IN YOUR COMMU LOCAL BUSINES		OS REAL ESTATE	RENTALS	CLASSIFIEDS	OBITUARIES	FIND N SARVEACE AN AD
	Powered by: () New J	ersev	18° y I Satellite	Search		Sign in I Join
N.J. NEWS	LOCAL NEWS	N.J. POLITICS	SPORTS	H.S. SPORTS	brought to	ø



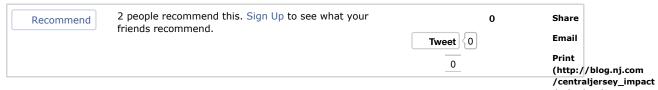
Home (http://www.nj.com) > Mercer County (http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/)

Trenton picnic's message: Fire grills, not guns

Published: Saturday, August 28, 2010, 9:38 PM Updated: Saturday, August 28, 2010, 9:43 PM

(http://connect.nj.com/user/njotwriter/index.html)

By Times Staff Writer (http://connect.nj.com/user/njotwriter/index.html) <u>Follow</u>





By Giri Nathan SPECIAL TO THE T(print_html?entry= 72010/08 TRENTON — The city has seen sorrenton_picnics_message_ horrific crimes in recent months, but yesterday at the park it was all hula hoops and face paint and sizzling burgers.

Hundreds of families rallied to "End the Violence," gathering at Cadwalader Park for an old-time cookout. The event was sponsored by Fathers and Men United for a Better Trenton in partnership with the Trenton Police Department.

"We want the kids to see how we used

Mary Iuvone/For the Times Four-year-old Bedees Tweh of Trenton gets a hot dog from Sherman McGilberry, a member of Fathers and Men United for a Better Trenton, during the fourth annual Community Day to End Violence, held at Cadwalader Park Saturday. to do it back in the day," said Wayne Council, co-founder of Fathers and Men United. "We want people to see, this is love."

Aside from providing a safe and fun day of play, the event also prepared children for the upcoming school year. Free bookbags, calculators, pencils and markers were distributed, said Lee Hood, treasurer of the organization.

Council estimated that around 2,000 people would attend the rally, now in its fourth year, to enjoy the barbecue, live music, sack races and a basketball tournament.

"We want them shooting the ball, not shooting the guns," Council added.

Council said he has personally seen change in the community since he started the organization.

"There's a stereotype: Every time people get together, there's some shooting or fighting going on. This has been going for four years, and not one incident," he said.

Co-founder Raymond Young said he saw the event as a way to reach back to simpler times and present a place for "kids to be who they are" without worrying about the threat of gangs.

"If we could save just one, we've done our job," said Young. He hoped that kids would see the cookout as a "reward" for hard work in school.

"Some teachers said that because of this event, the school year gets off to a good start," said Jason Rogers, chairperson of Fathers and Men United.

Fathers and Men United also does work outside the annual rally, and it's not limited to younger children. Council said his organization seeks to be a presence in the Trenton community, "visible, not invisible," open to people of all ages and races. In the past, members of the organization have visited prisons and mentored gang members — some of whom dubbed Council "Uncle Count."

The organization operates through love, he said: "These are all our children. How can you be scared of your own children?"

Inappropriate post? Alert us. **Sponsored Links astwnfalduo ጫ**ጫt (http://blog.nj.com Share this story /sha/ecoph/23da/bit0p/stt0p/ttp2/cfalt248ttpd?u=http /centraljersey_instafy tools Email %3AP%20Fv%.wjwadvadvjt/taputive3.AP%c20Fm /print.html?entry=/2010/08 %2F/maavc/ajper/ac2/A2/5721Ras2Fw/w2Finglepas/822PiF2/0488 %22#06862E896982#2_08082#089%s2Egte_fiten_gpitcnit%_2 /indexister / indexister / indexister / indexister / index.ssf%2F2010%2F08%2Ftrenton_picnics_message_ /2010//208100/09/2019/0/2009/62009/62009/62009/620000385%20message Previous story /trent/tr Next story Method Story Next story proliferation of religious symbols 20 Fire % 20 grills (http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf20not%20/frenton_tutors_defend_selves_a.html#incart_mrt) /2010/08 /atheist_group_says_messages_co.html#incart_mrt)

Comments (0)

You must be logged in to comment	Sign in with your nj.com or Facebook account (https://signup.nj		
Type your comment here	%2Fwww.nj.com%2Fmercer%2Findex.ssf%2F	2010%2F	08%2Ftrenton_
		Post	

Sort By: Most Recent

pause live updates

There are no comments on this story yet.



