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OVERLOOK FOUNDATION JR BOARD RAISE \$40,000 FOR NICU

Berkeley Heights resident Patrick Henry and teens from the Overlook Foundation Junior Board gathered on June 5th, 2017 to award the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Overlook Medical Center with a grant for \$40,000. Patrick personally raised over \$8,000 through an outreach to both corporate and individual sponsors helping the group significantly exceed their goal to help the NICU.

Patrick Henry the Delbarton representative said "My time on the board has been great and we learned so much about how a nonprofit board operates. The desire to engage in my own community to help with health care comes directly from the time I spent in Tanzania as apart of the Delbarton BEADS program.

BEADS (Benedictines of East Africa and Delbarton School) is a service project that allows Delbarton students to travel to East Africa to provide important services for Benedictine communities there. In short, they work to improve aspects of the schools, orphanages, and medical centers in the area."

"The Delbarton BEADS program was life changing and has helped me reflect and appreciate my blessings of a great family, attending Delbarton and our great country. Working with the young children and families in Tanzania and seeing their struggle to have access to basic health care sparked my desire to engage more in my own community. The Overlook Foundation Junior Board has enabled me to learn and help our community and in particular the infants and children."

Patrick, raised almost \$9,000 last year for the Delbarton BEADS program using the same funding website as the Overlook Foundation Junior Board.

"Serving on the board was an excellent experience and getting to know the other members from different schools was enlightening, as everyone brought a different perspective. I am excited about the future of the Junior Board and I hope to find a deeper link between Delbarton's community activities, including Delbarton's work in Tanzania"

The board includes juniors from Chatham HS, Delbarton School, Governor Livingston HS, Kent Place, Millburn HS, Montclair Kimberley Academy, New Providence High School, Newark Academy, Oak Knoll School, Oratory Prep, Pingry, Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS, and Summit HS.

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(above) Patrick Henry, far right, was one of 12 students from local high schools that served on the Overlook Foundation Junior Board.

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MAIREAD HIGGINS RECEIVES CREATIVE IDEAS AWARD

Three members of the Quality of Life Team at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, including Mairead Higgins, a senior from Berkeley Heights, Gianna Distefano, a senior from Rahway, and Fiona Hadley, a sophomore from Florham Park, were recognized for their proposal regarding the vagaries in reporting requirements for sexual assaults on college campuses, according to Ms. Kathleen Brennan, MSMA Department of Mathematics Chair.

"This is the first year that we have participated in this competition and I'm so proud of their accomplishment," said Ms. Brennan.

Mairead said, "The Quality of Life Innovative or QLI is a scholarship competition that myself, Gianna and Fiona have had the privilege of participating in for the last eight months. The program, conducted by W!SE Financial Literacy, sets teens on a mission to research a social issue impacting a group's quality of life, develop a

Three members of the Quality of Life Team at ount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, recommendation for how the problem should be cluding Mairead Higgins, a senior from addressed."

"The issue we researched in our proposal was how sexual assault was handled on college campuses in New Jersey and the varying levels of accessibility of sexual assault resources there are to victims on university's webpages," she added. "This program was an incredibly interesting opportunity to let young women research and work towards resolutions to social issues that they care about. And while this has been the first year the Academy has participated in the program, I truly believe that with the knowledge and experience of this past year, next year's team will produce an amazing proposal."

The team members received the Creative Ideas Award during the w!se (Working in Support of Education) 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony held on May 31st in New York City.



(above) Gianna Distefano, Fiona Hadley, and Mairead Higgins.

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ISOLATED SENIORS BENEFIT FROM SAGE ELDERCARE PROGRAM

Thanks to a grant from Meals on Wheels America and Subaru, SAGE Eldercare hosted a "Lunch, Learn, and Listen" program for isolated older adults.

The Driving the Movement grant allowed for an expansion of the SAGE Meals with Friends program. People who have benefitted from SAGE services, including Meals on Wheels, were picked up at their homes, brought to SAGE for lunch with peers and volunteers, and enjoyed quality entertainment. Three programs have been offered so far and included entertainment by barbershop quartet The Four Old Parts, singing sisters The Pettets, and soul/jazz vocalist Rhonda

The grant enabled SAGE to invite about 25 participants for each program and gave them the chance to meet new people, interact with volunteers, and take part in activities at SAGE that they are otherwise unable to attend due to challenges like limited mobility and access to transportation.

