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# HAPPY HOLLY DAYS!

Whatever you are celebrating this year, it is a time to be thankful and enjoy your favorite uncle and pain in the neck aunt or vice versa! It's also a time to breath, slow down, appreciate the many good things our community offers, and of course shop local, dine local and support your local merchants during the holiday season.

On behalf of the Bernardsville Chamber of Commerce, we thank you for your year round patronage. Small business and personal service is alive and well and if you don't agree, you can now be a part of the movement to Discover Bernardsville.

I hope we can get back to that neighborhood feel, say hello to people visiting our area. Remember to invite your friends and family to join you at the Bernardsville Cinema, have a fabulous meal at one of our many outstanding restaurants, shop at in our unique boutiques, and, of course, your children will love to put together their list to Santa with the large selection of educational and fun toys at Tons of Toys.

No matter where you shop in town you will find a friendly face. We are a small town and we have so much to offer. It is a wonderful life, right here in Bernardsville and the surrounding area. Discover Bernardsville today!

We hope to see you at the many Holly Days events we are sponsoring during the holiday season!

I have had a wonderful 12 years of volunteering for the Bernardsville Chamber of Commerce and in many capacities. I have

been very fortunate to be a non-member volunteer, a Director, Secretary, Vice President and for the past two and half years as the President.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors who work so tirelessly to bring events to town and encourage shopping local. We as a board and many of its members go over and above to make not only their businesses grow but to make the community of Bernardsville a better place to live and work.

Special thanks to Joe Rossi who was responsible for getting me involved with the chamber. Joe introduced me to so many wonderful people in town. Joe and Georgia have be-

come close friends.

I will always cherish my newly formed friendships with the board, members and involvement in Bernardsville. It is now time for me to change my volunteer focus on my hometown of Basking Ridge and at Christ the King Church in New Vernon.

My full-time job at Peapack-Gladstone Bank is keeping me happy and busy. I have been so proud to represent the bank and my non-profit SWIM, Inc. in Bernardsville. I once again can't thank those chamber members who have supported me and my efforts as a volunteer in this great town of Bernardsville!

## EILEEN LOUGHNANE

*Bernardsville Chamber of Commerce  
President*



**EILEEN LOUGHNANE**



## BERNARDSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD

Happy Holly Days from the Bernardsville Chamber of Commerce, seated in front from left, Joseph Rossi, senior vice president, and Eileen Loughnane, president, and standing in back from left, Mary Ann Donaghy, director, Richard Steinberg, director, Marcie Hanhart, director, and Edward Stahl, treasurer. Not pictured are Jessica Walker, Michael Todd and Maureen Wolfenden.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Saturday, Dec. 2 – **Holly Days Shop Local All Day!**
- 4 p.m. **Meet at the Christmas tree** in Olcott Square for caroling
  - 4:30 p.m. **Santa arrives via firetruck**
  - 5:15 p.m. (approximately) **Walk to Bernardsville Library**
  - 5:30 p.m. **"Twas the Night Before Christmas" reading** by Hank Barre of Trilogy Repertory Theater, and refreshments provided by Lakeland Bank
  - 6 p.m. – **Shop – Dine – Celebrate the Holidays!**

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Holiday books are plentiful. For example, for people who love to cook "Smitten Kitchen Everyday," "Lydia's Celebrate Like An Italian," "Jamie Oliver's "Christmas Cookbook," and signed copies of our favorite local cookbook author Caroline Campion's book, "The Dinner Plan."

For nature lovers, "The Living Forest," "Wise Trees," "Natural Wonders of the World."

New interesting biographies are in stock now: "Grant," by Ron Chernow, "Leonardo Da Vinci" by Walter Isaacson and the new "Bunny Mellon" bio has been popular.

Christmas books are here for adults and children. Anne Perry has "A Christmas Return," "Christmas Days: 12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days" by Jeannette Winter-son and a terrific story, "Mr. Dickens and His Carol" by Samantha Silva. For children, a beautiful story "Red & Lulu," a new classic that combines all the cheer of Christmas, the magic of New York City, and the real meaning of the holiday season. Many more are in stock.

