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SHERRY PETERSON-KEYT FINISHES IN FIRST PLACE AT KOMEN NORTH JERSEY RACE FOR THE CURE

Submitted by Kathi Wolder

Two Union County residents took home medals at the May 6, 2018 Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure. Sherry Peterson-Keyt, 52, of New Providence took home the first place Gold Medal in the Survivor's Division after crossing the finish line in 24 minutes and 45 seconds. This was Peterson-Keyt's fifth Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure medal; she also took first place in the Survivor's Division in 2012, 2013 and 2015; and came in second in 2014.

Mountainside resident Ken Wigg, 48, crossed the finish line with a time of 21 minutes and 33 seconds, winning the third place Bronze Medal in the Men's Division for the USTAF Certified Timed 5K Run.

More than 2500 people came out to Liberty State Park for the event which has raised more than \$600,000 to date for the fight against breast cancer (fundraising is ongoing through June 30th).

About Susan G. Komen North Jersey

The mission of Susan G. Komen North Jersey is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. Through the annual Race for the Cure®, Pink Tie Party and other events and activities, Komen North Jersey raises funds to support local community non-profit organizations that provide screening and diagnostic services, breast health/breast cancer education, treatment support, and survivorship programs for underserved women and men in Bergen, Essex, Hudson,



(above) Ken Wigg accepting medal.



(above) Sherry Peterson-Keyt.

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RUBBER DUCKY RACE TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS

Submitted by Michelle Zack

The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights will sponsor the annual "Rubber Ducky Race" with festival family fun from noon to 4 p.m. at Passaic River Park, 151 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The Rubber Ducky race is a major fundraiser to reduce the costs to seniors for the Medical Alert system offered by the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club. The alert system helps seniors who live at home in both New Providence and Berkeley Heights.

"Adoption" tickets costing \$5 for each rubber ducky will be available for sale each Wednesday in May at meetings of the New Providence Senior Citizens Club, and also will be available for purchase 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays throughout the month of May at the DeCorso Community Center, 15 East Fourth Street in New Providence, New Jersey.

The grand prize this year is four box seats behind home plate at a Yankee home game valued at \$1,000. Additional prizes will be awarded for the fastest ducky swimmers!

THE RAPTOR TRUST'S THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY 2018

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

The Raptor Trust, of Millington, New Jersey, recently held their Third Annual Community Day at Stirling Hotel, Stirling, New Jersey. The day was filled with fun and festivities, including live music from Ross Griswold and the Second Line, with special guests the Raccoon Ridge Ramblers. Booths from community partners and local environmental organizations were featured. There was also family games and activities, a tricky tray, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Food and drinks were provided by The Stirling Hotel. Proceeds from the event benefit The Raptor Trust.

Community partners included: Somerset County Parks Environmental Education Center; Friends of the Great Swamp, Woodlands Wildlife Refuge, Morris County Parks Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance, and Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ.

Christopher Soucy, executive director of The Raptor Trust, said, "People come from all over," adding that The Raptor Trust is celebrating 35 years.

Educator Kate Matta was showing birds like Penny, a 9-year-old blind Eastern Screech Owl and Zizi, a female American Kestrel. Zizi was

found in New York City as a baby. The people who found her fed her baby food, which was a mistake.

"They eat mice and insects," said Matta. "So, she was not getting proper nutrition. Her growth is stunted." However, since Zizi was raised around humans, she is totally unafraid of people according to Matta. She added, "Zizi doesn't know how to hunt. She's a 'people bird.' She's done this event before. She had no problem with people looking at her and taking pictures."

Melissa Anahory, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator at Woodlands Wildlife, was teaching children about Tan, an Eastern Box Turtle. "He likes people," she said. "He doesn't hide. He's used to people." She continued to explain to the kids that a turtle has the shell to hide in.

The Raptor Trust was named and established as a non-profit corporation in the state of New Jersey in 1982.

The next event presented by The Raptor Trust will be a Guided Tour of The Raptor Trust on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Registration is required. For more information, visit: theraptortrust.org, call 908-647-2353, or email: info@theraptortrust.org





