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LOCAL BUSINESSES GIVING BACK TO ANNUAL BERKELEY HEIGHTS SUMMER FESTIVAL & STREET FAIR

Fair will take on a down-home, local flair when the sixth edition kicks off on Sunday, June 24th.

This year's festival - sponsored by The Connell Co./Embassy Suites Hotel, Overlook Hospital and Summit Medical Group, is expected to draw nearly 20,000 people, according to Paul Neuwirth, owner of Taylor Rental and coordinator of this year's event. "From free carnival rides to a new, improved beer garden hosted by Delicious Heights and a "Heights has Talent," musical showcase, this year's Summer Festival is a way for local business to say 'thank you' to the people of Berkeley Heights," according to Mr. Neuwirth. "With the addition of a local "Touch A Truck Expo," more local businesses and more local restaurants- this year's event will put the best of Berkeley Heights on display."

More than 100 artists and commercial businesses will have displays and activities along Springfield Avenue between Snyder Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The inaugural "Heights Has Talent" show will be showcased on the main stage donated by Union County and set up in front of the old Berkeley Cinema. Local bands, musical groups, dance groups and martial artists will on display. Seating will be available on Springfield Avenue.

The Touch A Truck Expo, set up at the intersection of Springfield and Plainfield Avenues, will have trucks, tractors, excavators and maybe even a moving truck for kids to climb on and explore. Vehicles will be brought in by township officials, local contractors and businesses.

"Berkeley Heights is a great town for families, so we are going to highlight the family friendly activities and vendors," according to Mr. Neuwirth. Children's rides, many of them free of charge thanks to donations by local businesses including Smith Chiropractic, Berkeley Development, Taylor Rental, the Liberty Group, GRA Architects, and JCP&L will be located in a central Festival area.

The street fair, produced by This Is It Productions and also sponsored by TAPInto Berkeley Heights and Connect One Bank, will include a health and wellness area, showcasing local fitness facilities and medical providers. Home Improvement vendors are always plentiful. And according to Mr. Neuwirth, Chamber members, local businesses and local non-profit organizations can take advantage of reduced vendors fees – the lowest fees in 6 years.

Craftspeople, food vendors and restaurants looking to display at the Festival can contact the Suburban Chambers of

The annual Berkeley Heights Summer Festival and Street Commerce office at info@suburbanchambers.com or call 908 522-1700. Those looking to give back to the people of Berkeley Heights and sponsor local activities are asked to contact Mr. Neuwirth at Taylor Rental, 908 464-9111. Sponsor forms and vendors forms are available at PNeuwirth@Taylorrental.net.

> "The Business community in Berkeley Heights has always been very supportive and the Summer Festival gives local business a chance to stand up, thank the people of Berkeley Heights and be part of a wonderful, family event," said Mr. Neuwirth.

> The event is sponsored by the Suburban Chambers of Commerce, which includes the towns of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit. Funds raised support the local community with programs such as the Vest A Cop program and college scholarships.

For more information please visit berkeleyheightsstreetfair.org.





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TEEN HELPS 99-YEAR-OLD VET USE SMART PHONE

Submitted by Cindy Potter

Sitting and speaking with Hayward Wheaton at his home in Scotch Plains, New Jersey is like taking a step back in history. On October 30, 2018, Hayward will celebrate his 100th birthday. He is hoping for a small party and a big chocolate cake.

Originally from Jersey City, Hayward can remember when he made \$60 a month working as an elevator operator, when the mailman came twice a day (stamps were two cents) and when making a phone call required a live operator's assistance. He shares stories of serving in the army during WWII and working, in part, as a laborer digging graves for both German and American soldiers. The day the Holland Tunnel opened, Hayward walked through it. He can remember life pre-television and how much he enjoyed using his HAM radio to communicate with people all over the world. He recalls with gratitude his grandmother paying for him to go to college (\$9 per credit when he began) and graduating from New York University in 1948. He became a physical therapist and enjoyed a long and successful career. He learned to fly planes in the 1960s and took up golf in the 1950's. Just last year he was awarded "Most Inspiring Player" at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, New Jersey. "Inspiring" is a word that suits him well.

