

# TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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A 285 year old structure can be a handful to maintain. We have had some struggles with rain water leaking through the ceiling and got some wonderful help from United Veterans Roofing. With their drone they thoroughly examined the roof and eaves from a distance and up close. The picture above is from the large set of photos taken by the drone. (also see page 3)

The heat and predicted thunderstorms caused the Sounds & Silence open mic event to be moved to its rain date of July 6.

July will see the start of a monthly gathering we are calling "Prayers for Peace". (page 2)

Looking to the start of August, the 4th annual Back to School Block Party under Black Lives Matter NJ and Imperfect Village will be hosted again by Trenton Meeting. Be there August 3rd from 1 to 4.





## TRASH GAMES!

Here is a report on the successful Trash Games event our Àine (aka Brass Rábbit) created and hosted.



More than a dozen folk from the Meeting, the city and the suburbs participated.

At noon, teams started at the Meetinghouse, prepared with garbage bags, gloves, bug spray, etc. Folks then dispersed throughout the neighborhood and beyond. There was cleanup on West Hanover, along the canal, around Rivera School and more.

Three hours later there were trash bags lined up next to the Meetinghouse, tired but happy folks shared pizza and stories. And everyone got a prize - a quart of orange juice!!

## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

July sees the start of our monthly Prayers For Peace, a 45 minute gathering of Friends and friends sharing worship and words as moved by Spirit in support of Peace. First Prayers For Peace will be July 13



**Trenton Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
(Quakers) is holding**

### **Prayers For Peace**



**We invite members of the community to join us in Prayers for Peace.**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 10:15-11:00 AM and Monthly though December 2024 on the Second Saturday of the Month. All are welcome to drop by for a few minutes, or to stay for the entire 45-minute session.

**WHERE:** Trenton Friends Meetinghouse, 142 E. Hanover St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Meet at our "Peace Pole" to engage in fellowship, silent prayer, and vocal ministry.

For more information contact [trentonquakers@gmail.com](mailto:trentonquakers@gmail.com)

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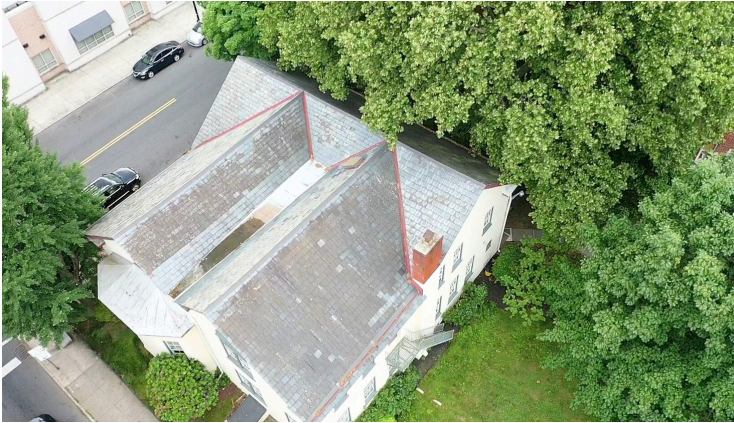
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## **“UP ABOVE MY HEAD...”**

When the Property Committee sought an evaluation of our roof to determine the cause of water damage to the ceiling, United Veterans Roofing came with a drone to carefully examine the roof and eaves. They shared the pictures taken by the drone and here are a few interesting ones (in addition to the picture on page 1.

The good news is that the roof is intact and we really just need to attend more carefully and regularly to the accumulation of leaves and bark that can block the downspouts.



## **SOUNDS AND SILENCE OPEN MIC POSTPONED TO JULY 6**

Promised thunderstorms and excessive heat led us to utilize the Rain Date of July 6th for the Pop Up event, “Sounds & Silence” which was to have been June 22nd. In case of bad weather conditions that day, we will move indoors to the Orchid House Café. Look for pictures and highlights in next month’s newsletter.





## **CONTINUING COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Weekly distribution of bags of groceries, produce and meat or eggs continue on Tuesdays. Arm In Arm provides this food to community members from 10 to 11:30 am on the first four Tuesdays in a month. (July has five Tuesdays so no distribution on July 30.)

Black Lives Matter NJ and Imperfect Village (a black led harm reduction organization) continue monthly meals-to-go on the fourth Saturday of the month (June 27). In addition to the food, items like clothing, care and hygiene packs and more are available for free to folks in the neighborhood.