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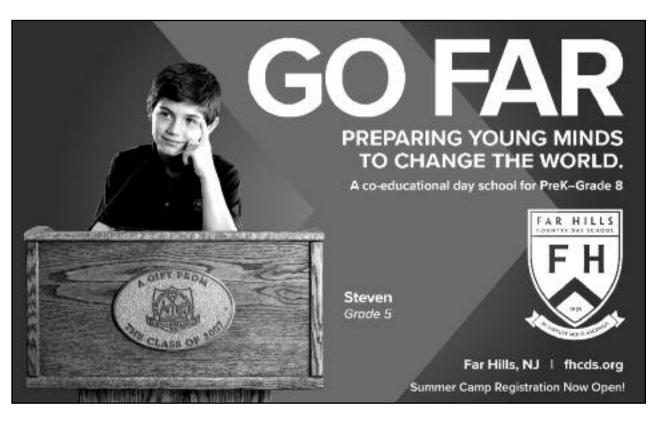
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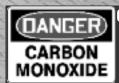
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CHATHAM BOROUGH ANNOUNCES FISHAWACK FESTIVAL 2018

Submitted by Janice R. Piccolo

Chatham Borough's Community Services Department announces the 47th Annual Fishawack Festival "A Cultural Heritage Event", Saturday, June 9, 2018, Downtown Chatham NJ; 10am-4pm.

Started by Chatham's Chamber of Commerce in 1971, Fishawack is a celebration of the Borough's culture and heritage through craft and artisan exhibits, live entertainment, amusements, local shops and food.

Jointly organized through the town's Department Community Services MyChathamNJ*, Fishawack Festival 2018 will feature: live entertainment, including musical performances from School of Rock, New Jersey Youth Chorus, Jwebbmusic, Richie Olivera's Adean Flutes performance and more; Shop Local Chatham; Municipal Alliance's Movie Under the Stars (at dusk); Kid's Fun Zone; Food Pavilion; Car Show; Chatham Jaycees

Fishawack 1-mile Fun Run at 9am; 4-mile run at 9:30am; and more.

New this year: "School Days @ "Boro Hall": "The Chatham Historical Society will recognize and pay tribute to 54 Fairmount Ave, the first brick and mortar building built as a school for the growing population of Chatham. (Today we know it as Borough Hall). The schools in Chatham have always been and continue to be a tremendous asset to our community." states Chatham Borough Council Member Victoria Fife.

Chatham Borough's Director of Community Services, Janice R. Piccolo, notes, "Experience all Chatham has to offer and more on June 9th as local businesses, civic organizations, talented crafters and a dedicated municipal work force come together to socialize, celebrate community and join in outdoor activities and entertainment - Chatham at its best!"

ABOUT FISHAWACK

The term "Fishawack" originated with the Lenni Lenape Native Americans. For centuries, Chatham served as a "welcome spot" for travelers along the Passaic River, or "the Fishawack" as described by the Lenni Lenape Native Americans. The Fishawack was once well known for its ease of crossing and plentiful food supply.

*ABOUT MYCHATHAMNJ AND ITS TRANSITION

MyChathamNJ is a volunteer organization started in 2013 by a group of Chatham residents, business owners and employees. In conjunction with Chatham Borough's Community Services Department, the group organizes community events including the Farmers' Market, Fishawack Festival, Holiday White Lights, Spring Clean, Sustainability Fair and Veterans Memorial Day Service. The organization is currently seeking nonprofit status and a name change that clearly embodies its mission -Chatham Community Partnership: Fostering town beautification and economic growth.

FISHAWACK FESTIVAL MAP



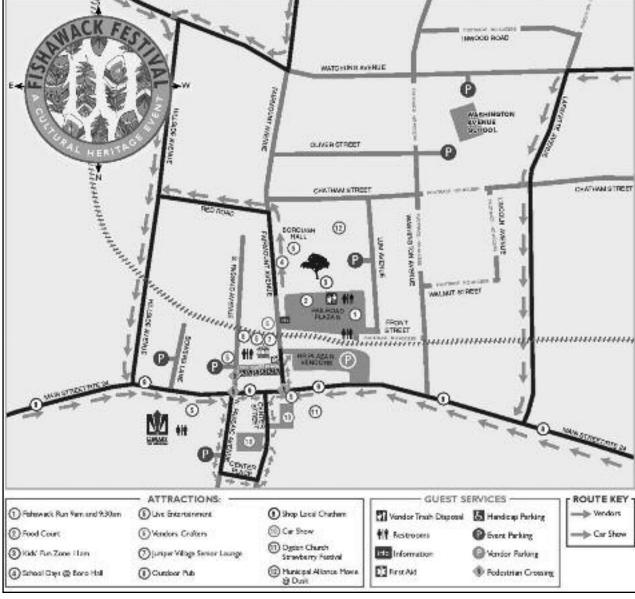
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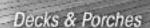




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NEW PROVIDENCE POLICE RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITED HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS ON POLICE UNITY TOUR TO DC



By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

Three New Providence New Jersey police officers, Patrolman Joseph DiParisi, Patrolman Nicholas Guerriero, and Patrolman TJ Hoppe took a four-day Police Unity Tour bicycle trip to Washington, D.C. during Police Week, May 9 to 12, 2018. They were accompanied by Corporal Chad Wilson who rode in the support truck with supplies. They rode on behalf of fallen officers, supporting Law Enforcement United.