/RealMedia/ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com /mercer/article/L17/1675245377 /SecSponsor/NJONLINE /NJLottery27_NJ_RoS_SecSpon /ew01407k.html /6e317632366c436e7665384141797a49)

AdChoices 🕟



(http://ads.nj.com/RealMedia

/ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com/mercer /article/L17/1696013410/RectangleBelow /NJONLINE/Geico05_NJ_RoS_Rect /motorcyclerectangle.jpg /6e317632366c436e7665384141797a49)

Connect with NJ.com What's this?

(http://ww/**httfax/e/tov(littinuso/**//ip(**http://ww/http://w**/// /NJ.com) /njdotcom/103270407553/0392/018549/ device)

> All Facebook & Twitter accounts » (http://www.nj.com/connect)

Recommendations					
Sign Up Create an account or log in to see what your friends are recommending.					
Christie calls Romney comments 'divisive,' urges GOP to move past election 247 people recommended this.					
Hoboken streets closed after official says building being demolished could collapse 56 people recommended this.	building being demolished could collapse				
Washington Township police officer who arrested Assemblyman Moriarty for DWI suspended					
26 people recommended this.					
Facebook social plugin					

From Our Advertisers

• Get Giant Savings on a New Hyundai at Brad Benson Hyundai (http://ads.nj.com /RealMedia/ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com /mercer/article/L17/456137157/TxtLink1 /NJONLINE/BradBen07_NJ_RoS_Text /glr17408.html /6e317632366c436e7665384141797a49)

Click to a smarter way to buy a car (http://ads.nj.com/RealMedia /ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com/mercer /article/L17/2014399487/TxtLink2 /NJONLINE/AutoLend03_NJ_RoS_Text /044323.html /6e317632366c436e7665384141797a49)
Financial Resources FCU: Ditch your bank for a Credit Union (http://ads.nj.com /RealMedia/ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com /mercer/article/L17/713184835/TxtLink3 /NJONLINE/FRFCU05_NJ_RoS_Text /FrankMut_Text01.html /6e317632366c436e7665384141797a49)

Advertise With Us » (http://www.nj.com /mediakit/)

Popular Tags

What's this?

bordentown-township (http://topics.nj.com/tag/bordentown-township /index.html) chris-christie (http://topics.nj.com/tag/chrischristie/index.html) east-windsor (http://topics.nj.com/tag/eastwindsor/index.html) ewing (http://topics.nj.com /tag/ewing/index.html) hamilton-mercer-county (http://topics.nj.com /tag/hamilton-mercer-county /index.html) hightstown (http://topics.nj.com/tag/hightstown /index.html) hopewell-townshipmercer-county (http://topics.nj.com /tag/hopewell-township-mercercounty/index.html) lambertville (http://topics.nj.com/tag/lambertville /index.html) lawrence-mercer-county

(http://topics.nj.com/tag/lawrencemercer-county/index.html) mercercounty-prosecutors-office (http://topics.nj.com/tag/mercercounty-prosecutors-office/index.html) newark (http://topics.nj.com/tag/newark /index.html) nj-weather (http://topics.nj.com /tag/nj-weather/index.html) pennington (http://topics.nj.com/tag/pennington /index.html) plainsboro (http://topics.nj.com/tag/plainsboro /index.html) princeton-borough (http://topics.nj.com/tag/princetonborough/index.html) princetontownship (http://topics.nj.com /tag/princeton-township/index.html) princeton-university (http://topics.nj.com/tag/princetonuniversity/index.html) robbinsville (http://topics.nj.com/tag/robbinsville /index.html) tony-mack (http://topics.nj.com/tag/tonymack/index.html) trenton (http://topics.nj.com /tag/trenton/index.html) trenton-city-council (http://topics.nj.com/tag/trentoncity-council/index.html) trentonfire-department (http://topics.nj.com /tag/trenton-fire-department /index.html) trenton-police (http://topics.nj.com

/tag/trenton-police/index.html) trenton-school-district (http://topics.nj.com /tag/trenton-school-district/index.html) west-windsor (http://topics.nj.com /tag/west-windsor/index.html)



About Us About NJ.com Jobs at NJ.com (http://www.nj.com (http://jobs.nj.com /aboutus/) /careers/company

NJ.com Sections

N.J. NewsShore(http://www.nj.com(http://www.nj.com/news/)/shore/)Local NewsObituaries(http://www.nj.com(http://www.nj.com/local/)/obituaries/)

Newspaper stories and photos

The Star-Ledger (http://www.nj.com /starledger/) | Subscribe (http://ads.advance.net/RealMedia /ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com ////ProxyLink/NJONLINE/CLICK_NJ10 /SubLedgeClick.html/)

