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CUB SCOUT PACK HOLDS ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY

Submitted by Aimee DeRogatis

The Green Brook Cub Scout Pack 129 hosted their annual Pinewood Derby on February 3, 2018. The derby is an event in which each Cub Scout, along with their parents, design and build a wood car that is raced on a track against the other scouts. For the second year in a row, the Pinewood Derby included the Girl Scouts of Green Brook as well.

More than 50 families participated in the event and celebrated the creativity and ingenuity of both boys and girls from kindergarten to fifth grade. While there were prizes awarded for fastest car, best design, and a few other categories, every Scout was a winner in this fun filled day.

The Green Brook Cub Scouts always welcome new students to their organization. For additional information, contact info@greenbrookpack129.com.



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2018 GREEN BROOK PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS

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Tiger Den - Danny Harned Wolf Den - Caleb Kiernan Bear Den - Sebastian Farganis Webelos Den - Christopher Teutsch Arrow of Light Den - Oskar Gaebele Sibling Class - Courtney Stewart

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownie - Jocelyn Fusco
Daisy - Lucia Gonzalez
Junior/Cadet - Kayleigh Finch
Senior/Ambassador - Katie Strong

See photo album of the 2018 Pinewiood Derby on page 9.





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By Atharva Kalyanpur

Boy Scout Troop 129 of Green Brook has done it again! On February 10, 2018, Troop 129 volunteered as a troop at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey at 31 Evans Terminal, Hillside, New Jersey. The troop has wholeheartedly embraced volunteering and has cleaned up the lawns of Senior Citizens, cleaned up the Green Brook River, and has already gone on a visit to the food bank; all in the past few months. This time 13 scouts were accompanied

by nine adults to volunteer at the food bank. The troop packed 800 bags consisting of rice, pancake mix, beef stew, and juice. These packages will be given to students and their families. Volunteering is a key component of scouting and this troop definitely does their best to volunteer and help out others. Troop 129 meets every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Green Brook Middle School, 132 Jefferson Avenue, Green Brook, New Jersey Cafeteria when school is in session.



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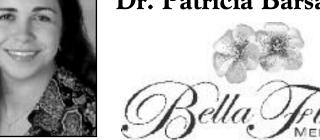
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IRS WARNS OF SCAMS TARGETING TAXPAYERS

The IRS is urging the public to be aware of **SCAMS TARGETING TAX PROFESSIONALS** suspicious individuals claiming to be from the

Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, payroll, and tax professionals.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Recognize the telltale signs of a

SCAMS TARGETING TAXPAYERS IRS-IMPERSONATION TELEPHONE SCAMS

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be IRS employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Some thieves have used video relay services (VRS) to try to scam deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Taxpayers are urged not trust calls just because they are made through VRS, as interpreters don't screen calls for validity.

Limited English Proficiency victims are often approached in their native language, threatened with deportation, police arrest and license revocation, among other things. IRS urges all taxpayers caution before paying unexpected tax bills. Note that the IRS doesn't:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other lawenforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

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Increasingly, tax professionals are being targeted by identity thieves. These criminals many of them sophisticated, organized syndicates - are redoubling their efforts to gather personal data to file fraudulent federal and state income tax returns.

SURGE IN EMAIL, PHISHING AND MALWARE SCHEMES

Phishing (as in "fishing for information") is a scam where fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity.

The IRS has issued several alerts about the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo by scammers trying to gain access to consumers' financial information to steal their identity and assets

Scam emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. These phishing schemes may seek information related

to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts, and verifying PIN information.

