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JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST WEEKEND OCT 13-14

The Vermeule Mansion, 614 Greenbrook Rd, North Plainfield, New Jersey, announces their participation in the annual Weekend Journey Through the Past, a weekend tour of historically significant places in Somerset County. Approximately 30 sites will participate in the event run by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, scheduled for Saturday, Oct 13th, 10-5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct 14th noon-4 p.m. This is the 13th year for the program. Complete information about the event and participating sites can be found at SCHistoryWeekend.com.

"The event is a great way for families to learn about the area's local history", explained Johanna Salvemini, president of the Friends of Vermeule Mansion. "Most of us have a general idea about the importance Somerset County residents played in the early centuries of our country. Visiting numerous participating sites during the history weekend also offers a way to learn about various aspects of local history – military efforts, lore, music, craft, food and pastimes in a condensed amount of time." Ms. Salvemini pointed out that it's also a great way for kids who are studying the history of early America in school to allow the textbook information to come alive in a real way because history exists right in town.

The Vermuele Mansion staff has prepared a variety of activities for the 2-day offering. Scheduled activities include:



(above) Linda Russell, musical concert,
"200 Years of Popular Song" Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Saturday, Oct 13:

11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – Linda Russell, musical concert,
"200 Years of Popular Song"

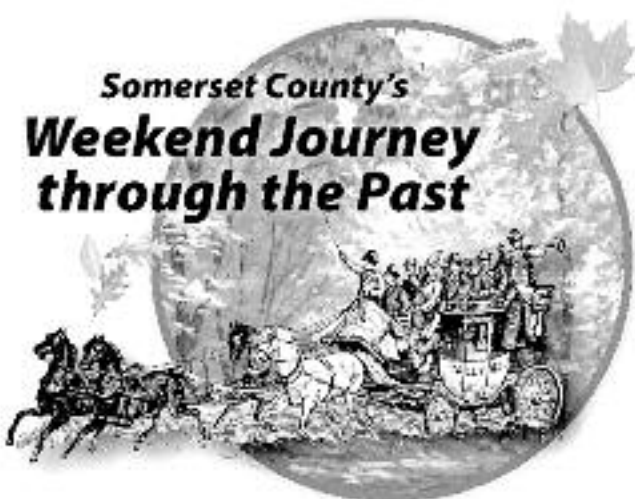
3:00 p.m. – Jim Del Giudice, presentation,
"Gotcha! Snapshots that Made History"

Sunday, Oct 14

2:00 p.m. – Linda Russell, musical concert,
"200 Years of Popular Song"

Continuous activities throughout the weekend include tours of the Mansion and the photography museum, children's activities, and light refreshments typical of earlier times in history will be served. Members of the Friends of Vermeule Mansion (FOVM) will be on hand to provide interesting highlights about the Vermeule property and how the Friends organization came into being. Information on activities and membership in the FOVM will also be available.

The Vermeule Mansion is open regularly on Saturdays from 10am-4 pm except holidays and is wheelchair accessible. Have a passion for history and culture and sharing your time and knowledge with the community? Join us on the Journey! Contact the Friends of Vermeule Mansion and like our Facebook page at facebook.com/vermeulemansion, or contact johcre@yahoo.com or 908-755-8098.



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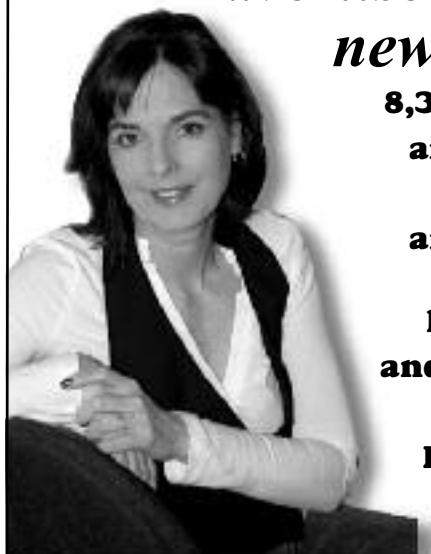
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COMMUNITY HELPS STUFF-THE-TRUCK WITH DIAPERS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, Moms Helping Moms Foundation held a fun, kid-friendly Stuff-the-Truck diaper drive at the New Providence Community Pool in honor of Diaper Need Awareness Week. The event, sponsored by North Plainfield Nissan, was a huge success with community members donating 8,200 diapers for low-income families.