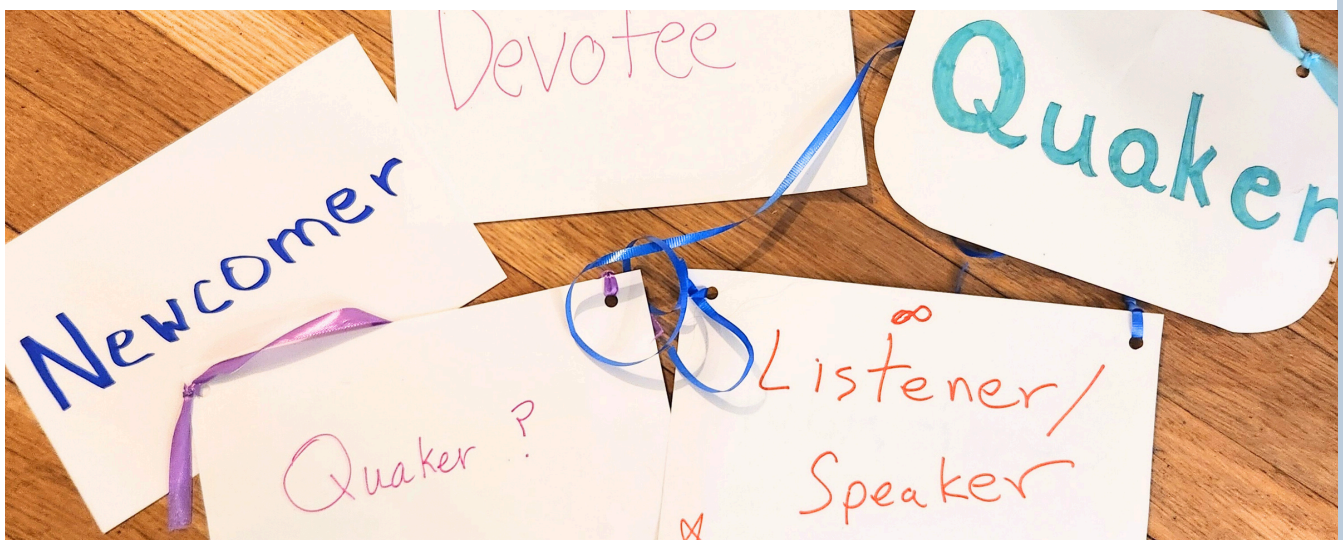
On August 3rd BLM NJ and Imperfect Village, working with Old Trenton Neighborhood sponsors like Trenton Meeting, Isles and Chosen Generation, will be holding the annual Back To School Block Party. This will be the fourth annual event! Back packs with school supplies will be available. There will be games, food, contests and other give-aways. North Montgomery will be blocked from vehicles. Expect a bouncy house, the T-Recs truck from Isles and lots more fun and games.



## **WHAT IS A TRENTON QUAKER?**

A group of us gave ourselves a special experience at the end of June in an exercise we hope will lead to an understanding of the most important (and widely held) values and beliefs in our Meeting. We centered ourselves by making music and making a name tag with a descriptor for how we individually might identify in the Meeting. Then we contemplated and responded to five questions, developed by the Religious Education Committee, in pursuit of our goal. The process will be ongoing as responses from June are shared to those who could not participate, and input from as many of us as possible is gathered.

A future newsletter will report on our discernment.





## Trenton Quakers

**Tue Jul 2, 2024**

**9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution**

**Sat Jul 6, 2024**

**All day PYM Annual Sessions**

Sat Jul 6, 2024 - Sun Jul 7, 2024

**Where:** Haverford College 370 Lancaster Ave, Haverford, PA 19041, United States

**12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

**3:30pm - 5pm Set up for Pop Up**

**Where:** Mill Hill Park amphitheater

**5pm - 7pm Poetry Pop Up**

**Where:** Mill Hill Park Amphitheater

**Sun Jul 7, 2024**

**All day PYM Annual Sessions**

Sat Jul 6, 2024 - Sun Jul 7, 2024

**Where:** Haverford College 370 Lancaster Ave, Haverford, PA 19041, United States

**10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

**Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**11:30am - 12:30pm CMW Committee**

**Where:** 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**Tue Jul 9, 2024**

**9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution**

**Fri Jul 12, 2024**

**4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee**

**Where:** Zoom or in person

**Sat Jul 13, 2024**

**10:15am - 11am Prayers For Peace**

**11am - 12pm Brunch in Trenton**

**Where:** Orchid House, 134 E Hanover, Trenton, NJ 08608

**12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

**Sun Jul 14, 2024**

**9am - 10am Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

**Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**10am - 11am First Day School**

**10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

**Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**Tue Jul 16, 2024**

**9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution**

**Sat Jul 20, 2024**

**12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

**Sun Jul 21, 2024**

**10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

**Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA



## Trenton Quakers

**2pm - 3pm Religious Education Committee**

| **Where:** Zoom or in person

**Tue Jul 23, 2024**

**9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution**

**Sat Jul 27, 2024**

**9am - 4pm BLM Spaghetti prep and distro**

| **Where:** Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

**Sun Jul 28, 2024**

**10am - 11am First Day**

**10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**11:30am - 12:30pm Peace and Social Concerns Committee**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**Mon Jul 29, 2024**

**7pm - 8:15pm Communication & Outreach Committee**

| **Where:** Zoom

**Fri Aug 2, 2024**

**4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee**

| **Where:** Zoom or in person

**Sat Aug 3, 2024**

**10am - 1pm Block Party setup**

**12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

**1pm - 4pm Back to School Block Party**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, United States

**Sun Aug 4, 2024**

**10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**11:30am - 12:30pm CMW Committee**

| **Where:** 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**Tue Aug 6, 2024**

**9am - 12:30pm Arm in Arm food distribution**

**Sat Aug 10, 2024**

**10:15am - 11am Prayers For Peace**

**12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

**Sun Aug 11, 2024**

**9am - 10am Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

**10am - 11am First Day School**

**10am - 11am Meeting for Worship**

| **Where:** Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

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