

# Free Public Library of Monroe Township

# Out and About

## A Community Newsletter

March 2025

Your guide to what's going on in Williamstown and the surrounding area!

## Lucky Leprechaun Beer Mile Run

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In honor of St. Patrick's Day, you can take a brisk run for charity...and enjoy some brews (green and otherwise) to celebrate. The Lucky Leprechaun Beer Mile Run will take place on Saturday, March 15th, starting at 10:30 AM.

The event is sponsored by JDL Events and our own 13th Child Brewery on Main Street. It's restricted to ages 21 and over, of course, and you can register to get either 6-ounce beers (for \$30) or 12-ounce beers (for \$35).

Once you've registered, you can show up that morning at 13th Child Brewery and get started. The rules are (for each division): down one beer, run a quarter-mile, and repeat three more times. There will be awards for the top three male and female participants in the 12-ounce division and the top three in the 6-ounce. Afterwards, there's live music, a costume contest, and more festivities to enjoy!



To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Williamstown/LuckyLeprechaunBeerMile...> and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

### Special Points of Interest:

- *Murder Mystery at Haddon Heights Sons of Italy*
- *M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E! at the Pop Shop*
- *Role-playing games at Axe and Arrow*
- *Hilarious farce Boeing Boeing at the Grand Theatre*
- *Disney's Snow White returns to the big screen*
- *New mystery novels with mystery writer sleuths*

## Seniors St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Adults age 55 and older are welcome to an early St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Williamstown's Pfeiffer Community Center on Monday, March 17th at 2 PM.



Tickets (first come, first served) are \$2 per person and can only be bought at the Pfeiffer Center on certain days: March 3rd from 11 AM to 4 PM and March 5th from 2 PM to 5 PM.

The doors will open at 1:45 PM and the festivities will include a catered meal and live music. (Also, be sure to wear green!)

For more information, call the Pfeiffer Center at 856-728-9841. Whether you have Irish blood or not, come and celebrate St. Paddy's with our community!

## Kricket Comedy at Autumn Lake Winery

Enjoy a night of laughs at Williamstown's own Autumn Lake Winery with Kricket Comedy on Saturday, March 22nd at 6:30 PM!



Kricket Comedy hosts many different comedians at many different venues in the area. This lineup is a great one: Belynda Cleare, a comedian and comedy writer from Nova Scotia, Canada who's had an acclaimed one-woman show, Ed McGonigal, a Philly-area comedian who draws on his Irish Catholic background for his humor, and Nora Trabin, who's done stand-up comedy all over the Philadelphia area.

Tickets are \$19 in advance and \$25 at the door. To order in advance, visit [www.kricketcomedy.com](http://www.kricketcomedy.com) and click on the event's link. Also, you can visit

[www.autumnlakewinery.com](http://www.autumnlakewinery.com) to find out more about this and other great events this month at Autumn Lake (such as the Paint & Sip, and the Psychic Night.)

## Dungeons & Drafts at Axe & Arrow Brewing

Are you a role-playing-game fanatic? Test your skills (and meet other gamers) at Dungeons & Drafts at Glassboro's Axe and Arrow Brewing on Thursday, March 27th at 6:30 PM!

Dungeons & Drafts is a group that sponsors role-playing nights at various breweries. For \$20 per person in advance, you can show up and join a game. They'll have pre-made characters ready for you to step into...all you'll need is yourself to join the quest. Beginners are also welcome—they'll be happy to give pointers. And, of course, there's Axe & Arrow's best brews for sale!

Axe and Arrow Brewing is located at 105 High Street West in Glassboro. To reserve a spot, visit [dungeonsndrafts.com](http://dungeonsndrafts.com), choose "New Jersey" in the dropdown menu, and click on this event. (And check out the other events taking place in NJ!)



## Wine & Cheese Night at Treno Restaurant

Looking for a classy night out with wine, cheese, and great jazz music? Treno Pizza Bar at 233 Haddon Avenue in Westmont is offering a Wine and Cheese Night on Thursday, March 27th, at 6 PM.



Treno is partnering with Severino Pasta for this fun event that will include some of the area's finest wine, samplings of artisanal meats and cheeses, and the music of the Abe Speller Jazz Trio.

Tickets are \$30 and must be bought in advance. To order, visit Treno Pizza Bar's Facebook page, click on the event link, and follow the link to the ticket page.

Enjoy a great night out with some of the area's best wine and music!

