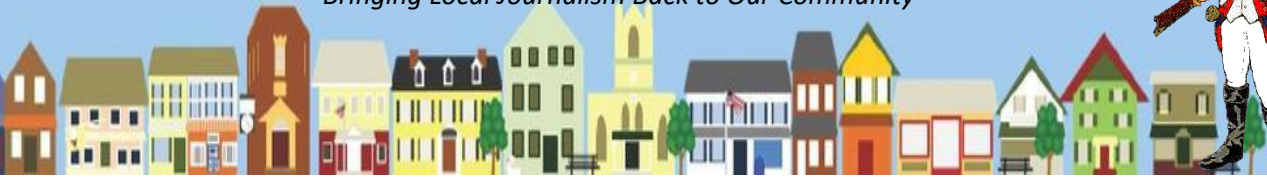


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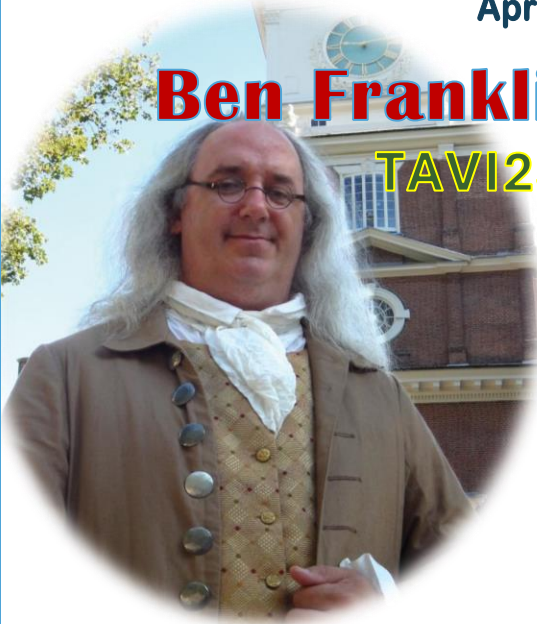


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## Ben Franklin Comes to Allentown

### TAVI250 Dinner Fetes Famous Patriot



Benjamin Franklin was one of our nation's greatest patriots – the only Founding Father who signed all three of America's founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Paris and the Constitution. He was the inventor of bifocals, the lightning rod and the Franklin Stove. He was also rumored to be quite the ladies' man and believed sitting nude in his bed chamber for an hour each day was good for his health. His only surviving son, William (born out of wedlock to a woman whose identity has been lost to history),

became the last royal governor of New Jersey and was permanently estranged from his father, known as "The First American."

Join us at Woody's Towne Café on Monday, April 27, 2026 to explore the accomplishments and contradictions of this famous American. Franklin will be portrayed by Robert DeVitis (*pictured above*), often called "the Ben Franklin of today" because of his in-depth research and amazing good looks! Mr. DeVitis has portrayed Mr. Franklin on The Tonight Show as well as countless events in Philadelphia and throughout the region. Seatings are available at 5 and 6:30 pm – see the sidebar for reservation details.

### Visit TAVI at the "Spring Stroll" April 25th

Stop by and say "Hi" to TAVI during this year's "Spring Stroll" street festival on Saturday, April 25, 2025 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. TAVI's table will be at the corner of South Main Street and Lakeview Avenue. TAVI Tours will be offering Historic Walking Tours (*see details on Page 2*). Play TAVI Trivia and win a prize. Learn all about TAVI's community service projects as well as the ongoing events celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday (*details on pg. 9*). **See you there!**

### BANTERING WITH BENJAMIN –

A COLONIAL DINING EXPERIENCE

Who: Ben Franklin and YOU!

When: Monday, April 27, 2026

Where: Woody's Towne Café,  
27 South Main St., Allentown

Time: Seatings at 5 and 6:30 pm

Menu: Pot roast, mashed potato,  
salad & apple cobbler, byob

Cost: \$30 per person

Visit [www.allentownvinj.org](http://www.allentownvinj.org) to  
make your reservation today!



