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If you would like to volunteer with food distribution and sorting, or in any other capacity, call your local post office and ask to speak to the local food drive person there. Many food banks have a great need for volunteers on Food Drive Day, as well as all throughout the year.

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YMCA'S CEO KRYSTAL R. CANADY RECEIVES GOOD SCOUT AWARD

Krystal R. Canady, Chief Executive Officer of The Gateway Family YMCA, was honored by the Boy Scouts of America at the 2nd Annual Springfield-Union Good Scout Award Dinner on March 20, 2019 at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union, NJ. Krystal R. Canady received the Good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America Patriot's Path Council. The event benefits the scouting program and recognizes community leaders.

"I appreciate the recognition and am humbled to be honored by the Boy Scouts of America," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "The Gateway Family YMCA and the Boy Scouts of America share similar goals of providing youth development and leadership opportunities while working to strengthen our local community."

Introducing Krystal R. Canady at the Award Ceremony was James Masterson, Chief Volunteer Officer, The Gateway Family YMCA Board of Directors. "The Y is a mission driven powerful organization of men, women and children committed to bringing about lasting personal and social change. Under Krystal's leadership The

Gateway Family YMCA has grown to serve more than 25,000 individuals and families each year, providing programs and services to meet the unique needs of each individual community we serve," stated James Masterson.

"I have been proud to be a part of a leading not for profit organization that strengthens the foundations of communities, by offering programs and services in our three pillar areas: For youth development, healthy living and social responsibility," stated Krystal R. Canady.

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 Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faith or incomes. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about programs and services provided by The Gateway Family YMCA, visit tgfymca.org.



(above, l-r) Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA; James Masterson, Chief Volunteer Officer, The Gateway Family YMCA Board of Directors; and David Arminio, Master of Ceremonies, Good Scout Award Dinner.

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TOMATOES NEW JERSEY'S FAVORITE LAST FROST: MAY 12*

Now that Spring has finally arrived gardeners are itching to get busy planting. For many of us in New Jersey that means TOMATOES. The tomato is native to Central & South America. While its culture is ancient it has only reached its present prominence since the mid-1800s.

Unfortunately, tomatoes can host many diseases that can devastate your harvest just when you are looking forward to it. There are a few things you can do at planting time to help limit the chances that will happen to you.

Egg shells added to the soil can help prevent "Blossom End Rot." Soak, clean and dry the egg shells. Then grind them in a food processor and add to soil. Dirty egg shells will attract critters to your plot.

Rotate your crops. Plant your tomatoes in a different spot than you planted them last year. This practice prevents diseases that can go into the soil, which can contaminate it for years into the future. If last year you had a tomato problem don't replant in the same area.

Disease resistant varieties are available. These are marked on the label and your local greenhouse personnel will be able to help you locate them.

Plant several different varieties. Not only will this help prevent disease from infecting all of your plants, it will also give you more flavor and most likely a longer and more bountiful harvest.

Proper and consistent watering will greatly improve your harvest. Tomatoes require less water than you might think. Over-watered tomatoes can lack flavor and meatiness. Although we cannot control rainfall, we should take it into



Many tomato problems can be avoided by early detection. This water logged tomato could have been saved by proper watering or by harvesting before a heavy rainfall.



(above) Past President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

*Visit 'Keane Gardener' blog at:
keanegardener.blogspot.com*

consideration when hand watering. A rain meter, either bought or home-made, can be very helpful. It can be as simple as dipping a ruler into a bucket. Keep it clean to prevent mosquitoes.

Pruning tomatoes and removing suckers will focus plant growth on vegetables rather than unproductive stems and leaves.

Staking up your plants makes it easier to detect problems, harvest your crop and will keep fruit from touching the ground where it can rot. Staking also improves air circulation.

Mulching with black plastic or chopped leaves will control weeds and maintain moisture. This will help keep the soil cool during the heat of summer. Although we know tomatoes like it hot, they stop producing fruit when temperatures reach over 90 degrees. That will greatly diminish your late harvest.

Container gardening is a good choice if you have had disease problems in the past. A simple five-gallon bucket with holes drilled in the bottom can be a good choice for this. This system works best with medium size tomatoes.

