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ARRESTS OUTSIDE WALMART

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HAMMONTON—Police made four related arrests in the parking lot outside the Hammonton Walmart, located at 55 S. White Horse

Police respond to narcotics usage complaints; 4 related arrests made

Pike, at 9:07 p.m. on November 18, Hammonton Police Chief Robert Jones said. Jones said police responded to a complaint of subjects using nar-

cotics in the Walmart parking lot, at which time Louis Taylor, 28, of Hammonton was in a car with Karina Pease, 25, of Berlin. Both were questioned by police. Jones

said. As police were checking, they discovered that Taylor had three outstanding warrants totaling \$2,500 from Mullica Twp. and was

in possession of heroin, a syringe and drug paraphernalia, Jones said. Taylor was transported to the Atlantic County Jail, Jones said. See POLICE, Page 2

Prevention of Teen Suicide agreement approved by BOE

by Lauren Bucci
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HAMMONTON—The Hammonton Board of Education approved an agreement with Society

for the Prevention of Teen Suicide in the amount of \$11,463.80 for training at the high school and middle school at its regular meeting held on November 15.

Also during the meeting, the See SCHOOL, Page 12

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by Stephen Pistone
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The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers honored retired Captain Edward H. Marinelli (second from left) as the 2018 Former Trooper of the Year. This award was presented at the Association's Fall General Membership Meeting on November 3, 2018, before a packed house of active and retired Jersey Troopers, State Police Civilian Staff and family attending the event at State Police Headquarters in West Trenton.

Firefighters raise money at Applebee's

by Stephen Pistone
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HAMMONTON—Throughout the month of November, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar is showing its support for Hammonton's Independent Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, through a

series of "Dining to Donate" fundraisers.

In conjunction with the fundraiser, which donates 10 percent of every participating guest's check, Tito's Handmade Vodka has also chosen to support Fire Company No. 1 by offering to make a \$1 donation for any Tito's

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Town given water resource award

by Stephen Pistone
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HAMMONTON—Hammonton Environmental Commission Chairman Dan Bachalski announced during the November 14 meeting that the town will be receiving the One Water Award during the Jersey Water Works Conference in

Newark on December 7.

The One Water Awards are presented to public, private and non-profit academic entities that exemplify the concept of sustainable, integrated and inclusive water resource management.

Hammonton was nominated for the award by commission member Amy Metzger, who is also a com- See COMMISSION, Page 8



Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar is hosting several "Dining to Donate" fundraisers for Hammonton Independent Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 throughout November. Pictured (l-r) at the November 15 fundraiser are Bob Thomewell, Ron Mascola, Dennis LaSassa and Donna LaSassa.

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Marinelli receives 'Former Trooper of the Year' Award from NJSP

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during which he has continued to serve his community.

"The training and the exposure and the association that you had to develop—it more or less gets instilled in you and you carry it with you after you leave the state police. Then, that enables you to continue performing and serving the public in a professional manner," Marinelli said.

On November 3, the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers recognized Marinelli for his prolonged service career and longstanding achievements by presenting him with the 2018 "Former Trooper of the Year" Award during the association's fall general membership meeting at the New Jersey State Police Headquarters in West Trenton.

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers is a non-profit organization and, according to its website, its mission is to continue the camaraderie of retired New Jersey state troopers while offering the combined knowledge, experience and moral support of its members to former troopers and the New Jersey state police.

The association was founded in 1959 and began naming a yearly "Former Trooper of the Year" Award recipient about six years later, according to George J. Wren Jr., a retired New Jersey State Police Lieutenant and vice president of the association's board of directors.

Wren Jr. said a committee within the association selects the year's "Trooper of the Year" from a group of nominees who are each chosen by a member of the association. The committee recommends a winner to the board of directors based on the nominee's character, their good standing with the association, the volunteering of their time, effort or expertise to the association and their volunteer service time within their respective communities.

Marinelli was nominated for "Trooper of the Year" by retired New Jersey State Police Lt. Col. Richard Jankowski, which Wren Jr. said was an apropos selection due to his professional experiences with Marinelli during their time on the force.

"He is the epitome of the New Jersey state police. The guy is very, very service-oriented and his volunteering and giving back to the community is just a prime example of how this man acts, how this man thinks, how this man and his family are involved in everything that they can possibly be involved in. And the Former Troopers Association was only one part of that," Wren Jr. said.

Marinelli said receiving the award was a unique honor, especially due to the fact that his nomination was submitted by such a high-ranking former state police officer.

"It was a great honor for me in the fact that it was statewide, and the fact that I was recommended by Lieutenant Colonel Richard

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Marinelli honored by NJSP

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Jankowski. It sort of put me in the spotlight, which I really, really thought was a once-in-a-lifetime honor," Marinelli said.

Marinelli's penchant for dedicated service dates back to his time spent in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. After an eventful state police career that included him overseeing the security detail operations during President Ronald Reagan's trip to Hammonton in 1984, the retired captain was elected as mayor of Hammonton—an office he held for two years.

Marinelli went on to be appointed to the Hammonton Planning Board, where he has spent the past 10 years, including the past eight years as board chairman. He is also known for dedicating nearly 30 years to the community as the owner and operator of Toni's Custard, formerly located on Route 54 in Hammonton.

The association also acknowledged the many charitable contributions Marinelli made throughout the community by using the proceeds from the Edward H. Marinelli Jr. Memorial Fund, which he organized and named after his son, who died in 2002 at the age of 40.

The memorial fund has since been used to build the entrance to Greenmount Cemetery, an altar in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery for special Masses, a handicapped ramp and staircase at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 1026 lodge, and to renovate the educational conference room at St. Agnes Hospital in Philadelphia, all of which he dedicated in his son's memory.

Wren Jr. said no other "Retired Trooper of the Year" candidate extensively met the association's award criteria quite like Marinelli did this year.

"His overwhelming giveback attitude to the community and his fellow man is just fantastic," Wren Jr. said.



Retired Capt. Ed Marinelli on the NJSP