

TAVI Town Specials

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This Weekend's "Best Bet" --

TAVI's Third Annual Daffodil Days

The flowers bloomed early this year, but there's still plenty of spring to celebrate in Historic Allentown & Upper Freehold New Jersey

An early spring has seen daffodils bursting into bloom across the Village of Allentown – about 10,000 bulbs have been planted by The Allentown Village Initiative (TAVI) over the last three years. TAVI's 3rd Annual Daffodil Days will celebrate all things spring the weekend of April 19-21, 2024 with a full schedule of family-friendly events, found starting on Page 2 of this edition and at www.allentownvinj.org

Allentown's "Spring Stroll" street festival hosted by the Allentown Business Community Association (ABCA) returns on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Over 150 vendors of handmade crafts, food trucks, kids' zone, live music and more will fill Main Street. Take TAVI's walking tour of historic architecture in town. Visit TAVI's Main Street display for the "Earth Day Pledge" and be rewarded with a free garden plant. Meet King Alfred Daffodil and Trenton Thunder's mascot Boomer for their noontime stroll.

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, celebrate in style with TAVI's "Welcome Spring Gala," beginning at 6 pm and featuring palate temptations, desserts and the live music of the WilloLand Duo. Tickets are available at

www.allentownvinj.org.

HISTORIC ALLENTOWN NJ'S
SPRING STROLL
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
RAINDATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST
10AM-5PM
Main Street, Historic Allentown NJ

FOOD TRUCKS 100% HAND-CRAFTED VENDORS PONY RIDES BOUNCE HOUSES FUN ACTIVITIES	BEER AND WINE GARDEN PRESENTED BY HAMILTON TAP & GRILL FRIDAY 5PM-10PM SATURDAY 12PM-10PM FRIDAY 6PM-10PM-DJ NEBBS SATURDAY 12PM-4PM DJ NEBBS 4:15PM-5:15PM BROCKWAY AND SLIM 6PM-9PM SIDEWAYS WILLY BAND
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Daffodil Days Calendar of Events

Friday, April 19, 2024

7:30 & 9:30 am, 5:30 & 7:00 pm – TLC Yoga – Slow down, stretch out and learn how to improve every aspect of your life through the benefits of yoga at “The Learning Collaborative.” Register at <https://www.allentowntlc.com/yoga.html>. 6 Church Street.

9:00 am – 5 pm (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) – Holland Ridge Farms Tulip Festival – Holland comes to Upper Freehold with thousands of tulips! Timed tickets required. Purchase in advance at <https://www.hollandridgefarms.com/>

10:00 am – 2 pm – “Make & Take” Craft Project – Stop by the Allentown Public Library for a free spring craft project and browse the book stall for some additions to your own library. 16 S. Main Street.

Noon – 5 pm (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) – Wine Tastings – Stop by the Cream Ridge Winery to sample their homegrown, handcrafted wines. 145 Route 539, Cream Ridge, <https://www.creamridgewinery.com/>



STORYWALK

All Weekend – Daffodil Days Story Walk – Take a walk, read a book and have an adventure along the trails of Heritage Park, abloom with a storywalk courtesy of the Allentown Public Library Association; Enter off Main Street next to the Old Mill (FREE)

All Weekend – “The Dressage Experience Spring Fling” – Experience horse country with equestrian competitors seeking to qualify for national championship competitions later this year. Full calendar of events at <https://www.horseparkofnewjersey.com/> - The Horse Park of New Jersey, 626 Route 524, Allentown, NJ.

All Weekend – “Who Lies There?” – TAVI’s Historic Cemetery Driving Tour – Visit six historic cemeteries whose “residents” have great stories to tell! Tour map at www.allentownvinj.org/historic-cemetery-tour.html (Free)

All Weekend – TAVI’s Guide to Fun, Learning & Adventure – Discover New Jersey’s best kept secret with TAVI’s guide to history, shopping, food and more in Allentown & Upper Freehold – It’s FREE at www.allentownvinj.org

<https://www.allentownvinj.org/tavirsquos-guide-to-fun.html>

Allentown Spring Stroll
BEER & WINE GARDEN
Friday, April 19
5pm-10pm
Saturday, April 20
12pm-10pm
Live Music
Friday & Saturday
*A Percentage ALL Sales gets Donated to the Allentown Business Community Association
\$5 Cover Charge gets you in BOTH Days
BEHIND IVY ON MAIN
Beer, Wine & High Noons

Saturday, April 20, 2024

It's Spring Stroll Time!

Join us for Allentown's annual Main Street Spring festival

10 am – 5 pm – Crafters, food trucks, kids' zone, over 150 vendors, wine & beer garden (open till 10 pm), petting zoo, pony rides and more!

Sponsored by the Allentown Business Community Association (ABCA)



All Day – TAVI's Earth Day Challenge – Visit the TAVI table on Main Street to take the Earth Day Challenge. TAVI provides a trash bag & a plant for your garden in return for your promise to do some neighborhood TLC – FREE.

9:00 am – Run with Eagles 5K – Run into spring to support the community service projects of the Allentown Lions.