Not one to stay idle for very long, Hayward recently decided to turn in his flip phone for a new smart phone. Learning to use it has been a challenge. "It's smarter than I am," he said, "And overwhelming."

To help older adults like Hayward sort out their smart phone angst, SAGE Eldercare has a free program called Teen Tech Support, which teams a tech savvy teenager with an older adult to offer help including: how to place a call, how to text, find email, use FaceTime, load apps and more.

SAGE Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Stuart, started the program earlier this year after a number of SAGE clients told her the trouble they were having with their phones. "One client has a smart phone but continues to use her flip phone because the process of learning to use these

devices can be so overwhelming and intimidating," she explained. Response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive. Volunteers either go to the adult's home or assist in group sessions at SAGE.

Hayward was tutored at his home by eighth grade Pingry student Griffin Faecher of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. After two sessions, he said he was comfortable making and receiving calls, texting, and taking photos. "He was great," Hayward said of his 14-year-old teacher.

For Griffin, the experience of working with a WWII veteran was exciting and mutually beneficial. "It was amazing. I was shocked when I went back the second time and he had mastered everything from our first session. I couldn't believe that someone who is almost 100 would want to learn to use a cell phone," said Griffin. He noted that of all the community work he has done, this felt different. "Sometimes the work can feel impersonal, but with this I can see the impact of what I'm doing."

To learn more about SAGE's Teen Tech Support call 908-598-5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org.



(above) Griffin Faecher, 14, of Berkeley Heights helps WWII veteran Hayward Wheaton, 99, of Scotch Plains learn to use his smart phone.

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BERKELEY HEIGHTS RUBBER DUCKY RACE 2018

Submitted by Hal Daume

It's official. The ducks are coming again!

The 15th Annual Rubber Ducky Festival will be on Saturday, June 9, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Passaic River Park, 151 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Admission is free.

The Festival will feature the famous Rubber Ducky Race. Thousands of tiny ducks will swim their little hearts out as they make their way down the Passaic River in their quest to be the first to the finish line for their owners.

The race has an outstanding array of top prizes:

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- 2nd Prize: 12 Monthly Flower Arrangements by Hall's Garden Center (\$500 Value)
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- Plus, lots of other prizes!

Ducky "adoption" tickets are still just \$5 each and will be available throughout Berkeley Heights on weekends through May. A limited number of ducks will be available for adoption on Festival Day.

Food will be for sale by the popular Gastro Truck by Embassy Suites, and bottled water will

be sold by the Rotary Club. Carnival-type games will be on site for all to play, plus exhibits and demonstrations by local businesses and community organizations. Be sure to try out your pitching arm at the Dunk Tank! Other exciting happenings during the event are live DJ and local bands, Scout-O-Rama, Moon Walk, and other kids' games. Be sure to check out the Classic & Custom Car Show.

Funds raised by the Festival go first to the annual Governor Livingston Senior Scholarships by the Rotary Club. This event also supports the Club's Medic-Alert program for over 200 area solo senior citizens, over 300 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, plus our Police Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, Public Library, all school libraries, and the town's Memorial Park Committee.

The Rubber Ducky Festival is a Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights event, in cooperation with the Suburban Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Berkeley Heights Recreation Department.

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VETERAN CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Submitted by Stephen Falk

War II veteran and member of VFW Post 6259 in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, celebrated his 100th birthday on April 22,2018. As family,

Berkeley Heights resident Andy Haspel, World friends, and neighbors gathered to rejoice with him, a contingent of Veterans from Post 6259 arrived with a cake to honor their comrade and "older brother."



Photo by Louise Collins

(above, l-r front) Marty Miles, Junior Vice Commander, Andy Haspel, and Ed Mueller (with birthday cake). (standing, l-r, rear) Steve Falk, Adjutant; Sean McGovern, Chaplain; Frank Perlzak, Officer of the Day; and Tom Lombardi, Commander.