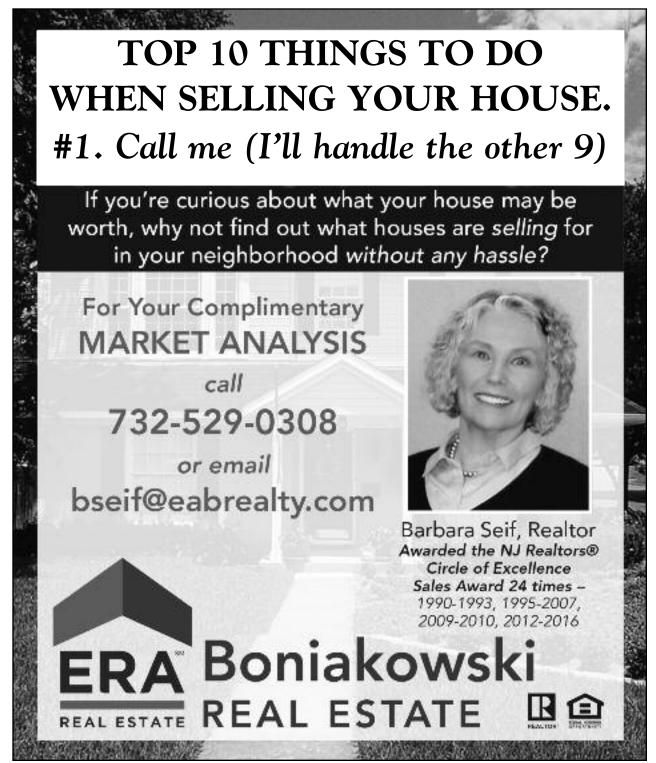
Be alert to bogus emails that appear to come from your tax professional, requesting information for an IRS form. IRS doesn't require Life Insurance and Annuity updates from taxpayers or a tax professional.

Variations can be seen via text messages. The IRS is aware of email phishing scams that include links to bogus web sites intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." These emails are not from the IRS.

The sites may ask for information used to file false tax returns or they may carry malware, which can infect computers and allow criminals to access your files or track your keystrokes to gain information.

For more details, visit www.irs.gov; YouTube IRS Videos on Tax Scams.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local police department.



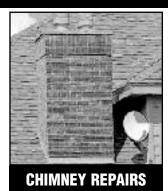






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GREEN BROOK REC HOSTS EASTER EGG HUNT

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta



The Green Brook Recreation recently hosted the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt at Green Brook Middle School, Green Brook, New Jersey. Activities were held both outside, and in the auditorium. Festivities included egg hunting, chalking,

dancing (with music via an old-fashioned boom box), and face painting. And there was a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

Refreshments for both adults and children were served.

Photos by Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta





























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DUNELLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY APRIL 2018 EVENTS

The Dunellen Public Library is located on 100 New Market Road, Dunellen.

For the following programs space is limited so please register either in person at the circulation desk or over the phone at 732-968-4585. For teen programs adult programs, you may also register by messaging our Facebook page: Dunellen Public Library!

For more information, visit: www.dunellenlibrary.org

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY: "FROM PAGE TO SCREEN"

Every Saturday at 12:30 p.m. April 7 - "Moby Dick" April 14 - "The Fountainhead" April 21 - "Great Expectations" April 28 - "Picture of Dorian Gray"

Coloring Cafe

is meeting on a new day. We are now meeting on the 1st and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.

Crochet Club

meets on

Monday April 9 at 1 p.m.

The Thursday Afternoon Book Club

will meet on

Thursday April 26.

We will be reading Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

Bonnie Watson Coleman, a representative from the office of U.S. Congresswoman

Tuesday April 24 from 4 to 7 p.m.

will be at the Library meeting with constituents and answering questions.

Open to all who live in the 21st district and want to make their voices heard!

The Friends of the Dunellen Public Library is hosting a Vendor Faire

Sunday April 15 from noon to 4 p.m. Stop by and see all the new products our wonderful vendors have for the spring. New scents, new bling,

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KIDS PROGRAMS:

Family Movie Night: "Coco."

Tuesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Just Dance

Thursday, April 5, at 1 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Imagination Station

Friday, April 6, at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at 4 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Mario Kart

Monday April 9 at 4 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Spring Craft

Thursday, April 12, at 4 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Construction Zone

Tuesday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Registration is required

Drop-in Craft: Chalk Landscapes

Friday April 20.

All day activities. Family

Lunch Bunch

Monday, April 23 at noon. Registration is required. Family.

Counting Caboose

Thursday, April 26, at 4 p.m. Ages 2 to 5. Registration is required.

Mother Goose (weekly program).

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

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Creative Writing

Tuesday, April 24, at 4:15 p.m. Grades 6 to 12. Registration is required.

TEEN PROGRAMS WITH PAIGE

Intro to Robotics

Friday, April 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Join some members of Team 8421 (Tigers) of the First from Timothy Christian School in Piscataway as they introduce us to their team robot! www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc. Registration is required.

Silent Library

Friday, April 27, at 3:30 p.m.

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RECURRING PROGRAMS:

Anime Club

Friday, April 13 at 3:15 p.m.

