



THE MT LAUREL CONNECTION

A newsletter for and about the Town of Mt Laurel

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

THE NEW MT LAUREL LIBRARY IS OPEN!



At long last and after much hard work, dedication and support from so many people for so many years, the permanent home of the Mt Laurel Library opened on Saturday, June 21, with a ribbon cutting celebration and open house. Since then, the building has been abuzz with the Summer Reading activities, Tuesday family movies, Sippin' Seniors and book club meetings, and many book lovers browsing the shelves.

MT LAUREL LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pictured above, left to right: entryway with commemorative bricks; main reading room; circulation area with periodicals, CDs and DVDs.

Pictured below, left to right: community room; children's area; and the Friends of Mt Laurel Library Board of Directors: Ward Tishler, Carol Farr, Ann Price, John Floyd, Bob Esper, Monie Allen. Not pictured: Ginny Randolph.

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

It's been a great summer in Mt Laurel. We had a wonderful 4th of July with absolutely perfect weather. The parade was the biggest yet with more participants and onlookers than ever before. I would like to especially thank Jeff Jackson a.k.a. Uncle Sam for leading our Parade since its inception. It's hard to believe that our fireworks show could be any bigger and better, but Scott Stone and his trusty crew outdid themselves once again.



The best part of our summer had been our long-time-coming library opening its doors for business after so many years of planning, seeking donations and a lot of hard work so many. There were many garage sales, book sales, bricks sold, 5k runs, Mt Laurel ladies compiling recipes and selling cook books and many donations from businesses. The list goes on and on, but the bottom line is that it is ours. Paid in full! Thank you to all involved, especially Ann Price who worked tirelessly and was more dedicated than anyone I have ever seen. Thank you Ann Price for your dedication to our community!

The town has been alive with children enjoying the parks, pool and lake. It's hard to believe school is about to start in a few short weeks and fall will be here soon. Along with that comes our Fall Festival scheduled for Oct. 11.

Please continue to support and enjoy the Farmers Market each Saturday until the Festival. Thank you Claudean Hill for organizing the Farmers Market this year and adding many new vendors.

*John O. Freeman, Sr.
Vice President & General Manager, EBSCO Development Company*

JAY PAGE JOINS EBSCO WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN MT LAUREL



Jay Page has recently joined EBSCO as President and General Manager of Real Estate. His responsibilities will include Mt Laurel, EBSCO income properties, EBSCO Realty and the company's various investment properties in Alabama. Jay's experience includes leadership roles with Crescent Resources. His most recent position with Crescent was as senior vice president with responsibility for Palmetto Bluff, a 20,000-acre premier development in South Carolina, where he was responsible for strategic planning, financial analysis and management of all aspects of the development.

MT LAUREL COVENANT REMINDERS



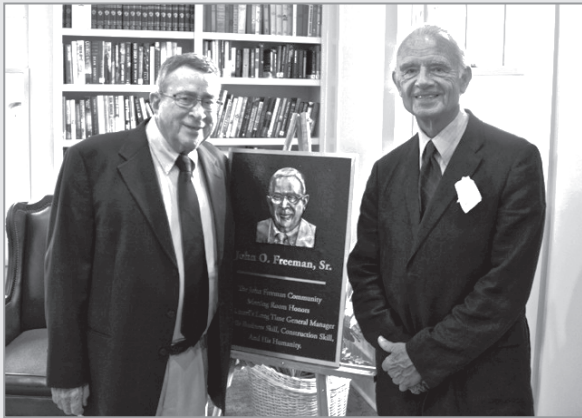
No rocks, rock walls or other substances shall be placed on any lot as a front or side yard border or to prevent vehicles from parking on or pedestrians from walking on any portion of such lot or to otherwise impede or limit access to the same unless otherwise approved in writing by the Mt Laurel Design Review Board.

No bird baths, wood carvings, plaques, other types of home crafts, fountains, reflectors, flag poles, statues, lawn sculptures and/or ornaments, lawn furnishings, artificial plants, rock gardens, rock walls, or other fixtures and accessories shall be placed or installed on or within the front or side yards of any lot which would be visible from any common roads (other than alleyways) unless otherwise approved in writing by the Mt Laurel Design Review Board.

The Mt Laurel Connection is published every other month to provide frequent communication about the Town of Mt Laurel and its residents and to foster a strong sense of community. Residents are invited to send information, news and suggestions for articles to mtlaurelnewsletter@gmail.com or call Ann Price at 981-9772.