## Mickey's Carnival Party at The Pop Shop in Collingswood

Who's the leader of the club who's made for you and me? You can meet him at Mickey's Carnival Party at Collingswood's Pop Shop on Haddon Avenue on Friday, March 7th, starting at 6 PM!

The evening (which will require tickets in advance) includes all sorts of festivities. There will be carnival games to try your luck at, a temporary tattoo station, plenty of carnival snacks such as cotton candy and ice cream, balloon animals, special prizes, and more. And, of course, what would the evening be without a visit from Mickey himself? You can take a picture with him at the photo selfie station!

Tickets are \$35 per person for every guest older than one year, and are non-refundable. To order, visit [thepopshopusa/events](http://thepopshopusa/events) and click on the event's link (as well as checking out other upcoming Pop Shop events).

Hope to see you there real soon. Why? Because we like you!



## Glassboro Restaurant Week

Up until now, Haddonfield has been the main South Jersey town to host a Restaurant Week, but now it has company. Glassboro will be holding its first annual Restaurant Week from March 16th-22nd.



Glassboro  
Restaurant Week  
March 16-22, 2025

Restaurant Week is designed to showcase a town's best eateries. All through the week, various restaurants in Glassboro will offer special deals such as pre-fixed menu prices or specific discounts. For example, High Grounds Coffee Roasters will offer \$3 off with the purchase of any latte and the half grilled cheese/soup combo, as long as you remember to mention Restaurant Week while ordering.

You can check out all the participating restaurants and the deals they offer at [glassboro.org/restaurant-week](http://glassboro.org/restaurant-week).

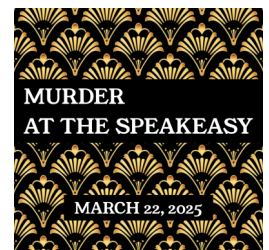
Enjoy some of the great food our ever-growing university town has on hand!

## Murder Mystery Dinner at Haddon Heights Sons of Italy

Get your best 1920s attire on and travel back in time! The Haddon Heights Sons of Italy Lodge, at 6 West Atlantic Avenue, will be hosting Murder At The Speakeasy, a murder mystery dinner, on Saturday, March 22nd.

Written by lodge member Christina Curlett, the evening's story takes place in the Whiskey Business Speakeasy. (The password is "Dom wants a cannoli.") The doors open at 6 PM and you'll start getting clues to piece together. The \$35 price includes dinner and live jazz music...and, of course, a murder mystery to solve as you figure out the clues and catch the culprit!

To order tickets, visit the Haddon Heights Sons of Italy Facebook page and click on the event link.







## All The World's A Stage...

A lothario with three different fiancées must confront the consequences of his behavior in the hilarious farce *Boeing Boeing*, onstage at Williamstown's Grand Theater from March 13th-23rd!

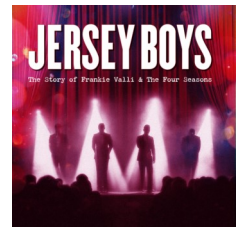


In this hit French farce from the 1960s, translated and adapted for the English-speaking stage, we are introduced to Bernard, an American living in Paris in the early sixties, who has three different stewardesses on a string: Italian Gabriella, American Gloria and German Gretchen. Bernard has gotten engaged to all three of them while keeping any of them from finding out about each other...their schedules allow them to stay at his place at different times. But now, complications arise: a visit from Bernard's old school pal Robert, as well as the much faster Boeing jet, which allows all three fiancées to arrive at the same time...and *visit Bernard's apartment at the same time!* In classic French-farce style, Bernard must keep the three from finding out the truth while also dealing with Robert, who, finding out what's going on, schemes to take everything Bernard has, including his fiancées. It looks more and more as though Bernard's about to get coffee, tea...and karma!

Tickets are \$21.50-\$31.50. To order or to find out more, visit [roadcompany.com](http://roadcompany.com).

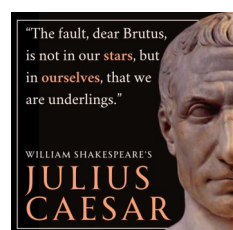
An award-winning musical shows us the origin of our own Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons! *Jersey Boys* plays at Pitman's Broadway Theatre from March 7th-30th.

