropolitan Opera House to see "Aida," Verdi's grandest opera. "Aida" is the story of a love triangle between an Egyptian military commander, the princess, and Aida who is a slave girl. The fee of \$110 include balcony seat, bus transportation and driver gratuity. The bus will depart from the Lakewood municipal building at 9:00am for a 1:00pm show and return to Lakewood at about 7:00pm. For more information and reservations call 732-905-3685.

5th Annual Russian and Slavic Cultural Festival

Sun., Oct. 4, 2009 12-7 pm; St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral; 200 Alexander Ave., Howell, NJ

07731;908-432-3140;

www.stalexandernevskeycathedral.com/

Experience all the warmth and beauty of Russian Slavic culture. Ethnic food, drink, music and dancing. Live performances throughout the day, traditional arts and crafts, and games for children.

Freehold Idol

June 17-Aug. 19, 7:00pm; talented singers aged 15 to 17 are given the spotlight to show off their vocal abilities in this very popular third annual singing contest that draws warblers from all over the state; much like the renowned TV talent contest, singers are judged and the best of each week moves to a final round where the top three vocalists are awarded prizes; front of the Hall of Records, Freehold; 732-333-0094

Freehold Rocks!

July 2-Aug. 20, 7:30pm-9:30pm; this weekly concert series features widely known groups and local talent that attracts audiences from the greater Freehold area and beyond; Hall of Records Lot, Freehold; 732-333-0094

Saturday Night Lights - Great Adventure

July 4-Sept. 5, 10:00pm; ten consecutive Saturdays of the internationally award-winning firework production "Rock Loves" to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Six Flags Great Adventure; the firework extravaganza takes place immediately following the "Glow in the Dark" parade against the backdrop of the park's great lake; Six Flags Great Adventure, 1 Six Flags Bld, Jackson; 732-928-2000

Freehold Farmer's Market

June 16-Oct. 13, 11:00am-3:00pm; every Tues. buy sun-ripened, freshly picked fruits and vegetables directly from the farmers who grow them; along with a large selection of locally grown seasonal crops; In front of the Hall of Records, Freehold; 732-333-0094

Sons of Italy 2009 Festa Italiana

July 31-Aug. 2; food, vendors, and activities for everyone on the boardwalk; fireworks display Aug. 2 at the Brinley Ave. Beachfront; Boardwalk, Bradley Beach; 732-776-2999

Sweeney Todd - The Musical Thriller

July 31-Aug. 9, Thu-Sat 8:00pm; Sun. 2:00pm; the Tony award-winning musical cheered by everyone who loves the musical magic of composer Stephen Sondheim; a devilishly entertaining summer treat; Algonquin Arts, 173 Main St., Manasquan; \$32 adults, \$30 seniors, \$15 students/children; 732-528-9211; **www.algonquinarts.com**

Darryl Strawberry Appearance

Aug. 1; Darryl, a member of World Championship

teams on both the Mets and Yankees, will appear at First Energy Park to sign autographs for fans and help advance the awareness of autism; Lakewood BlueClaws First Energy Park, 2 Stadium Way, Lakewood; 732-901-7000

The Gigantic Yard Sale

Aug. 1 (rain date Aug. 2) historic Allaire Village within Allaire State Park; Rt. 524/4265 Atlantic Ave., Wall; 732-919-3500; **www.allairevillage.org**

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29th Annual All American Jet Car Nationals and Monster Truck Meltdown

Aug. 5, gate 5:00pm-feature show 8:00pm; Old Bridge Township Raceway Park, 348 Pension Rd., Englishtown; 732-446-7800; **www.racewaypark.com**

Asbury Park 5K Race

Aug. 8; 5K race to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County; finishes at the Boardwalk south of Convention Hall, Asbury Park; 732-502-5749; **www.jsrc.org**

15th Annual Woods Hollow Mountain Bike Race

Aug. 8, 6:00am-12noon; REGISTER BY JULY 31; mountain bike through 7.5 miles (beginner class) or 11.25 miles (sport class for intermediate/advanced riders) of open fields and woodlands of Tatum Park; ideal for beginner and sport mountain bikers; pre-registration fee \$20, race day registration is \$25 and will be accepted from 6:45am to 7:45am for race #1 (sport class) and 8:30am to 9:30am for race #2 (beginner class) at Tatum Park Holland Activity Center; if you have previously finished in the top three overall in the Beginner category, it is recommended

that you sign up for the Sport class; 732-542-1642 for information and application; online registration is available at www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Seastreak to Broadway! Wednesday Matinee Cruise

