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COZY CORNER DELI CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Cozy Corner Deli, located at 558 Rahway Avenue, (down the street from Comcast) in Union NJ, had a 30th anniversary celebration on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. The community was invited to stop in and enjoy 30% off the regular menu all day and there were prizes and giveaways.

Established in 1988 Cozy Corner has been in Union for over 60 years. The business started out as an ice cream and candy store in the 1950's and evolved into what it is today - a full-service deli, restaurant, and catering business. The current deli form of the restaurant has been serving for over 30 years. Says owner Pete Celia "We love being a part of this community and thank all our loyal customers for their business!"

MEET THE BUSINESS OWNER -PETE CELIA

I was born and raised in Union and am a proud graduate of Union High School. My cousin, Carl Matorama and I purchased Cozy Corner in June, 1988 and completely renovated the place. The new business opened in late August, 1988.

Since that time, the business has grown and changed to keep up with our client's needs, preferences in menu items, and even technology. Over the years we have added the convenience of online ordering and delivery services, and expanded our menu to include both private party and corporate catering.

In 2012, like many of our loyal customers and neighbors, we were devastated by Hurricane Sandy. We were without power for 9 long days. But so were many of our clients, who were turning to us for "comfort food" because their own food had spoiled and they needed a break from cleaning up the result Sandy.

By the Grace of God, we were able to rent 2 generators to stay open for our customers. Word quickly spread that we were open, and we were extremely busy (and tired ourselves) but happy that we could help the community in some small way as we came together to deal with the aftermath of Sandy.

The generator could not support all of our refrigerators and freezers, so we shut down all but the minimum that we needed to stay open.



(above) Peter Celia, standing second from right) with staff.
(Additional photos of Cozy Corner can be found on page 19.)

When the lights came back on, we realized that we could operate with less freezer capacity, so the walk-in freezer was converted to a refrigerator.

Sandy brought hardship and devastation, but we like to remember the goodness that it caused too. Changing the walk-in freezer to a refrigerator reduced our energy consumption and therefore, our carbon footprint. And the best part is that the refrigerator gave us more room for "farm to table" fresh foods, which all of our health conscience customers just love!

Despite all the changes, our primary focus has always been and will always be "comfort food", which is evident in just about every aspect.

Cozy Corner Deli specializes in great comfort food. Our most popular breakfast items are a Taylor Ham, egg & cheese sandwich, with a cup of our famous fresh brewed coffee. For the heartier appetite, customers rave about our over-stuffed 3 egg omelets which are served with the best home fries in the area.

Our extensive lunch menu includes hot and cold sandwiches, platters, subs, wraps, panini's homemade soups, and a wide assortment of juicy burgers and fresh salads and sides. No matter what you are in the mood for, you are sure to find something at Cozy Corner. We offer daily specials every day too! Come in, or get take-out, pick up or delivery, your choice!

We are a diner & deli all in one with table service available. So if you just need to stock your refrigerator with deli items, come in for our great deli meats and homemade salads.

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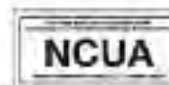
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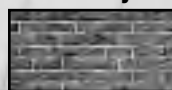
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ARC OF UNION COUNTY ENJOYS A VISIT TO OUR HISTORY 'BACK IN TIME'

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs partnered with The Arc of Union County to hold their first "Back in Time" history event for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The event was held at the Deserted Village in Berkeley Heights. The afternoon program featured three historical sites in Union County, and the presenters gave an interpretation of the period of time each site represents.

Arlene Soong from the Historic Miller-Cory House Museum, located in Westfield, gave an interactive presentation while dressed in period clothes from the Colonial Period. She provided samples of herbs and fresh food that were grown



(above) A presentation by Arlene Soong from the Historic Miller-Cory House Museum. Dressed in Colonial clothes, she presented food and cooking tools from the era.



(above) Participants at the "Back in Time" event enjoyed games played during the time of the American Revolution.

in the gardens during that time period. Participants had a chance to see, feel and smell the fresh ingredients and cooking tools that people used to prepare meals in the past.