1 mile fun run and 5k starting at the Cream Ridge Winery. Register at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/CreamRidge/RUNWITHEAGLES>

10 am – 3rd Annual Rain Barrel Workshop – Make your own garden rain barrel with the Allentown Environmental Commission. All supplies included, and it's FREE! Register at

Environmental@allentownboronj.com



Noon – Celebrity Walk-About – Don't miss your

chance to meet and greet King Alfred Daffodil and his new "best bud" Boomer from the Trenton Thunder as they take a noontime stroll down Main Street. (FREE)



1 pm – Historic Architecture

Walking Tour - Take TAVI's historic architecture walking tour. Allentown is a little town

with a lot of history! Register at www.allentownvinj.org. Meet in the Library Community Room, 16 S. Main St. (FREE)

10 am – 3 pm – Visit the NJ Fire Museum – Dedicated to firefighters and the skills, equipment and service they bring to our community. \$5, 4 Polhemustown Road, Allentown.

6 pm - Hope Fire Co. Gift Auction - Awesome prizes including Trent Jewelers bracelet and watch, 50" large screen smart TV, Coach bags, classic comic books, Funke Pops & Sodas, gift cards and certificates for shopping dining, and experiences, beautifully made baskets containing great items and much more! Doors open at 6, auction starts at 7:30; Benefits the Ladies Auxiliary. 82 Rt. 526, Allentown. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/Hfc821>



Because "Daffodils are yellow trumpets of Spring." Richard L. Ratliff

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Cycling, Yoga & Pilates at The Movement – Start your day by reconnecting with yourself and experiencing the restorative health and wellness classes of The Movement. Register at <https://themovementbycf.com/schedule-your-movement> and visit them in the Old Mill, 42 S. Main St.



1:00 – 3:00 pm – “Music on the Porch” – Let the toe tapping tunes of Magnolia Street String Band enliven your visit to Historic Walnford.

Experience the operating gristmill, picnic under the trees and tour the elegant Waln home, built in 1773. 62 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold. (*FREE*)

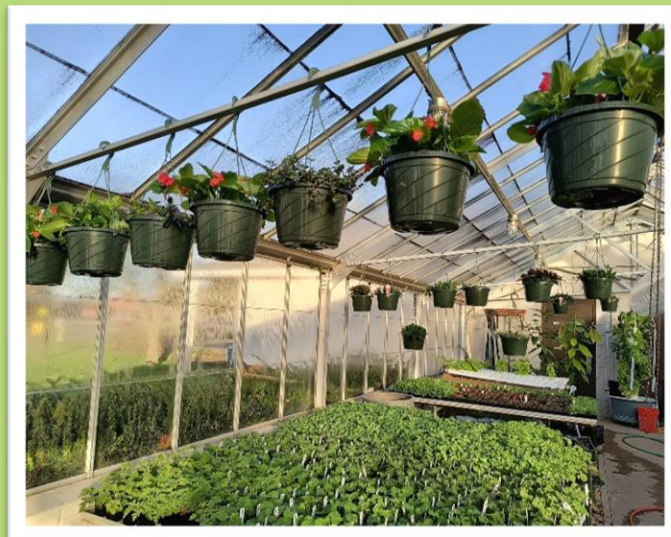
Walnford is one of the unique agricultural, historical, environmental and cultural sites along the 24 mile Upper Freehold Scenic Byway. Access the FREE driving tour map at <http://njscenicbyways.com/byways/upper-freehold>



You're Invited to TAVI's "Welcome Spring Gala"

Enjoy an elegant evening of palate temptations, desserts and the live music of the WilloLand Duo on Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 6 – 9 pm at the McCormick home, 153 Route 526, Allentown, NJ. Proceeds benefit “TAVI250” –

capital projects to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial by enhancing our community. Tickets are \$60/person and \$100/couple. Seating is limited, so reserve your tickets by 4/15/24 at www.allentownvinj.org



FFA Plant Sale Starts 5/7

The annual Future Farmers of America Plant Sale starts on Tuesday, May 7th at the Allentown High School greenhouses on High Street. Students have been busy raising a large selection of annuals, patio planters, hanging baskets, house plants and vegetable plants. All funds raised support student travel, leadership and career development events. More info is at <https://www.facebook.com/AllentownFFA>

Warehouse Roundup...

Choose a Side When It Comes to Warehouses, but Demand the Right Side When It Comes to Good Governance



"Is you is or is you ain't my constituency?"

-Pappy O'Daniel in Oh Brother, Where Art Thou

An appeal to ALL of the communities TAVI reaches...

Every argument has 2 sides, whether you're willing to admit it or not. That goes for the current predicament we find ourselves in regarding the desirability of warehouses, as well – whether to support the ever-growing number of warehouses close to home or to vehemently oppose them.

Who's in Favor of Warehouses

Not surprisingly, developers, sellers of goods, buyers of goods (when the warehouses are not in their backyards), and, sometimes, local governments (when ratables and minimizing expenditures, e.g., the cost of educating our children, are a priority) tend to favor warehouse development.