## TAVI250

*A celebration of America's  
250<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

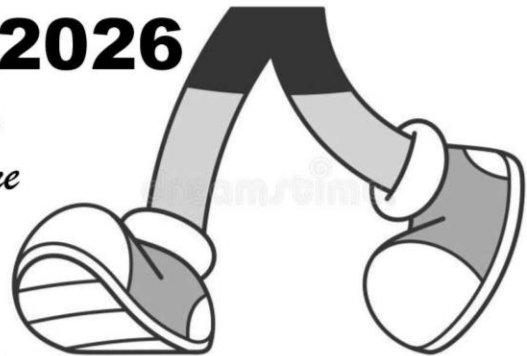
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# Historic Walking Tours

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

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*Fascinating local history – learn & explore*



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**Noon Underground Railroad :  
Freedom's struggle played out in our neighborhood**

**1:00 p.m. Historic Cemeteries:  
Visit the graves of remarkable local residents**



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# Off The Grill brings new flavors to Allentown

By Tasnim Oyshi

Asim Mahmood has been in the food industry for nearly nine years now. When he bought the building on 1650 Old York Road in 2017, he set out to create a restaurant that provided warm, healthy food to the residents of the town. From Mahmood's aspirations, Off The Grill was born.

"I used to run another store about 20 minutes from here," Mahmood said. "When I was looking around, I heard that this place was for sale and it had changed ownership about three times. The person that I took over the store from had about an eight-year lease left on his lease terms. So, I offered to purchase the business from him and then, we took off from there."

Before Off The Grill, the site was home to a deli that only served cold food. Mahmood's menu, on the other hand, consists of tacos, cheesesteaks and burritos in addition to typical deli subs. He prioritizes diversity in what he serves and combines flavors typically found in Hispanic and Pakistani food.

"So everyone likes flavors, right?" he asked. "So as long as you're able to combine the different flavors, it's something that people are not accustomed to. When they get to taste that, it brings them back. You gotta diversify yourself. Otherwise, if you're doing the same as everyone else, you're not going to last a long time."

Initially, the consumers Mahmood mainly wanted to focus on were contractors and landscapers in the area as they are the type to seek out the dishes he serves. "As soon as you feed those guys, other people are eventually going to come on their own. They're going to see there's a flow of traffic coming in and out of here and everyone gets curious to see what you're doing," he explained.



This has allowed for the establishment to grow into what it is today. Off The Grill hasn't gone without its hardships however. When Mahmood initially took over, his business suffered for the building's bad reputation. "When I tell you a bad reputation, I mean, a very bad reputation, to the point where I was getting about \$30 a day my first couple of weeks," he said.

Mahmood's time and dedication has allowed the restaurant to flourish. What he especially appreciates about being a business in Allentown is how welcoming the people here are and their openness to new ideas like his.

"It's very fulfilling when people constantly come back and tell you how good of a job you're doing," he said. "So it gives you the drive to push to do even more and support the community and give back to the community."

Mahmood wants to see how much further he can grow his business. He wants Off The Grill to be well-recognized, enough to eventually expand the establishment.

"It's a little tough to open new businesses with the way things are very up and down," Mahmood said. "So I'm just hoping that maybe as time progresses, I'll be able to open up another Off The Grill somewhere else, closer around town."



Asim Mahmood

**Off The Grill – 1650 Old York Road**  
(next to the Valero gas station)

Open Mon. – Fri. 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.,  
Sat., 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., Closed Sunday  
Online at <https://offthegrill.online/#>

# Allentown Council discusses rising water bills, EMS calls, bird flu

By Ryan Conway

During recent meetings the Allentown Borough council acknowledged rising water bills in the town. Councilwoman Erica DeKranes said that the Water Public Utility committee is working to explore the issues.

