

TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



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In May, for a few hours, this 2200 pound bronze statue of Harriet Tubman was in front of our Meetinghouse. The statue showing her leading her niece to freedom is traveling with #FreedomWalk2026. (page 2)

For the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Trenton has many programs and activities. Trenton Quaker Meetinghouse is a part of that history and those activities. (page 4)

Our monthly “Love As Action” vigils continue in June. (Page 4)



**DO NOT BE DAUNTED BY THE ENORMITY OF THE WORLD'S GRIEF
DO JUSTLY, NOW.
LOVE MERCY, NOW
WALK HUMBLLY, NOW.
YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO COMPLETE THE WORK,
BUT NEITHER ARE YOU FREE TO ABANDON IT.
-Rabbi Rami Shapiro**



HARRIET TUBMAN



Freedom Walk 2026 (see <https://www.menare.org/freedomwalk2026-about>) is a retracing of an underground railroad route such as Harriet Tubman used to bring folks to freedom in Canada. This solo journey was undertaken by historian Anthony Cohen in 1996, and this year he is reprising the walk. Accompanying him at stops along the way is this very impressive statue. A solid bronze statue, it is bolted to a trailer and pulled by a pickup truck. It was at Burlington Meetinghouse and Conference Center for a program featuring Mr. Cohen and others talking about the underground railroad. To our great pleasure, they drove it up to Trenton for a few hour stay in front of the Meetinghouse. Because of the school across the street, students, teachers and staff were able to see it and read the plaques about Harriet Tubman and learn about the underground railroad. Many neighbors and passers-by were delighted and awed by it.

FREE SALE(S) IN MAY



In May we were able to have an extra Free Sale. There continue to be many items donated by Meeting people and several other sources. Pictures show the beginning of the May 31 Free Sale, and what was left after a couple of hours!

LOSING A SHADE TREE

For a century or more, a maple tree has given shade and beauty to the front edge of the burial ground. In the picture from early in the 20th Century you can see the young maple on the far left. Next to it is a picture from last year when a large branch came down. Other branches had fallen onto the sidewalk on the other side of our fence. The tree was examined and determined to be at the end of its life and a hazzard to us and passers-by.

This month, the tree was removed.

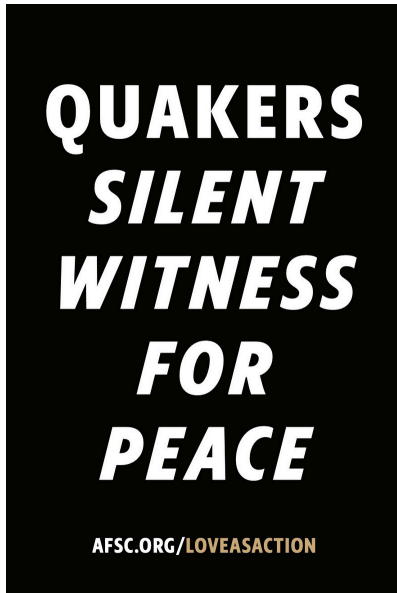


At the same time, the tree people used a very tall lift to trim the sycamore between the Meetinghouse and the neighboring building, formerly the YWCA. It was overhanging our roof and regularly clogging our eyes, and badly in need of a “hair cut”.

A NOTE ABOUT MEETING VITALITY

This may interest Friends at a distance and friends who are just getting to know Trenton Meeting. We are happy to say that Trenton Meeting is continuing to grow in vitality. We are growing as folks from Trenton and communities nearby are joining in worshipping, volunteering and leading the way into a vibrant future.

LOVE AS ACTION



Each month since the start of the year, Trenton and Princeton Meetings have participated in the call from American Friends Service Committee to hold vigils in resistance to the rising authoritarianism we see in our country. On June 20th at 1 pm we will gather at Princeton Meeting and stand together at the street, making our commitment to peace, justice and democracy visible.



There are these five ongoing events at the Meeting this month.

- Prayers and Meditation for Peace, June 13 at 10:15 am.
- Free Sale June 20 at 11 am.
- Love As Action (AFSC) with Princeton on June 20 at 1 pm at Princeton Meeting, 470 Quaker Road, Princeton.
- Arm In Arm food bag distribution every Tuesday morning (except June 30).
- Black Lives Matter community outreach June 27.