The Mayor of New Providence, Al Morgan, attended the event and honored Moms Helping Moms Foundation with a proclamation recognizing Diaper Need Awareness Week. He said, "Moms Helping Moms is a terrific organization working hard to ensure that our low-income families have access to essentials like diapers. Presenting this proclamation is an honor and signifies the importance of diaper need and the necessity to make diapers affordable."

Bridget Cutler, Executive Director of Moms Helping Moms, commented, "Chances are we all know someone, or have been the person, who has or will experience the struggle to afford diapers. Raising children is hard enough without

having to worry about whether you have enough clean diapers. Moms Helping Moms is here to help parents and raise awareness about the critical role that diapers play in the health and well-being of families."

Diaper Need Awareness Week (DNAW) is September 24-30. Started in 2012, DNAW is an initiative created by the National Diaper Bank Network to bring national attention and mobilize efforts to end diaper need. Diaper need is the challenge to provide babies with an adequate supply of clean, dry diapers. One-in-three families in the United States experience diaper need. A baby uses close to 2,800 diapers during its first-year, the cost of which is about \$1000 – an insurmountable expense for many.

Moms Helping Moms Foundation is a baby supply and diaper bank founded in 2011 that provides essentials for low-income children like diapers, wipes, clothes, shoes, strollers and more. Each year, Moms Helping Moms distributes more than 300,000 items to local families. To learn more, or to donate, please visit momshelpingmomsfoundation.org.



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The Blessing of the Animals celebrates our love for our pets and the love they give us in return, and the beauty and wonder of all of creation.

Please bring dogs on leashes or in carriers and cats and other pets in appropriate carriers. If your pet is shy, or no longer living, you may bring a photo to be blessed in their honor or memory.

Children especially love this service, and we love having them! And you never know what sort of animal might turn up to be blessed - in the past we've had goats, ducks, and rabbits!

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FIRE PREVENTION MONTH WITH THE NPFD

Submitted by William F. Eaton, Fire Chief/Director

Throughout October and the upcoming weeks, the North Plainfield Fire Department will be participating in National Fire Prevention week. This safety campaign is the longest-running public health observance in our country. This year, the actual week is October 7th through the 13th, but we will continue many of the activities throughout the entire month. During this timeframe, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Activities throughout the month include conducting fire prevention and education visits to our local schools, as well as hosting visits to the fire department. Both the school and firehouse visits allow us to have a unique one-on-one interaction with the children where we can better cover the topic of fire safety and explain the importance of this year's theme and campaign - "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire

can happen anywhere."

On Saturday, October 13, we will host an open house at Fire Headquarters, 8 Lincoln Place between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to come visit the station and meet the firefighters, so please come join us that day!

October also kicks off our annual smoke detector battery replacement program. Traditionally this program has been for our senior citizens, but it is open to all residents who live within our great community. During this month and through November, we schedule visits to these homes to assist in replacing the smoke detector batteries and, if necessary, we will also install or replace the smoke detector itself.

This program has been offered for decades at no cost to the homeowner and any North Plainfield family or resident in need of this type of assistance can contact fire headquarters to arrange for a visit by calling us at 908-769-2935.