"Meals on Wheels and Subaru's generosity enabled us to expand Meals with Friends, which is our friendly visitor program. It has been the catalyst for long-lasting friendships between our participants and their dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers recognized that their older adult friends would benefit from increased opportunities to leave their homes and gain access to socialization with peers and engage with the helpful professionals of SAGE," said Marianne Kranz, SAGE's Director of Volunteers, Meals on Wheels, and Home Support Services.

ABOUT SAGE ELDERCARE

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and delivering Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs, Medicare counseling, care planning, an adult day health care program, and home

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For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



(above) Thanks to a Driving the Movement grant from Meals on Wheels America and Subaru, SAGE Eldercare hosted a "Lunch, Learn, and Listen" program for isolated older adults. Three programs were offered so far and included entertainment by barbershop quartet The Four Old Parts (pictured here with New Providence resident Betty Butz), singing sisters The Pettets, and soul/jazz vocalist Rhonda Denet.



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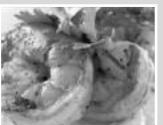
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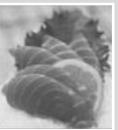
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PARK RENOVATION KICKS OFF WITH ITALIAN FEST AND BOCCE TOURN

Submitted by: Gay Hollowell

The renovation effort of Peppertown Park is on a roll in Berkeley Heights... a Bocce roll that is. The kick off fundraising event hosted by the Peppertown Park Renewal Committee also included a celebration of the Italian legacy of the grounds on which the park sits. Originally part of the Frank and Agnes Petrone family farm, the surrounding land was known for its abundance of peppers.

Dedicated as a park in 2000, a town Clock was added in 2014. The area will now become a hub for heritage, art, cultural and recreational activity. Located in the heart of downtown Berkeley Heights, it will be a center for year round events. The renovation effort was greeted with full support by Mayor Robert Woodruff, Council President Marc Faecher, Vice President Jeanne Kingsley, and the entire Berkeley Heights Town Council.

They established the Peppertown Park Renewal Committee to advise and assist in the coordination of the project. It is a public/private partnership between the township and Berkeley Heights Parks Renewal, a 501(c)3 organization.

The new design includes a plaza area for tables, a center for the town's holiday tree lighting, and a "great lawn" leading to a stage area. Committee Chairwoman Midge Vicendese explained that the park will be done in phases,





with each phase funded through donations and grants.

The all volunteer Peppertown Park Renewal Committee includes members of the Petrone family along with residents committed to park preservation and improvements. The concept design was developed by Donovan Hall, a landscape architect with Halls Garden Center in Berkeley Heights.

With a combination of hardscape and green space, the design offers something for residents of all ages. The inclusion of a Bocce court was the inspiration for the kick-off event.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the tournament and was led by Union County Freeholder Al Mirabella. The Parks Renewal Committee received a matching grant from the County's Open Space and Recreational Trust Fund Grant Program to start renovations. Catherine Petrone Martino, age 92, and who grew up on the farmstead, rolled out the first Bocce ball. The Italian heritage of the town was celebrated in the festive atmosphere and included specialty foods from township restaurants: pizza and sausage & pepper sandwiches from

Clemente's, meatball subs from Marcello's, chicken with pesto from Giovanni's, Rita's Italian ice, pastries from Biagio, and a new creation, the "Peppertown Pork sandwich" from DiMaio's. Local sponsors included Taylor Rental and Halls Garden Center & Florist. The Berkeley Heights PAL hosted a 50/50 raffle. Volunteers handled all the details of the event, and additional volunteers are welcome to help with future efforts.

Winners of the Bocce Tournament received a membership to Berkeley Swim Club and gift cards to Strega Restaurants, Marcello's and Giovanni's Bistro. In the final round, Team Y members Cos Scarcia and Biff Hollowell emerged victorious over Berkeley Heights Mayor Bob Woodruff and Town Administrator John Bussiculo. Their names will go on a perpetuity plaque.

The Committee continues its fundraising efforts and invites everyone to participate. Please visit PeppertownPark.com for more information and to make a tax deductible contribution online or by check payable/sent to Berkeley Heights Parks Renewal Committee, 29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.