The borough also acknowledged that EMS calls have been way up in 2026. 160 calls were made in the first ten weeks of 2026, while only 43 were made in the borough in all of 2025, Councilman Daniel Payson said. Payson floated the idea of adjusting EMS contracts based on the volume of EMS calls. Councilman Payson did not respond to TAVI's request for comment.



Mayor Fritts when speaking to the public on April 14 said he had been working on reducing the speed limit in two zones to 25 MPH, which would make the entire village a 25 MPH zone.

After bird flu came and left 90 geese dead in the borough parks, the borough was also able to clean up the shorelines successfully. Councilwoman Nikki A. Darling praised Director of Buildings & Grounds Thomas Buffa in Upper Freehold for his efforts, saying his team had “gotten it done cleaning up the shoreline”. Additionally, Councilwoman Darling cautioned residents to stay away from dead carcasses in public areas.

Hope Firehouse Chief Mike Kamer spoke at the meeting on March 24, announcing that the firehouse successfully recruited six new members in 2025, with two already on the job and the others still in school or enrolled in school. Kamer admitted that the firehouse had to take a \$100,000 loan out last year, but said it had also received a grant to share with the Millstone Fire Department. Kamer announced that he likely would not run for fire chief again at the end of the year but would instead retire, citing a heavy workload and his desire to spend more time with his family. Mayor Fritts praised Kamer for his work along with the rest of the fire department.

The borough officially reappointed Steve Gomba as Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for the next three years, and also appointed Cameron Corini as the Borough Engineer for the remainder of 2026.

**Allentown Lions Club**  
18th Annual

**Run With Lions** 

5K Run/Walk ---- 1 Mile Fun Run

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**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**Cream Ridge Winery**

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**Awards | Refreshments | T-Shirts | 5 Free Wine Tastings**  
**8am – Walk up Registration | 9am - Fun Run | 10am – 5K**

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# Field to Flight Foundation teaches people the importance of wildlife

By Tasnim Oyshi

With a combined 15 years of experience in wildlife conservation and management, fiancées Keith Clayton and Valerie Pellecchia always harbored the goal of creating a nonprofit together in the future. Last Christmas, they had the time to work on it when both of their families got Covid. Now, the Field to Flight Foundation works to conserve the local environment.



“New Jersey’s in a really interesting perspective right now, where we’re about 33% preserved, 33% developed, and about 33% left pending,” said Clayton. Field to Flight focuses on that last 33% and educates people on how to benefit both the ecosystem and the animals that live within it.

So far, the Foundation has worked on three major projects this year: the Kestrel Initiative, Sustainable Homesteading on a Local Scale and the Allentown NJ Bluebird Trail. The Kestrel Initiative’s emphasis is on diversifying the breeding habitat for the declining population of American Kestrels by placing nest boxes throughout Monmouth and Burlington Counties.



Keith Clayton & Valerie Pellecchia

Meanwhile, the Sustainable Homesteading project works with Bird Hive Farms, which Clayton and Pellecchia run out of their home, to promote sustainable farming. On a more communal note, the Allentown NJ Bluebird Trail takes a more hands-on approach by enlisting the help of volunteers, who monitor and maintain the Bluebird nest boxes at parks.

Clayton places importance on teaching people to care about wildlife. “If we can’t get people to care long term, all of the work we do is pointless,” he said. “If you can get those 25 people to care and they tell 25 more people, it’s just a continuous growth of education, where we all have the same goals.”

As a co-president of the Foundation’s board with Pellecchia, Clayton also highlights the significance of having board members that feel passionate about the work Field to Flight does. Working with the environment and trying to provide additional habitat for these species can be physically and emotionally taxing work. “And we just need to know that people care,” he said. “You don’t have to be perfect.”

Clayton especially empathizes with this sentiment as he tries to constantly improve as a leader. Splitting up presidential duties, doing paperwork and organizing the board has been a learning curve as Field to Flight for this relatively new operation. As a result, board members serve six-month terms so they can determine for themselves whether this is something they want to continue to do.