Aug. 12, 10:00am departure from Atlantic Highlands ferry to East 35th St. to see The Lion King; \$75 includes round trip boat ride and ticket to the show; 1-800-BOATRIDE; www.seastreak.com

Ocean Township Italian Festival

Aug.12-16; Wed. 5:00pm-11:00pm, discount ride night; Thur. 5:00pm-11:00pm; Fri. 5:00pm-11:30pm, fireworks 9:00pm; Sat. 5:00pm-midnite; Sun. 5:00pm-11:00pm, 50/50 drawing; rides, food, games, contests and entertainment celebrating Italian heritage; Deal and Monmouth Rd., Oakhurst; FREE admission; for information 732-517-1040 and email info@iaato.com

NJ Professional Sand Sculpting Festival

Aug. 15-16, 11:30am; our popular festival has now been expanded; watch our professionals create works of art and then watch our up and coming kids create their own sculptures; Monmouth Park Racetrack, Oceanport; 732-222-5100

Born to Tri

Aug. 16, 6:50am start; swim-bike-run triathlon run by Jersey Shore Triathlon Club; race will finish on the Asbury Park boardwalk with a post race party on the beach; 732-502-5749; www.jctriclub.org

Rolling Iron Antique Auto Show

Aug. 23, rain date Sept.13; 8:00am-3:00pm; open to all vehicles manufactured up to 1982. The show features over 350 classic, antique and custom cars. There are a total of 40 unique trophies awarded, including People's choice awards in numerous categories including Foreign, Custom, Modified, Trucks, Year and Motocycles. Special awards presented by the Historic Village at Allaire Guilds and Directors. Show will take place in the Allaire State Park parking lot. John and Debbie will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, cheese steaks, Italian Ices, sodas, funnel cakes and much more. \$5 per car parking fee. Exhibitors who pre-register \$15, day of show \$18. historic Allaire Village within Allaire State Park, Rt. 524/4265 Atlantic Ave., Wall; 732-919-3500; www.allairevillage.org

Freehold Kruse Night

Aug. 27, 5:00pm-10:00pm; beautifully maintained and restored classic automobiles are abundant on Kruse Night, one of the region's largest and popular classic car events; Main St., Freehold; 732-333-0094

25th Annual Sprint Triathlon

Sept. 17, 7:45am; PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Aug. 29; 1/4 mile ocean swim, 12.5 mile bike, 3 mile run; applications and race information can be found at www.monmouthcountyparks.com; pre-registration fee is \$50, post registration fee is \$60; there will be no Saturday packet pick-up this year; Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch; for more information call 732-542-1642 or email ward@monmouthcountyparks.com **X0294X**

HOWELL TOWNSHIP LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Empty Bowl Project

Aug. 3, 3:00pm; join Ms. Kobrinski in creating these one of a kind ceramic bowls. These empty bowls are a symbol of our neighbors who face empty bowls on a daily basis and as a reminder of the food bank's continuous efforts to fill them. Completed bowls will be displayed in the library for the duration of the summer. For young adults 6th grade and up. Registration required.

Board Game Afternoon

Aug. 4, 3:00pm-5:00pm; bring along your favorite board game or use one of ours. We will be playing cards, Jeopardy, Scrabble, Life and much more. For young adults entering 6th grade and up. No registration required..just show up for some fun. Snacks provided. Contact 732-938-2300 ext. 4

Reel Film Festival @ Howell Library

Aug. 10, 6:00pm-8:30pm; Sundance has come to Howell Library in our first "Reel Film Festival," Experience the magic of the RED CARPET as teen film makers present their original films to the public. Awards will be presented after the viewing of the films. Don't forget to get your entry form at the reference desk. DEADLINE for film submission JULY 31 by 5:00pm. Contact 732-938-2300 ext.4

Wear Your Words

Aug. 11, 3:00pm-5:00pm; learn how to create a hot new craft that uses SCRABBLE board tiles and transforms them into jewelry. Just bring your creativity as we make earrings and necklaces from a popular board game. For young adults entering the 6th grade and up. Registration required. Contact 732-938-2300 ext 4

End of Summer Reading Party

Aug. 12, 2:00pm-3:00pm; Be Creative@Your Library ends with a reward party featuring the magic of Conrad Productions. Contact Veronica Chris 732-938-2300, Vchris@monmouthcountylib.org

Teen Wrap It Up Party

Aug. 14, 6:30pm-10:00pm; End of the Summer Teen Experience Celebration. Wind down the summer as we watch movies, play Wii, Xbox, and board games.

