

Community Day 'kind of a tradition'

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There's no denying the 4th of July is a big holiday, but for a lot of people in the area, it's the Sunday after when Pennington Community Day is held in Perkasee and Sellersville's Lenape Park that the real community get-together and celebration is held.

"It's gonna be a fun day, kind of a tradition now," Thomas Skiffington, president of Pennington Community Day, said.

The day includes "a lot of activities for the kids" and "lots of food," he said.

Activities start at noon at the Sellersville Veteran's Monument with flag raising, opening ceremonies and awards presentations including the Community Day Essay Contest winners and the Citizen of the Year.

This year's Citizen of the Year is David Hetherington, who this week was in New York City visiting his new twin granddaughters.

"We briefly calculated that Dave had probably facilitated about \$250 million dollars worth of loans to at least 2,500 families and businesses during his time at First Savings Bank of Perkasee," Skiffington wrote in emailed information. "He was by far the most prolific lender on staff during his career as the head of residential lending here."

Highlights of Community Day include the canoe races, which run 1 to 5 p.m. and are immediately followed by the Perkasee Borough Parks and Recreation's Lucky Ducky Derby, in which rubber ducks are raced in the East Branch Perkiomen Creek from the boat launch to the Twin Bridges.

The first prize winner in the ducky race takes home \$100, with \$75 going for second place, \$50 for third place and \$25 to those with ducks finishing fourth through ninth. Tickets for the numbered ducks are \$3 each or two for \$5.

The Baby Parade, sponsored by Pennington Chamber of Commerce, will be at 1 p.m. Perkasee Carousel is open noon to 8 p.m. The watermelon eating contest, sponsored by RE/MAX 440/Central, will be at 4:30 p.m. Water battles and tug of wars between Pennington fire companies start at 6 p.m. The God & Patriotic Concert, featuring the First Baptist Church Choir, is at 6:30 p.m. The day-ending fireworks begin about 9:15 p.m.

A full schedule and other information about Pennington Community Day is available at <http://pennington-communityday.org>.

The fireworks draw the largest

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group of spectators at one time during the day, but several other activities also pull in a crowd and if the combined count were taken, would likely total more than those at the fireworks, Skiffington said.

"I bet you if you added them up, there are probably more during the day, but they're scattered," he said. "A lot of people come and go during the day."

This year's Perkasee Pride awards presentation will be at 1 p.m. at the command post

between the Twin Bridges.

More than 50 properties in Perkasee Borough have received the Perkasee Pride award since it was started in 1993.

This year's additions are the Jeffrey & Eileen Landis home at 1006 Arch Street, built in 1952; the Matt & Cheryl Lynch home at 503 Race Street, built in 1892; and the Rich & Debbie Law home at 501 Race Street, built in 1892.

This year's Pennington Community Day, the 39th one, is Sunday, July 10. The rain date is Sunday, July 17.