Who's Not in Favor of Warehouses

Equally not surprisingly, the local citizenry (for a variety of reasons), historians (when applicable), environmentalists (when applicable), and sometimes, local governments (when the nature of their community and the feelings of the local citizenry are a priority) tend not to favor warehouse development.

How a Decision Is (or Should Be) Reached

So, how does a municipality then decide when to accept, or even champion, warehouse development and when to oppose it? Ratables are an important consideration for most municipalities, but, before a decision is made, a cost-benefit analysis should be performed that shows what a municipality would expect to receive over time in the way of revenue, including ratables, and what it would expect to have to spend over time, including to accommodate warehouse development. For a project as large and potentially disruptive as a warehouse, that analysis should be made available to the public, along with an analysis of the relevant concerns and other considerations, prior to a final decision being made regarding whether to approve or deny an application for a particular warehouse development.



The Bottom Line

In our representative form of government, our local governing bodies need to work with the citizenry, not against it. They should be thorough in their creation/review of plans, including associated revenues and costs. And they should share all of the relevant information they have with their constituency (lest they lose that constituency in the long run), not hide it from view for unexplained (or, possibly, worse) reasons. Ask yourself whether your local governing body is acting in accordance with these tenets, or whether they are acting in a more questionable manner. None of these deliberations involves national security, but they do involve good governance and the faith one has, or not, in local government.



**Next public hearing set for 6 pm April 23, 2024
in Stone Bridge Middle School**

Last Call --

TAVI's VICTORY GARDEN

(COMMUNITY GARDEN)

Fostering Food Security in These Inflationary Times While Enjoying Wholesome Family Fun Outdoors – Who Could Ask for More?

Are you interested in growing your own food, but don't have space to garden where you live? Let us know by emailing mccormicknj@aol.com or calling (609) 208-9991 by April 15, 2024. We're assessing interest for a 2024 community garden with 10' X 10' plots available for a nominal fee less than 2 miles from Main Street, Allentown.



**WE SUPPLY THE SOIL,
SUN, AND WATER. YOU
SUPPLY WHATEVER ELSE
YOU NEED.**
*(GARDENING TUTORIALS AVAILABLE
FOR BEGINNER GARDENERS)*



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CHAMPIONSHIPS**



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TEAM 1807 HAS QUALIFIED FOR THE 2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN HOUSTON, TEXAS! AFTER A SEASON SPENT COMPETING AT TWO DISTRICT EVENTS AND AT THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS, THE TEAM'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION HAVE PAID OFF! WE ARE EXCITED AND PROUD TO BE ATTENDING, BUT THE TEAM'S ATTENDANCE COSTS ARE HIGH. THE GOAL FOR THE FUNDRAISER WOULD COVER THE ENTIRE COST FOR ALL ATTENDEES, BUT ANY DONATION WOULD LOWER THE COST FOR EACH PERSON.

Thank you for your support!

The Allentown Village Initiative (TAVI) Proudly Presents
AN "ALLENTOWN ARTS" FREE CONCERT PROGRAM

The Manalapan

18 Piece Steel Pan Drum Ensemble

3 pm Saturday, May 18, 2024

Rain Date: June 1, 2024

On the lawn behind Allentown Methodist Church
23 Church Street, Allentown, NJ 08501

FREE

Join us to celebrate
"Brearley's Birthday Bash"

David Brearley – Allentown resident & attorney,
Signer of the U.S. Constitution
Confidant of George Washington

Bring your chair and a picnic -
Refreshments Available



This program is made possible in part by funds from Monmouth Arts, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners.

The Allentown Village Initiative



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2024 Financial Goal: \$5,000

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How Your Generous Donations Will Be Put to Work

- Expanded *Allentown Arts* programs, including more *TAVI TALKS* historical presentations, more concerts, and more arts and entertainment
- Daffodil Days Festival* events
- The initiation of *TAVI250 Semiquincentennial* programs, celebrating our nation's 250th birthday, including:
 - Signage for the *Allentown Historic Architecture Walking Tour*
 - Training and materiel for *Allentown's Big Dig* community-involved archaeological exploration
- Planned creation of the *Park at the Point* pocket pollinator garden where Yardville-Allentown Rd. meets Old York Rd.
- And much more...

DISCOVER

All That

ALLENTOWN & UPPER FREEHOLD

Have to Offer This Spring (and Year Round)

300+ YEARS
OF HISTORY



MAIN ST.

UNIQUE
SHOPS



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EATERIES



RT. 539

WALKING
TOURS



FESTIVALS

*DAFFODIL DAYS/ SPRING STROLL/
HOLLAND RIDGE TULIP FESTIVAL
(APRIL 20/21)*

CONCERTS

*MANALAPAN STEEL DRUM
BAND & PICNIC
(MAY 18)*

[LOOK FOR THE US NAVY BAND IN
LATE-SUMMER OR FALL]



Download your free copy of TAVI's *Guide to Fun, Learning, & Adventure in Historic Allentown & Upper Freehold, NJ* by going to <https://www.allentownvinj.org> and clicking on the TAVI Projects tab.



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