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LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM DEDICATION



Jim Stephens, chairman of EBSCO's Board of Directors, recently made a special presentation at the Mt Laurel Library to name the library's community room for John O. Freeman, Sr., the town's long-time general manager. In his dedication, Stephens said he wanted to honor Mr. Freeman "for his business skill, construction skill and his humanity." The presentation was made July 9 with EBSCO officials and the Freeman family in attendance. EBSCO and Stephens have partnered with the Friends of the Mt Laurel Library through the years by donating the land, constructing the building at cost, and providing major funding.

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The Town of Mt Laurel
Farmers Market
Every Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
May 31, 2014 Thru October 18, 2014



MT LAUREL WELCOMES TWO NEW BUSINESSES

LUCKY DOG GROOMING & BOUTIQUE

Lucky Dog Grooming & Boutique is now open at 33 Olmsted Street in the former library location. Owners Magan and Alyssa Hall offer high quality pet grooming and supplies. Magan says, "This is a new endeavor for us. We both have a passion

for dogs, and with Alyssa's three years of professional grooming experience and my overall desire to succeed, we decided to try our luck at doing what we love and build a legacy our families will be proud of."

"Our vision for our Mt Laurel location is to become a town favorite. We want people to feel comfortable taking their pets for a stroll and swinging by for a homemade dog treat from our treat bar or calling us up because an unexpected guest is coming and Sammy needs an emergency bath," according to Magan. They also plan to host different events throughout the year to raise money for different local rescues.

Alyssa is from Hollis, New Hampshire, and Magan is from Woodstock, Alabama. They share a home in Calera with their three dogs Harleigh, Penny and Molly. They both have a strong love for music and what free time isn't spent with their fur babies they spend playing music together.



E & E HARDWARE



This month Mt Laurel will welcome a new shop, E&E Hardware and its owner Casey Crane. Casey says he wants his store on Mt Laurel Avenue to "provide everything

you need for your weekend 'honey-do-list' without having to leave the neighborhood."

E&E will carry lawn and garden tools, hand tools, and electrical and plumbing supplies. Casey hopes residents will stop in for fishing supplies before heading up to the lake or grab a ball or kite before going to the park. He says he will adjust to what neighbors would like and will listen to suggestions.

The hardware store is a new business and a new adventure for Casey. He worked for EBSCO for ten years and has also worked with both of his brothers who have their own businesses.

Casey lives down Highway 41 in Vandiver with his two dogs, Watson and Bo. His main interests are his two children, the store, his dogs and riding motorcycles. The shop is named for his 13-year-old son Evans and 11-year-old daughter Emory, thus the E&E.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEW LIBRARY.....



MT LAUREL LIBRARY
111 Olmsted Street

Monday & Thursday 10-7
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-2

991-1660

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MT LAUREL LIBRARY



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OverDrive: Borrow eBooks, audiobooks and videos.

Gale Products for research, including "Global Issues in Context."

Learning Express test prep

Rosetta Stone Language Learning



COMMUNITY ROOM
RENTAL

The community room is available for rent for \$25 per hour. Call 991-1660 for availability and details.

NEW DAY FOR STORYTIME
CRAFTY SATURDAY RESUMES

There are no storytimes scheduled for August. Beginning in September, storytimes are the first and third Friday of each month. Toddler Tales at 10 a.m. and all-ages storytime at 11 a.m. Crafty Saturday will be once a month beginning in September.



MT LAUREL LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Guys and gals who love to read and discuss books are invited to join the Mt Laurel Book Club, which meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. either at the library or members' homes. The August selection is Pulitzer Prize winner *The Hours*, by Michael Cunningham. September and October selections are *Light Between Ocean*, by M.L. Stedman, and *As I Lay Dying*, by William Faulkner. Contact mtlaurellibraryfriends@gmail.com for more information.

LIBRARY CARDS AND BORROWING INFO

Stop by the library any time to pick up a sheet with information about checking out books, returns, fines, holds, requests and checking your account online. Visit www.mtlaurellibrary.org for more information. "Like" Mt Laurel Public Library on Facebook to see photos of activities and reminders of events.

NOOKS

14 Nooks are available for checkout. Content includes book club selections, children's series, bestseller fiction and nonfiction, easy readers, classics, picture books and much more.



WI FI AND COMPUTERS

The library has two public access computers and WiFi.

COPY AND FAX

The library has copy services and will have fax service soon.

BOOK SALES AND MERCHANDISE

Quality used books are on sale in the community room, along with T-Shirts, book bags, yard squirrels, and water bottles. Proceeds benefit library programs and needs.



BECOME A PART OF
TIME CAPSULE HISTORY!
2014 MT LAUREL
PUBLIC LIBRARY
TIME CAPSULE

..... (TO BE OPENED FORTY YEARS FROM NOW)

Please join the Mt Laurel Public Library in making real history. Stop by the library to add your family's information to our time capsule. We provide the sheet with questions, you just give us your answers. We'll permanently seal the capsule in August, so don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime chance to make your mark on an official time capsule!

