

The Wenonah Newsletter



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Winter - Spring

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Lake Association – Valentine’s Day Event

Submitted by Chrissy DeMaise and Joan Prato

This winter’s Lake Association fundraiser is a Valentine’s Day Party. The event will be held on Saturday, February 13th starting at 8pm at the Mantua Fire Hall, the cost is \$25 per person. The Volunteers (a band featuring local musicians) will be performing and food will be provided by the Italian Market. There will also be a Silent Auction. Bring your sweetheart and celebrate Valentine’s Day with friends, food and fun. Any questions contact Joan Prato at 468-1039.

We will be purchasing a NEW trampoline for the lake with the money raised from the Valentine’s Day party. Hopefully this will include a slide and an “aqua log”.

We are excited about implementing our landscape project which will resume in the spring.

Mother’s Day Plant Sale

The Wenonah Fire Company Auxiliary will be holding the Annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale at the Community Center on May 8th from 8 am until 12 noon.

Rain or Shine

Wine and Cheese Event

Submitted by Laurie Christinzio

The Wenonah Fire Co. Aux. and Woman’s Club of Wenonah are sponsoring a Wine, Appetizer and Cheese Social on Saturday, March 13th from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Community Center (Train Station). Tickets may be purchased from any Club or Auxiliary member, or you may call 468-5345 or 468-6566. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

Adults Only Please



Book Sale

The Wenonah Fire Company Auxiliary will be sponsoring a new book sale on April 24th to be held at the Community Center from 9 am to 2 pm. There are books for adults and children, plus gift items. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the Fire House.

Clearview-Wenonah Junior Women's Club

Submitted by Tara Pridy and Anne Groch

The Clearview-Wenonah Junior Women's Club will hold their annual Chocolate Friendly on Thursday, February 11 at 7 P.M. at the Mantua Community Center, 111 Mercer Ave., Sewell. Potential members from the Wenonah, Mantua, and Harrison areas are welcome to join our February business meeting as we gather to discuss our current projects while enjoying chocolate foods, drinks and raffles. Women's heart health is a cause that's important to Juniors, and so we'll be happy to boost your cardiovascular health by feeding your addiction to dark chocolate. Come join our group for the opportunity to grow, learn and make new friendships! Our members have diverse backgrounds and unique interests.

Top fifth grade students from the Wenonah, Mantua and Harrison School Districts will compete in the Juniors' Garden District Spelling Bee in February. Students competing at the District Level may win a chance to compete at the NJSFWC-JM State Spelling Bee in New Brunswick in March. Check www.cwjuniors.com for more information and a list of this area's top spellers soon.

This past year, our club was successful in supporting Juniors' State Project, Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS). At our amazing Shop 'til You Drop Craft Extravaganza, we sold holiday ornaments for donations to FAFS. Each ornament had a tag, letting the recipient know a donation was made to support children through FAFS. Donations, as well as children's pajamas and new books are still being accepted for this project.

Donations are also being accepted for our ConKerr Pillowcase project, part of a national program that distributes handmade pillowcases to children in hospitals. Each \$5 donation will get your name on a card that is given to the child that receives the fun pillowcase to brighten their long hospital stays. We do all the work.

The GFWC Clearview-Wenonah Junior Women's Club, Inc. is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), which is the largest non-denominational organization in the world for women volunteers. Check out www.cwjuniors.com for updated information. Clearview-Wenonah Juniors meet at 7 P.M. on the second Thursday of every month (except April, July and August) at the Mantua Community Center, 111 Mercer Ave., Sewell.

WENONAH LAKE

Although it's cold and wintery at the time this newsletter goes to print, to help get you in the warm weather mood, think about a Lake Membership for the 2010 summer season.

Enjoy the picnic and recreation area, rent the pavilion for a special event, or just cool off in the water and enjoy the beach.



In-Town and Out-of-Town Memberships and Beach Tags will be available in April.
Please call the borough office for more information at (856) 468-5228.