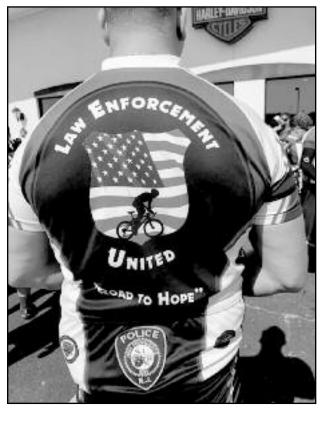
Each officer had to raise at least \$500 to benefit the cause, but according to Chief Anthony Buccelli they raised much more.

"It's a worthwhile cause. We support it wholeheartedly, we support their efforts," said Buccelli, adding that "it's a little special for the guys" because of fallen officer Matthew Tarentino from Summit, who was killed in a car accident last year. "They worked close with him."

The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty. The Police Unity Tour was organized May 1997 by Officer Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department, with the hope of bringing public awareness of Police Officers who have died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices. What started with 18 riders on a four day fund-raising bicycle ride from Florham Park, New Jersey to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. has grown into nine chapters consisting of nearly 2500 members nationwide who make the trip annually.

To learn more about the Law Enforcement United, visit: odmp.org

To learn more about the Police Unity Tour, visit: policeunitytour.com/







Photos courtesy of New Providence Police Department

(above) New Providence police officers trip to DC on behalf of fallen officers.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHALL JOHN "SEAN" MCGOVERN

On Monday, May 28, 2018 the New Providence community honored the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in this country's armed forces.

This year's Grand Marshall was John "Sean" McGovern, a resident of New Providence for 35 years. Sean is married to Ursula and they have two children, Jennifer and Brian.

Sean has been an American Legion member

for 31 years. His service to Post 433 includes serving as Finance Officer, Chaplin, Service Officer, Vice Commander, and 12 years as Post Commander. He also served as Union County American Legion Finance Officer for 2 years.

Military Awards: National Defense Vietnam Service Republic of Vietnam Service W/3 Oak Leaf

Sean was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He served 4 years in the US Air Force from 1968 to 1972 and was deployed overseas in the Republic of South Vietnam and Turkey.

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CAN A CAREER BE MORE FUN IN RETIREMENT? RESIDENT SAYS 'YES'

By Julia Collins

Lantern Hill resident Gabe Spera, like many older Americans, chooses to stay in the workforce. Spera has come full circle in his career as a salesman. Sixty years ago, he was just starting out, making cold calls, meeting new people every day. After working his way up the ladder to vice president of sales for Hunt Imaging, he's now right back where he started—and happier than ever.

When Spera retired in October 2015, just six weeks after moving to Lantern Hill, an Erickson Living developed and managed retirement community in New Providence, New Jersey; he discovered he missed the daily routine, the sense of purpose. He took a part-time job working from his home office selling Ricoh printers and copiers.

"You know what's nice about working in retirement?" Spera asks, rhetorically. "You've already accumulated the money at my age to keep you viable for the rest of your life. So, the money

(above) Lantern Hill resident Gabe Spera.

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isn't an issue. It's the activity."

The activity he enjoys most is interacting with people. "If you enjoy what you do, you never work a day in your life. That's the way I always approached my profession. To me, it's a lot of fun. I enjoy interacting with people and getting out there."

As an added benefit, he says, "If I can provide them with a benefit that improves their overall operation, I take a lot of satisfaction in that."

Spera is part of a national demographic employment trend. Employment rates for older adults are the highest they've been in 55 years. Almost 19 percent of people 65 or older were working at least part-time in the second quarter of 2017, according to the U.S. jobs report (June 2017). What's more, a rapidly growing number of Americans are continuing to work beyond their 65th birthday according to PEW Research Center.

Spera believes this is a positive trend.

"I really feel that as long as you're healthy, you should engage in some kind of activity even if it's work," he says.

"Our residents are role models in the way they choose to pursue their passion and live active

lifestyles," says Lantern Hill Executive Director Patricia Swan-Jacobs. "Residents like Gabe truly love what they are doing, and they are doing it with enthusiasm."

For Spera, working part-time fits his lifestyle. "I can work at my own pace and also enjoy the leisure activities like golf and gardening that I've always been involved with," he says. "If I get up in the morning and I feel like working, I make some sales calls. When the season changes and I'll be able to play golf and tend to my gardening, I'll probably work less."