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Wavelength Audio Video is Bernardsville's go-to spot for all things technology. Look no further for the latest TVs, the NEW Play:One from Sonos with Amazon Alexa, Smart Home tech that you can DIY or set up a custom install that will fit every budget.

This year, don't get trampled at the big box stores to take advantage of some of these stellar tech deals on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. Wavelength Audio Video is rockin' some amazing discounts on technology favorites from Sonos, Samsung, Eero, Ring, and so much more.

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There is so much more to choose from including the NEW Sonos Play:One with Amazon Alexa for \$175 (reg. \$199) or the super easy Wifi system, Eero starting at \$399! Let our skilled staff help you with all of your technology questions and come see us

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# GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

*The following article is provided by StatePoint.*

The holiday season is all about giving. This year, consider combining thoughtful gifts for loved ones with charitable efforts that benefit the larger community. There are many great ways to do so. Here are a few.

## Give Books And Donate

Shopping for a bibliophile? Along with the gift of a book, consider honoring your gift recipient while promoting literacy and a love of reading in the wider community. Libraries often have programs that offer gift gives an opportunity to donate a book in someone's name. Or, you may consider donating books or a magazine subscription to a homeless shelter or school.

## Give Clean Water

Unfortunately, these days, safe tap water is not always a given, no matter where one lives. With the incidence of natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes on the rise that may displace families and create uncertainty about water quality, consider gifting something essential — safe hydration on-the-go.

Refillable water bottles that feature built-in filters can give recipients access to safe drink-

ing water from virtually anywhere. Those from LifeStraw remove 99.99999 percent of waterborne bacteria (including E. coli and salmonella) and 99.999 percent of waterborne protozoa (including Giardia and Cryptosporidium), while reducing chlorine, organic chemical matter, bad taste, and odor.

For kids, LifeStraw Play is a good choice and will offer parents greater peace of mind. It's the first water bottle with a two-stage filter designed for children. The 10 oz. bottle is dishwasher safe, and its sturdy leak-proof design makes safer drinking convenient at home, school, on camping trips or during emergencies. For adults, consider LifeStraw Go with two-stage filtration that ensures safe hydration during travel, at home, in the office, at the gym, and outdoors.

For those thinking charitably this season, consider that for every LifeStraw product purchased, one child in a developing community is provided with clean drinking water for an entire school year through the company's Follow the Liters program. As of now, Follow the Liters has provided safe drinking water to 633,000 students at 1,000 schools, and plans to reach one million students by early 2018. LifeStraw products are available for purchase at specialty retailers and online at [www.lifestraw.com](http://www.lifestraw.com).



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# J. WALKER SALON PUTS CLIENTS, COMMUNITY FIRST

Bernardsville resident Jessica Walker didn't take the easy road when it came to becoming a local business owner. As a teenage cosmetology student in 1997, Walker successfully opened Plaza Hair Studio in King's Plaza, despite skepticism of many due to her age. In 2017, Walker and her staff of 25 celebrated not only their 20th year in business, but the kickoff of a fresh rebranding and new business name: J. Walker Salon.

"I started the business as a young girl, a graduate of Bernard's High School. I realized that as I grew and changed, I had to find a way to let people know that the experience I was giving our clients had grown and changed as well," Walker says. "My dad was such a fundamental part of getting me here...I wanted to pay tribute to the man behind the scenes, who saw something in me that could give back to our community."



**JESSICA WALKER**

She says she focuses on the client experience, company culture, and continuing education of her staff, but attributes her steady growth to "giving back." Along with a wide variety of charitable fundraising activities, Walker and her salon team are enthusiastic pro-bono participants in Diva For a Day ([www.divaforaday.org](http://www.divaforaday.org)); the grassroots giving network Heartworks ([www.njheartworks.org](http://www.njheartworks.org)); and many ultra-local causes like the Bernardsville Library Foundation. Walker is also the president of the Somerset Hills BPA, a group of local business owners and professionals who refer clients who need the services of other members coupled with the group's strong support of Heartworks.

"Giving shouldn't be an afterthought, but a foundation of our values as people and business owners," Walker says.

The community seems to agree; J. Walker Salon is serving more clients than ever most of whom resonate with Walker's passion for giving back to the community.

"When your outer looks good, your inner feels better. That's what we want for every single person who walks through our doors."

