# TAVI Town Specials

November 20, 2023

An Allentown Holiday

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 25, 2023 beginning at 6 pm for this year's tree lighting and holiday program in Pete Sensi Park on Main Street in Allentown.

Don't miss the celebration with music by the Stone Bridge Middle School Choir and the arrival of Santa thanks to transportation provided by Hope Fire Company. Main Street shops will offer specials including complimentary treats at Woody's & Bruno's One Sweet Ride. Santa will also be available for pictures (*please bring your own camera*) on the steps of the Allentown Public Library, where a second tree will be lit. Sponsored by the Allentown Recreation

Committee. Finish up your turkey and join us to kick-off the Holiday Season!

JOIN US AGAIN IN SENSI PARK AT DUSK ON DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE LIGHTING OF OUR TOWN MENORAH



Actual tree may vary

Sign up TODAY for TAVI's 4th Annual

## "Great Christmas Light Driving Tour"



#### Tour runs December 1 – 31, 2023

Deck your halls and register your house at <u>www.allentownvinj.org</u>. Then follow the online map to visit homes throughout Allentown & Upper Freehold filled with the spirit of the season. Start at the McCormicks' (pictured) for a drive through of 50,000 lights and hundreds of trees!

It's free family fun!

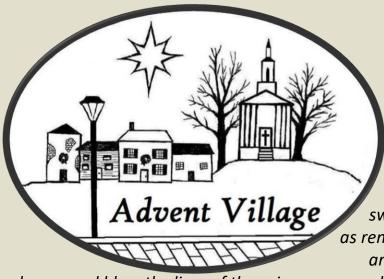


#### **November 28, 2023**

This international day of giving was founded in 2012 as a day that encourages people to do good. Since the first annual day of giving in 2012, nonprofits in the United States have raised more than \$1.9 billion.

This "Giving Tuesday" please support the groups and charities that make Allentown & Upper Freehold a great community. To donate to TAVI, please visit <a href="www.allentownvinj.org">www.allentownvinj.org</a> and read on to page 8 of this edition to learn more about how your support can help TAVI's upcoming projects. Thank you!

### The Christmas Spirit of Giving - Advent Village



10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2023 20 High St., Allentown

Advent Village provides creative
"alternative" gifts to candles, ugly
sweaters and ties. Live-giving gifts such
as rent, food baskets, diapers, stoves, goats
and immunizations – gifts that will truly

change and bless the lives of those in severe need. Take a stroll down "Mission Avenue," and enjoy delicious homemade food and great entertainment, this year featuring APC Rock and Stepping Stones children's choirs, Allentown High School's "Half & Half" select choir and APC's talented music director, Enoch Smith and Christmas Trivia with Richie Rich – All at Allentown Presbyterian Church!

For more information contact Maureen Harshman at <a href="mailto:maureen@allentownpresbyterian.org">maureen@allentownpresbyterian.org</a>

Is this the year God is calling you to think differently about gift giving?



#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Make a winter evergreen wreath with all local and natural elements at Keris Tree Farm – Register at

www.farmerladyflowers.com



848 Route 524, Allentown, NJ 08501 https://kerischristmastreefarm.com/

#### **First Baptist Church of Allentown Presents:**



Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 1:30 pm, 72 Waker Ave., Allentown, NJ. Free-will offerings gratefully accepted. **www.FirstBaptistAllentownNJ.org** 



# OPERATION 'HOLIDAY GIVING'

Help Us Make This a Brighter Season for Those Served by the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)



#### Donations Needed:

ADULT CLOTHING – hats, gloves, scarves, socks, backpacks/drawstring bags, hoodies (men's sizes M-XXXL in neutral colors)

HYGIENE BAGS - soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste and razor FUN CHILDREN'S GIFTS for ages infant – 17 AND children's size winter clothing

Call or email (609) 208-9991; McCormickNJ@aol.com) to schedule donation drop-off or pick-up.

<u>Delivery of Care Packages to TASK</u> is planned for the week of December 18, 2023

A Cooperative Project of The Allentown Village Initiative (TAVI) and the Kiwanis Club of Trenton

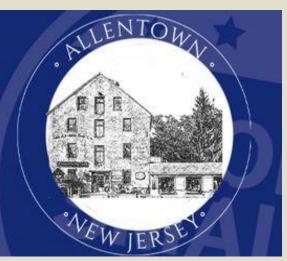
The Allentown Village Initiative







**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY** 



Now Available at Bruno's One Sweet Ride



No tree should be without its very own Redbirds ornament! Stop by Bruno's to get yours. The ornaments are being sold by the Allentown High School marching band for \$15. The perfect holiday gift, the ornaments are shatterproof and come in a white gift box. Proceed benefit the Marching Band, Color Guard, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band.

Bruno's One Sweet Ride 19 South Main Street

https://brunosonesweetride.com/



## Handmade for the Holidays

Old Mill,
Crafters
Guild Warm & cozy handmade blankets along with many other one-of-a-kind items are waiting for you in the Old Mill Crafters Guild. Visit the unique shops of the Old Mill for your holiday shopping today!

#### 42 South Main St., Allentown

https://www.oldmillallentown.com/shops.html



The gift giving season is here, and however you celebrate with the important people in your life, shop your local small businesses – Like Linda's Healthy Living -- <a href="https://www.lindashealthyliving.com/">https://www.lindashealthyliving.com/</a> - for fresh soaps, herbal salves, luxurious body butters and more!

## **Riding Through History - In Allentown**

What better way to start the holiday season than with a horse-drawn carriage ride through a picturesque village? Back by popular demand, the Allentown

Recreation Committee presents this very opportunity on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, 2023. Rides leave every 20 minutes from Sensi Park on Main Street between 11 am and 2 pm on Saturday and 11 am and 4 pm on Sunday.

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$120 for up to 8 people and can be purchased at Borough Hall, 8 N. Main St., Allentown. For more information, call (609) 259-3151 and ask for Kerry. Spend the day and do your holiday shopping as well!



# The Allentown Village Initiative (TAVI) 2023 Financial Goal: \$5,000

# **GIVING**TUESDAY

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\$5,000 \$4,500 \$4,000 \$3,500 \$3,000 \$2,500 \$2,000 \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250

\$100

\$50

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#### How Your Generous Donations Will Be Put to Work for You

□Expanded *Allentown Arts* programs, including more *TAVI TALKS* historical presentations, more concerts, and more arts and entertainment

Laffodil 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.