In addition to working and golfing, Spera tends to a municipal garden space at the New Providence Municipal Center. He grows tomatoes, which he shares with his Lantern Hill neighbors.

He also joined the Lions Club and Republican Party of New Providence.

"I have a lot of energy, and I want to keep active," Spera says. "The combination [of work and leisure activity] is wonderful. It always feels good to put a couple of dollars in your pocket regardless of how much you have. It makes you feel productive."

NEW PROVIDENCE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION 2018

Submitted by Michelle Zack



(above) A celebration was recently held on to thank all the former and present volunteers of the New Providence Senior Citizens Club. The Four Old Parts barbershop quartet entertained with a special performance and joined the seniors for a photo.

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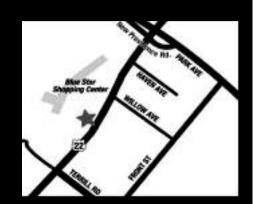
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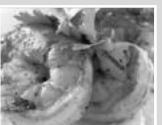
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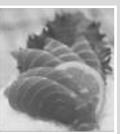
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meets this month on June 7 at 7:30 p.m. They are reading An Available Man by Hilma Wolitzer. In this tender and funny novel. award-winning author Hilma Wolitzer mines the unpredictable fallout of suddenly becoming single later in life, and the chaos and joys of falling in love the second time around. All are welcome. Copies of the book are available at the front desk.

The Knitting Club

meets on June 18 at 7 p.m.

Bring a project you are working on or get instruction on a knitting or crocheting project you would like to start.

The Baseball Club holds its monthly meeting on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

Anybody with an interest in baseball is welcome to come and talk about your favorite team, players or just listen.

The Thursday Morning Book Group

meets on Thursday, June 21 at 10 a.m. to discuss Swimming in the Sink by Lynne Cox. From inspired and inspiring open-water swimmer and supreme athlete, able to endure cold water temperatures that would kill others, author of Swimming to Antarctica and Grayson, a powerful book about super athleticism and human frailty, about invincibility and the sudden mind-altering repercussions of illness, and about the triumph of spirit, surrender, and love. All are welcome. Copies of book are available at the front desk.

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and incentives for readers of all ages (including adults). At 10 a.m. join us for Eyes of the Wild, Animal Show. At 4 p.m. we will be showing Black Panther.

Additionally, we offer Teen Volunteer hours for seventh to 12th graders to assist in our Children's Department with registration and ongoing check-ins. See our website for details. As always, there is a full schedule of movies available. This month featured movies are "Phantom Thread," "The Post," "Only the Brave," "The Greatest Showman," "The Eagle Huntress," and "Django." See the library calendar on our website for full dates, times, and descriptions.

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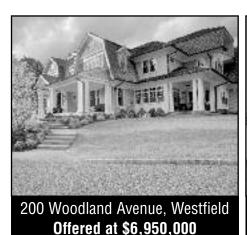
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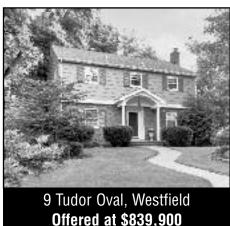


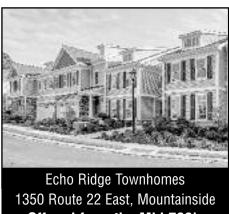










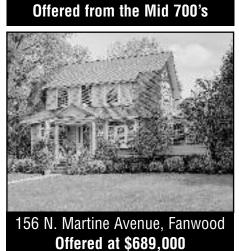






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CIVIL AIR PATROL YOUTH CADET PROGRAM

Submitted by S.M Jose G. Vergara



(above, l-r): Cadets Paul Koizumi (Fanwood), Anushka Kumar (Watchung), and Veronica Vergara (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.

During the weekend of May 5 and 6, 2018, students from around New Jersey, provided community service at the Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Open House and Air Show ("Power In The Pines"). The students are cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP is the US Air Force Auxiliary). They provided guidance to the public and safety by keeping the air field's fire lines clear for emergency evacuation of thousands of air show spectators. In addition, the cadets interacted with military personnel to learn about military technology (Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force) and their operations. They also gained knowledge about different aircrafts on display and enjoyed watching the multiple flight demonstrations from of a variety of aircraft such as F22, F18, F5, and (WWII Mustang airplanes), parachute demonstrations, etc.

The CAP Cadet program offers opportunities to Middle and High School students to learn about Aerospace, Leadership, Character Development, Physical Training, STEM, Orientation Flights, and much more. In addition, the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, provides the youth of ages 12 to 18 a strong list of credentials for their college applications and for highly competitive technical summer camps.