J. Walker Salon is located at 111 Morristown Road in Bernardsville. Contact them at (908) 766-4411 or visit them online at [www.jwalkersalon.com](http://www.jwalkersalon.com).

Nominate your own "Diva For a Day" at: [www.divaforaday.org/nomination-form/](http://www.divaforaday.org/nomination-form/)



Jessica Walker and her salon team at J. Walker Salon put their clients – and their community – first. "When your outer looks good, your inner feels better," Walker says. The salon, located at 111 Morristown Road, recently celebrated its 20th year with a fresh re-branding and a new name. Formerly called Plaza Salon, the salon's new moniker, J. Walker Salon, pays homage to Walker's father, whom she credits with playing a fundamental role in her successes.





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# FIVE HEALTHY TIPS FOR BETTER HOLIDAY BAKING

The following article is provided by Brandpoint.

'Tis the season for sweet and savory treats. The holidays bring loads of goodies, but the problem is these temptations can put a big strain on your nutrition goals.

If you're whipping up some tasty holiday dishes this season, you don't have to choose between your health and favorite indulgences. Transform any recipe into a healthier version simply by following these smart tricks from registered dietitian Dawn Jackson Blatner, RDN CSSD.

**Flour:** Swap 25 percent of the white flour for specialty flours such as almond or oat flour. Since specialty flours do not act the same in baking as white flour, you can't do a full 100 percent swap, but even just a little will provide more nutrition.

**Butter:** Try swapping 25 percent of the butter in a recipe with something else creamy such as pureed white beans, mashed banana, pumpkin puree, Greek yogurt, mashed avocado or nut butter. It shouldn't affect the recipe results and cuts down on fat and calories.

**Eggs:** Not all eggs are created equal. Eggland's Best eggs have double the omega-3s than ordinary eggs, an "essential" fatty acid that's important for maintaining good health. Since the body cannot make them on its own, you must eat them. Omega-3s also lead to a better baking recipe, as they improve emulsifying qualities. Blatner says Eggland's Best eggs are the only eggs she recommends to her clients and family for that added nutrition.

**Sugar:** Decrease the sugar in recipes by 25 percent and add nothing in its place. Recipes will turn out just fine if you pull back some of the sugar, even if you aren't swapping in something else.



**Half-batch:** You want Grandma's famous cookies, but you don't need four dozen tempting you for weeks on end. Instead, make a half batch by halving all ingredients in the recipe. Then you can enjoy the food memories without having too much lingering around.

Want some holiday baking inspiration that uses these smart baking tips? Whip up some cute and scrumptious Coconut Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars and make your entire crew happy.

## COCONUT CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE BARS

Cookie Bars  
2 Eggland's Best Eggs (large)

- 1 14 ounce bag sweetened coconut flakes, plus more for topping
- 2 cups dark chocolate chips
- 2 cups almond milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon Himalayan pink salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 cup dark brown sugar, packed

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 13-by-9 baking sheet with aluminum foil. In a large mixing bowl with a hand mixer or in a stand mixer with a paddle attachment, stir together the coconut flakes and chocolate chips. Add in the almond milk, vanilla extract, flour, salt, melted butter, brown sugar and eggs and beat until combined.

Pour batter into the prepared baking sheet and bake for 30-35 minutes or until the bars begin turning golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 5 minutes.

### Glaze

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 6 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, heavy cream and vanilla until smooth. Gently spread over the cooling bars. Top with toasted coconut and allow to cool completely before eating. Tip: Try cutting the bars up and placing them in the refrigerator, they taste even better cold!

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# WELCOME TO THE BERNARDSVILLE CENTRE

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Bernardsville Centre is anchored by the popular Kings Supermarket and Gary's Wine & Marketplace in a prime location on Route 202.

At 100 percent occupancy with long-term tenants and minimal turnover, Bernardsville Centre has a good mix of exercise, service, liquor, restaurant, and take-out food tenants with popular chains like Starbucks and Jersey Mike's. Local family businesses like the well-loved Lenny's Pizzeria, Vil-

lage Computer, and Dillon's Fine Art & Framing have been a staple in our community for many years.

Hundreds of local residents from the Somerset Hills area come weekly and even daily to shop with us.

