

# Family Value by Design...



On behalf of the Garrison Family, I would like to welcome you to this inaugural issue of our newsletter. It is our hope to inform you of our pursuit of excellence in planning and design and, of our successful resolution to your challenging assignments in architecture and engineering.

Thank you for your ongoing trust in our abilities. We remain committed to meeting YOUR program, within YOUR budget and YOUR schedule.

*Bob Garrison*

## Palmyra Borough and Eatontown Borough Pass Referendums

**Eatontown** voters in March decided better schools are worth a tax increase when they approved a nearly \$30 million proposal for construction and upgrades to Memorial Middle School and the three elementary schools. "It's the best thing that could have happened for these kids," Superintendent Jean E. Hoover said. "We're thrilled that the parents supported us."

**Palmyra** residents voted 308-190 to fund a plan for new roofs on district schools and improvements to the high school stadium at \$ 3.5 million. "Lights could be erected at the stadium by fall, allowing night football games", said Interim Superintendent Walter Rudder.

## Cape May VoTech successfully Bid Under Budget



Faced with booming enrollment, the Cape May County Technical School plans a \$14.8 million expansion including a 42,000-square-foot addition and renovations throughout the building.

Superintendent William Desmond said the Department of Education will pay 40 percent of the project costs in the form of debt service, as negotiated by Garrison Architects. Desmond said the project has been two years in the making. The board and freeholders observed that enrollment is on the rise. "We have a waiting list, so their concerns were valid," Desmond said.

The school has about 500 full-time students and another 180 or 200 shared-time students. The expansion will let the district accept about 40 more full-time students per year. The expansion will make room for new building trades programs. Desmond said. "Skilled journeymen make the same as people with master's degrees, if not more. That sort of flies in the face of the idea that everyone should go to college," Desmond said. "The construction trades are offered here. We're looking at expanding them."

Bids were received on June 8 from five separate primes in the amount of \$ 11,298,620, well under the budget of \$11,815, 471.

## Garrison Architects Selected for Camden County Fire Training Academy at Lakeland Complex

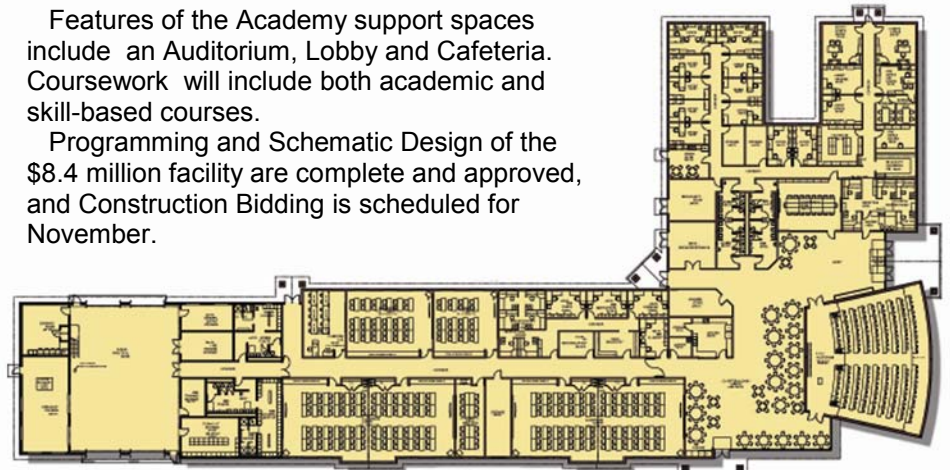


Garrison Architects was selected through a competitive process as architect for the new Camden County Fire Training Academy to be located at the county complex in Blackwood, NJ. Selection was based on the unique experience of Garrison Architects as architect for recent similar successful projects for Burlington and Gloucester counties.

The 35,570 SF 1-story building, with a 1,300 SF Fire Training mezzanine, houses county functions including Fire Marshall offices, classrooms, administrative offices, and Fire Academy.

Features of the Academy support spaces include an Auditorium, Lobby and Cafeteria. Coursework will include both academic and skill-based courses.

Programming and Schematic Design of the \$8.4 million facility are complete and approved, and Construction Bidding is scheduled for November.





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## Brandywine Plans Newest Office Building at 7000 Midlantic Drive Mt. Laurel, NJ



Brandywine Realty Trust's newest office building at 7000 Midlantic Drive is being designed by Garrison Architects.

7000 Midlantic Drive will be a 4-story 114,000SF Class "A" office building in the Laurel Corporate Center in Mt. Laurel, NJ with easy access to Rt. 38 and close proximity to Exit 4 of the NJ Turnpike.

This building joins several others there which have been designed by Garrison and is the 6th office building by Garrison Architects for Brandywine.

## NJDOE LRFPS

Over the last year Garrison Architects has worked on over 40 Long Range Facility Plans for school districts in seven counties in central and southern New Jersey.

Bob Garrison Jr. reports that GA has been working with the state and the software company VFA to complete the submission reviews.

No plans are likely to be approved until the Fall when a more in-depth review of the plan content is performed.

## Also on the Boards:

- Burlington County College**  
Parker Center Renovations
- Camden Promise Charter School**  
Classroom Addition & Renovation
- Moorestown Fire Department**  
New Station District #1
- Sea Isle City**  
New Recreation Center
- Black Horse Pike Regional S D**  
\$ 61 M Referendum Sept 2006
- Gloucester Township Schools**  
\$ 7.8 M Referendum Sept 2006

## Moorestown Completes \$38 M in Construction



Moorestown High School was celebrating "more than bricks and mortar" May 31st as it dedicated new space at the Bridgeboro Road campus. Superintendent Paul Kadri said, "We're celebrating the commitment of the community and the school district's ability to deliver on that commitment," to the students, staff and guests gathered for the brief ceremony in the school's new gymnasium, the heart of a new athletic center.

During the ceremony, the project architect, 1984 graduate Brooks Garrison of Garrison Architects in Moorestown, presented district officials with ceremonial keys to the new school.

A \$38.1 million bond referendum in 2003 funded the expansion of the high school and improvements to other district schools. Garrison Architects negotiated for state contributions of about \$9 million to the project costs. The completion of the athletic center was the final phase of the major construction.

## Bankbridge Special Services School Breaks Ground

With the hum of earth-moving equipment in the background, 9-year-old student Thomas Cooney pushed a shovel into the ground, ceremonially breaking ground for the \$13 million school for the autistic and multiply disabled. He and several of his classmates from the Child Development Center in Washington Township joined Gov. Jon Corzine and a crowd of school and county officials at the future site of the Bankbridge Development Center for the ceremony in May.

Fred Keating, superintendent of the special services district, said the school is projected to service 200 students ages 3 to 21. The one-story, 52,000-square-foot building will have 20 classrooms equipped with specialized lighting, textures and bathroom accessibility to minimize difficulties. "We're designing this around the idea of a parent center and a resource to the local school districts," Keating said.

Officials estimate that the school is about \$1 million less than the \$14 million budget set last November. Garrison Architects negotiated for a \$6.8 million reimbursement from the NJ Department of Education for the project. The school is scheduled to open in July 2007.