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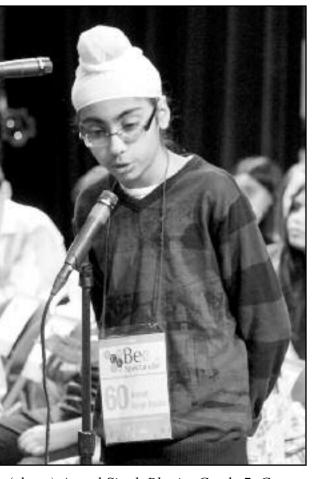
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS COMPETE IN SCLSNJ'S 3RD ANNUAL SPELLING BEE SPECTACULAR

Somerset County Library System of NJ (SCLSNJ) hosted their 3rd Annual Spelling Bee Spectacular at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical School on March 10, 2018. Sixty-three Somerset County students competed for the title of bee champion. Winner, seventh-grader Aashi

Mishra of Valley View School in Watchung, won by spelling the word "acharya." Mishra will attend the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. at the Library System's expense. Explore SCLSNJ's Bee Spectacular Bee Facebook photo album: facebook.com/SCLSNJ.



(above) David Vaz, Grade 5, Green Brook Middle School, Green Brook



(above) Anmol Singh Bhatia, Grade 7, Green Brook Middle School, Green Brook

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"Artic Wildlife Program" by David Ward, C.L.P., April 2, 10:30 a.m.

In August 2017, David went on a wildlife adventure that took him to Kuujjuaq, the largest Inuit settlement in Nunavik Territory, Quebec, to Ungava Bay Tassiujaq, and Leaf Bay. Although his guide did not guarantee that he would see any animals he saw everything from polar bears, musk ox and bearded seals. This presentation will also include pictures of icebergs and the northern lights as experienced during an Artic Summer.

"Frank Sinatra from Hoboken to Hollywood" with Gordon James, trumpeter, April 9, 10:30 a.m.

This program briefly covers the career of Frank Sinatra from his early days with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, to the Capital years in the 1950s, to starting his own label and finishes with his movie career from the 1940s through the 1960s. Many classic Sinatra songs like "All or Nothing at All," "Stardust," "When You're Smiling," "I've Got You Under my Skin," "Come Fly with Me," "All the Way," "The Lady is a Tramp," "That's Life," "My Way," and "New York, New York" will be some of the songs performed. Join us for a memorable, musical program.

Three Part iPhone/iPad Workshop: Get the Most from this Powerful Tool in your Pocket with Maureen Greenbaum.

April 10, 17 and 24, 10 a.m.

At this workshop you will get answers for your questions and explore the benefits of individual iPhone apps such as "Find My Friend," Google/Apple maps, podcasts, mail, health, camera, calendar, stocks and more. Participants will decide the class direction. Good for beginners and those with some proficiency who are interested in learning skills to make using the iPhone more effective and fun. Be sure to bring your iPhone or iPad. Advanced registration required. Space is limited.

"Feast for the Eyes"

by Vanessa Young, Thirsty Radish.

April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Take a journey from the ancient world to the present as we explore the connection between food and art. From elaborate classical mosaics to opulent Renaissance paintings to contemporary works depictions of food reflect culture. We will discuss changes in the way food and feasting have changed throughout history.

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"Tooling Through Art" by Meg Wastie, Curator of Education, Museum of Early Trade & Crafts

April 23, 10:30 a.m.

Many masterpieces of world art contain depictions of hand tools and household artifacts. This presentation shows these artworks and focuses in on the tools. Pictures of objects from the Museum's collection are juxtaposed with the art slides to show the similarities.

Background on the artists, the art, and the artifacts is included.

"Earth Under Our Feet" by Debra Esposito, Morris Museum.

April 24, 10:30 a.m.

This Geology program covers planet earth's geology and then spends a section focusing on the formation of Puddingstone which is a unique stone found in Boonton, New Jersey, and was used to build many of Boonton's walls and buildings. It also runs through Bearfort Mountain. This program is made possible, in part, by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State through the State/County History Partnership Program Grant, and administered in Somerset County by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

"Smart Snacking" by Marisa Wagner, MS, RDN, ShopRite/Wakefern.

April 26, 10:30 a.m.