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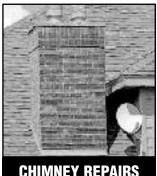




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LIBRARY NOW OPEN AT NEW LOCATION

Submitted by Lisa Wernett

The Berkeley Heights Public Library is now open at our new location at 110 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

The following children's programs will be held during the month of June 2018:

Weekly Story Times for children will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 2 years and up; and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. for ages 0 to 24 months.

The Good Tyme String Band will be performing June 12 at 10:30 a.m. for children of all ages.

Spanish Story Time presented by the Hudson Way Immersion School on June 16 at 11 a.m. for ages 2 to 5 years.

The Library has two book groups for adults: a Morning Book Group which meets the first Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m.; and an Evening Book Group which meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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The Linden Sea Scouts will be hosting an open house for all prospective new members June 9, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Linden Sea Scout Base, 4400 Tremely Point Road, Linden, New Jersey. The Sea Scout program is open to male and female youth from 14- to 21-years-old. There will be free food and free boat rides for all.

Please contact Skipper James Zatwarnicki at jimmyzat@gmail.com or 551-580-0008 for more information.

NFORMATION ON NJ TRANSIT SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS BEGINNING JUNE 4, 2018

The City of Summit is sharing information on NJ Transit schedule adjustments during the installation of federally-mandated, positive train control safety equipment on all NJ Transit passenger trains.

Beginning on Monday, June 4 and continuing through December 31, 2018, NJ Transit will adjust weekday service schedules on four Morris & Essex trains.

"I am very pleased that NJ Transit has spread service disruptions throughout its entire system and is not only impacting the Morris & Essex line, as was done during the Amtrak repairs last summer," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "Not only is the installation of positive train control equipment federally mandated, it is a matter of safety. Avoiding another tragedy like the Hoboken train crash is a priority for us all."

Service on inbound train #608 departing at 5:45 a.m. from Dover will be eliminated from Dover to Chatham. The train will not originate in Summit. Service on inbound train #626 departing at 8:28 a.m. from Dover will be eliminated from Dover to Morris Plains. The train will now originate in Morristown.

Service on outbound train #608 departing at 6:42 a.m. from Hoboken to Dover is temporarily discontinued. Service on outbound train #645 departing at 5:08 p.m. from Hoboken to Dover is temporarily discontinued as well.

Radest continues, "Along with other mayors on the Morris & Essex line, I have met with NJ Transit to express how critical it is for Summit and other towns near transit hubs to be able to rely on consistent, timely and safe train and bus transportation. I am encouraged by the improved flow of communication and NJ Transit's response to our concerns."

