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# TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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## *Introduction*

August will see us again host the Black Lives Matter-NJ Block Park which includes Back-To-School book bag and supplies distribution and much more. This year Imperfect Village, a harm reduction organization is cosponsoring. Read more inside.

In honor of our collaboration with BLM-NJ, the cover picture is a glance at the July BLM outreach in front of our building, where community members come together with BLM and us and get food and other items gratis.

The Communications Committee

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITMENT

It was more than 5 years ago in February, 2018 that the Community Investment Committee (CIC) first met. CIC came about as members of Trenton Meeting of Friends (Quakers) reflected on how the stock market and our endowment had risen, with the desire to invest some of these funds back into the community and to protect that amount from a downturn. A large sum, \$100,000, was taken out of our normal investments and set aside in a bank account for CIC distribution. With the Meeting's thoughtful approach, it took until 2022 to fully invest this amount. One of the special aspects of these gifts and investments is that we had the flexibility to include individuals and small businesses regardless of non-profit status, if we thought the money would make a major positive difference for local people. While we will have more detail on CIC in future newsletters, two of our first community partners who we assisted are mentioned below.

- - Generation Learning Center, a local pre-school startup, to speed up its opening and charitable mission by promptly completing the installation of its fire alarm system.
- - A precursor organization to Caver Hoop Skillz Elite, a kids' basketball and tutoring program that needed a new floor to continue.

It has been a privilege for members to participate in making these meaningful investments.

## Generation Learning Center

All Day K-6 Academic Support

All Day Preschool

After Care

Before Care

Summer Care

Hours

7:30 am-5:30 pm Preschool

8:00 am-3:30 pm School age program

Private pay or Childcare subsidy accepted

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# BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

The Meetinghouse grounds and N. Montgomery St from Academy to Wood Streets will be the scene again this year for the large and popular Back 2 School Block Party. Sponsored by BLM-NJ and Imperfect Village with support from our Meeting, Isles and other Old Trenton Neighborhood groups, there will be a large backpack and school supplies give away, food, games, music and more.

Preparations will begin at 10 am and volunteer Friends from other meetings are very welcome to join us as we help prepare the grounds and meetinghouse for the event and assist BLM throughout the event. Additionally, on Thursday 8/17 there will be a large effort at the Meetinghouse to prepare the backpacks and school supplies at which Friends are VERY welcome to help.



## SUPPORTING

Check or Money Order can be sent to  
Trenton Meeting of Friends  
PO Box 8  
Trenton, NJ 08601

Scanning the QR Code will link you to PayPal for the Meeting to make an on online donation, or from paypal.com "send" your donation to trentonquakers@gmail.com



## Trenton Quakers

Tue Aug 1, 2023

**4:30pm - 5:30pm CMW Committee**

Where: 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Fri Aug 4, 2023

**4:30pm - 6pm Property & Funds Committee**

Where: Zoom

Sat Aug 5, 2023

**12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

Sun Aug 6, 2023

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

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

**11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Forum**

Where: Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Sat Aug 12, 2023

**10am - 11am Mindfulness with Djenaba**

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

**12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

Sun Aug 13, 2023

**9am - 10am Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

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

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

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

Thu Aug 17, 2023

**3:30pm - 4:30pm TCNJ Spiritual Life Zoom call**

Calendar: harrism@tcnj.edu

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Going? Yes

Sat Aug 19, 2023

**9am - 5pm Block Party - BLM/Isles/Chosen Generation, etc (setup and event)**

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

**12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

Sun Aug 20, 2023

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

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

Sat Aug 26, 2023

**12:30pm - 2pm Piano lessons at Meetinghouse**

Sun Aug 27, 2023

**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

Thu Aug 31, 2023

**4pm - 8pm Orchid House Cafe Grand Opening**

Where: 134 E Hanover St Trenton, NJ, United States