



# NAACP

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## Voters Head to the Polls



On November 2, New Jersey voters head to the polls to elect a governor, lieutenant governor and 120 members of the two state legislative chambers. All New Jersey voters are allowed to vote absentee; the deadline to apply by mail for a vote-by-mail ballot is Tuesday, October 26.

For more voter information, visit [gdvnaacp.org](http://gdvnaacp.org)

Do we have your correct email address?  
Please send to the Branch Secretary  
[dotrose1230@comcast.net](mailto:dotrose1230@comcast.net)

**NJ VACCINE REGISTRATION**  
1-855-568-0545

## Branch joins the 5K Breast Cancer Victory Walk



During the Walk branch members will hold a Voter Registration Drive to capture last minute Pemberton Township residents who have not registered.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY NJ POLICE EXPERIENCE SURVEY NAACP

The Southern Burlington County, Willingboro & Vicinity and Greater Delaware Valley Branches of the NAACP are collaborating on a Police Experience Survey. This survey will provide an up-to-date account of the relations between residents and their police departments.

*Marcus Sibley*, president of the Southern Burlington County Branch said So many people speak about issues with police, but now there's an anonymous survey where everyone can let their voice be heard.

*Will Weston*, first vice president of the Willingboro and Vicinity Branch, said he hopes the combined effort of the three organizations can get people to respond and make a great impact.

*Rhonda Sessions*, Greater Delaware Valley's first vice president said, We are advocating for adequate funding for the recruitment of more diverse police departments. With the help and unanimous support of all the NAACP Burlington County branches, this survey provides a way for the voices of the black and brown communities to be heard loud and clear.

The survey comes on the heels of the police response to the arrest of Mount Laurel hate-crime suspect Edward Cagney Mathews in July. Numerous African American neighbors said Mathews had allegedly harassed them for years and police took little action until a video of him on social media went viral.

**Visit the Branch Website to take the Survey [gdvnaacp.org](http://gdvnaacp.org)**

## New Jersey State Conference Celebrates Two Day Convention

New Jersey State Conference conducted a two-day virtual convention September 18-19 with a variety of informational topics and panel discussions. *Making a Case for Reparations* was the topic of the dynamic Keynote Speaker, Nkechi Taifa, Esq.

President - Edwina Sessions, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Rhonda Sessions, and Member- Yeta Markham-Phillips were the branch delegates There will be a delegate's report at the October branch meeting.

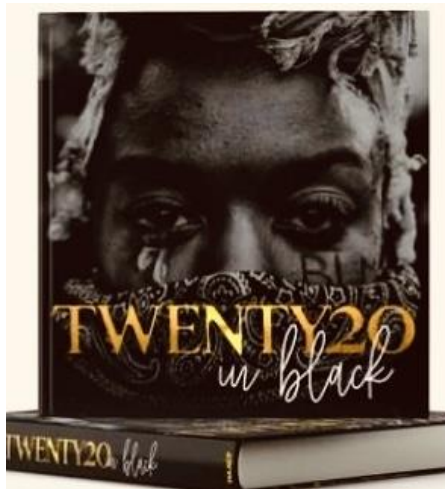
**Congratulations to Bergen County on being selected Branch of the Year.**

### State Election Results

President-Richard Smith, VP-Bruce Morgan,  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Crystal Charley-Sibley. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Vanessa Brown,  
Secretary-Vivian Dukes, Assistant Secretary-Kyra Price  
& Treasurer-LaTanya Nelson



# READING NOOK



A year unlike any other, 2020 brought a public health crisis, a national reckoning on racism, and a pivotal election. At the center of it all - the Black experience. *Twenty20 in Black* is a powerful visual time capsule of 2020. Published by NAACP/The Crisis Publishing Company, this hardbound book documents the news and events of 2020 through stunning photographs and images. It gives voice to not only the pain and anger of a unique time in history, but the joy and resilience of communities across the country and around the world.

In the tradition of *The Black Book* by Toni Morrison and Middleton A. Harris, first published in 1974, now in its 35th edition, and Brian Lanker's, *I Dream a World* in 1989. We hope this book joins those, sharpening vivid memories of something we all went through together.

NAACP/The Crisis Publishing Company  
4805 Mt. Hope Dr Baltimore, MD 21215

### Write your Congressman!

Urgent need to pass the **John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act** so that all

of us - no matter our color, zip code, or income - have an equal say in our democracy



## Freedom Fund Committee Community Yard Sale

As discussed at our monthly meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021; the Freedom Fund Committee will coordinate with the Willingboro Recreation Department to join a Fall Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Please search your household for items of which you may no longer use. This is an opportunity for fundraising. All monies will be deposited into the GDV-NAACP treasury. The Yard Sale will be held in the Kennedy Center main Gym from 8:30am to 2:00pm. You will be required to bring your items to the Kennedy Center Gym and remove your items at the end of the day. All items must be priced in advance. An email describing your items would be appreciated: [edwinasessons@comcast.net](mailto:edwinasessons@comcast.net).