Kathy Arminio and David Arminio from the Caldwell Parsonage, located in Union Township, shared some background about local historical icon Reverend James Caldwell and his role in the American Revolution. There was also time for fun and games as participants played period games such as hopscotch with a stone, pickup sticks and 9-pin bowling. They rounded up the event with a visit to the museum at the Deserted Village, located in Berkeley Heights, where participants explored the artifacts and historical documents that help us to understand our local history.

Many thanks to organizer John Prescott, History Programs Coordinator of the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, for providing this event free of charge to the participants and making it accessible to people with special needs.

Prescott shared that he hopes to continue more events like this throughout the year. "I believe that this is a great opportunity to expand the diversity of our audience, and to share the interesting and great history our County has to offer."

The "Back in Time" History event was sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

About The Arc of Union County

The Arc of Union County, Inc. is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization headquartered in Springfield, NJ, dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc serves more than 1,000 adults and children each month from the 21 towns in Union County, as well as the greater Northern and Central NJ counties. For more information about The Arc of Union County, please contact Ellen de Havilland at 973-315-0055.

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"The WISE Adult Day Services program has served our community for over 30 years," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Caregiving can be one of the most rewarding, yet stressful of life's tasks. It is our belief that assisting the caregiver is just as important as assisting their loved one."

Taking Time for Me will meet on Wednesdays and Fridays 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m. September 5th through October 26th at The Gateway Family YMCA - Wellness Center Branch, 1000 Galloping Hill Rd, Union. Space in the program is limited and pre-registration is required. There is no cost for the program and it is open to the

community.

The WISE Center YMCA is a branch in The Gateway Family YMCA, serving the community in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County, NJ. "Through WISE, our YMCA is able to provide unique services to meet the needs of our local community. We are proud to offer the Adult Day Services program as well as Connections, Persys



and community support groups," stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO, The Gateway Family YMCA.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Y impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faiths or incomes. The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community.

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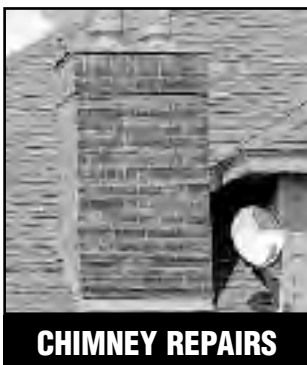
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The Union Township Historical Society will host Rich Rosenthal at Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at 2 p.m. Rich will present "The Precedents of the Prefident*: George Washington and the Creation of the Executive Office." (*In 1789, a print "s" was written "f.")

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There can only be one Number One - and George Washington was that Number One, setting the guidelines for all future presidents.

Rich Rosenthal has lectured on many historical subjects and is president of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table. He was a board member and one of the founding members - along with pre-eminent New Jersey historian, the late John T. Cunningham - of the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table. Rich lives in Parsippany with his wife, Harriet; they have two daughters and three grandchildren.

(left) Rich Rosenthal will present "The Precedents of the Prefident*: George Washington and the Creation of the Executive Office" on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at 2 p.m., hosted by the Union Township Historical Society.



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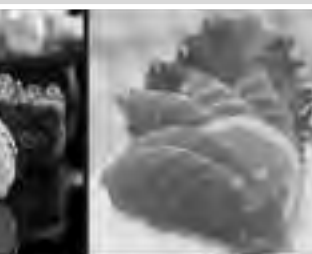
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Fifteen individuals and seven organizations recently received the Union County Human Relations Commission's prestigious Unity Award for Achievement, an honor given to role models who dedicate their time and efforts to activities and programs that raise and honor the human spirit.

The 2018 awards marked the 17th year in which the Commission has named honorees.

The Union County Emergency Response Team (UCERT)/ USAI NJ PRIDE was honored for aid deployment to Puerto Rico.

Below is preprinted from the event's program.

The team included UCERT/SWAT/USAI Commander Martin Mogensen; Patrolman Alexander Ruiz, Clark Police Department; Officer Elliot Bernard, Fanwood Police Department; Patrolman Sean Kaverik, Kenilworth Police Department; Detective Edward Nortrup, Roselle Park Police Department; Officer Dragan Ristovski, Township of Union Police Department; Detective Daniel Fay, Union County Prosecutor's Office; Officer Sean Holcomb, Union County Prosecutor's Office; Lieutenant James Guerrant, Union County Sheriff's Office; Sergeant Manuel Cruz, Union County Sheriff's Office.