Eat pizza and make your very own custom ice cream sundaes. You must be registered for the Teen Summer Reading. For young adults entering the 6th grade and up. Registration is required. Contact 732-938-2300 ext. 4

Senior Book Discussion

Aug. 20, 10:30am; All seniors are welcome to join our Senior Book discussion of *The Nazi Officers Wife. How one Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust* by Edith Hahn-Beer. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Contact 732-938-2300

High School Required Reading Book Discussion

Aug. 26, 3:00pm-4:00pm; We will discuss "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom and clarify any questions you may have. At the end of the discussion you will have a full understanding of the book. Registration required. Contact 732-938-2300 ext. 4

Women of Words Book Discussion

Aug. 26, 7:00pm; Women of Words will be discussing *Felicia's Journey* by William Trevor. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Contact 732-938-2300

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ROOM

The Headquarters location of the Monmouth County Library established the Monmouth County Historical Room in 1998 to serve the needs of its patronage by collecting and preserving written materials documenting and illuminating many aspects of life in New Jersey with emphasis on Monmouth County.

The Monmouth County Historical Room collection contains a variety of materials about state, county and local history including books, magazines, directories, scrapbooks and various other materials. More than 1400 items comprise the collection. Patrons can research current and historical information pertaining to Monmouth County and New Jersey including businesses, institutions, buildings, agriculture, economics, government documents, biographical and genealogical information and much more. The room also contains a case exhibit arranged by Monmouth County Archives featuring documents of interest pertaining to the history of New Jersey.

Materials found in the Monmouth County Room are identified in the WebCat Catalog with the location NJ-Room. Materials are primarily non-circulating reference works, which may be used only in the

library. Housed in a secure room at Headquarters, the collection may be accessed with the assistance of the reference librarian staff. Librarians are also available to assist patrons with locating information.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HISTORIC SITES

The Monmouth County Historical Association's (MCHA's) four 18th century historic house museums will remain open through September 27. Thereafter, the houses are open Thurs., Fri. and Sat., 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The public is invited to enjoy guided tours of these sites that reflect life as it was 250 years ago. Admission is free. The MCHA is a private not-for-profit organization, and donations are greatly appreciated.

The MCHA's historic houses are located throughout the county. Covenhoven House (1752), at 150 West Main St. in Freehold, served as British General Clinton's headquarters before the Battle of Monmouth. Holmes-Hendrickson House (circa 1754) is on Longstreet Rd. in Holmdel, near the county park systems's Longstreet Farm. Allen House (circa 1710), which was a tavern in the 18th century, is located at Shrewsbury's "historic four corners." at Rt. 35 and Sycamore Ave. In Middletown on Kings Highway, is Marpit Hall (circa 1756), home to the Taylors, a loyalist family during the Revolution.

The main museum and library is located at 70 Court St., Freehold. The museum's hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm. The library is open Wed. through Sat.. For membership or admission fees and further information, please call 732-462-1466 or visit www.monmouthhistory.org.

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Howell Historical Society Annual Picnic

August 23, 2009

1:00pm to 4:00pm

MacKenzie Museum

The Society will supply —
hamburgers, hot dogs, and
beverages, paper goods

You will supply —
your favorite dish to share with
us and a chair for each person
in your party



Call Pauline Smith at 732-462-8610

let her know what you'll bring to share
how many there will be in your party
how you will be able to help

Everybody's WELCOME!

HOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I would like to enroll/renew (circle one) as a member in the category checked:

\$10 Individual \$15 Family \$30 Sponsor \$50 Patron

Name: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (night) _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Return this form with your check to: Lynne Gillette, PO Box 694, Farmingdale NJ 07727

The success of our museum, schoolhouse, library, and grounds depends upon the help of many willing hands. We need YOUR help. Please check the list below and indicate how you might us:

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