2009

Run/Walk for
Leukemia Research



Bradley's Buddies

Moving toward the cure

Submitted by Eileen Caraker

Thanks to all Bradley's Buddies supporters. Bradley's Buddies through your support donated \$20,000 to CHOP this year for Leukemia Research. Bradley's Buddies continues to support local families who have been diagnosed with childhood cancer including a 13 year old girl from Washington Twp battling a resistant lung tumor, a five year old girl with leukemia from Paulsboro and a six year old boy from Woodbury Hts with leukemia. Look for the Woman's Club blood drive in memory of Bradley this spring. Many thanks to the Lions Club and local families who donated red wagons filled with treats for children at CHOP that were donated this holiday. Get out and get running "team in training" for this years' run, Bradley's Buddies 5th annual run on Sunday September 26th 2010.

REMINDER

Please check the Borough 2010 Calendar
for
Guidelines and Collection Dates

Regarding

Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal
Bulk Leaf Collections
Branches for Chipping
Yard Waste

Wenonah to Mozambique – A Connection?

Submitted by Bob Bevilacqua

The Wenonah Learning Letter was right on target with the publication of "It's a Small World". Some of the children in a small African village called Massaca in Mozambique, are wearing Wenonah United tee-shirts, donated by the Rucci triplets and Gloucester Catholic shorts and tee-shirts donated by John Coleman. Although some of the clothing was used, it was received by the children as prized possessions.

In addition, classroom supplies, enough to fill a suitcase, of pencils, pens, chalk, magic markers and erasers generously donated by Chuck Forsman, Mary Ellen Bush and Rose Lore are currently being used at Mahabo Elementary School #14.

But a special thanks to Dr. Keith Wyckoff who completely filled a suitcase with various dental supplies of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. The dental supplies were delivered to the boys and girls orphanage of Massaca. It is extremely difficult to explain the happiness on the children's faces upon receiving these gifts.

These supplies were carried and hand delivered by Dan Bevilacqua, Sr., Dan Bevilacqua, Jr. and Bob Bevilacqua on a Habitat for Humanity trip to Africa. This was the third global trip for Dan Sr. (El Salvador, Portugal and Africa); the second for Bob (Portugal and Africa); and Dan Jr. has been to Vietnam, Portugal and Africa.

Yes "it's a small world", so if you visit Massaca and see some happy children wearing Wenonah United or Gloucester Catholic tee-shirts and smiling with their gleaming white teeth, it's because of a Wenonah to Mozambique connection

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Submitted by Scott Barnes



A black vulture waits patiently atop a Wenonah chimney.

Vulture Festival 2010

The fifth edition of the East Coast Vulture Festival is happening Saturday, March 6th! As usual, there are some brand new things to see and do throughout the day. From 1-3 PM, the free Children's Fair at the Community Center offers animal programs and vulture observation walks, among other activities. From 6:30 to 10 PM, the Evening Roost is jam packed with live animals, Native American drumming, singer-songwriter Jim Six, and more. For evening ticket information, visit us at www.EastCoastVultureFestival.org or call 468-6536; we're also now on Facebook and Twitter.

Other Upcoming Events

- **Five Mile Hike:** Saturday, February 6th at 1:00 PM. Beat the winter blues! This brisk walk covers most of Wenonah's trail system in about two hours. Meet near the railroad pedestrian bridge at North East Avenue and East Elm Street.
- **Spring Work Party:** Saturday, March 20th at 9:00 AM. For more details, visit www.WenonahEnvironmentalCommission.org in March.
- **Spring Hike:** Saturday, April 24th at 1:00 PM. This is a guided walk to see all the signs of spring in our local woods. For more details, visit our website in April.
- **Bird Quest:** Saturday, May 1st from 7 AM to noon. This is a team bird-spotting competition held throughout Gloucester County which is co-sponsored by the WEC. For more details, visit www.GCNatureClub.org in April.