MT LAUREL CELEBRATES JULY 4 WITH A PARADE, COOKOUT & FIREWORKS



Photos by Jimmy Summers

NEWS FROM TEA PARTY CASTLE AND TOWNHOUSE TEA SHOPPE

Tea Party Castle is all a-buzz for Princess Camp on August 5 and 6. A Royal Tea is scheduled for August 12 at 6 p.m. Plenty of opportunity to get your princess game on!

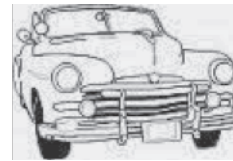
The TownHouse Tea Shoppe is gearing up for some very special events this fall. Save Wednesday, October 1, for our Sarah McQuaid Dinner Concert. Sarah is an internationally recognized singer/songwriter whose music and melodies range from traditional folk to thirties jazz.

Mt Laurel resident Frank Chitwood will be presenting a series of interactive lectures about the Coosa River and other waterways in Alabama. Watch the Google email for dates and times. In November, Celtic musician and multiple international award winner, Jim Malcolm, will be here for our November 7 dinner concert. Call *The TownHouse Tea Shoppe* at 529-0081 for more information.

GARDEN GROUP SETS PLANNING SESSION

The Mt Laurel Garden Group will meet August 5 for a planning session for upcoming activities. Anyone interested in gardening and learning more about native plants is invited to attend. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at various locations. Contact Cathy Murphy at cathlourmur@aol.com for more information.

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AN INVITATION

Come join us for a day of fun at the Mt Laurel Classic Car Show being held in the beautiful downtown area of Mt

Laurel on August 30 from 8-12. All proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. On site will be classic cars ranging from 1975 and older, if you have a classic car, bring it down or just come to be a part of it. We will have live music, giveaways, food, and a lot of fun. Bring the whole family down and support a good cause. The only thing we ask is to please refrain from using golf carts in the area where the classic cars are parked. For more information contact Jeff Breeden at (479) 719-8105.

SAVE THESE DATES

August 5	Garden Group
August 7	Book Club
August 27	Ladies Lunch
August 30	Classic Car Show
September 2	Garden Group
September 3	Pool Closes
September 4	Book Club
September 5	Storytime at the Library
September 13	Crafty Saturday at the Library
September 19	Storytime at the Library
September 24	Ladies Lunch
October 11	Fall Festival

Sippin' Seniors meet every Monday morning, 9 a.m. at the library unless otherwise announced.

To receive email reminders of activities, join the Mt Laurel Google Group. Contact the Mt Laurel Sales Office for more information on joining.

AROUND TOWN AND BEYOND

MANY MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILIES CALL MT LAUREL HOME



Did you know that 110 Mt Laurel residents have family who also live in Mt Laurel? Fifty-six of them gathered at the lake recently for a "family" photo shoot. There are several two-generation families, 20 three-generation families and one four-generation family in the neighborhood, in addition to two sets of brothers, three sets of sisters and two sisters-in-law. This sense of family and community is one of the many aspects that make Mt Laurel special.

CRUISIN' THE 'HOOD



Christian Lusk and **Karr Williams** enjoying a summer afternoon cruising in the neighborhood.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!



Chris and Rachel Buechler, 200 Hawthorn Street, recently moved to Mt Laurel from Greystone North Lake. The Buechlers say, "We were always coming to Mt Laurel for the General Store, Area 41, etc., and our daughter **Bella Lea** just finished her first year at Hilltop Montessori. We thought our life would be a lot nicer if we just lived here. We were right!" Chris and Rachel own a software company that automates food companies. Their hobbies include photography, guitar and piano.

Pictured: Chris and Rachel with Bella Lea and Sophia Lea, along with Chris' parents, John and Bernadette Buechler.

NEW ARRIVAL



Congratulations to new grandparents **Ellen and Dennis Godfrey**. Their first grandbaby, **Florence Anne Ross**, was born July 16, a month early, to Ellen's son Calvin and his wife Katie. She weighed in at five pounds, five ounces.

AROUND TOWN AND BEYOND

DIANE AND BOBBY ON THE GO WITH THE GIRLS



Bobby and Diane McDaniel attended the graduation of their oldest grandchild, Bentlie, from First Presbyterian Day School, Macon, GA. Bentlie will attend the University of Georgia in the fall on a full academic scholarship. Bobby and Diane later enjoyed a week in San Francisco with their three granddaughters.