AMERICA 250 EVENTS - HERITAGE WEEK

As Trenton and the country mark 250 years since the Declaration of Independence, Trenton Meeting and our historic Meetinghouse will be involved. With a signer of the Declaration interred in our burial ground, and the history of occupation of the Meetinghouse during the war for independence, we expect people will visit us.

- The Meetinghouse will be open for visitors on July 6 and 7.
- On those days, Fred Millner will present his talk about Quakers in those times and Marc McKithen will lead a walking tour of Trenton's historic sites starting at the Meetinghouse.
- We will be participating in the Trenton Independence Day parade on July 4th and will have a presence at the city's Multicultural Festival that afternoon at Mill Hill Park.
- Sometime during Heritage Week we hope to host the Solidarity Singers for a concert and sing-along at the Meetinghouse.

Keep abreast of details at trentonquakers.org.

Events

Tuesday, June 2

- Events
- 8:45A M to 12:15P M Arm in Arm Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 3

- No Entry

Thursday, June 4

- No Entry

Friday, June 5

- No Entry

Saturday, June 6

- No Entry

Sunday, June 7

- Events
- 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30A M to 12:30P M Patriots Week Comm
- 2:00P M to 3:00P M Religious Educaation Committee

Monday, June 8

- No Entry

Tuesday, June 9

- Events
- 8:30A M to 12:15P M Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, June 10

- No Entry

Thursday, June 11

- No Entry

Friday, June 12

- No Entry

Saturday, June 13

- Events
- 10:15A M to 11:00A M Prayers For Peace
- 11:30A M to 1:00P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, June 14

- Events
- 9:00A M to 10:00A M Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608
- 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship
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Monday, June 15

- No Entry

Tuesday, June 16

- Events
- 8:45A M to 12:30P M Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, June 17

- No Entry

Thursday, June 18

- No Entry

Friday, June 19

- No Entry

Saturday, June 20

- Events
- 11:00A M to 1:00P M Free Sale
- 11:30A M to 1:00P M Piano lessons at Meetinghouse
- 1:00P M to 2:00P M Love As Action vigil
Location: Princeton Friends Meeting
470 Quaker Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540, United States

Sunday, June 21

- Events
- 10:00A M to 12:30P M Burlington Quarterly Meeting
- 10:00A M to 11:00A M Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30A M to 12:30P M Social Sunday

Monday, June 22

- No Entry

Tuesday, June 23

- Events
- 8:45A M to 12:30P M Arm in Arm Food distribution

Wednesday, June 24

Events

● No Entry

Thursday, June 25

● No Entry

Friday, June 26

● No Entry

Saturday, June 27

● Events

- 9:00AM to 4:00PM BLM Spaghetti prep and distro
Location: Trenton Meeting of Friends, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:30AM to 1:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

Sunday, June 28

● Events

- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:00AM to 12:30PM Meeting clean up

Monday, June 29

● Events

- 7:00PM to 8:00PM Peace and Social Concerns

Tuesday, June 30

● No Entry

Wednesday, July 1

● No Entry

Thursday, July 2

● No Entry

Friday, July 3

● No Entry

Saturday, July 4

● Events

- 11:30AM to 12:30PM Meeting participates in Trenton July 4th parade
Location: City Hall to Battle Monument
- 12:30PM to 3:30PM Tabling and participation in Democracy Day Multicultural Festival
Location: Mill Hill Park
300 Market St, Trenton, NJ 08611, United States

Sunday, July 5

● Events

- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship
Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

Monday, July 6

● Events

- 9:00AM to 2:00PM Open House for Heritage Week
- 9:30AM to 10:30AM Quakers! Choose a Side
- 11:00AM to 12:00PM Trenton 1776: A Colonial Town Caught in the Revolution
Location: walking tour
- 2:00PM to 3:00PM Quakers! Choose a Side
- 7:00PM to 8:30PM Property & Funds
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Tuesday, July 7

● Events

- 8:45AM to 12:15PM Arm in Arm Food Distribution
Location: Relocated to lot behind the Meetinghouse
- 9:00AM to 2:00PM Open House for Heritage Week
- 11:00AM to 12:00PM Trenton 1776: A Colonial Town Caught in the Revolution
Location: walking tour
- 2:00PM to 3:00PM Quakers! Choose a Side

Wednesday, July 8

● No Entry

Thursday, July 9

● No Entry

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