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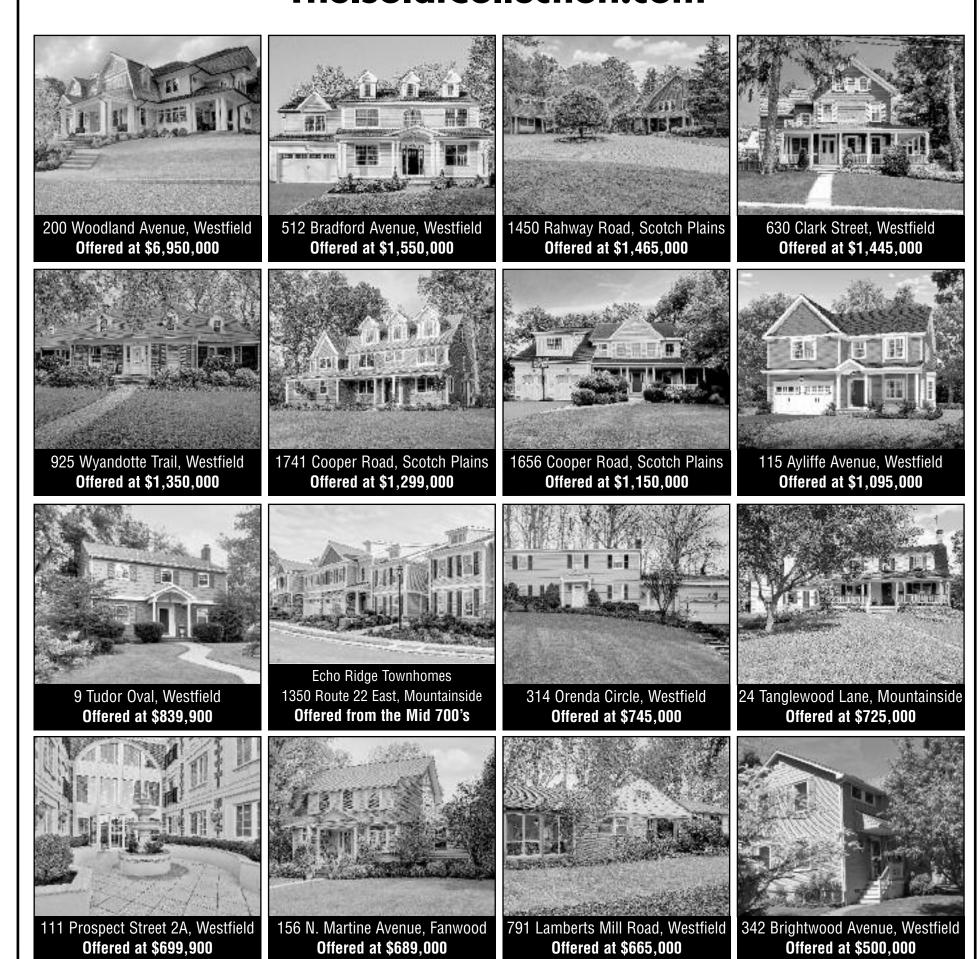
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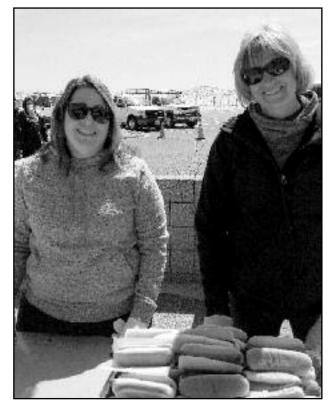






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VITTLES FOR VOLUNTEERS: BERKELEY HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL 'BEACH SWEEP'

By Hal Daume

The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club and friends recently showed up at Sandy Hook Beach and served vittles for the more than 850 volunteers who came out to clean the beaches there of litter of all sorts.

The Rotary Club has been doing this for over 15 consecutive years, in cooperation with Clean Ocean Action, the semi-annual cleanup of New Jersey beaches known as "Beach Sweep." During the course of the morning, cleanup volunteers plowed through 1000 hot dogs, gallons and gallons of iced tea and water, and ten 50-pack boxes of chips and nachos. All food and drinks

are provided free to these sandy stalwarts by the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club.

This year's Beach Sweep was a huge success. The "sweepers" at Sandy Hook removed vast amounts of litter. The "Top 5" were: over 9400 discarded pieces of plastic, including a major number of plastic water bottles; 6580 candy and food wrappers; 5989 bottle caps and coffee cup lids; and over 7442 straws, stirrers, and Styrofoam cups; plus one Styrofoam chunk of dock material measuring 5'x3'x2'! All this and much more in less than three hours' time!



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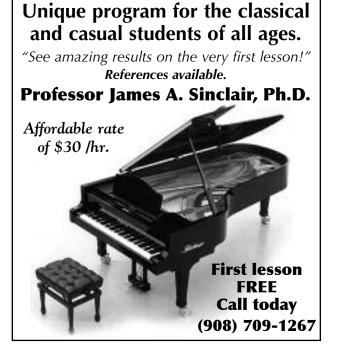
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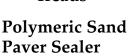


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By Elaine Coupe

COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Union County Baseball Association invites young baseball players between the ages of 8 and 15 to register for its Summer Youth Baseball League.

All games are played in Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle, Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The games are coached and supervised by Union County Baseball Association staff. The season will begin in late June and end the first week of August.