This Unity Award was given in recognition for emergency response to help residents of Puerto Rico by assisting local law enforcement in the wake of hurricane devastation.

On Wednesday, September 6, 2017, Hurricane

Irma - a Category 5 storm with 175 mph winds - carved a merciless path of destruction through the Caribbean, killing at least 44 people, leaving thousands of others homeless, and plunging more than 1 million residents of Puerto Rico into darkness.

Two weeks later, on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria - which, despite weakening to a Category 4 hurricane by the time it struck Puerto Rico - devastated the island, decimated buildings, crippled communication, drenched it with intense flooding, and left hundreds of recipients dead or missing. Its previously damaged electrical grid was also compromised.

The Catastrophic damage, coupled with the devastation of other islands in the area, compounded relief efforts. Maria was the tenth-most intense Atlantic hurricane, and the worst natural disaster on record in Puerto Rico. For weeks, in Maria's wake, most of the island's population suffered from flooding and lack of resources, compounded by the slow relief process.

Union County stepped up to help. Nine Union County law enforcement officers who are members of the Union County Emergency Response Team (UCERT) traveled to Puerto Rico in the wake of the hurricane to help keep law and order there.

The officers, under the command of Union County Police Department Captain Martin

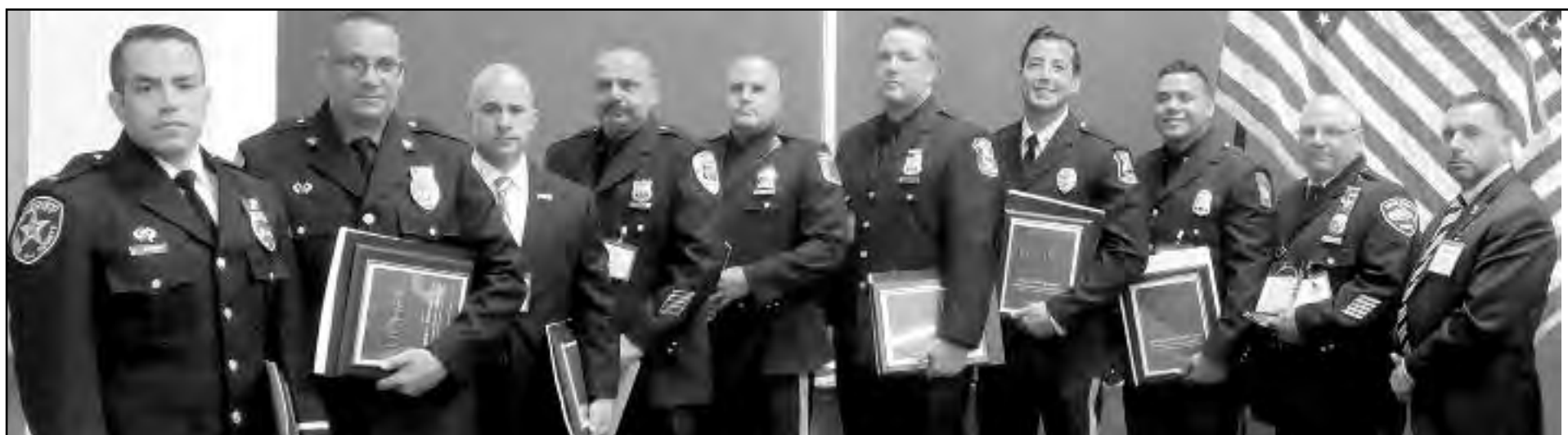
Mogensen, who commands UCERT, Union County's SWAT team, and the Federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), went in two deployments in October and November 2017 to provide relief. Coordinating with the New Jersey State Police, Puerto Rican State Police, and San Juan Police, they provided community outreach assistance, infrastructure protection, and traffic control points.

The Union County officers relieved local officers who had been working long shifts daily and wearing regular clothes because they couldn't wash their uniforms. Their radios didn't work either. They communicated by waving each other down, or by cell phones.