This hit jukebox musical (filmed in 2014) introduces us to the Four Seasons and their story, mostly unknown until this show premiered...and told, Rashomon-like, from the POV of each member. It starts out with a trio—brothers Tommy and Nick DeVito and Nick Massi—singing doo-wop on an NJ street corner. When Frankie Castellucio (soon to change his last name to Valli) joins them, he brings an amazing high singing voice to the mix...and when songwriter Bob Gaudio joins them (thanks to an introduction by Joe Pesci...yes, THAT Joe Pesci) they begin their rise to stardom. Despite the band's onstage harmonies, problems plague them—jail time for the original members, Tommy's recklessness with money that gets the band into debt, and Frankie's stormy marriage and family life. But out of it all come the Four Seasons' best songs, such as "Walk Like A Man", "Big Girls Don't Cry", and "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You."



To order tickets, visit [thebroadwaytheatre.org](http://thebroadwaytheatre.org). Oh, what a night!

"Beware the Ides of March..." Just in time for the Ides of March, the Ritz Theatre in Oaklyn is putting on William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* from March 14th-30th.



In ancient Rome, Julius Caesar is enjoying the fruits of his most recent military victory and his ascendancy as ruler of Rome. But a faction of his Senators, led by Cassius, fear, with reason, that Caesar is developing into a tyrant who will only be satisfied with absolute power. The conspirators manipulate Brutus, another senator who is a friend of Caesar's, into joining the conspiracy. For his part, Brutus, though guilt-ridden, goes along for what he believes is the good of Rome. Caesar has been warned by a soothsayer to "beware the Ides of March", March 15th, but dismisses the warning...until his own senators, including his friend Brutus, draw their knives on the steps of the Senate. After the assassination, Brutus makes his case to the people of Rome...but Caesar's general Marc Antony is a far more crafty speaker, and turns the fickle mob against the conspirators with no more than a single speech. As the mob grows more violent, and the factions prepare for civil war, the conspirators face the fact that they have unleashed the chaos they were trying to prevent.

To order tickets, visit [ritztheatreco.org](http://ritztheatreco.org)...and enjoy one of the Bard's most compelling political thrillers.

## What's New Onscreen!

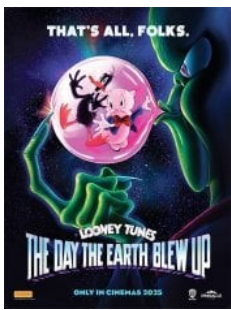
Mirror, mirror on the wall...who is the fairest of them all? Disney's first animated feature gets a live-action re-make—*Snow White*, premiering March 21st.

The lovely young princess Snow White (Rachel Zegler, *West Side Story*) is beloved by her people and her widowed father. But when he remarries to a beautiful but conniving woman (Gal Gadot, *Wonder Woman*), her life takes a downturn. The Queen is determined that she should be the most beautiful in the land, and constantly asks her magic mirror to reassure her that she is. When the Mirror tells her that Snow White is more beautiful than she is, the Queen is determined to have her killed...not realizing that it's Snow White's inner beauty, her kindness and compassion, that puts her over the top. She arranges for her huntsman to kill the princess, but, taking pity on her, he tells her to flee. In the forest, she befriends seven dwarfs, and together with them, along with a young man named Jonathan she's grown fond of, plans to set her kingdom right. But the Queen's evil reaches far...



With all the songs from the original, as well as some new ones, this promises to be a captivating re-imagining of the story that put Disney feature animation on the map.

With the Earth in danger, who will be our last line of defense? ...The *Looney Tunes*?! Okay, we're in trouble. Daffy Duck and Porky Pig hit the big screen in *The Day The Earth Blew Up*, debuting March 14th.



In this, the first fully animated Looney Tunes movie (everything up to now has either been compilations of existing shorts or live-action hybrids) Daffy and Porky are small-town pals who become acquainted with Petunia Pig, an R & D scientist for a bubble gum company. Porky takes a fancy to her, but there's little time for love...aliens have set their sights on Planet Earth! They begin their plan for conquest by controlling the minds of Earthlings, but somehow our three intrepid pals manage to avoid becoming mindless zombies, and uncover the aliens' further plans to blow up the planet. As the fight spills over into outer space, can our two buddies save the Earth and everyone on it—without either screwing it up royally or driving each other bonkers in the process?

An homage to classic sci-fi as well as classic Warner Brothers animation (it's animated in the style of the 1940s cartoons, and Daffy is more Bob Clampett's early wacky Daffy than Chuck Jones' later conniving jerk), this should delight fans of these beloved cartoon characters and give our adrenaline—and our funny bones—a great workout.

What could turn an everyman into an action hero? How about a pathological inability to feel pain? Jack Quaid (son of Dennis) stars in the action-comedy *Novocaine*, which premieres March 14th.