“I just posted recently that we’re looking for more Board of Directors because June starts our next term,” Clayton explained. “Then [the new members] only serve until December 31 and that clock will start all over again. So we’re not just trying to take New Jersey’s wildlife or environment by storm. We’re really trying to put the people in place for a really long-term fix.”

Ultimately, Clayton wants to continue educating the community on native animals and plants. While the current priority is more so on Kestrel research and creating more viable habitats, he would like to eventually landscape and acquire property to use as a demonstration site and a sustainable farm with an Environmental Education Center. “The goal is for us not to be the last generation here,” Clayton said. “I would love for my children to experience everything that nature has and I just think it would be really selfish if we were the last ones.” *For more information and to volunteer, visit <https://www.fieldtoflightfoundation.org/>*

# 3 Independent Branches -

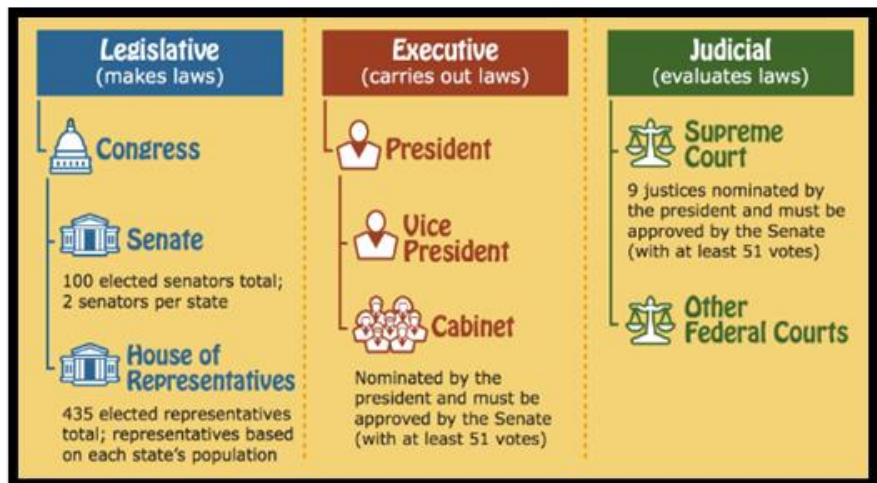


## The Structure of Our Government

**Editor's Note:** Following is the fourth installment in TAVI's 12-part series ("civics refresher") outlining our form of government and discussing duties that are critical to supporting it. The US government is comprised of 3 branches – the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial. One of the reasons to have the 3 branches was, and still is, to ensure "that no individual or group will have too much power." In other words, the 3-branch system is intended to establish a system of "checks and balances," which theoretically should prevent any of the branches from enjoying the excesses that come with unconstrained power. This reliance on separation and limitation of power is what makes us different from many other political systems (think monarchies, oligarchies, theocracies, totalitarian states, and dictatorships). So who comprises these 3 branches of government and what does each branch nominally do?

**Legislative Branch** - The Legislative branch (Congress) consists of the House of Representatives (with a total of 435 voting members, each state electing members based on its population) and the Senate (with a total of 100 members, each state electing 2 members). Congress is responsible for enacting legislation, overseeing the federal budget, confirming presidential appointments, and declaring war.

**Executive Branch** - The Executive Branch, consisting of the President, Vice President, and Cabinet members and their respective departments, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of much of the federal government. The Cabinet members are appointed by and report to the President and are required to be confirmed by Congress (stipulated in the Constitution), as are many other positions, including various other department heads, ambassadors, and federal judges.



**Judicial Branch** - The Judicial Branch, consisting of the Supreme Court (1 Chief Justice and 8 Associate Justices) and other federal courts, is responsible for interpreting laws, applying the laws to specific cases, and, if necessary, determining whether a law is constitutional or not.