Two months after the storm, the officers had to struggle on a daily basis for the necessities: food, water, fuel for their generators.

The officers agreed that the images seen on TV and online did not capture the enormity of the damage: Roads with giant fissures, downed utility poles, epic food and water shortages, no traffic lights, gridlock, cars disabled or struck sitting on the side of seven-lane highways, and lack of power. Crime and violence were also a dangerous byproduct of the hurricane aftermath. Day-to-day life was exhausting.

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REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR YMCA'S 7TH GRADE INITIATIVE

The Gateway Family YMCA Supports 7th Grade Students Through Programs and Membership

Registration has begun for the new class of 7th Grade Initiative members at The Gateway Family YMCA. As part of the NJ YMCA 7th Grade Initiative, a state-wide program designed to support and encourage teens to maintain a healthy lifestyle, The Gateway Family YMCA offers a supportive program and membership for all 7th Grade Students in the local community, free of charge. Incoming 7th Grade students are invited to visit the YMCA and sign up for this complimentary membership and program with proof of grade and a guardian's signature. Registration is available at The Gateway Family YMCA – Elizabeth Branch - 135 Madison Avenue, Five Points Branch -201 Tucker Avenue, Union, Rahway Branch – 1564 Irving Street, Rahway and Wellness Center Branch – 1000 Galloping Hill Rd, Union.

The goal of the 7th Grade Initiative is to increase physical activity and support teens in the development of lifetime healthy habits while providing a safe and supportive environment at the YMCA. "At the Y, we recognize that 7th grade is a pivotal time in youth development. It is a time where sports become more competitive and many teens begin to become sedentary," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "We believe in providing our students with a supportive environment where healthy habits can be learned and reinforced, new

friendships can be made, and positive programs and role models are part of the daily routine." In 2016, The Gateway Family YMCA released a video depicting the story highlighting a student in the 7th Grade Initiative, Gerby Janvier. This video is available on The Gateway Family YMCA's youtube channel: <http://bit.ly/7Grade>

"In order to prepare for the incoming school year, The Gateway Family YMCA is inviting incoming 7th grade students to register beginning August 15th at our branches in Elizabeth, Union and Rahway," added Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO. Students participate in programs and services offered by the YMCA, and receive a complimentary Full Privilege membership including health and wellness options, swimming, group exercise, as well programs designed exclusively for teens. "Our goal is to provide ongoing support for 7th grade students, assisting them to strengthen healthy behaviors, increase activity, gain a better understanding of nutrition and the importance of continuing these habits into their adult lives," stated Thomas Galuppo, Director of Healthy Living, Five Points Branch.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development,

For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Y impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faiths or incomes. Providing services for Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County for over 117 years, The Gateway Family YMCA has 5 YMCA branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, serving the communities of Avenel, Carteret, Clark, Colonia, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Port Reading, Roselle, Roselle Park, Sewaren, Union, Vauxhall, Winfield Park and Woodbridge, NJ.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA or the 7th Grade Initiative, visit www.tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch at 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch at 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch at 732-388-0057 or Wellness Center Branch at 908-349-9622.



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Say Hello to Ed Ramirez, New UCEDC Training Officer

Ed has enjoyed many different types of professional opportunities throughout his career, but the common thread through all has been leadership management and service to others.

A 12-year Army veteran, Ed had a long career in small business consulting and accounting services. He also spent six years in higher education, helping a small college through the national accreditation process.

Proving that you can never stop learning, Ed is currently working on a Doctorate in Business Administration.

Ed will offer training workshops in Spanish as

well as English and is busy developing new curriculum to broaden our array of topics. Check the UCEDC on-line calendar, ucedc.com/events, for the inaugural session of "Year-End Tax Prep for Small Businesses" sometime in the Fall.

You can reach Ed at 908-527-1166 or eramirez@ucedc.com.



(above) Ed Ramirez, New UCEDC Training Officer.

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Phyllis Monguso, Supervisor of Senior Citizens Activities, recalls "The garden started about 6 years ago, I thought it would be nice for the seniors to enjoy and take care of, and also enjoy its yield. As the garden grows they pick what they want, It's an activity they enjoy."