Players are divided into three age groups: Minor League 8-10 year olds, Major League 11-12 year olds, and Teen League 13-15 year olds.

The Union County Baseball Association has added indoor clinics to the Summer League program. UCBA staff and guest Union County coaches will utilize the new state-of-the-art Warinanco Park Skating Center, which is equipped with artificial turf and indoor batting cages, to provide players weekly clinics focused on hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching. This added benefit is included with the player registration fee.

The registration fee for the Summer Baseball League is \$50 and players can register online at www.ucba-nj.org. In-person registration will also be held on June 16th and June 23rd from 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. at the Warinanco Park Boathouse.

The UCBA Summer Baseball League is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Baseball Association, and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

About the Union County Baseball Association The Union County Baseball Association was formed in 1941 and runs a Summer Baseball League for players 8-15 years old and a Fall Baseball League for high school aged players. The league is based out of Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle. For more information about the Union County Baseball Association, please visit www.ucba-nj.org.

It was a cool spring evening when a white limousine rolled up to the doors of the St. Bartholomew's Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. The night's theme song, Coldplay's "A Sky Full of Stars," played on the speakers as the limousine door opened, and a jeweled heel stepped onto the red carpet. As the special guests exited the car with their buddies, a group of volunteers, friends, and family flanked the red carpet and applauded their arrival. Then welcomers placed crowns and tiaras on each guest. The limo quietly slipped away and rounded the corner to pick-up the next set of guests, for what would be the first of several dozen trips of grand entrances.

Each guest was paired with a high school teen buddy who volunteered to accompany prom guests throughout the night to ensure a fun and safe prom experience from limousine ride to eating dinner, to dancing all night. Every teenager attending the Special Needs Prom on May 5, 2018, enjoyed the same special star celebrity entrance accompanied by the night's energetic and uplifting theme song. The teens' faces upon exiting their limo ranged from shy smiles to proud grins, and parents reflected the same enthusiasm for their children as they welcomed them to prom. Earlier in the day, teens and adults volunteered as a "Glam Squad" to help participating prom guests prepare with hair, makeup, and nails.

A sit-down dinner was donated generously by Chick-fil-A, while the Chick-fil-A mascot, a Holstein cow dressed in a suit, made an appearance to dance and take pictures with prom guests. Prom family members also enjoyed dinner and fellowship in the cafeteria as their teens attended prom in the gymnasium. The

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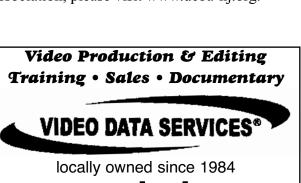
The extraordinary evening was made possible by a team comprised of volunteers as well as staff from the Berkeley Heights YMCA (a branch of the Summit Area YMCA), St. Bartholomew Church of Scotch Plains and Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. With six months of planning, the team tirelessly prepared and engaged with community members and sponsors to provide a night to remember for teens living with special needs. Sponsors included Action Limousine, Chick-fil-A, Pantagis Renaissance, Apple Blossom Flower Shop, Hall's Garden Center & Florist, Taylor Rental, Gennaro's, St. Bart's Group, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Moms Newcomers and Neighbors, Nick's Pizza, L'Oreal, My Little Party Place Children's Parties & Events, Katie Party Shop, and The Dessert Ladies Group.

The Berkeley Heights YMCA, St. Bartholomew Church and Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA have a shared commitment to serving the community. "Both of our organizations were offering opportunities for kids with special needs. Many of the same families were taking advantage of both of our programs and it made sense for us to partner together to expand what we were offering," said Lisa McQuilkin, Wellness Director of the Berkeley Heights YMCA.To learn more about programming for individuals with special needs, please visit the SAY.org/specialneeds

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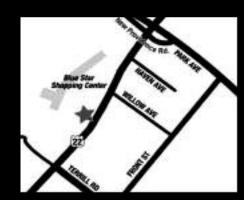
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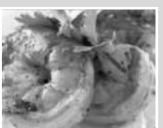
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