

A Guide to Wellness

Municipal Alliance

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National Drunk Driving Prevention Month

The Haddonfield Municipal Alliance along with the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse wishes everyone in Haddonfield a wonderful and safe holiday season. Over the course of December, many of us will be attending holiday parties with family, friends, and coworkers. For all of us to have the most joyful

for those stopped by a police officer . Furthermore, more than one third of drivers with an alcohol limit above 0.08% and involved in a fatal accident were between the ages of 21 and 24.

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holiday season possible, it is important to remind ourselves of the dangers that exist regarding driving under the influence.

In 2008, nearly one third of all traffic related deaths were alcohol related; 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and narcotics. This number does accounts only

drugged driving remain high, the numbers have improved over the last twenty years. Since 1991 the number of fatalities has decreased by 38% nationally and 55% for those under the age of 21.

As the holidays approach, we ask all parents and young adults to act

Criminal Charges for Hosting a Party

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Many states along with New Jersey have prosecuted parents associated with an underage drinking party. Though we could debate whether these laws are fair and just, it is evident that states throughout our country view the parents of children responsible for their child's actions in their house.

Approximately a month ago, a Pennsylvania mother was sentenced to 23 months in jail for child endangerment and other charges for hosting a party serving as many as 50 teenagers with alcohol.

In summary, teenage drinking is no longer just a legal issue for teenagers but a significant legal issue for parents as well.

responsible and make good decisions. If you are planning or attending a party, plan ahead. Use a taxi service or a designated driver to return home safely. Remind your

guests that alcohol will be served at your party and that guests should plan accordingly.

The Haddonfield Municipal Alliance hopes all of you

enjoy these celebratory times and we remind all of you to be safe. The greatest gift we can give to our loved ones is a happy, joyful 2011.

“When Things Get Crazy with Your Teens”

Dr. Michael Bradley, who has made appearances on “Today” and “Good Morning America,” is making a presentation at the Cherry Hill High School East Auditorium on Thursday, January 13th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

He will give parents real world advice regarding strategies and methods to deal

with teenagers. He will demonstrate how to restore communication and transform your relationship with your teen.

For more information or to register for the event please email alliance@chtownship.com or call 856-488-7889. You do not need to register to attend and

the event is free for all those interested. More information will be sent to parents as the event approaches.



The Haddonfield Municipal Alliance promotes a culture of wellness in Haddonfield by sponsoring and supporting activities and events that promote healthy behaviors, foster enlightened attitudes, warn of the perils of addiction, and condemn irresponsible practices.