Commission News

We would like to welcome **Tommy Lombardo** as our newest appointed commission member.

Thanks to **Mary Ellen Bush** for her term as a member, and for her ongoing efforts in organizing hikes for the young people of our community.

Friends of Wenonah Library Upcoming Events

Submitted by: Ellen O'Laughlin

Please look for the next big Friends' event - **Fool's Night Out!** As in years past, this event will be held on April Fools' Day, Thursday, April 1 at Wenonah Library. Please join us for a night of foolish stories and fun!

We will be holding a **Membership Drive** during National Libraries Week, April 11-17. Your membership dues will be used to benefit our library. Please help us continue to offer events like *Fools' Night Out* and *Spooky Story Night*. We are also hoping to purchase some furniture for the basement with the proceeds and other funds we have raised. If you would like to contribute now, please use the membership form included in this newsletter. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Please note that our monthly meeting has been changed to the fourth Thursday of each month. We invite everyone to come to our next meeting. We are looking for new members to generate fresh ideas for events, fundraising and other ways we can help our library fulfill its vital role as a center of literacy, culture and community spirit.

Annual Membership Dues	
Student/Senior.....	\$ 5
Individual.....	\$10
Family.....	\$15
Patron.....	\$25
Benefactor	\$50

Please return this form to:
Wenonah Library
101 East Mantua Avenue
Make your check out to:
Friends of Wenonah Library

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check below if you are interested in volunteering.

- I would like to help with Friends of Wenonah Library fundraising efforts
- I am interested in Friends of Wenonah Library social/cultural activities

Thank you for your support.

Home and School of Wenonah

Submitted by: Michelle Contarino

As we look forward to the warmer weather of springtime, Home and School also looks forward to many exciting events and activities! This March, our fourth through sixth graders will be presenting the play, "The Little Mermaid". The performances for the musical will be held during the week of March 24th. We invite you to treat yourself to a wonderful and entertaining show as you support the efforts of our very talented students and faculty. If you would like to purchase a ticket or need more information, please contact Susan Nicolle at 464-9193 or msnicolle@mindspring.com.

Soon we will be getting ready for two of our big events, the Scholastic Book Fair and our annual community event, the Ice Cream Social. The Book Fair will be held from March 22nd to the 26th. Our Ice Cream Social will take place on Monday, May 17th from 5-7:30 pm on the school grounds. Please see a local student for tickets. Amusement tickets will be sold at the event. We are looking forward to a night filled with fun, games, live outdoor music and more! Oh, and don't forget..delicious homemade baked goods and of course, ice cream! Please mark your calendars for these events.

A lot will be happening at our meetings over the next couple of months. In March we will present our budget for the 2010-2011 school year. At our April meeting we will vote on the budget and present our slate of officers for election. The positions open for election are President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. If you are interested in one of the open positions or know someone who is, please have all nominations in before the April meeting. Our May meeting will bring the election of our new officers for the 2010-2011 school year. The meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Media Center at the school. Certified babysitters are available during the meetings if you need childcare.

The students at Wenonah Elementary School have expressed overwhelming concern for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and would like to do their part to help. In addition to already collecting money and coins in the school, we are planning a community event to raise money for the cause. All funds raised will be donated to the American Red Cross for the people in need. Also, our school nurse, Mrs. DeMareo, is working with Cooper University Hospital's Haiti Relief Mission to collect used canes and crutches to be sent to Haiti for those in need. If you would like to make a donation or you have any of these items that you no longer need, please contact me at 468-1773 to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you!



Save the Date!

Saturday, April 24th

For the Annual Borough-Wide Yard Sale

The **Yard Sale Registration Form** is found on the following page.
Please call the borough office at 468-5228 if you have questions.



ANNUAL YARD SALE

The 13TH Annual Yard Sale will be held on
SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM
The Rain Date will be April 25TH

THE PROCEEDS FOR 2010 WILL BE GOING TO THE GIRL SCOUTS.

