

# Hainesport Community Chronicle

A Bimonthly Newsletter Supporting Hainesport's Commitment to Community

## Major Milestone Ahead!

On March 12, 2024, Hainesport Township will “turn” one hundred. Preparations for this auspicious occasion began last month under the leadership of Committeewoman, Leila Gilmore and Recreation Director, Donna Casey. In February and March, volunteers gathered to begin planning various programs and events, including a birthday celebration on March 12, 2024 and the culminating centennial event on June 1, 2024. If you are interested in serving on the 100th Anniversary Committee, please contact Donna Casey at [dcasey@hainesporttownship.com](mailto:dcasey@hainesporttownship.com)

## Have You “Hainesported” Lately?

Elizabeth Gallagher

Speaking of serving—Hainesport needs its residents to consistently support its programs, and one of the most effective ways to support our town is to volunteer. Until the Tree Lighting in December, I can't remember the last time I volunteered in Hainesport. Upon reflection, I wonder why I waited so long to reconnect with our community. What a fulfilling experience it was to interact with so many wonderful community members, from the dedicated and selfless volunteer team, led by Donna Casey and Liz DiBenedetto, to local politicians, to the Hainesport Elementary School musicians and Edge Dance Company performers who entertained Hainesport families, to the New Jersey State Troopers and personnel from the Hainesport Emergency Squad and Hainesport Fire Company, who tirelessly preserve our safety and security and, of course, to the children of Hainesport, who waited with excitement for their turn to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Consider this piece your invitation to volunteer, to get involved, to make Hainesport stronger. You'll come away from your volunteer experiences with a sense of purpose, fulfillment, and camaraderie. Finding volunteer opportunities is just a click away on the Township website, at <https://www.hainesporttownship.com/>

Come on—What are you waiting for?

## And in Sports... from RVHS to Temple to the Eagles!

Burlington County Eagles fans shared the best reason for watching Super Bowl LVII several weeks ago: their beloved team made it to the coveted game. But those fans may not have known that they had another great reason for supporting the Eagles: one of their own, Shaun Bradley, is an Eagle. Bradley, who excelled in both football and basketball at Rancocas Valley High School, displayed talent that ultimately attracted the attention of Temple University, leading the Owls to recruit him as part of the football team's 2016 recruiting class. By his senior year, Bradley, a three-year starter, emerged as leader of the Owls linebacking corps and an NFL hopeful. Drafted by the Eagles in the sixth round of the NFL 2020 draft, Bradley joined the team as a linebacker. Look for #54 on the field next season!

### Casey's Corner

Donna Casey, Recreation Director

"Spring has sprung," as they say, and Hainesport embraces the season with a full agenda of events:

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for Hainesport children, ages one through ten, will take place at the Hainesport Township Pavilion, on **April 1, 2023, at noon**. Don't miss your photo op with Mr. Bunny, who will arrive at the Pavilion via a celebrity-worthy escort, courtesy of the Hainesport Fire Company and the New Jersey State Police. The rain date is April 8, 2023.

Synonymous with the season is the Township's celebration of **Earth Day**. Join us on **April 22, 2023, 9:00 AM to noon, at the Pavilion** for environment-focused programs, including a recycling art project exhibition by the Harbor Baptist Academy students, a master gardener demonstration, a scavenger hunt, and Bingo.

It's that time. Have you started your spring cleaning? Residents who wish to participate in direct efforts to make our community as spring-ready as possible should consider participating in the Township's **Clean-up Day, on April 22, 2023, 7:00 AM to noon, at the Street Center**. Please consult the Township website for guidance regarding which items are included in the clean-up.

Spring programming wouldn't be complete without our ever-popular **Community Yard Sale, on May 27, 2023, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Those residents who wish to participate in the yard sale must contact Donna Casey at [dcasey@hainesporttownship.com](mailto:dcasey@hainesporttownship.com) no later than May 18, 2023 to be included in the list for the yard sale.

Finally, while many view spring as a time for renewal, many also view the season as a time for remembrance. The Township hero banners, honoring Hainesport veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice, provide a tangible reminder of the admirable individuals we celebrate on Memorial Day. Be sure to make time this **Memorial Day, May 29, 2023**, to attend the Township's **Memorial Service at 9:00 AM, at the Pavilion**. Highlights of the service include placement of wreaths at the Veterans Monument and an address by keynote speaker, former Assemblyman and Navy Seal, Ryan Peters.