



## Press Release

Hammonton, NJ (September 19, 2015). The Historical Society of Hammonton invites the public to a free community program to be held Thursday, October 1st, 8:00 PM at the Hammonton Canoe Club located at Lake Park. Programs are free, provided as a service to the community. There is no requirement to be a member of HSH to attend. The program is videoed and a copy is placed in our archives so that now or future generations will be provided with a snapshot of Hammonton's past.

Program for the evening will be the remarkable transition of Tuckahoe Turf Farm from a small lima bean and cranberry farm in Cape May County in 1931 owned by the Betts family to a 1600 acre operation that has gained national prominence. In 1969 they began growing sod and began their expansion purchasing 140 acres in Hammonton. Now one of the largest turf producers in the northeast they now have 800 acres of cultivated sod in Hammonton. If you watch professional sports no doubt you have seen their sod used by Green Bay Packers, Philadelphia Phillies, Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots to name just a few.

Over the years expansion has created a multi million dollar Turf and Farm Supply retail business, the latest equipment to water, fertilize and harvest their product and a golf course restoration business. Most recently they have provided their first rate fields for school age soccer tournaments drawing thousands of fans from a multi state area.

Presenter for the evening will be General Manager, Allan Carter Jr. Alan is the recipient of many awards including the New Jersey, Agribusiness Association, Person of the Year, Cape May County Distinguished Service to Agriculture, Rutgers Outstanding Leadership and Tuckahoe Volunteer Fire Company Life Membership.

Hear the story on Thursday night October 1st. Enjoy the evening with friends, HSH members and our speaker.

Refreshments will be served prior to the program.

### **About The Historical Society of Hammonton**

The Historical Society of Hammonton was established to provide for generations to come a living collection relating to the rich and unique social, political, economic and cultural heritage of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey. The mission of the society is to increase awareness of history relating to Hammonton, New Jersey environs and to establish public access to that history by collecting, conserving, studying, interpreting and promoting the history to the widest audience.

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