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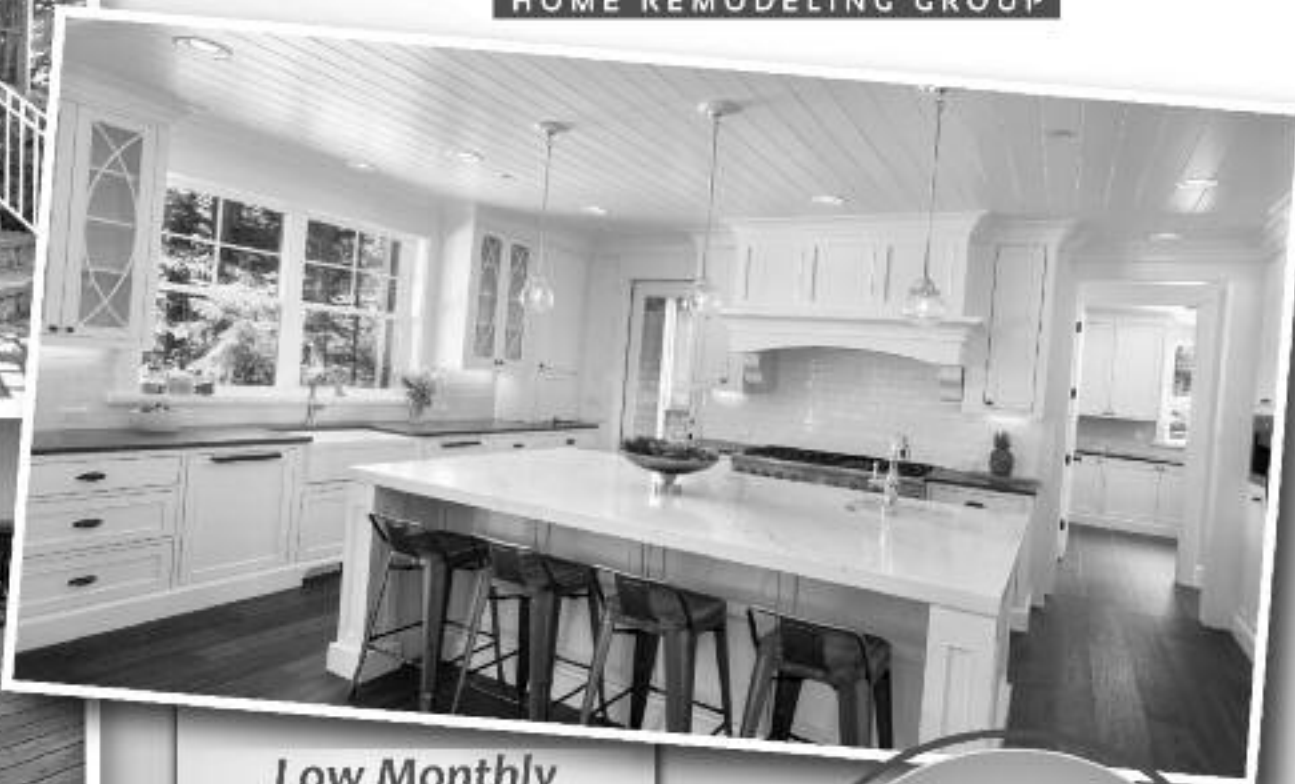


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Submitted by Christina Lewis

It’s back! Returning for a seventh year, Wagner Farm Arboretum’s spectacular Halloween-themed event “Brite Nites” showcases an elaborate display of intricately and creatively hand-carved and lighted pumpkins. Meander through our garden path filled with breathtaking pumpkin sculptures, where you will be astounded by their complexity and originality. New this year is the partnership with Dusk Productions to bring you an even bigger haunting experience with our



“Barn of Fear” display. Watch out for the roaming ghouls, vampires and witches, or be mesmerized by the wandering magician, musicians and dancers. The whole family will be entertained with a night to remember. In addition, we will have a food pavilion where you can enjoy a quick bite from a wide selection of food trucks. Hot cocoa and cider will be available for purchase.

Brite Nites 2018 will occur on the dates of October 12-13, 19-20, 26-28. Entry times start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Wagner Farm Arboretum is located at 197 Mountain Ave., Warren, NJ 07059. They can be visited online at wfafnj.org.

Admission tickets cost \$15 per Adult; \$10 Senior, \$10 Child ages 4-12, Children 3 and under are free. Tickets are sold online in 15-minute intervals.