(above, l-r) In early July seniors enjoyed a string bean harvest. Pictured are Angie Vieira, Mary Izzo, Gerry Jones, Aurora Manochio, and Alma Lauer.



(above) Tomato plants growing in what was once a bocce ball court.



(above) Eggplant.



(above) Eggplants.



(above) Tomato plants.



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Guests will be escorted to eleven graves of citizens who have interesting and in some cases tragic stories to tell. Costumed actors will represent both soldiers and civilians as they give the historic accounts of the parts they played in the war.

Tour stops will include the graves of two soldiers who were killed in action, the mausoleum of Dr. Fred Albee, the famous orthopedic surgeon, and a 15 year old girl who

worked as a Red Cross Volunteer. Descriptions of some of the brutal battles will be given by soldiers who were there, two of whom received the Purple Heart and came home with life-altering injuries. Visitors will also learn about the USA Coast Artillery Corps, the Army Air Force, and the Balloon Squadron. Visitors will hear the unusual story of a decorated soldier, who after the war, murdered his girlfriend and was executed in the electric chair.

Tours start at noon and leave every 15 minutes with each tour taking approximately 1 1/2 hours. The last tour goes out at 4:00 p.m. Since large crowds are anticipated, tour time reservations are recommended to ensure a desired starting time. Admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (65+), and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). For reservations and more information, call the Museum office at (732) 381-0441.

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Submitted by Fire Chief Michael Scanio

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The ceremony will start promptly at 8:46 a.m., the time the North Tower was struck, with the reading of the 23 NYPD names and 37 Port authority names of the officers that died that day. At 9:03 a.m., the time the South Tower was struck, the names of the 343 FDNY firefighters that died that day will be read. The chimes are

actually 3 sets of 5, not "two bell chimes."

I would like to invite the community to attend the ceremony and visit the Memorial Park located next to Union Fire Headquarters. This memorial is dedicated to the members of the Union Fire Dept including the 2 line of duty deaths that occurred in Union, and the 9-11 tribute which includes a piece of the World Trade Center and a piece of the Pentagon, Union Fire Department is one of only a few departments within the state that has a piece of both sites that were attacked that day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT BLOOD DRIVES

New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS), which supplies blood to hospitals throughout the state, is in need of volunteers to help at blood drives. The blood drive volunteer is an integral member of the blood collection team whose task it is to assist donors with registration and/or at the refreshment area. No medical background necessary. Volunteers should have the ability to relate to the public, be able to perform different jobs as needed and have the willingness to follow the rules.

For additional information contact, Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Manager of Community Relations & Volunteer Services Sharon Zetts at 732-850-8906.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS (MB)

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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Mondays: Construction Zone

at 3:30 p.m.

All ages - No registration required
Learn, play, and build with us every Monday using Legos, K'Nex, and more!

Please note that UPL is closed for Labor Day on 9/3, so there will be no program that day.

Read to Waldi

Mondays 9/10 & 9/24: at 4:15 p.m.

Ages 5+ - Registration required

Bring along a book or two and practice reading aloud to Waldi, our visiting therapy dog! Program takes place on alternate weeks.

Wednesdays: Tiny Tots (Storytime)

at 10:30 a.m.

Birth - 2 years - No registration required
Spend this special time with baby singing songs & rhymes, listening to stories, followed by free play & socialization.

Thursdays: Alphabet Soup (Storytime)

at 4:00 p.m.

Ages 4 - 6 - Registration required for 9/6 and 9/27
Jump into reading with UPL! We explore phonics, letter recognition, and numbers all while reading fun stories, singing songs, and making new friends! Please note that the 9/6 session will feature a back-to-school craft following storytime, and the 9/27 session will be Stretchy Stories, a yoga and movement-based storytime.

Fridays: Toddler Tales (Storytime)

at 10:30 a.m.

2 - 4 years - No registration required
Enjoy stories, singing, and movement, following a different theme each week!
The 9/21 session will focus on music & movement.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Back to School Crafternoon

Tuesday 9/4: at 4:30 p.m.