Cadets with proper qualifications can attend Summer Camps at the Air Force McGuire Base, and national Cyber Security, Flight Training Camp, etc.

For more information about CAP Youth Cadet Program, please contact jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov or visit CAP's webpage: gocivilairpatrol.com



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SEA SCOUTING OPEN HOUSE JUNE 9

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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.







(above, l-r) Cadet Manali Shah and Niyati Shah (Scotch Plains) holding QuadCopters.





(above, right) P51 Mustang airplane from WWII. (above, left) F22 Raptor.





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6TH ANNUAL BERKELEY HEIGHTS SUMMER FESTIVAL AND STREET FAIR

The annual Suburban Chambers of Commerce Berkeley Heights Summer Festival and Street Fair will take on a down-home, local flair when the sixth edition kicks off on Sunday, June 24, 2018.

This year's festival, expected to draw nearly 20,000 people, will be a showcase featuring local talent, companies and restaurants, according to event coordinator Paul Neuwirth, owner of Taylor Rental Center. "From free carnival rides to a new, improved Beer Garden, hosted by Delicious Heights, to more local vendors, this year's fair will provide local businesses the chance to give back to the residents of Berkeley Heights," said Mr. Neuwirth.

This year's event will include a host of new activities. The inaugural Summer Festival Battle of the Bands competition will be held on the main stage, provided by Union County. Local dance, musical performers and martial artists will also be featured on the stage.

A new Touch-A-Truck area, featuring vehicles from the township, county, and local contractors, will be available on Springfield Avenue for young kids to explore. Sponsorships for this family-friendly event are still available.

Children's activities, many of them free of charge, will be located in a central Festival area, thanks to area businesses sponsoring inflatable attractions and pony rides. The street fair will also feature a Health and Fitness area, showcasing local fitness facilities and medical providers from the Berkeley Heights area. As always, merchants, crafters and artisans, many local, will be displaying and selling a variety of items.

The festival will be held on Springfield Avenue, between Snyder and Plainfield Avenues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Craftspeople, food vendors and restaurants looking to display at the street fair can contact the Suburban Chambers of Commerce office at info@suburbanchambers or 908-522-1700. Those looking to being involved on a sponsorship level are asked to contact Mr. Neuwirth at Taylor Rental in Berkeley Heights, 908-464-9111.

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







KINDERGARTEN MIXER **JUNE 13**

Attention all incoming Kindergarten parents! The New Providence Education Foundation invites you to join them June 13, 2018, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Paca Club Inc., 184 Livingston Avenue, New Providence, New Jersey for the Salt Brook and Allen W. Roberts Kindergarten Mixer.

RSVP by calling Linda at 908-347-7540.

BLOOD DRIVE JUNE 15

New Jersey Blood Services is conducting a blood drive on Friday, June 15, 2018, at New Providence Police Dept Local 132, 360 Elkwood Avenue New Providence, New Jersey from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. This event is open to the public.



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New Providence NEWS • Page 14 • June 2018 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.

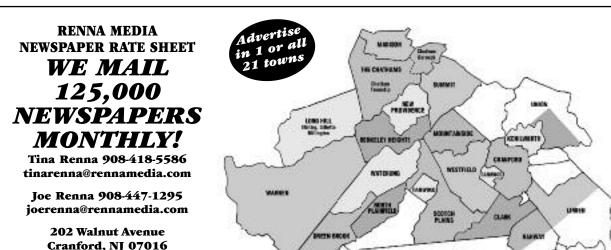
The Union County Baseball Association has added indoor clinics to the Summer League program. UCBA staff and guest Union County coaches will utilize the new state-of-the-art Warinanco Park Skating Center, which is equipped with artificial turf and indoor batting cages, to provide players weekly clinics 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.





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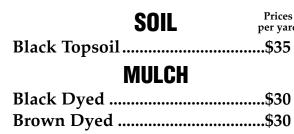
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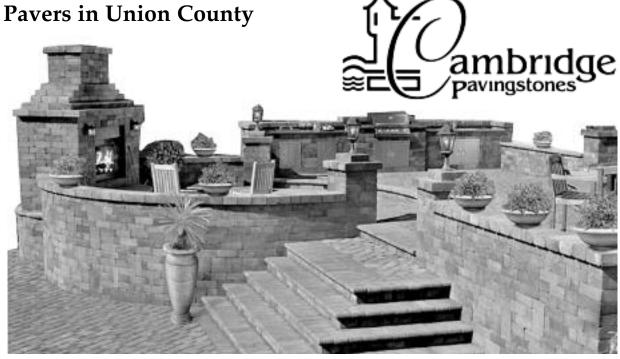
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