Let's be real, we all snack. Actually, snacking isn't bad for you if you do it in moderation and make healthy choices. As boring as "healthy snacks" might sound, you will be surprised at just how tasty they can be. Learn the importance of snacking in a healthy way to help snap out of a day-time lull. Snacking can also be a healthy way to get some extra calories in between main meals. Sampling will be a part of this program.

BMI (Body Mass Index) & Blood Pressure Screenings, Atlantic Health Systems,

Overlook Medical Center's Mobile Health Van.

April 30, 10:30 a.m.

BMI is used as a screening tool to indicate whether a person is underweight, overweight, obese or a healthy weight for their height. It is not a diagnosis. BMI is a person's weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters. This tool is an attempt to quantify the amount of tissue mass (muscle, fat, and bone) in an individual, and then categorize that person based on that value. Blood pressures screenings will also be available.



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THE NEXT BIG THING!!! JOE RENNA'S HYPER LOCAL NETWORK ON YOUTUBE

Renna Media has launched a new YouTube channel called Joe Renna's Hyper Local Network! The channel will consist of a variety of shows, each with its own focus. The first episode of each show is up and ready to view.

Mind Your Own Local Business

Mind Your Local Business uses real life examples to illustrate successful techniques for managing and marketing your business. Local businesses will be featured. The first episode is about crafting a 30 second elevator speech. The February 2018 meeting of the Irish Business Association held at Molly Maguire's in Clark, NJ is featured in the first episode. Businesses that would like to be featured in an episode can email Joe at joerenna@rennamedia.com.

The Peterstown Show

The Peterstown show is a video continuation of the Peterstown Newspaper. The show focuses on the 100-year history of an Italian American Neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ. Like the newspaper, it preserves the culture and traditions while recording the oral history that may be lost. The first episode is an interview with Carmela Lepore who turned 108-years-old on January 30, 2018.

Renna's Arena hosted by Nick Renna

Nick Renna has been the voice of high school sports as a public address announcer and brings that experience to a variety show; an eclectic mix of old and new video about general interests. His first episode is a video he shot of a 5th and 6th grade St. Anthony's Grammar School game from 1989.

The Video Shoebox

As a camera bug from a very young age Joe Renna amassed a collection of VHS tapes and 8 mm film. The first video is of the Linden Debutant Ball that he shot in 1992. There are hundreds of hours of videos to come.

Anyone with 8mm film or VHS tape to transfer should email joerenna@rennamedia.com.

Renna Media will convert film for free if we use it on the show.

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More shows will be coming in the future! And if you have ideas for what you'd like to see, please comment or email me at JoeRenna@rennamedia.com. ▼Please SUBSCRIBE to my channel to get regular business insights and networking guidance: youtube.com/channel/UCqJS. ▼I welcome your likes, shares and comments! You can learn more about me and my business by visiting my website at rennamedia.com. .

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The annual award will consist of a Barnes & Nobles gift card and a specially designed diploma. Contributions will be displayed at the

To celebrate National Poetry Month in April Long Hill Township library as well as published in the local paper following the April 30 deadline. Entries will be judged in early May, with the winners announced shortly thereafter.

> Submissions are accepted online by using the following link: goo.gl/forms/atJkkOE6rYdVPQty2 A reception with an awards ceremony for all participants will be held at the Long Hill Township Library on Friday, May 18, 2018 3:30-4:30 p.m. More information can be found at themaijafund.org, or by emailing maijarebels@themaijafund.org, at at the Long Hill Township Library.

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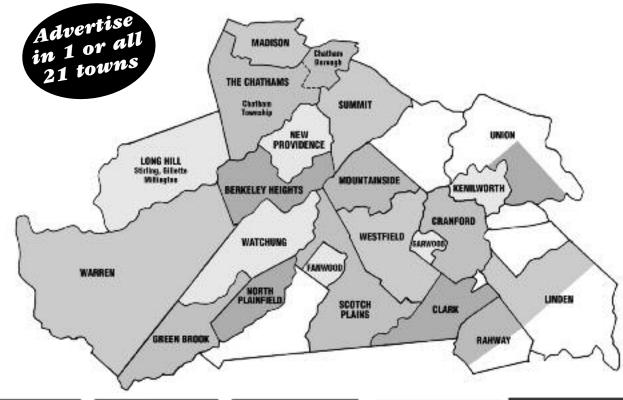
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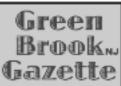
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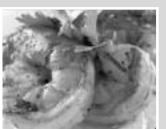
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