

# TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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Pictured above is the back side of the historic meetinghouse. You can see the lawn where many things happen. Children and Family events, food distributions, the annual Book Bag Back to School Block party and our Community Barbecue take advantage of the space. Our grounds are well kept - mowed, trimmed, cleaned - by our longtime landscaper, Edwin Menendez.

June 15 there is a new event sponsored by our Young Friends Committee. Trash Games (page 2) will provide a fun way to “get the trash out” of the neighborhood.

Arm In Arm continues to provide food assistance to the area twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

We welcome all to the Sunday morning Worship hour (10 to 11 am) followed by a coffee hour with fellowship and conversation. Visitors and folks interested in knowing more about the Quaker faith please come!

# TRASH GAMES!

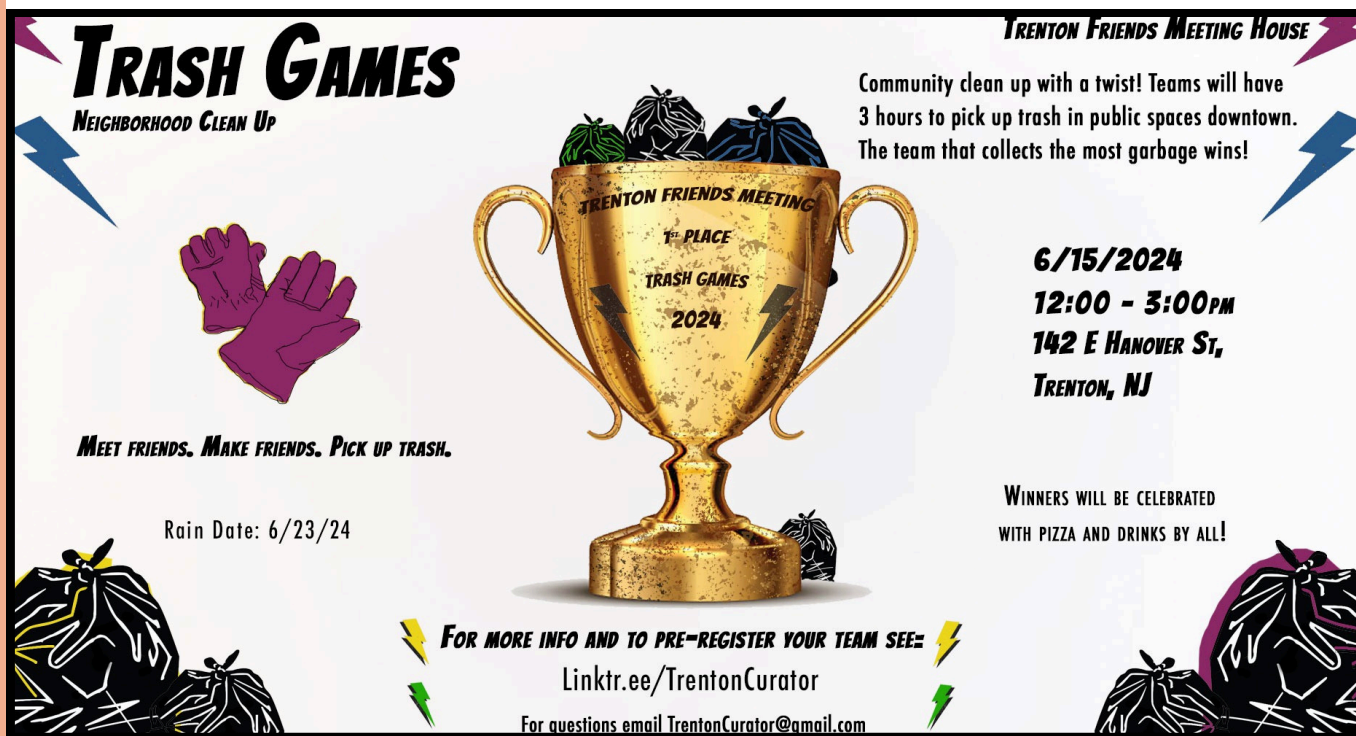
Join the Trenton Friends Meeting for the first Trash Games; Neighborhood clean up on 6/15/2024. Volunteers can register their teams ahead of time or join a team on the day of the event, each team will have 3 hours to pick up trash in any public area surrounding the downtown neighborhood.

All participants are invited to enjoy pizza and refreshments after the winners announcement. Gloves and bags will be on hand for those who don't have them.

Event will begin at the Trenton Friends Meeting, 142 E. Hanover St, Trenton, NJ, 08608. Parking is available behind building.

[Click here to register with Trenton Curator](#)

\*\* Rate date: Saturday, June 23rd, 12-3pm.



**TRASH GAMES**  
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

**TRENTON FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE**

Community clean up with a twist! Teams will have 3 hours to pick up trash in public spaces downtown. The team that collects the most garbage wins!

**6/15/2024**  
**12:00 - 3:00PM**  
**142 E HANOVER ST,**  
**TRENTON, NJ**

WINNERS WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH PIZZA AND DRINKS BY ALL!

MEET FRIENDS. MAKE FRIENDS. PICK UP TRASH.