Ages 5+ - Registration required
Create a duct tape pencil case/folder pocket, plus emoji magnets for your locker!

Teen Cuisine: National Waffle Week

Friday 9/7 at 3:30 p.m.

Ages 13+ - Registration required

Beat those back-to-school blues and celebrate National Waffle Week with us! Stop by after school and enjoy some fresh waffles with all the toppings you want!

Bedtime Storytime

Thursday 9/13 at 7:00 p.m.

All ages - Registration required

Join us for a special bedtime storytime to celebrate fall! Don't forget to wear your coziest PJs.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Friday 9/14 at 3:30 p.m.

Ages 13+ - Registration required

Help us make Union Public Library the place for you! Let us know what programs and events you want to see at the library. Recommend books, movies, and music you want to see on the shelves, and earn community service hours by coming to TAB meetings and participating in programs!

Drop-in Craft

Saturday 9/15 at 11:30 a.m.

All ages - No registration required
Create your own cactus rock to plant!

ScienceTellers

Saturday 9/15 at 1:00 p.m.

Ages 4 - 12 - Registration required

With the help of audience volunteers, the ScienceTellers crew conduct science experiments to bring an exciting story to life! Join us for a Wild West whodunit: The Mystery of the Golden Piano!

Pirate Palooza

Wednesday 9/19 at 4:00 p.m.

Ages 4 - 8 - Registration required

Ahoy, buccaneers! Join yer mateys to celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day, with jolly fun stories, games, and activities! Pirate dress is encouraged (but not required)!

SciFri: DIY Toys

Friday 9/21 at 3:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 12 - Registration required

Learn about polymers by making homemade silly putty & bouncy balls!

cNational Voter Registration Day

Friday 9/21 (All day)

Ages 18+ - No registration required

Register to be able to vote in the November election!

The W.H.O. (We Help Others) Club: Kids' Edition

Tuesday 9/25 at 4:30 p.m.

Ages 5+ - No registration required

Interested in making our community a better place? Join us each month for a new service project.

This month, we'll be painting kindness stones!

ShopRite Kids Cuisine

Wednesday 9/26 at 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 - 12 - Registration required

Learn about healthy eating and try some yummy new foods, following a different theme each month!
Presented by Megan Hewitt, RD from ShopRite of Union.

The W.H.O. (We Help Others) Club: Teen Edition

Friday 9/28 at 3:30 p.m.

Ages 13+ - No registration required

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Family Movie: Coco

Saturday 9/29 at 12:00 p.m.

All ages - Registration required

Join us for a screening of Coco (Rated PG), in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month! Bring your own lunch and we'll supply the popcorn and a beverage. Guardians must be present.

ADULT PROGRAMS (MB)

New Adult Board Game Night

Thursday, September 13 from 7 - 8 p.m.

An entertaining evening is practically guaranteed with games like Harry Potter Hogwarts Battle and Kickstarter success Exploding Kittens! Bring a friend for more fun.

Leave 'Em in Stitches!

Tuesday, September 18 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Bring your own project(s) and get ready to knit/crochet!

Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group

Thursday, September 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

This month the group will be reading Two Family House by Lynda Loigman. New members always welcome. Please contact the library to receive a copy of the book.

AARP Safe Driving Class

Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road. Cost of class is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Advanced registration is required.

Bite Club

Monday, September 24 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by talking with fellow foodies about Latin food! Advanced registration is required. Please call (908) 851-5450 x 3 or email emacleod@uplnj.org.

Tuesdays @ 2 Movies

September 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 2- 4 p.m.

Join us at the library for free movies. Doors open at 1:50 p.m. and elevator access is available.

Please call the Library for specific titles and more information at (908) 851-5450.

Meditation

Thursdays in September 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Relax and unwind in our ever popular meditation class.

Friends of the Union Public Library Meeting

Thursday, September 6 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Monthly meeting of the Friends of the Library. New members always welcome.

Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Connect Explore & Discover Digital Resources

Friday, September 7 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Monday, September 10 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Monday, September 17 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Friday, September 21 from 2 - 3 p.m.