**Ensuring Separation of Powers; Maintaining Checks and Balances** - As mentioned above, the 3 branches of government, in addition to fulfilling their primary roles as defined by the Constitution, have another critical role, that of ensuring that the other branches of government don't act in ways that are inconsistent with their principal roles or that usurp power and authority given to the other branches of government. Each branch can try to ensure it maintains the appropriate relationship with the other branches in various ways. For example, if necessary, the President can veto laws passed by Congress, the Congress can reject the President's nominees to fill Cabinet or other posts, and the Supreme Court can overturn laws it finds to be unconstitutional. At times, these interactions are based on legitimate concerns and, at others, they are more political in nature, which is why a subsequent installment in this series addresses the need for vigilance, not just on the part of the 3 branches of government, but by all citizens as part of the overall process for ensuring that we remain the Republic we were intended to be.

Source: <https://www.usa.gov/branches-of-government>

They were here first....

## The Leni Lenape Tribe and Upper Freehold

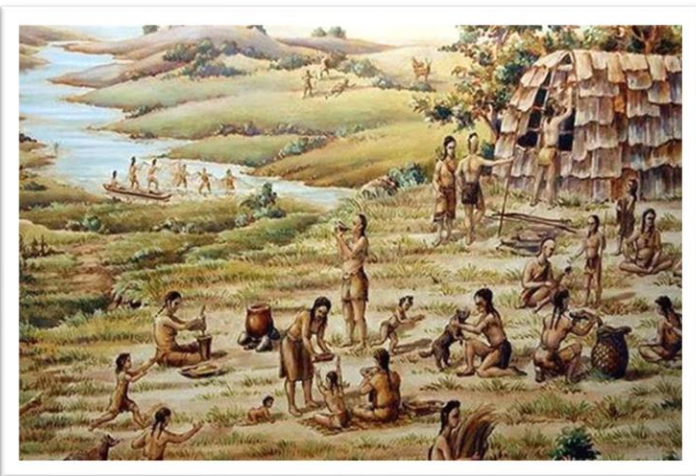
By Tasnim Oyshi

About 250 years ago, the Revolutionary War freed the 13 colonies from British rule and birthed the United States of America. Between the years of 1775 and 1783, Allentown was a strategic area for both sides, with Lower York Road providing ease of travel from New York to Philadelphia. Nearby locales such as Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth were also sites of important battles during the war.



Before there were colonists seeking freedom from Great Britain, however, the land belonged to the Leni-Lenape Tribe. Known as the Delaware Nation and the Crosswick Creek Indians for living around Doctors Creek and Indian Run Creek, the Lenape population gradually decreased due to disease, conflicts with settlers, western expansion and forced removal.

By the time of the American Revolution, the number of Lenape individuals in the area was very few, as opposed to the thousands they had boasted prior. Historian Joan Ruddiman explains that much of the Tribe had relocated to Burlington, then New York and, later, Wisconsin by the 1780s.



Artist's rendering of a typical Leni-Lenape settlement at the time of the American Revolution

A significant point in the Lenape's displacement had been 1758, when the Treaty of Easton was signed. According to the [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](#), "The Tribes agreed not to support the French in the colonial conflict and to leave their eastern lands in exchange for a British promise to stop incursions into Indian territory west of the Alleghenies."

Although many Tribe members left the state, some stayed and converted to Christianity. They settled on 3,258 acres near Indian Mills in Burlington County, as written by John T. Cunningham in the 1963 Allentown Messenger column, "The Doer of Justice."

The area became the first Native American reservation in the United States: Brotherton, named by Governor Francis Bernard who aided in the establishment of the reservation. There were hopes by the British that the Lenape could exist there as brothers of the colonists and any other tribes that would give up their freedom to live in "protected lands."

The 200 members at Brotherton were led by Reverend John Brainerd, who eventually left in 1777, explains the [Gilder Lehrman Institute](#). According to Ruddiman, "But, as Cunningham writes, New Jersey quickly forgot its role as the 'doer of justice.' Promises were not kept. No money was sent. Buildings were not erected."