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10/13	10am:	Fire Department Open House 8 Lincoln Place
10/13	10am:	Weekend Journey Through The Past - Vermeule Mansion
10/14	12pm:	Weekend Journey Through The Past - Vermeule Mansion
10/28	1pm:	Halloween Parade Community Center
10/23	10am:	Flu Shot Clinic Community Center
10/28	2pm:	Immigration Forum Pepe's Restaurant
10/31		Happy Halloween!
11/6		Election Day
11/12		Veteren's Day - Borough Hall Closed
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ALL AGE PROGRAMS

Tabletop Gaming

October 1, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Inside the Real World of Ghost Hunting

October 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

(teens and adults)

Stranger Things Escape Room

October 15, 16, 17; 3-8:30 p.m.

(grades 4 and up)

Family Storytime - Doggy Tales

October 20, 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Storytime - Read for the Record

October 25, 10-10:45 a.m.

Family Night

October 25, 7-8 p.m.

Family Storytime - Halloween Fun

October 31, 10-11 a.m.

Trick-or-Treat at the Library

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CHILDREN, TWEEN, AND TEEN PROGRAMS

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(grades 5-12)

Storycrafters

October 2, 3:30-5 p.m.

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Toddler/Preschool Storytime - Rhyme and Play

October 3, 10; 10-11 a.m.

(ages 18-60 months)

Minecraft Club

October 3, 3:30-5 p.m.

(grades 4-7)

Baby/Toddler Storytime - Discover Stories

October 4, 11; 10-11 a.m.

(ages birth - 3 years)

Spooky Tales

October 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

(grades 3-5)

Miss Jen's Lab

October 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

(grades K-5)

Passport to Reading

October 15, 11-11:45 a.m.

(grades K-3)

Culinary Creators

October 23, 3:30-5 p.m.

(grades 5-12)

Young Adult Advisory Council

October 24, 3:30-5 p.m.

(grades 5-12)

Knitflix

October 30, 3-5 p.m.

(grades 4-12)

Game Time

October 31, 3:30-5 p.m.

(grades 5-12)

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Conversation Group

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7-8:30 p.m.

Healthy Avenues Van

October 2, 1-3 p.m.

US Citizenship Course

October 4, 11, 18, 25; 6-8 p.m.

Morning Knit and Crochet

October 9, 23; 10 a.m. - noon

Beginner Spanish Course

October 9, 23; 7-8 p.m.

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The North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights (NPCCR) has partnered with the North Plainfield Education Association to present a "Meet the Board of Education Candidates Night" on Monday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Rd. at Clinton Ave. Please bring any questions you might have for the candidates. All are invited to attend.

STEM PROGRAM OCT. 27 AT VO-TECH

Somerset County invites girls in grades seven and eight to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women's third annual STEM program.

It will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School on Vogt Drive. Lunch will be provided. The day also will include science games and prizes.

The free event is open to Somerset County residents only and is limited to 90 girls. Pre-registration is required. Register by Oct. 7 by completing and emailing the application form at co.somerset.nj.us/STEM to SCCSWomen@gmail.com

Organized by the county Commission on the Status of Women, the program is specifically designed to encourage seventh- and eighth-grade girls to prepare for future success in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

Program sponsors include ExxonMobil, RWJBarnabas Health and the Somerset County Library System.

There will be three interactive areas for learning about science and engineering while developing valuable teambuilding skills. There also will be a panel of successful STEM women to provide insights, answer questions and discuss possible mentoring opportunities.

The Commission on the Status of Women serves as an advisory board to the Board of Chosen Freeholders to address present and potential needs of women and to develop a greater public awareness of women's issues. Email Commissioner Beverly Briggs-Lawson at SCCSWomen@gmail.com with any questions about the STEM program.

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SHARE THE CONVERSATION OF YOUR LIFE WITH THE NJ HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

According to a survey by the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute (NJHCQI), 38 percent of adult New Jersey residents have not had conversations about advance care planning. In response to this community need, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) has partnered with NJHCQI to host a program series to focus on advanced care planning and end-of-life care wishes, spanning October through December.

As part of the Mayors Wellness Campaign the series, Conversation of Your Life (COYL), will provide pertinent information that will aide County residents in communicating their needs and wants to loved ones as their lives progress.