A \$6 million dollar expansion project with an expected occupancy date of summer 2018 is well underway. With the addition, the shopping center will be 90,000 square feet with 425 parking spaces.

A new traffic pattern has been designed to make your visit flow more smoothly once the addition has been completed.

The new and modern addition, along with a façade renovation, will be home to 29 busy retail stores creating an ideal location for any business to thrive.

A new website providing easy ac-

cess to information about all our retail stores is now accessible at [www.bernardsvillecentre.com](http://www.bernardsvillecentre.com).

Come visit us as we transition into the New, Improved & Expanded Bernardsville Shopping Centre striving to provide you with an easy and pleasant shopping experience.

Bernardsville Centre businesses include: Kings Food Markets, Jersey Mike's Subs, Bar Method, Supercuts, New Jennifer Day Spa, Hibernate Bedding, Rin Robyn Pools, A Wireless, Starbucks, Lenny's Pizzeria, Bagels 4 U, Pet Valu, Asian Delite, Nailtopias, UPS Store, Classic Barbers, Gary's Wine and Marketplace, Breezy Organic, Dillon's Fine Art and Framing, Phillips and Fredricks Jewelers, Village Computer, and Bravo AV.

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A family business, Hibernate Bedding was opened in 2012 and is owned and operated by Pamela Nardone, a lifelong resident of the Somerset Hills.

Hibernate is all about reducing the confusion, hassle and annoyance that has become synonymous with mattress shopping while promoting healthier sleep through high quality products.

Their product selection is geared toward organic, natural, and eco-friendly mattresses, such as OMI, the No. 1 organic mattress manufacturer in the world, Savvy Rest, VISPRING Luxury Beds from London, Pure Talalay Bliss, and Nature's Spa, as well as Tempur-Pedic and Beautyrest Black. Hibernate has a wonderful selection of headboards and comfort style adjustable bases, and they will fit you to the correct pillows and accessories. All of this to deliver a restful and healthy night's sleep.

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## STOP BY BERNARDS CAFÉ FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER

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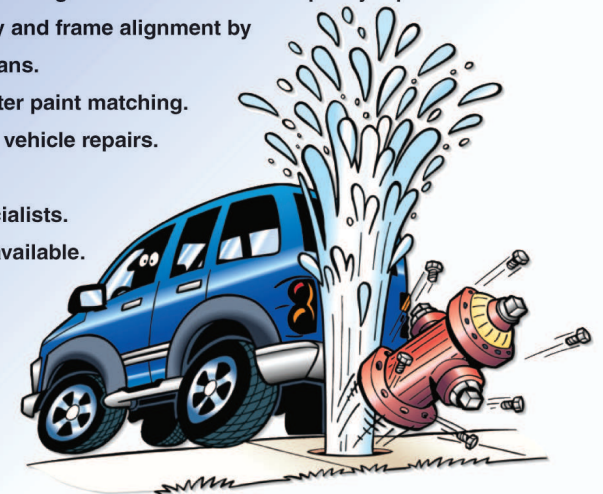
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## REJOICE, BUT RELAX: 7 STEPS TO A STRESS-FREE HOLIDAY

The following article is provided by Brandpoint.

For many, the pressure of the holiday season can be enough to wear away the glitter and magic.

Some 62 percent of American adults define their stress as “very or somewhat” elevated over the holidays, says research cited by Harvard Medical School’s Department of Neurobiology.

But that old chestnut doesn’t have to be true for you. When you plan ahead and keep your expectations reasonable, the season can unfold at an even and enjoyable pace, making room for new and happy memories.

That’s doubly true when you’re entertaining. As long as you’re well-prepared, your event can create holiday cheer and goodwill and even strengthen bonds between friends and family. Consider how these entertaining tips can help you stage a minimal-stress, maximum-impact event at which your guests can relax this holiday season.

1. Make your list, check it twice. Assign tasks to different days leading up to the event so you can stay on task, factoring in the time you’ll need for other holiday happenings.

2. Enlist elves. It’s likely unrealistic to expect yourself to single-handedly master all the cooking, cleaning and mingling your event will involve. In the spirit of the season, consider hiring younger family members to help with the more grueling tasks – then paying them with Christmas shopping money.