Despite this, the Natives of the land attempted to keep the reservation structured and under control. According to a [document](#) from 1980, they decided it would be more peaceful to stop leasing and selling land to settlers. However, when conditions didn't improve, the Oneidas in New Stockbridge, New York, asked the Lenape in Brotherton to join them in 1796.

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## Lenni Lenape Tribe *(Continued)*

Deciding to stay and even signing a [statement](#) in 1798, the community eventually reconsidered. Less than 85 members of the once influential Lenni-Lenape Tribe left for New York while the few remaining assimilated into the colonists' community.

According to Ruddiman, the Allentown Messenger wrote in 1908 that the Lenape in the area had grown to 240 members, who had observed their semi-centennial around that time. Nowadays, there are thousands of people with Lenape ancestry across New Jersey, with three primary nations recognized by the [state](#).

The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation has over 3,000 members that reside in the southern parts of the state in Cumberland and Salem Counties. On the other hand, the Ramapugh Lenape Indian Nation has about 5,000 members with many living in Bergen and Passaic counties.

Lastly, the Powhatan Renape Tribe managed the Rancocas Reservation in Burlington County from 1982 to 2010, when the Christie Administration made the land a part of Rancocas State Park. The Tribe's status was [reaffirmed](#) by New Jersey in 2019.



## Plant a Tree and Help Save the Planet –

### TAVI's "25 for 250" Tree Giveaway

As part of our nation's Semiquincentennial celebration, TAVI is giving away 25 trees to Upper Freehold and Allentown residents to mark the occasion. The trees, which are between 3 and 4 feet tall (the ideal size for quickly establishing their root systems), come with complete planting instructions, and are native species

to our area. The trees are an assortment of red maple, beech, tulip poplar, and sweet gum. Mature height ranges from 40 to over 100 feet, depending on species and planting location. While trees have been described as the "lungs of the planet," their roles in air quality, carbon sequestration, water transpiration, and erosion control are all critical.

If you would like the opportunity to take home and plant one of these free trees, go to TAVI's website ([www.allentownvinj.org](http://www.allentownvinj.org)) and register today. Winners will be selected by random drawing at the end of September.



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# TAVI250 --



## *A celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*Hopefully you've been able to join us for at least a few of the four programs TAVI has already held to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday – and the party's just getting started! Mark your calendar because TAVI is your “Semiquincentennial Headquarters” throughout 2026:*

**April 27, 5 & 6:30 pm** – Bantering with Benjamin – Enjoy a colonial-era dinner at Woody's Towne Café with Benjamin Franklin. (See page 1 of this edition for reservation details)

**June 11, 2026, noon** – Brearley's Birthday Bash – Bring your lunch and we'll supply the birthday cake to celebrate the Allentown resident and lawyer who rose through the ranks of the Continental Army to befriend George Washington, 7 S. Main St., Allentown (Brearley's home & law office).

**June 20, 2026, 6 pm** – Juneteenth Commemoration - Say Our Names: Free Black Families Emerging Out of Slavery to Freedom in Upper Freehold and Allentown, 1780-1830. Join Scholar Sue Kozel as she showcases many African American families that owned farms and land, and worked in the area. Allentown Methodist Church - Free.

**July 4, 2026, 9 am** – Proclamation of the Declaration of Independence - Hear again the words that started it all. Meet George Washington & celebrate America's birthday! Sensi Park, Main St., Allentown.

**July 5, 2026, 3 pm** – The Great American Potluck: Let Freedom Ring – Bring a dish to share and celebrate with great music, games & food! Allentown Methodist Church, 23 Church St., Allentown, Free.

**September 12, 2026, noon – 4 pm** – The Porches of Allentown: History & Music – Stroll Main Street and explore the surrounding countryside for music, food, and the stories that built our small-town America community.