THE DONATION FEE IS \$10.00 * (Cash or Check)

To Register, please mail the Registration Form and Payment to:
Borough of Wenonah, PO Box 66
Or, you may drop them off at the Tax Office.

You will receive a placard which must be displayed on the day of the Yard Sale.

* We will run the newspaper ad for the yard sale.
The donation fee costs less than running your own ad.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Your address will be printed on the map and placard.

Please return this form by Wednesday, April 21st
to have your sale included on the map and street listing

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: **GIRL SCOUTS**

WENONAH LIONS CLUB

Submitted by: Ron Brining

The Wenonah Lions Club has been serving this Community since 1951 and its signature event is, undoubtedly, the 4th of July Parade which draws former residents, near and far. But the WLC does much more for the Community and for Mankind. We invite you, to turn a well-know line from the *Wizard of Oz*, to “pay attention to the man – or men - behind the curtain.”

The Lions Club was formed in Chicago in 1917 and has grown to become the world’s largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs. In 1925, while still searching for a specific philanthropic focus, the Lions were challenged by **Helen Keller** to become “*knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.*” We accepted.

Sight Projects: Our primary work, beyond other Community endeavors, is directed to our Sight Projects. Lions are often associated with our “White Cane” project - when we collect funds from the public for assisting those with vision problems.

Our “White Cane” drive will occur in April and is organized by Lion Doug Gehring. Please give generously when you see our Lions - your friends and neighbors - collecting at local shopping centers and supermarkets. Contact Lion Doug for specific locations – or to make a donation at any time. (468-2255)

Throughout the year, we collect used eye-glasses to be refurbished and given a new life – a life to bring sight to the vision impaired. There is a collection box in the lobby of the **Post Office**.

Springtime and the Bunny: a warm, bright, sunny day is forecasted for SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd by our close associate, the Easter Bunny. Again, the Park will be the place to be as brightly colored eggs – both plastic and real – will be seen peeking through the fresh, green grass and other awakening plant life. The coveted Golden Eggs will be among the vast array of vibrant and pastel colors and a special treat awaits the children who find them. And, the Big Bunny will make a special appearance, as the Lions in conjunction with the Police Department, distribute coconut eggs while the supply lasts. For more information, contact the Bunny’s chief helper, Lion Jim Navins. (468-0789)

Some of our **recent endeavors** for our Community included the seasonal **Decorating and Lighting of the Park Lamp Posts**, complementing the **Mayor’s Annual Holiday Tree Lighting** in December, which was attended by more than 100 residents. The event announced a time for Peace and Goodwill to our residents and those visiting or passing through our special town. And, the annual **Children’s Christmas Party** was enjoyed by more than 60 of our children - who received gifts - and their parents who gathered to spend some time enjoying a chance encounter with neighbors and friends. January saw Lions assisting in the **free** inoculation of approximately 100 cats and dogs – all within an hour and a half!

We extend a warm **welcome** to our new members: Tom Murtha, Jonathan Newcomb and Sean Tully.

**The Wenonah Historical Society presents...
Unlacing the Victorian Woman**

Submitted by Vicki McCall and Barbara Capelli

When a Victorian woman said she was going to dress for dinner, it may well have been her fourth change of clothes that day! And did you ever wonder what they wore **under** those fancy, cumbersome dresses? You can find out by attending **Unlacing the Victorian Woman**, presented by costume designer and historian Barbara Meyer Darlin at The Wenonah Historical Society Meeting on March 12, 2010

This popular program has been described as a one-woman fashion show, a social history lesson, a conceptual-performance/lecture, and a Victorian striptease. Call it what you will, **Unlacing the Victorian Woman** is a delightful performance that entertains and instills a contemporary reality to history. As she changes—onstage—into the outfits worn by a turn-of-the-century lady in a typical day, she shows the audience two typical ensembles for day wear, complete with all the unmentionables. Audience volunteers help lace the corset and hook the garments. Throughout the program, Ms. Darlin explains women's role in Victorian society, daily routines, and social customs and etiquette.

