

2024 EVENTS

SAT, MAY 4TH
CAPTAIN MAY DAY

FRI, MAY 24TH
COIN DROP

SAT, SEPT 21ST
ART IN THE PARK

FRI, OCT 25TH
GHOST WALK

SAT, DEC 7TH
DICKENS OF A HOLIDAY

GUEST SPEAKERS

WED, MAR 27TH

Our guest speaker will be Kim Rullis, the chairperson of the Hamilton Township Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. She will be giving us an overview of the Historic Commission, and she will explain about Phase 1 and 2 of the Historic surveys which were just completed. This would be of interest to anyone who lives in the historic district or is interested in historic preservation.

WED, MAY 22ND

Presentation by Mark Demitroff on Captain George May and the Great Egg Harbor River.

Complete details about our EVENTS is available on our website hamiltonhistorical.org 609-909-0272

In The Spotlight



A special THANK YOU to Mike Gindt and Don Grieco for volunteering to move a beautiful curio cabinet from the home of Mari Dattolo to the Museum. We appreciate both their help and Mari's generous donation.

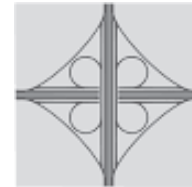


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History of the Cloverleaf Interchange (at Routes 322 and 50)

A cloverleaf interchange is a two-level interchange in which all turns are handled by slip roads. The main feature of this type of interchange is that it has no cross traffic and no left turns; all traffic, no matter in what direction it proceeds, keeps to the right continuously. **The first cloverleaf interchange in the US was built in Woodbridge, NJ in 1929.** When the Engineering News-Record reported on the interchange they hailed it as an "outstanding development" in traffic engineering. How influential was its impact? Consider that the recently begun Hoover Dam was relegated to the back pages of that report.



In 1931, it was announced that the second cloverleaf interchange in NJ would be constructed where the Black Horse Pike crosses the Mays Landing-Egg Harbor Road (Route 50)...to help make the junction more safe with the **increase in shore traffic.** The interchange would cost \$200,000 besides the price of the land.

In 1954, a new housing development was formally opened to the public. It was named Clover Leaf Lakes as it was located at the cloverleaf interchange and featured lakes.

In 1999, the cloverleaf interchange was restructured to a diamond interchange to allow for the widening of both routes 322 and 50 to improve traffic flow. Additionally, stormwater outfall facilities were improved. Project cost: 8.4 million.



The earliest recorded American observance of the day honoring St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was in Boston in 1737. But the Irish as an ethnic group did not begin to make their presence felt in American until their numbers began to swell during the 19th century. St. Patrick's Day became the day the new immigrants remembered their strong ties to the "auld sod" with parades and banquets.