"SCLSNJ aims to help you get started thinking and talking about the future," said Marcela Dunham, SCLSNJ's system programming coordinator. "We have engaged a group of experts to help us navigate the somewhat difficult topics related to end-of-life wishes from different angles, including information about little known environmentally friendly burials, how to celebrate your life's milestones and accomplishments by writing your own obituary, and much more. Advance planning will not only afford you greater peace of mind, but family members will also benefit by not having to make difficult decisions on your behalf in moments of greater stress."

Starting the Conversation

October 6, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Warren Twp. Library branch, 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Twp.

Author Tracey Lawrence will talk about the importance of advance care planning, having legal documents in place, and how to get the conversation about end-of-life care wishes started. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info

What is Advance Care Planning?

Why is It Important?

October 13, 2 - 4 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch, 379 South Branch Road in Hillsborough

This panel discussion will feature local experts discussing legal, medical, ethical, emotional, practical, and spiritual aspects of important conversations around death and dying.

Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/904073.

Celebrate Your Life Story:

How to Write Your Own Obituary

October 27, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SCLSNJ's Warren Twp. Library branch
42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Twp.

Learn to write your own obituary with writing coach Vanessa Young. Register:
sclsnj.libnet.info/event/909494.

Book Discussion: "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi

November 8, 1 - 2 p.m. and

November 15, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch, 6 Rockview Avenue in North Plainfield

Dr. Kalanithi chronicles his experiences as a doctor and a patient facing a terminal illness in his memoir. No registration required. Learn more: sclsnj.libnet.info/somerset/event/823364.

Prepare to Care:

What to Expect as Your Loved Ones Age

November 14, 7 - 8 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch, 379 South Branch Road in Hillsborough

Adult children will discover what to expect as parents age, how to prepare for caregiving, and the resources that can help. Presented by Trudy Madden, elder care support coach. Register:
sclsnj.libnet.info/event/905267.

Planning to Live:

How to Get All Your Legal Ducks in a Row

November 17, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Mary Jacobs Memorial Library 64 Washington Street in Rocky Hill.

Elder law attorney Victor Medina will discuss how to get the legal planning you need for the rest of your life's journey.

Register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/901264.

Everything you Wanted to Know About Funerals,

But Were Afraid to Ask

December 1, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch, 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater

Learn about green burials, funerals on a budget, making funeral arrangements online, preplanning, and funding options with Scott Bradley and Ron Mowad. Register:
sclsnj.libnet.info/event/132304.

The Five Wishes

December 8, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch
100 South 10th Avenue in Manville

Mary Anne Serra, director of parish nursing for the Diocese of Camden, will explore the Five Wishes, a living will that addresses personal, emotional, and spiritual needs as well as medical wishes. Register: sclsnj.libnet.info.

Registration is required to attend most programs. To learn more visit SCLSNJ.org.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute runs a program called Conversation of Your Life (COYL) in 14 New Jersey Counties. The goal of COYL is to encourage more individuals in New Jersey to engage in fruitful dialogue – the Conversation of Your Life – to let individuals' friends, family, or doctors understand and respect their end-of-life wishes through advance care planning. COYL is generously supported by The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. To learn more visit: www.njhcqi.org/COYL.

About Somerset County Library System of New Jersey

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) partners with you to connect, to explore, to share and to discover. Together we enrich lives, expand knowledge and strengthen communities. SCLSNJ branches can be found in Bridgewater, Bound Brook, Hillsborough, Manville, North Plainfield, Peapack & Gladstone, Rocky Hill at Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Somerville, Warren Township, and Watchung. Additionally, there are two SCLSNJ reading stations in Branchburg and Washington Valley. Visit SCLSNJ.org.



(above) (SCLSNJ) has partnered with (NJHCQI) to host the program series *Conversation of Your Life*, which focuses on advance care planning. On October 6 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., author Tracey Lawrence will talk about the importance of advance care planning, having legal documents in place, and how to get the conversation about end-of-life care wishes started, to be hosted at SCLSNJ's Warren Twp. Library, located 42 Mountain Blvd. in Warren Twp. Registration is required: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/897377.

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