Ms. Darlin earned a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University, and has over 30 years experience in costuming for theater. She is a member of the Costume Society of America. She has been featured in the **Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine** and **Main Line Today**, and has spoken at museums, retirement communities, schools—elementary through college, historical societies, and women's organizations, drawing enthusiastic audience response.

Use the Form Below to Become a Member of the Historical Society

WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

Membership Benefits

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING
ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND
INFORMATION BY KNOWLEDGEABLE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO

AMOUNT PAID \$ CHECK _____ CASH _____

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

BRING FORM AND PAYMENT TO MEETING, OR MAIL.
WHS PO BOX 32, WENONAH, NJ 08090

Arthur J. Holeton Post 192, American Legion

Submitted by Douglas G. Gehring, Commander Post 192

The Post held its annual Veterans Day Dinner on November 7th with some 90 folks in attendance. We recognized especially the Vietnam Veterans and our main speaker was former Mayor Dale Taylor, who served as a Marine sergeant in Vietnam during the War. All those present indicated that it was a most enjoyable evening. Also, on Veterans Day, the Post paid its annual visit to the Wenonah Elementary School and joined in with the school Veterans Day program ably arranged by Administrator Frank Vogel and Music Director Trimble. As usual, the highlight of the Legion visit was the outstanding WW II memorabilia display by Legionnaire Bob Cassel, who recently turned 96 years young.

The Post recently moved back into the restored Community Center for its monthly meetings, and all agree the restoration work was a huge success. Much thanks are extended to Mayor, Council, and to Legionnaire Jack Sheppard who coordinated the work. At a recent meeting, Commander Gehring presented a program updating the Global Warming issue and, on Feb. 4th, Legionnaire Bob Bevilacqua will present a program on his work in Africa with the Habitant for Humanity organization.

Upcoming activities include the annual 5th and 6th grade Coloring Contest, spearheaded by Vice Commander Ed Hudson, and the annual Boys State program ably conducted by Chairman John Dominy and his committee. Also, we welcome Dr. Carl Wyckoff, a Vietnam veteran, into the fold. Carl joins his Son Dr. Keith as a Post member, and we are delighted to have a rare father and son combination as simultaneous Post members. For God and Country.

Shade Tree Commission

Submitted by Greg Shast

During the last quarter of 2009 the Commission Members awarded a contract to remove or prune 49 dead or hazardous trees at a total cost of \$7,600.00. The contract was completed by the end of December. Wenonah is still losing an ever-increasing number of trees due to Bacterial Leaf Scorch. At present, this disease has no known preventative.

We plan to purchase and plant 40, bare root trees this spring to coincide with the annual Arbor Day Observation. If you would like to have a tree planted in the "clear zone" in front of your home please contact one the Commission members. We could always use some help in the planting process. If you are interested, please contact Greg Shast. The planting period usually falls within the last week of March and the first two weeks of April.

The Federal Government has Business Stimulus Funds available to Shade Tree Commissions within New Jersey. We have applied for a \$7000.00 Grant. If successful, we will be able to contract with a nursery to plant approximately 30 to 35 trees. These additional trees would permit us to cover the current tree loss deficit. In the last five years we have removed more trees than we could replace.

This coming spring and summer the members will continue to develop a tree inventory for Wenonah. At the present time, we have completed an inventory of the South East quadrant of town.

Greg Shast 468-9692

Gary Odenbrett 468-2627

Ted Astorga 468-1688

Rob Raymond 609-502-7587

Greg Hack 468-7939

**Special Message from Wenonah Office of Emergency Management
Concerning Residents with Special Needs**

Submitted by Doug Raggio

Our Emergency Responders: Police, EMS, Firefighters, etc. request your assistance in identifying Borough residents with Special Needs. If you, a member of your family, a relative or friend have any Special Needs, please complete or assist someone in completing the form below or through the listed website. We understand the requested information is very sensitive in nature and we assure you that it will be kept strictly **CONFIDENTIAL**.