Nathan Caine is...well, just a guy. Though rather introverted and low-key, he's got a budding romantic relationship with his bank co-worker Shari (Amber Midthunder). But there's one remarkable thing about this unremarkable guy...he's got a rare disorder that makes him unable to feel physical pain. (This is actually a thing—look up “congenital insensitivity to pain” or “CIP.”) This condition is about to come in handy...when the bank is robbed, the thieves make off with Shari as a hostage. Now, it's up to mild-mannered Nathan to save the girl he loves by using his condition to his advantage. This most unlikely of action heroes sets out on a semi-roaring rampage of kind-of-revenge...but just because he's impervious to pain doesn't mean he's invulnerable to dangerous injuries. Can he avoid the worst and reach Shari in time?

This hilarious action flick revolves around a unique premise, and promises to be an unusual crowd-pleaser.





## The Biblio-Files

Fans of classic mysteries are in luck. There's been a slew of recent whodunits that star one or more of the real-life Queens of Crime...the most famous female mystery authors in the literary world!

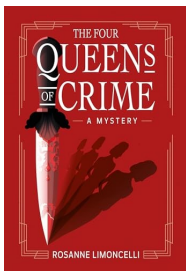
Four brilliant ladies who have written some of the world's best detective fiction come together to solve their own real-life whodunit in Marie Benedict's *The Queens of Crime*.

The novel is loosely based on a real event in Dorothy Sayers' life. In London of 1930, five mystery writers—Dorothy Sayers, Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Margery Allingham, and Baroness Emma Orczy—are tired of the male authors in the Detection Club looking down on them. They form their own secret confederation, calling themselves the Queens of Crime. But how to get themselves taken seriously by their male counterparts? Simple...solve a real-life murder! Recently, an English nurse traveling abroad vanished, her body turning up later in the countryside. The police's theory on her death doesn't seem all that convincing, so the Queens begin their own unofficial investigation. But as they close in on the truth, the killer closes in on Dorothy (writer of the Lord Peter Wimsey mysteries, and our narrator). She's got a secret of her own that she's willing to go to any lengths to keep. Will the nurse's murderer succeed in his divide-and-conquer tactic by holding the brilliant writer's past over her head?



Marie Benedict has already written about Agatha Christie in *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*. Now she expands on the subject of female mystery writers, giving us a story of like-minded women of letters who become a powerful force for justice when banded together.

With a similar title to the above novel, and a similar cast (minus Emma Orczy), Rosanne Limoncelli's *The Four Queens of Crime* also embroils real-life mystery authors in a whodunit of their own.



It's 1938, and war is brewing in Europe. To help London prepare, Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, Ngaio Marsh, and Margery Allingham host a gala at the home of Sir Henry Heathcote to raise money for the Women's Volunteer Service. But no sooner has the successful event been pulled off than Sir Henry himself turns up dead in his own library. Detective Chief Inspector Lilian Wyles (the first woman to achieve that rank in the CID) arrives on the scene, and recruits the renowned authors to help with solving the murder (since this seems to be up their street). As always with these sorts of stories, there's a slew of suspects and motives to choose from. It's up to Lilian and her unofficial lieutenants, the four Queens of Crime, to sort out the mystery and reveal the culprit.

This clever mystery, set during a time of global and social upheaval, is the perfect companion to Benedict's novel for those who always wondered what the creators of classic mystery would do when faced with their own seemingly impossible puzzle to solve. It also introduces us to a resourceful female detective of the author's own.

Dame Agatha Christie herself is the star of Kelly Oliver's *The Case of the Christie Conspiracy*, which once again features the Detection Club and its members at the heart of a whodunit.

In 1926, Eliza Baker, who once worked for Scotland Yard, is an assistant to author Dorothy Sayers, creator of the detective Lord Peter Wimsey and secretary of the Detection Club. There, she mingles with its renowned members, including Agatha Christie, who is going through a few problems but whose brain is as sharp as ever. But an initiation ceremony for a new Detection Club member goes awry...leaving one member murdered, with no hint of the culprit. To make matters worse, Agatha mysteriously disappears the day after the crime, which raises suspicions that SHE was the culprit. Eliza is the only one who suspects there's more to Agatha's disappearance than meets the eye...and that the author might be innocent. Now, she and her budding love interest Theo must figure out the murderer's true identity...and the reason why Agatha vanished.



Agatha Christie's mysterious real-life disappearance, which was fodder for several other novels, gets a new look in this enthralling novel from a well-known historical mystery author. (*This book is available on Hoopla.*)