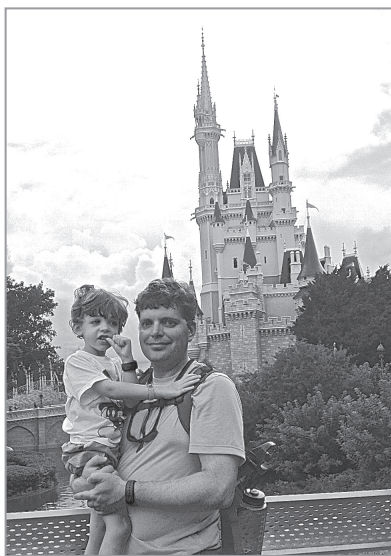


FIRST TIME CAMPERS



Colin Lusk, Tram Walker, and Jon David Brush, all age six and friends since birth, went to sleep-away camp for the first time at Camp Winnataska in July. They had a super time at camp!

GUYS AT DISNEY



Tripp Gartrell made his first visit to Disney World this summer with his dad.

CAMPING GALS



Maggie McCoy, Bella Suco and Alex Chenault enjoyed summer camp together.

A DC FOURTH



Ward and Anne Tishler, along with granddaughter Adair and other family members, celebrated July 4 in Washington, D.C. where Adair has a summer internship in a congressman's office. They watched the celebration from the Air Force Memorial.

POOL BUDDIES

Ellie O'Neal and Lilly Price enjoyed time together at the pool this summer when Lilly visited grandparents, **Ann and Jay Price**.





IN CONCERT WITH NATURE

"In Concert with Nature" is a regular newsletter section that features topics about the landscape and design concept of Mt Laurel and also items of seasonal interest for homeowners, contributed by Jill Walton. Jill is a Mt Laurel resident and holds the Master Gardener Certification.

WHEN YOU CAN'T GO OUT, GO UP

We all have them, particularly here in Mt Laurel--those narrow yard spaces that seem to end up being not much more than a pass-thru to the backyard or driveway. It doesn't have to stay that way, though. You can create a private, petite greenway of your own between the carriage house and fence.

First off, be aware of what you shouldn't do: don't block your way and give yourself the never-ending job of pruning by planting shrubs and trees that aren't meant for confined spaces, and don't plant a straight row of plantings reminiscent of those boxwoods marching along in front of unimaginatively landscaped buildings.

Even the narrowest bit of landscape can be turned into an attractive space. You might want to start by emptying it of all that's currently there—leaving behind only what you might want to work around and include in the finished product. The next thing to consider is what you want the "floor" of your garden to look like—more formally laid with a brick patterned walkway or informal with large stones surrounded by plantings or pea gravel or pine straw. This will probably set the tone for what sorts of plants and "furnishings" you'll want to use to fill the area.

When it comes to vegetation, include low-growing, middle level and tall plantings to make the most of the skinny space with which you are working. That said, you don't want to go from a tunnel-like effect from structures to one made of solid greenery. Stick with choices that won't overwhelm the space. You'll want plants with tidier dimensions that are tall and narrow to soften walls but not impede walkways. It's best to use light and airy selections that give an illusion of depth versus a lot of dense plantings.

At the foot level, you might want to include some plants that will lightly cover the edges of your pathway to soften the appearance. If you'd like a woodland type of look, native ferns could be used to fit the low spaces, as well as the next level of growth in these alley-like spaces. Other choices could include any low-growing plant with interesting foliage. These tight quarters create a nice opportunity to choose finely textured plants that might not be appreciated in a larger landscape setting. Other good mid-level choices could include perennials with colorful, tall flower stalks or even nice tall grasses, though you might need to trim around the base to encourage a more upright appearance.

For your tall plants, choose native vines that will fit your space based on needs of shade or sun. You can even create an arch with the vines to create a feeling of entering a secret garden and to help draw the eye upward. It might seem that trees wouldn't really be feasible in these tighter spots, but there are vase-shaped trees with airy foliage, like redbud, forest pansy or dogwood that can give you height without taking up much space. With some of these you might need to prune lower branches, but it really shouldn't require a lot of maintenance. Another option for adding height and beauty to a tight landscape, though admittedly one that will require more time and effort, would be a beautifully espaliered tree or shrub.

Lastly, add points of focal interest with narrow water features or benches that invite you to enjoy a quiet break in your day. Tuck a small birdbath in among your greenery. Include some hanging planters along the fence, or perhaps add a decorative trellis or an antique window frame on the wall of your carriage house with a window box beneath and train a *native* wisteria around the feature. Another simple way to add some individual flair is by using beautiful pieces of pottery that fit the space and can add height to plantings while incorporating trailing or colorful plant choices that appeal to you.

Spend a little time thinking about some of your favorite tucked away spots in courtyards of New Orleans or Savannah, of little vignettes at your favorite nurseries or antique shops or even your favorite cozy reading corner in your own home. Something quite special can be made from limited real estate, you just have to use some creativity and imagination and incorporate a few of your favorite things.