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Burlington County, New Jersey

**Community YARD SALE**

**Saturday October 16, 2021**

Kennedy Center  
429 JFK Way  
Willingboro, NJ 08046

8:30am-2:30pm  
for more info please contact  
(609) 735-0636  
[edwinasessons@comcast.net](mailto:edwinasessons@comcast.net)  
GDV volunteers needed

### COVID-19 UPDATE

## THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PFIZER BOOSTER SHOT:

- **People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings**
- **People age 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions**
- **People age 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions based on their individual benefits and risks**
- **People age 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings, including healthcare workers, based on their individual benefits and risks**

To find a vaccination site near you, visit [covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine)



GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

## Elected Officials in the GDV-NAACP Jurisdiction

### Bordentown City

Mayor - Jennifer Sciortino - [jsciortino@cityofbordentown.com](mailto:jsciortino@cityofbordentown.com)

### Bordentown Township

Mayor - Steve Benowitz - [s.benowitz@bordentowntwp.org](mailto:s.benowitz@bordentowntwp.org)  
Committeeman - Eugene Fuzy - [e.fuzy@bordentowntwp.org](mailto:e.fuzy@bordentowntwp.org)  
Committeewoman - Aneka Miller - [a.miller@bordentowntwp.org](mailto:a.miller@bordentowntwp.org)

### Chesterfield

Mayor - Jeremy Liedtka - 609-298-2311 (no email available)  
Committeeman - Mike Russo - (no email available)  
Committeeman - Lido Panfil - (no email available)

### Mansfield Township

Mayor - Michael Magee - [mmagee@mansfieldtwp.com](mailto:mmagee@mansfieldtwp.com)  
Committeeman - Robert Higgins - [rhiggins@mansfieldtwp.com](mailto:rhiggins@mansfieldtwp.com)  
Committeeman - Daniel Golenda - [dgolenda@mansfieldtwp.com](mailto:dgolenda@mansfieldtwp.com)

### Fieldsboro

Mayor - Edward Tyler - 609-298-6344 (no email available)

### Springfield Township

[www.springfieldtownshipnj.org](http://www.springfieldtownshipnj.org) 609-723-2464

### New Hanover Township

Mayor - Paul Peteria  
Committeeman - Dennis Roohr  
Committeeman - Patrick Murphy  
Committeeman - Nicholas Pawlyzyn  
[clerk@newhanovertwp.com](mailto:clerk@newhanovertwp.com)

### North Hanover Township

Mayor - Christopher Doyle - [cdoyle@northhanovertwp.com](mailto:cdoyle@northhanovertwp.com)  
[www.northhanovertwp.com](http://www.northhanovertwp.com) - website - 609-758-2522

### Wrightstown Borough

Mayor - Thomas E. Harper (no emails available)  
Councilman - David Timberman  
Councilman - William Bird, Jr

### Southampton Township

[www.southampton.org](http://www.southampton.org) 609-859-2736

### Woodland Township

Township Clerk - Maryalice Brown  
- [mbrown@woodlandtownship.org](mailto:mbrown@woodlandtownship.org)  
Mayor and Committeeman - William DeGroff - [wdegroff@woodlandtownship.org](mailto:wdegroff@woodlandtownship.org)  
Committeeman - Mark Herndon  
- [mherndon@woodlandtownship.org](mailto:mherndon@woodlandtownship.org)  
Committeeman - Derrick Daniels - [ddaniels@woodlandtownship.org](mailto:ddaniels@woodlandtownship.org)

### Pemberton Borough

Mayor - Harold Griffin -  
Councilwoman - Bonnie Haines  
Councilman - Cliff Rutherford  
Councilman - Robert Brock  
Councilman - Terry Jerome

### Pemberton Rowship

Mayor - David Patriarca - [dpatriarca@pemberton-twp.com](mailto:dpatriarca@pemberton-twp.com)  
Councilman - Jason Allen - [jallen@pemberton-twp.com](mailto:jallen@pemberton-twp.com)  
Councilwoman - Gaye Burton - [gburton@pemberton-twp.com](mailto:gburton@pemberton-twp.com)  
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Councilman - Paul Detrick - [pdetrick@pemberton-twp.com](mailto:pdetrick@pemberton-twp.com)  
Councilman - Donovan Gardner - [dgardner@pemberton-twp.com](mailto:dgardner@pemberton-twp.com)