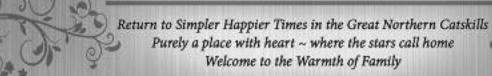


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"June is National Home Ownership Month, but unfortunately many prospective buyers are being defrauded by a vicious scam," said Ms. Rajoppi. "Being informed and aware is the best strategy for avoiding this type of fraud."

Mortgage wire transfer fraud falls into the FBI category of "Business Email Compromise" schemes, a category that has been growing by leaps and bounds. The impact of wire transfer fraud is significant. Since 2013, American home owners have been defrauded in an amount exceeding \$748 million. The tactics can vary but the central theme is consistent. The fraudster, posing as the title company, notifies the buyer by

email that there has been a change in the instructions for the wire transfer.

Typically, the fraudulent email address closely mimics the address of the legitimate title company. Sometimes the only difference is one letter. If the unwary recipient complies with the instructions, the money ends up in a "staged" account – often an overseas one — set up by the fraudster. "There are endless variations to this scheme, so the best defense is to pick up the phone whenever you receive a notification regarding a wire transfer, and check with a reliable source to confirm that the instructions and account number are legitimate," said Ms. Rajoppi.

details about Business Email Compromise fraud are available from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For all County Clerk programs and services visit ucnj.org/county-clerk.

BLACK BEAR SAFETY TIPS

humans and avoid people. However, if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood or outdoors while hiking or camping, follow these common-sense safety tips.

- Never feed or approach a bear!
- Remain calm.
- Make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an airhorn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.

- Black bears by nature tend to be wary of The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.
 - If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.
 - Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away. Do not run.
 - If the bear does not leave, move to a secure area.
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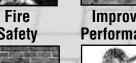
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BERKELEY HEIGHTS TEACHERS AMONG THOSE HONORED AT KEAN

Teachers of the Year on Wednesday, May 24 with a breakfast and award ceremony at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics. Sponsored by the Union County Superintendents' Roundtable, the Union County Teacher Recognition Program honors one outstanding teacher from each school within the county. Nearly 60 of the honored teachers are Kean University alumni.

Berkeley Heights teachers who were honored included Maureen Brester, Sarah Burga, Thomas Clayton, Kate Corcoran, Marie Pellegrini and Staci Toporek.

"There is no doubt that your impact will be realized beyond the scope of this state, this

Kean University hosted Union County's nation, and indeed this world," Anthony A. Executive County Superintendent for Union Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean of Kean's College of Education, told the teachers. "You educate and empower our next generation of leaders."

> The featured speaker at the event, 2016-2017 New Jersey Teacher of the Year Argine Safari, recalled a high school teacher who pushed her and encouraged her to reach for more.

> "Think for a moment how incredible that power is that we have in our classrooms. Think of the influence that we all have," Safari said. "Every child deserves to have a champion. I had my champion, and I'm sure that you can name teachers who influenced you. We have to continue to work and advocate for our students."

Also speaking at the event were Interim

County Juan Torres, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools Michael A. Davino, and Union County Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen. Each praised the honored teachers for their dedication to the students of the county.

"Thank you is the best that I can come up with, but I think you know how much I appreciate you," said Davino.

Pittman left the assembled educators with an original poem that he wrote in the teachers' honor, which read in part,

"One day soon I hope you find / You did more than help them pass /

I hope you'll soon discover /

That your wind helps them soar first class."



(above) Anthony Pittman, Ph.D., acting dean, Kean University College of Education (front, left) poses with the nearly 60 Kean University alumni honored as Union County Teachers of the Year at the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics at Kean University.

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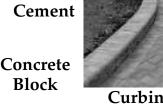
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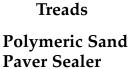


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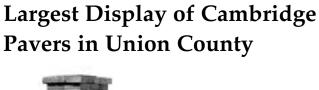
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BERKELEY HEIGHTS AWARDS CONTRACT TO TREAT THREAT TO ASH TREES

A new threat has come to New Jersey and it could be devastating. Emerald ash borer (Agrilus planipennis Fairmairet, an invasive insect native to Asia, has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees (Fraxinus species) in urban, rural and forested settings. This beetle was first identified in 2002 in southeast Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. As of May 2017, emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations were known to be present in 30 states as well as two Canadian provinces.

The emerald ash borer has been detected in several New Jersey counties, including Middlesex, Essex and Somerset, according to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). As a consequence, the DEP warns that even if emerald ash borer has not yet been detected, all ash trees are considered to be at high risk of EAB infestation within the next few years.