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Mobile Aging Kiosk

Tuesday, September 25 from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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ASK is staffed by professionals with the Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection of the Union County Department of Human Services.

International Film

Thursday, September 27 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Join us at the library for a free international movie.

Doors open at 1:50 p.m. and elevator access is available.

Please call the Library for the specific title and more information at (908) 851-5450.

Les Malamut Art Gallery

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For additional information please call the library at (908) 851-5451, or find us on the web at www.uplnj.org.

YOUTH PROGRAMS (VH)

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tuesdays: Toddler & Pre-K Time
at 11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 - 6 - Registration required
Interactive storytimes, crafts, and more for young children and their parents/guardians.

9/4: Music & Movement

9/11: Interactive Learning Time

9/18: Story & Craft: Hispanic Heritage Month

9/25: STEM Story & Activity: Fall

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Library Card Sign-up Drop-in Craft & Card Drive

Wednesday 9/5 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

All ages - No registration required

September is National Library Sign-up Month! Patrons are invited to stop by the library and get a new card or renew an old one. Also, there will be a drop-in craft available. **In order to get a library card, you must be 18 years or older. Please present your photo ID and a piece of mail with your current address.

If under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be present and provide these documents. Also, there is a \$2.00 charge to replace a lost card.

Tween Movie: Wonder

Thursday 9/6 at 2:45 p.m.

All ages - Registration required

Join us for a screening of Wonder (Rated PG)!

We'll supply the popcorn and a beverage.

Wii and Boardgame Fridays

Friday 9/7 at 3:00 p.m.

All ages - Registration required

Join us for an afternoon of friendly competition. We're breaking out the Wii U and our collection of boardgames. Feel free to bring your own games too!

Books and Board Games with your Grandparents

Monday 9/10 at 1:30 p.m.

All ages - Registration required

On this day off school, children of all ages are invited to visit the library with their grandparent(s) to read a story, color a picture, play a game, or just spend quality time together.

Homeschool Hangout

Thursday 9/13 at 11:00 a.m.

Ages 10+ - Registration required

Meet, learn, and engage with other local homeschooling families through a variety of fun activities!

Tween DIY

Thursday 9/13 at 3:00 p.m.

Ages 9 - 13 - Registration required

We'll be making coding bracelets, using beads to code our names or special messages!

All materials will be provided.

Family Drop-in Story & Craft

Saturday 9/15 at 3:00 p.m.

All ages - No registration required

Celebrate Batman Day 2018 with stories and a craft!

Club Teen: Healthy Eating Class

Wednesday 9/19: at 6:00 p.m.

Ages 14+ - Registration required

Megan Hewitt, RD from ShopRite of Union will stop by to teach us how to make delicious and healthy snacks!

Tween STEM Builders Club

Thursday 9/20 at 3:00 p.m.

Ages 9 - 13 - Registration required

Play around with Legos and 3-D magnetic tiles to create amazing shapes and structures!

Tween 'Make It at Your Library'

Thursday 9/27 at 3:00 p.m.

Ages 9 - 13 - Registration required

Create a cool yarn initial letter, perfect for decorating your room or desk!

ADULT PROGRAMS (VH)

Connect, Explore and Discover

Saturday, September 15 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us for Tech Instruction and learn how to download e-books and e-audiobooks from our digital resources using your library card.

Advanced registration is required.

Adult Movie Night

Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

This romantic comedy is about four older women who reevaluate their lives and personal relationships after reading a romance novel for their book discussion group.

Please call the library for the exact title.

Hilton Readers Book Club

Monday, September 24 at 7 p.m.

This month members will be discussing "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly. New members always welcome.

Please contact the library to receive a copy of the book.

Jersey Job Club presents: Acing the Interview II

Saturday, September 29 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Join our Career Coach, Deb Warner, to make the most out of your resume and jump start your job search.

Tai Chi Free Exercise Program

Tuesdays in September

First session: 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

Second session: 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

For mature adults. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. Sign up required.~

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH!

Whether you're looking for a job, starting a small business, trying a new hobby, or pursuing a degree,

Union Public Library offers the resources and programming you need. There's something for everyone here. Come get a library card this month and discover a universe of FREE STUFF!

