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**The EDC mission
is to promote
the economic
well-being of
Pennington
Borough.**

PENNINGTON QUALITY MARKET WINS BIG AWARD



Our own PQM won the “2008 Outstanding Small Business of the Year” award given by the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Rothwell family (father, Larry; son, Michael; and daughter, Barbara Rothwell Henderson) accepted the award at the Annual Dinner Hall of Fame Awards on April 22. The market has been in Pennington for over 50 years and it employs over 150 people.

What a well deserved honor for PQM and a great boost to the reputation of the Pennington business community.

FARMERS MARKET IS ON THE WAY

In a few weeks, the first Pennington Farmers Market will take place. On Saturday, June 6 and each Saturday thereafter until October, local vendors will be selling their products at the corner of Route 31 and Delaware Ave (the PQM parking area). The hours will be 9 am -1 pm.

This long-awaited event will happen because of a determined group of local residents led by Tom Adelman, Rachel Torpey, Eileen Heinzl, and Sue Riley. They arranged it, gained municipal approval, solicited funding, and hired the Pennington Farmers Market Manager, Cynthia Beloff. Other volunteers are Maude Tatar, Kathrin Schumacher, Phyllis Frakt, Cindy Suter, Dolores Eaton, Dina Dunn, Tara Russell, and Andy Beloff.

As of now, participating vendors will be Gravity Hill Organic Farm (veggies, flowers, eggs, herbs), Kerrs Korn Farm (corn, honey, plants, eggs, veggies), TreeLicious Orchards (tree fruit, baked farm goods), Griggstown Poultry, and Pennington Quality Market (specially prepared bread, soup, and local cider). Other vendors, non-profit displays, and entertainment are in the works.



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The Economic Development Commission congratulates the PFM organization and wishes it great success. Special thanks to the Pennington Day Committee for contributing \$5000 to make it happen and to Pennington Quality Market for the use of their area.

There will be an opportunity for local businesses to distribute ads or coupons. Contact PFM Manager, Cindy Beloff at penningtonstation@verizon.net.

WELCOME TO THREE BUSINESSES NEW TO THE BORO

The locally-owned **A&E Construction Company** just relocated to 287-A North Main Street. The company, which specializes in kitchen, bath, tile, lighting, doors, and energy efficient home improvements, was started six years ago by Greg Fontaine. Stop by and see their displays and high-tech design materials. 737-4425 or ae.construction@comcast.net.

Medical Claims Relief LLC, an insurance assistance firm, now resides at 23 Brookside Ave, Lower Level. 730-9200 or MCR188@verizon.net.

At the Shoppes at Pennington (21 Route 31 North), **Chyten Learning Center**, Greater Boston's Premier Educational Services Company, is now open. Its programs range from individualized one-on-one tutoring and test preparation, to proprietary reading and study skills programs, to college admissions counseling. Contact Kathy Robins, franchise owner, at 737-8910 or krobins@chyten.com.

LIQUOR LICENSES MAY BE ISSUED BY THE BORO

Will Pennington Boro turn "wet?" Borough Council is considering offering liquor licenses. This action might enhance business activity in the Boro and provide a source of new revenue for the municipality. The first public meeting on this matter will be held on May 11, 7 pm, Boro Hall. Attend the hearing and express your views.

NEW LOCATION FOR PENNINGTON DAY

This year the highly popular Pennington Day festival will take place between Academy Street and West Welling, moving slightly south of Downtown Pennington. This was done in order for the local businesses to have regular operations during the event. Traditionally about 4000 visitors enjoy the games, shopping opportunities, contests, entertainment, food, displays, and community spirit. The three co-chairs of the event are Gretchen Overhiser, Rachel Torpey, and Heather Wurtz. This year's theme is "Think Globally, Act Locally." For more information or to volunteer, call 737-7361 or www.penningtonday.com.

Upcoming events:

- May 11 - Special Council Meeting on Awarding Borough Liquor Licenses 7pm
- May 16 - Pennington Day 10am - 4pm
- May 25 - Memorial Day Parade 11 am
- May 30 - Pennington School Graduation 10:30 am

Send us your business announcements and we would be happy to include them in our next newsletter. Contact wdickey@lawrenceville.org or 737-0914.

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Always remember to support Pennington Businesses!