"This is a real threat," said Mayor Robert Woodruff, "We don't want to wait until the insect has been detected in the Township. If we do, it will be too late. We need to take preventive action now to protect the trees."

After receiving a grant from the State of New Jersey to treat the EAB, Berkeley Heights has awarded a contract to Tamke Tree Experts of Bemards Township. In May and June Tamke representatives inspected and then selected ash trees along the Township's right of way to treat for emerald ash borer.

"Not all ash trees along the right of way will be treated," said Environmental Commissioner Richard Leister. "Small ash trees will be removed and any large ash trees that may be compromised will be marked for removal."

Residents are also encouraged to treat ash trees on their own property. New Jersey has detailed information for homeowners, including how to identify if an ash tree is affected at: http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/eabhomeowners.html

Thanks to the Environmental Commission, the Township applied for and received the grant from the Community Stewardship Incentive Program. The two-year grant will allow the Township to selectively treat ash trees along the Township right of way.

The Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission was established to protect, develop or use natural resources, including water resources, located within the Township. The Environmental Commission is an advisory group with the responsibility to recommend plans and programs to the Planning Board for the development and use of open lands and wetlands. All the members volunteer their time on a variety of projects and tasks.

Keep up with the progress of the pledge and other Environmental Commission activities on the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission Facebook page.

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Ash Tree Identification

Ash species attacked by emerald ash borer include green (Fraxinus pennsylvanica), white (F. americana), brack 15 nigra), and blue (F. quadranguiata), as well as horticultural cultivars of these species. Green and white ash are the most commonly found ash species in the Midwest with blue ash being time.

While other woody plants, such as mountainash and pricklyash, have "ash" in their name, they are not true ash, or Fraxinus species. Only true ash are susceptible to attack by emerald ash borer.

To properly identify ash trees, use the following criteria:



Branch and Bud Arrangement

Branches and buds are directly across from each other and not staggered. When looking for opposite branching in trees, please consider that buds or limbs may die; hence not every single branch will have an opposite mate.





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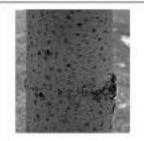
Leaves are compound and composed of 5-11 leaflets. Leaflet margins may be smooth or toothed. The only other oppositely branched tree with compound leaves is boxelder (Acer negundo), which almost always has three to five leaflets. White ash (on left) and green ash (on right)





Bark

On mature trees (left), the bank is tight with a distinct pattern of diamond-shaped ridges. On young trees (right), bank is relatively smooth.





Seeds

When present on trees, seeds are dry, oar-shaped samaras. They usually occur in dusters and typically hang on the tree until late fall, early winter.







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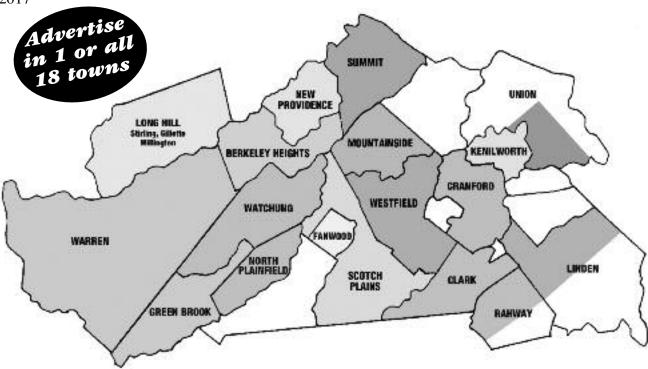


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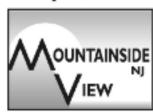
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The Salem Roadhouse Café proudly presents House or at the prestigious Kennedy Center in D.C. Geoff's network TV appearances include The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, NBC'S Today Show and the CBS Early Show.

> Doors open 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00/\$10.00 for students with ID. The Roadhouse, located in Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, serves real coffee and tea - it's a coffeehouse, not a bar, after all. Hot and cold snacks and desserts are included in the admission.

> As a fun, creative, community outreach mission of the church, show proceeds always benefit local NJ charities. The 2017 season has been benefitting the Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program.

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AUG. 3:

"JULIETA" (Rated R, 99 mins.)

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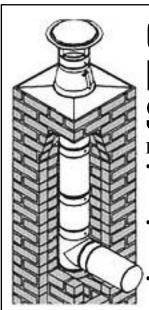


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