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 - October 15!

Be sure to check out the programs celebrating Hispanic heritage and culture going on at the Main Library and Vauxhall Branch both this month and next.

VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

September 25!

Tables will be set up at both the Main Library and Vauxhall Branch that day, so be sure to stop by to register!

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JOE LISA & FRIENDS



Fans of contemporary jazz will enjoy the music of Joe Lisa and Friends. A veteran of the Salem Roadhouse shows, violinist/guitarist Joe Lisa returns with another dynamic group of improvisational musicians. Collectively the group explores the freedoms of jazz styles encompassing elements of funk, rock, and hip hop. A truly unique modern fusion!

Joe Lisa: violin & guitar; Coo Moe Jee: bass; Bill Bang: drums;
GShaw 'The Garden State Great': rhymes and spoken word

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GREAT INFLATABLE RACE AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL - SEPT 15

The Mayor and Committee of the Township of Union are proud to partner with Union High School to present the Great Inflatable Race and Food Truck Festival. The event, which got rained out on May 12th is set to return on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 at Union High school and Rabkin Park in Union.

The event, sponsored by PSEG, will feature a fun-run featuring inflatable obstacles, live entertainment, a food truck festival, kids-zone and much more. The first fun-run wave kicks off at 9:00 a.m. and will continue intermittently until 11 a.m., and food trucks and entertainment will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds from the Inflatable Race, and all proceeds from the Food Truck Festival will go to benefit Union High School's Project Graduation.

Registration to run in the Inflatable Race is currently \$29.99 for a regular ticket which includes a race T-shirt, wristband, temporary tattoo and race medal; and \$49.99 for a VIP Ticket which includes the perks of regular admission plus a sweatband, fanny pack, admission to the Inflatable Village and food truck festival, access to the VIP packet pick up line, free bag check, and 10% off of all merchandise.

Registration is now open at:



Photo courtesy of The Great Inflatable Race.

**Great Inflatable Race,
coming to Union on
September 15, 2018.**

**Registration is now open at
thegreatinflatablerace.com/**

**Union-Township,
proceeds from the event,
sponsored by PSEG
and the Township of Union,
will benefit Union High School's
Project Graduation.**

<https://thegreatinflatablerace.com/Union-Township>

Recently added to the Festival lineup are the following gourmet food trucks:

- The Lab: Asian BBQ Fusion
- El Lechon de Negron: Authentic Puerto Rican Pig Roast and Cuisine
- The Rolling Dough: Mobile wood-fired pizza oven
- Suzie's Rolling Wrappers: Gourmet Fried Wrappers
- House of Cupcakes: Cupcakes, cookies and doughnuts
- Jerkin Chicken: Traditional Jamaican cuisine
- The Empanada Guy: Specializing in Empanadas and other delicious Latin dishes

Admission to the Food Truck Festival alone is \$5, payable at the door.

Visit thegreatinflatablerace.com/Union-Township

Township for updates, including new food trucks and entertainment lineup.

Project Graduation is the annual alcohol, drug and tobacco free celebration for graduating seniors given on graduation night. Activities and events are held throughout the year which create an atmosphere for the class to bond together, as well as raising funds needed to ensure that Project Graduation is a gift from a "caring community."

Additional sponsors of the event include, event sponsor PSEG; platinum sponsors County of Union and MLB Residential Lending; gold sponsors The Ave, BCB Bank, Connect One Bank, Chick-Fil-A, Northfield Bank, the Gateway Family YMCA, Union Special Improvement District and Magic 98.3; and silver sponsors Movement Mortgage and Shoprite.

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MAYOR'S DAY

5K

Sunday, September 23, 2018
Union High School
Cooke Drive, Union, NJ

Adult Run

Check in: 7:45am
Run Starts: 9:00am

Age Groups: 0-13, 14-19, 20-29,
 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

Kids Run

Check in: 7:30am
Run Starts: 9:10am

Grade K, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, (as of
 the 2018- 2019 school year).

prizes will be awarded!
 A portion of the proceeds will go to help a local family.
 Please see the reverse side for details.
Please Register:
www.runsignup.com and go to Mayor's Day 5K.

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