RESPONSES ARE NECESSARY SO WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO ALL DISABLED AND INFIRMED INDIVIDUALS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. PLEASE REGISTER DIRECTLY BY DIALING **2-1-1** OR ON THE WEB AT:
www.registerready.nj.gov

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO USE THE WEB OR CALL 2-1-1, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION VIA REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL TO THE ADDRESSES BELOW.

To: Wenonah Office of Emergency Management
1 South West Avenue
Wenonah, N.J. 08090
Attn: Doug Raggio, EM Coordinator
wenonah.oem@gmail.com

The Wenonah Resident listed below will require assistance in the event of emergency because of the following:
(Please Print)

<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Blind	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Dialysis
<input type="checkbox"/> Confined to bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic
<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> On home Oxygen
<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact name/Phone #: _____

Is there anything else we need to know about this household? _____

This information will be maintained in a **confidential** file only utilized by emergency response personnel. The files are maintained through the Wenonah Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey State Police. Responses are voluntary; however, we may not be able to provide the necessary service unless we have this information. Please feel free to contact Wenonah OEM if you have any additional questions at 856-681-0636.

Wenonah Library News

Submitted by Anne Zuber

If you haven't been into the library lately, you might not have seen the cool LEGO collection in the display case by the fireplace in the library. Courtesy of Wenonah resident Dan Navins, a display of beautifully assembled vintage LEGO is shown to commemorate the anniversary of LEGO this month. Recent displays have included a model aircraft collection, Native American artifacts, and antique postcards. Your collection could be shown next. Contact the library for more information. 468-6323

Don't forget to stop in to the library to check out our fabulous DVD collection. All the latest releases and many tried and true favorites are available to borrow at no cost. Stretch your entertainment dollars by borrowing movies from the library. Browse our collection at www.login-libraries.org.

During March we will be repeating our ever popular March Movie Madness event. Borrow any movie during March and have your name entered in a drawing for a treat package to enjoy with your movie. Prizes will be awarded each week throughout the month of March.

Did you know that as a Wenonah Library patron you have access to materials from all the public libraries in Gloucester County, plus Gloucester County and Salem Community College Libraries? Find what you'd like to borrow and have it sent to Wenonah Library by placing a Hold request online from the comfort of your home, any time of the day or night. We'll call you when the item arrives at Wenonah Library for pick up. Return it to us and we will return the item to the owning library. What could be easier? www.login-libraries.org.

Wenonah Public Library was awarded a \$3000.00 grant by the New Jersey State Library to develop a Graphic Novel Collection. All you former comic book collectors are invited to see what's new in the world of Anime and Manga at your local library.

There is a wonderful service called www.QandANJ.org. Mrs. Carol Murphy at Wenonah Elementary School recently demonstrated how to connect online to librarians standing by 24 hours a day to offer help answering your questions on all kinds of topics. In just a few moments, the 6th grade students were shown how the research librarian provided four different website sources of information about an endangered species of penguin that a student was researching. It was impressive. Also take advantage of www.homeworkhelpnj.org for free online tutors. Both of these services are provided by the New Jersey State Library and can be accessed through links on the Wenonah Public Library webpage www.wenonahlibrary.com.

The New Jersey State Library has compiled many useful websites to assist New Jersey residents with many difficult life situations brought on by these tough economic times. Have a look at the link on our webpage or go to <http://gethelp.njlibraries.org>.

Everyone is cutting back, including the IRS. Use the library internet access and printers to get your tax forms now available only through www.irs.gov. Take advantage of our low cost copier, only 10 cents per copy and free Wi-Fi Internet access.

Don't forget story time every Wednesday at 10 AM and 1 PM.

There is something for everyone at the Wenonah Public Library.

The library is open 6 days per week; Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 3-9 PM, Wednesday 9AM-9PM, Friday 1-5 PM, and Saturday 10 AM-2 PM.