**September 15, 2026, 6:30 pm** - Thomas Jefferson's Complicated Quaker Friends, Join Sue Kozel as she shares her research of one of the Founding Fathers, slavery, and Quaker businesses that Jefferson employed during her fellowship with the International Center for Jefferson Studies. Reg. required. Free. Allentown Public Library.

**October 10, 2026, 10 am** – Twenty-five for 250: A Semiquincentennial Tree Planting – Will you welcome the future to your yard? TAVI is preparing 25 trees to plant at homes in Allentown and Upper Freehold. Register for the chance to receive one after January 1, 2026 at [www.allentownvinj.org](http://www.allentownvinj.org)

**October 18, 2026, 3 pm** - Join us for a free concert by the U.S. Navy band “Rhode Island Sound” - continuing a grand TAVI Tradition. At Allentown Methodist Church, or in the case of rain, Allentown High School auditorium.

**November 14, 2026, 4 pm** – With Grateful Hearts – Food & Music from the First Thanksgiving – Connect with the origins of this quintessential American holiday as the pilgrims first celebrated it. Hosted by the McCormick family at their Upper Freehold home. *Reservations accepted starting July 4, 2026.*



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# Area Historian Sue Kozel Featured in American Historical Association Publication



Sue Kozel

What do you do when testifying under oath at a Planning Board on Revolutionary War History? You tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

That is what Sue Kozel described when she was featured in the American Historical Association's Magazine, *Perspectives on History*, Volume 6: 1 January 2026. The AHA is the largest professional organization of historians in the world. Kozel submitted a 14-page report to the Upper Freehold Planning Board with five exhibits detailing letters and/or orders issued by Continental Army Commander-in-Chief George Washington and others related to the British Encampment located in the Village of Allentown, then part of Upper Freehold Township. She was the only "expert" witness representing Allentown Borough who presented detailed written analysis that opposed the proposed warehouses by Active Acquisitions that would destroy farmland, open space, and historic Revolutionary war land, while threatening environmentally sensitive wetlands. Local Historian John Fabiano provided oral testimony against the warehouses encroaching on historically significant land. What makes the Upper Freehold land so critical for preservation in

the year we celebrate America 250 is its being tied to the road to the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778. Kozel, an Upper Freehold resident and grant-funded historical researcher, helped verify the connection to the Battle of Monmouth.

The AHA asked Kozel to summarize her experience as an expert witness so that other historians might consider engaging on a local level to protect vanishing historically significant areas. In the article, she wrote, "This is not a role for those uncomfortable with confrontation." Indeed, those eleven-months of meetings were quite combative in nature. She included references about how the local mayor at the time questioned the authenticity of a key primary source document

that outlined the troop encampment in Allentown, the *Journal of John André* map of Allentown, June 24, 1778.

Kozel documented all the primary source references to multiple spellings of Allentown in primary documents during the colonial and Revolutionary War periods. She documented Washington's War Orders that mandated shifted troop movements to try to intercept the British at Allentown as they continued their retreat from Philadelphia to the New Jersey coast. At that time, no one knew the Battle of Monmouth would occur three days later approximately fifteen miles from the Village of Allentown, in Upper Freehold.

"It was my honor of a lifetime to serve as an expert witness to defend Allentown and Upper Freehold, *pro bono*, against an assault of unnecessary monstrosities like these warehouses," she said. She joined with four thousand people who signed petitions, hundreds who attended Planning Board Meetings, and over one hundred Allentown and Upper Freehold residents who testified against the warehouses (none were in favor).

"Being nice and asking please doesn't always work when some elected officials try to ram inappropriate development into our communities. Stand Up. Organize. Fight for Your Rights, it's America 250. I must believe our Founding Fathers and Mothers would be proud of us," Kozel concluded.



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*Are you marking a birthday, anniversary, graduation, marriage or other milestone event in your family? Let TAVI celebrate with you – Send your announcements to [mccormicknj@aol.com](mailto:mccormicknj@aol.com) so we can include them in The TAVI Times.*

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