3. Bring on (then freeze) the figgy pudding. Let’s face it, many dishes taste just

as good or better when prepared ahead of time and frozen or simply kept in the fridge until they’re ready to serve. Save the last hours leading to your event for recipes that will taste much better freshly made and/or hot out of the oven.

4. Save time on sides. Instead of diverting your time peeling and mashing potatoes or shredding cheese, turn to instantly delicious refrigerated side dishes like Bob Evans Original Mashed Potatoes or Macaroni & Cheese. Rich with real butter and milk, they’re so delectable your guests will never guess they’re not homemade. Insider tip: Keep a secret stash on hand for unexpected company.

5. Deck the halls simply. Fresh, sweet-smelling pine boughs tied with red ribbon can be tucked into containers throughout your home, while inexpensive or vintage colored glass bulbs look festive when wound with strings of white twinkle lights and placed in translucent bowls.

6. Tidy the workshop. Assign one room to be the catch-all when company is coming, then keep that door closed while entertaining. Sort it out at your own pace after the holidays.

7. Rudolph as remedy. Weariness and/or a bad mood can be hard to sustain when you’re playing festive, upbeat holiday music people have been singing along to since they were kids.

The holidays are typically filled with joy and some stress. But when you make a conscious attempt to reduce the busywork, you’re more apt to feel warm and happy about the memories you’ve created for yourself and others.



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Make room for new and happy memories while your holiday season unfolds at an even and enjoyable pace by following a few simple tips.

# BERNARDSVILLE LIBRARY TO HOST HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Celebrate the holiday season at Bernardsville Public Library where there are always lots of activities and plenty of entertainment both for children and adults. Stop by to enjoy lectures, performances, craft workshops, take-home projects and much more.

## Books for Kids

Once again this year, the library is participating in the New Jersey Library Association's Books for Kids program. Members of the community are invited to bring a new, unwrapped book (or books) to the library by Friday, Dec. 15. These will be distributed to children and teens who have limited access to books, including those at the Martin Luther King Youth Center in Bridgewater and Safe+Sound Somerset, formerly called the Resource Center for Women. Books for infants through teens are needed and collection has already started.

## Music During the Holidays

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, there will be a free concert with Michaela McClain, winner of the 2013 "Best Indie Act" at the Jersey Acoustic Music Awards. Born and raised in Bernardsville, she is a critically-acclaimed, folk-soul singer/songwriter with a "warm groove" and rich mezzo-soprano voice. She tours with drummer Meredith Foreman, guitarist Raul Abbad, and bassist Brad Schwartzseid. This concert will feature her original music and covers ranging from jazz, folk, rock, R&B, and, of course, what she resonates with most: the singer/songwriter genre. There will be something for everybody! This free concert is funded by the Friends of the Bernardsville Library. Doors open at 2:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. No sign-up is needed.

At 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, everyone is invited to enjoy the holiday music of the Bernards High School Madrigal Ensemble under the direction of Matthew LaPine. Their voices will echo through the library's main hall while holiday cookies are offered to all, courtesy of the Friends of the Bernardsville Library. It's free and no sign-up is needed.

## Special Programs For Adults

Millions of people are listening to podcasts every day, and there are millions of different podcasts on the internet to listen to, especially during vacation time in



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the holiday season. At 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, discover reliable sources from which to download podcasts and how to do so without using valuable cellular data. Find out about popular podcasts and some hidden gems. Go to [www.seriousfunlibraries.org](http://www.seriousfunlibraries.org) to sign up. (This class will also be held at Bernards Township Library in Basking Ridge at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.)

From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, staff member and artist Laura Shabazz will demonstrate how to upcycle those odd pieces of wrapping paper stored in your closet. Learn to make ornaments that can be hung on your tree, piled up in a bowl for a decorative centerpiece, strung together for a festive DIY garland, or taped to presents in lieu of a bow. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own paper, if you like. Participation is limited to 12 and advance sign-up is required.