Advertise with us	/detail/id/134004)	N.J. Politics	Jobs	The Times of Trenton
(http://www.nj.com	Newsletters	(http://www.nj.com	(http://www.nj.com	(http://www.nj.com/times/) Subscribe
/advertise/)	(http://update.nj.com	/politics/)	/jobs/)	(http://ads.advance.net/RealMedia
Contact Us	/adv_nj/newsletters	Sports	Autos	/ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com
(http://www.nj.com	/nj/subscribe.htm)	(http://www.nj.com	(http://autos.nj.com/)	/////ProxyLink/NJONLINE/CLICK_NJ10
/contactus/)	RSS feeds	/sports/)	Real Estate	/SubTimesClick.html/)
	(http://www.nj.com	High School Sports	(http://realestate.nj.co	m/)he Jersey Journal (http://www.nj.com
	/rss/)	(http://highschoolsp	o Bresstrajiscom/)	/jjournal/) Subscribe
		Entertainment	(http://realestate.nj.co	m(http://ads.advance.net/RealMedia
		(http://www.nj.com	/for-rent/)	/ads/click_lx.ads/www.nj.com
		/entertainment/)	Classifieds	/////ProxyLink/NJONLINE/CLICK_NJ10
More on NJ.co	om	Living	(http://classifieds.nj.co	m/\$ubJournalClick.html/)
Interact	Search	(http://www.nj.com	Shopping Good	South Jersey Times (http://www.nj.com
(http://www.nj.com	(http://search.nj.com/)	/living/)	Deals	/southjerseytimes/) Subscribe
/interact/)	Place an ad	Business	(http://findnsave.nj.com	m/[http://www.nj.com/sjtsubscribe)
Weather	(http://www.nj.com	(http://www.nj.com	Local Businesses	Hunterdon County Democrat
(http://www.nj.com		/business/)	(http://businessfinder.r	nj. (#utp/) /www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-
/weather/)	Sell your car	Opinion	Special Sections	democrat/)
Blogs	(http://www.nj.com	(http://www.nj.com	(http://sections.nj.com	The Messenger-Gazette
(http://www.nj.com	/placead/)	/opinion/)	/SS/Tiles2.aspx)	(http://www.nj.com/messenger-gazette/)
/blogs/)	Sell/rent your home	Inside Jersey		The Warren Reporter (http://www.nj.com
Premium Blogs	(http://www.nj.com	(http://www.nj.com		/warrenreporter/)
(http://www.nj.com	/placead/)	/inside-jersey)		Independent Press (http://www.nj.com
/blogs/premium/)	Post a job			/independentpress/)
Site map	(http://www.nj.com			Suburban News (http://www.nj.com
(http://www.nj.com	/jobs/products		TT	/suburbannews/)
/siteindex/)	/index.ssf)	Contribute to I	NJ.com	Cranford Chronicle (http://www.nj.com
Claim your free	Post a free	Become a blogger	Forums	/cranford/)
business listing	classified ad	(http://www.nj.com	(http://www.nj.com	Learn more about our newspapers
(http://mymarketpla	o(baton//w.tvavidiacrom	/contribute	/forums/)	(http://www.nj.com/newspapers/)
/registration	/classifieds/free/)	/index.ssf/2010/03	Register for free	
/default.aspx?_act=	- DAippartanyoSents &	/be_a_blogger_on_i	n jeidim<u>N</u>I.letomi)	
_con=Claim%20Your%20Listing.html&		Submit your photos (https://signup.nj.com		N. T. 1 '1
_ 0		m(http://photos.nj.com/register/)		Mobile
bl=&src=categories)/for-rent)		/photogallery	Submit an event	Mobile site (http://mobile.nj.com/)
		/upload.html)	(http://www.nj.com	iPhone, Android apps
		Submit your videos	/myevent/)	(http://www.nj.com/mobile-device/)
	I	(http://videos.nj.cor	n	Tablet apps (http://www.nj.com/mobile-
		/upload.html)		device/)

Follow Us

Twitter Facebook (https://twitter(bttp://www.facebook.com /njdotconh) /NJ.com)

/njdotconți) /NJ.com) Google+

(https://plus.google.com

/u/0/b

/1032704076368884188549 /10327040763688867185489quare.com

/posts) | /njdotcom)



(http://www.advancedigital.com/)

Registration on or use of this site constitutes acceptance of our **User Agreement (http://www.nj.com** /useragreement/) and **Privacy Policy (http://www.nj.com/privacypolicy/)** (Revised November 1, 2011)

© 2012 New Jersey On-Line LLC. All rights reserved (About Us (http://www.nj.com/aboutus/)). The material on this site may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, cached or otherwise used, except with the prior written permission of New Jersey On-Line LLC.

Community Rules (http://www.nj.com/forums/index.ssf?rules.html) apply to all content you upload or otherwise submit to this site. Contact interactivity management. (http://www.nj.com/contactus/interactivity.ssf)

Ad Choices (http://www.advance.net/advancedigitalUserAgreementPP/#opt_out)