



Borough of Merchantville
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Dear Residents:

As we begin to welcome my favorite time of the year, with temperatures cooling and the leaves changing, fall brings a rush of activity and community events to Merchantville.

First, we have the tail end of our Market off Centre which will be held every Saturday through the end of October. Be certain to look for updates on Market themes and fun activities for the family every week. In addition, we have a number of events occurring throughout the Borough on a weekly basis. Last weekend was the Fall Fest at the award winning Blue Monkey Tavern which welcomed a great crowd who enjoyed a number of beers from local and national micro-breweries. This coming weekend, Saturday, October 1st, we have the Merchantville Music Fest which will be in the downtown beginning at 5 pm. Come out and listen to live, local musicians and enjoy an evening in downtown Merchantville. We have a packed October and the events only continue from there, with Coffee with a Cop on Friday morning October 7th from 8-10 am. Come out to McFarlan's and have a cup of coffee with our local officers to express gratitude and address concerns. On October 8th, we will have the Toy and Collectible Show on Park Avenue. This show is being run by our very own "**Play With This**" and should be a great opportunity to grab that rare comic book or figurine you have been looking for!

We transition to the end of October and the Borough gets into the Halloween spirit when we will be known as "Monsterville"! Join in the spooky fun for the downtown decorating contest, the annual Haunted House at Merchantville Elementary School, the Halloween Festival at the Market Off Centre and the 2nd Annual Haunts of "Monsterville" Decorating Contest ending with the award of the Golden Broomstick.

We move from a busy October into the end of the year and the holiday season with a number of other local events including the Fall Cleanup Day and Decorate the Town Event, the Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade on December 2nd, Breakfast with Santa at the Community Center and many other opportunities to celebrate and spend time

with families and friends. All of this doesn't happen without the amazing efforts of our Borough volunteers and we are always looking. If you are interested in helping out with any of these events or you have an idea for an event, let me know or contact Denise Brouse at dbrouse@merchantvillenj.gov or 856-662-2474 x 303.

Finally, don't forget about our great business district for those holiday shopping needs. It is important for us to all shop local and support these local businesses that are making our town better. In addition to our existing businesses, this Fall we have a number of new businesses opening in town including **What's in the Attic** and **Asters Floral Shop**, both on Centre Street and **Eclipse Brewing** at the old EMS building at the corner of Park and Chestnut Avenues. Please join me in welcoming them all to our community.

I hope all of you enjoy the fall season and join us at some of the wonderful events that are scheduled while visiting our wonderful businesses. For more information or updates regarding anything above, check out the Borough website Merchantvillenj.gov, the Facebook page, "Borough of Merchantville" or follow me on Twitter [@mayortedbrennan](https://twitter.com/mayortedbrennan).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Brennan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ted Brennan
Mayor