Relax and meditate at the library at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8. This is a guided meditation session in which different types of meditation are explored and is followed by a time of sharing for those who are so inclined. First timers and those with any meditation experience are welcome. The group meets on the second Friday of each month. Our leaders are Mary Bodenstein

and Jean Leigh. There will also be a Gong Meditation and Relaxation class at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11. Experience the soothing effects of the gong — a deep state of relaxation, meditation and healing — in this program led by Wanda Knapik. Sound healing, which dates back centuries, can be an effective way to reduce stress and create a deep sense of peace. Participants can either lie on the floor or sit in a chair. Participants should bring their own yoga mat or blanket and should not wear metal (watches, jewelry, or clothing with metal buttons).

Wednesday, Dec. 13 brings a lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Michelangelo's "David" by art historian Vivian Gordon. In connection with the exhibit "Michelangelo: Divine Draftsman and Designer" on view at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, this talk will trace the fascinating story behind Michelangelo's world-famous marble "David." This colossal figure stands as the culmination of an almost century-long plan to install statues atop the Cathedral of Florence. It's a tale of dashed attempts, bold experimentation, and final triumph involving some of the best known Italian Renaissance artists.

Decorations of holly and mistletoe, gingerbread and caroling — these are just a

few of the Christmas customs handed down from earlier times that Judith Krall-Russo, food historian and tea expert, will discuss at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. Learn the similarities and differences between a Colonial Christmas and a Victorian Christmas celebration, and discover what foods were prepared and enjoyed as part of the holiday festivities. We'll enjoy refreshments in keeping with our topic. This program is underwritten by the Friends of the Bernardsville Library.

## Children's Crafts and Holiday Programs

The library offers a large number and variety of special children's programs during the month of December, especially during "Winter Camp" between Christmas and New Year's Day.

It all starts off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, when author Jean Merrill gives a reading from her book, "The Wild Life of Limericks from A to Z," a book which appeals both to children and adults. Books will be available for purchase and signing, and the program will be followed at 11 a.m. by a drop-in animal craft for children ages three and up.

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From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, the library will hold its traditional holiday cookie decorating of gingerbread boys and girls. It's for children ages three and up. Nutritious seasonal snacks will be dietician Allie Sanderson's topic at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15. This is a program for children ages 2½ to 5 years old.

Then it's on to Winter Camp from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 26, with Boxing Day, when children ages two and up can play with the best toys ever: empty boxes of all sizes and shapes. At 1 p.m., it's the "Science of Movie Effects" presented by Mad Science for children in Grades 1-6. Learn first-hand how advances in science and technology make special effects possible. There will be family movie time at 2 p.m.

A live penguin will be visiting on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Waddle into the world of penguin biology, geography, care, feeding, and conservation. This program

is for children ages 3 and up. Registration is required at [www.bernardsvillelibrary.org](http://www.bernardsvillelibrary.org) and opens two weeks before the program. Participants should only sign up for one session: 11 or 11:30 a.m. In the afternoon, there will be winter crafts from 2 to 3 p.m. for children ages three and up. Children can work on a variety of crafts that will keep their homes cheerful and welcoming all winter long.

Thursday, Dec. 28, is Anne Post Day since our beloved Mrs. Post is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service to the library and the Bernardsville community. She will hold her last story time to read her favorite stories at 10:30 a.m. (for children ages 2½ and up). There will be a cooking class with Allie Sanderson at 11 a.m. (Grades 1-6) and a treasure hunt which will run all afternoon for children ages three and up. The climax of the day will be a performance by Earl Hicks of Zoom Balloons at 1 p.m. — a fabulous one-man show for families featuring music, balloon art, mag-

ic, and comedy.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, there will be a craft program for very young children (ages 2½ to 5 years) and another family movie time at 1 p.m.

## Pre-Teen/Teen Activities

Preteens in grades 5 to 8 can earn community service hours and have some fun too at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, by helping prepare for library craft programs. Teens in grades 7-12 can earn community service time at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. No sign-up is needed.

The staff and Trustees of Bernardsville Public Library wish everyone a very happy holiday season!

All programs at the library are free. Unless otherwise noted, registration is requested for adult programs and unnecessary for children's programs. Register online at [www.bernardsvillelibrary.org](http://www.bernardsvillelibrary.org) or call the library at 908-766-0118 to sign up. Children under age ten must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Head to the Bernardsville library at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, for a reading of "T'was the Night Before Christmas" by Hank Barre of Trilogy Repertory in Basking Ridge, and refreshments provided by Lakeland Bank.

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