Rain Date: 6/23/24

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM SEE:**  
[Linktr.ee/TrentonCurator](https://linktr.ee/TrentonCurator)  
For questions email [TrentonCurator@gmail.com](mailto:TrentonCurator@gmail.com)

The poster features a central illustration of a golden trophy with a lightning bolt on its side. The trophy is inscribed with "TRENTON FRIENDS MEETING", "1st PLACE", "TRASH GAMES", and "2024". The trophy is overflowing with trash bags. To the left of the trophy is a pair of purple gloves. The background is white with blue lightning bolt graphics in the corners. At the bottom, there are illustrations of black and white trash bags.

## GARDEN

Daylilies spread! This month, John Kelly and Barbara Vadnais worked hard to transplant the overgrowth of lilies in the front garden to the back of the property .



# **WHAT IS A TRENTON QUAKER?**

In order to be able to clearly communicate with potential attendees (and members) of our Meeting who we are and what we are inviting them to join, we need to find the words. That is what this event is about: finding the words that we agree describe ourselves. Most of us know that finding these words is not an easy task.

The Religious Education Committee did a mini-test of the process. We wanted to be clear about what we are teaching children. The mini-test was an interesting and informative experience. So, at the conclusion of it we decided that to have more voices represented would make a real difference. As Quakers, one thing we can agree on is that all of our voices are important and that we each have a personal and significant connection to the Light (or whatever each one of us prefers to call it.)

The Communications and Outreach Committee is hoping that this event gives us words to artfully use as we redecorate the foyer as a welcoming and informative space for all who walk through there!

We will be doing this workshop on Sunday, June 9 after worship concludes. Attendees and Members are welcome. Bring a snack so that you don't get too hungry! Graham and Cathy will be taking us on this journey.

# **CONTINUING COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Summer does not change the regular Arm In Arm food distributions on Tuesday and Thursdays. Nor does it change the Black Lives Matter NJ monthly hot food, care items and more outreach at the Meetinghouse.



# **SOUNDS AND SILENCE POETRY AND STORY-TELLING** **OPEN MIC**

Our long-anticipated Pop-Up event will take place on June 22 from 5 to 7 PM at the Mill Hill Park Amphitheater. Six members and attenders, Aine Mackey, Graham Apgar, Maia Saito, Louis Bifano, Amy Kelly, and Cathy Campbell, have been meeting together weekly since the end of March in order to create and plan this event. The purpose of the event is for the Meeting to become acquainted with young adults in the surrounding community. We have designed the event to attract young adults who might have some interests and needs in common with Trenton Quakers. Of course, all ages may attend.

The open mic is a place where attendees can spend 5 minutes reading poetry (usually their own creations) or telling a story (usually from their own lives) or some combination of the two. The theme will be “Voicing Change.”

Please come and be a part of this opportunity. We will need help setting up from 3:30 to 5 PM and cleaning up from 7 to 8 PM. Please contact Cathy Campbell (cathythemathdoctor@yahoo.com) if you can help before, after and/or during the event.

## **OUR CONNECTION TO MERCER STREET FRIENDS**

In 1958, Members of Trenton Meeting responding to clear and compelling needs and concerns for Trenton and Trenton area residents created the Mercer Street Friends organization. Guided by Quaker principals, Mercer Street Friends has grown dramatically and evolved its services. Being “the” food bank for Mercer County is huge, but there are many other ways Mercer Street Friends helps people and families. There is the preschool on West State Street, the Community Schools initiative in three of Trenton’s public schools, parent counselling and more.

In May, Trenton Meeting was delighted to have a visit from Mercer Street Friends board chair Ken Blackwell who shared information and fielded questions about the current state of affairs at the organization. We are proud of how Quaker concerns for our neighbors and friends created this vital and impactful organization.



## Trenton Quakers

Sat Jun 1, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jun 2, 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 Jun 4, 2024

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

6pm - 7:30pm Environmental Justice Community Engagement Session in Trenton!

Where: Greater Mt. Zion AME, 42 Pennington Ave, Trenton, NJ 08618

Thu Jun 6, 2024

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

Fri Jun 7, 2024

All day National Gun Violence Awareness Day

4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee

Where: Zoom or in person

Sat Jun 8, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sun Jun 9, 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

11:30am - 1pm What it means to be a Quaker event - Religious Ed

Tue Jun 11, 2024

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

Thu Jun 13, 2024

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

Sat Jun 15, 2024

12pm - 1:30pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

12pm - 4pm Trash Games Neighborhood Cleanup

Sun Jun 16, 2024

9:30am - 11:30am Quarterly Meeting

Where: Barnegat Quakers 614 E Bay Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005, United States

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 Jun 18, 2024**

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

**Thu Jun 20, 2024**

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

**Sat Jun 22, 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**

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

| **Where:** Mill Hill Park amphitheater

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

| **Where:** Mill Hill Park Amphitheater

**Sun Jun 23, 2024**

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

**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 Jun 24, 2024**

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

| **Where:** Zoom

**Tue Jun 25, 2024**

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

**Thu Jun 27, 2024**

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

**Sat Jun 29, 2024**

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

**2pm - 4:30pm Meetinghouse Cleanup Planning**

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

**Sun Jun 30, 2024**

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

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

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