For more information on growing tomatoes contact our local Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service Garden Helpline of Union County 908-654-9852

**Save yourself time and money. Do not plant tender flowers or vegetables until after the last frost.*

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NEW TREES PLANTED AND NAMED AT RAHWAY PARK MEMORIAL GROVE

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

The trees that were planted at Rahway County Park seventy-two years ago as a symbolic gesture to memorialize the fifty-eight Rahway servicemen who died during World War II are no longer forgotten. This past December, name markers were placed next to the original trees representing each fallen soldier and also placed next to saplings which were planted last spring to replace the trees that were lost to disease, storm damage, or removal. The commemorative stone that was laid during the 1947 ceremony has been refurbished and placed in a more prominent setting. With much of the revitalization work complete, a brief program, conducted by the Union County Department of Veterans' Affairs, was held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 to rededicate the grove.

At the conclusion of World War II, the Rahway American War Dads, Chapter 6, initiated a project to create some method of honoring the local servicemen who died during the war. Their project evolved into the creation of a Memorial Tree Grove that would surround a monument to be placed in the Rahway County Park.

The dedication service, which took place on Memorial Day, 1947, was impressive. The observance began with a long parade that started in the business district and ended in the park where several thousand people, young and old, had gathered. A bronze plaque, set on a large boulder, was unveiled which listed the names of the fifty-eight servicemen. The dedication continued with the reading of the names of the soldiers. A Boy Scout stood next to each tree and saluted as the designated name was announced. Following the roll call, speeches were given by local, county, and state officials. After a gun salute was fired by an honor guard from Camp Kilmer, the ceremony closed with an Army bugler playing "Taps." It was later reported that the Memorial Tree Grove was the first and most suitable method to honor the war heroes.

In the years following the dedication service and tree plantings, the ceremonial program faded with the passage of time, and before long, the tribute to Rahway's war dead was all but forgotten. Few if any would take notice of the boulder that had become surrounded by hedge growth or the trees which as years passed bore no more significance than any others that filled the park's acreage. All this would change, however, in January, 2015, when a map was discovered which showed the position of each tree and included a key that matched trees with soldiers.

With the newly found map, the Memorial Trees that were still standing were located



(above) The commemorative stone (on right) dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1947, has been placed in a more appropriate setting. Note: There's a bit of a mystery surrounding the granite marker on the left. The marker is dedicated to the memory of Pvt. David Fisher who was killed during the African campaign on April 18, 1943. Fisher was a resident of Essex County, and was employed by the Purolater Corp. which in 1943 was headquartered in Newark. The stone was gifted by the EUPP (Employees' Union Purolater Products) and was unveiled on June 29, 1943 and placed on the factory grounds. The names of eighteen other Purolater employees who were in the armed forces at the time are also inscribed. When Purolater moved to Rahway in 1949, the company brought the monument and placed it next to an entrance on the Hazelwood Avenue side of the plant where it stood for 37 years. Purolater left Rahway in 1986. Here's the mystery- who transported the Fisher stone to Rahway Park to be placed next to the Memorial Grove marker?

through the efforts of the staff of the Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum Association and an observance was held on May 12, 2015 to renew interest in the grove. Members of the Merchants and Drovers, Rahway Post 5 American Legion, the Rahway High School ROTC, and representatives from the Union County Parks Commission gathered in the park to place American flags next to each tree.

More work, however, needed to be done. First, trees had to be planted to replace those that had not survived. Secondly, identification markers were needed to draw attention to the trees so their significance might be more readily noted. Divisions of the Union County Parks Commission and the Veterans' Affairs Department took on the project. During the county's next cycle of tree plantings, saplings

were planted and name markers were put in place for most of the soldiers (about a dozen names still need to be posted and some markers need to be repositioned).

The Rahway News-Record editorial from June 5, 1947 commented, the grove will be "a memorial which will grow as the years pass to keep generations aware of the sacrifice which these men made to permit the continuation of our way of life." When finally completed, the Memorial Grove will again be a suitable memorial that will continue to honor Rahway's World War II heroes for a new generation.

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(above) Name markers stand next to Memorial Trees in tribute to Rahway's fallen soldiers.



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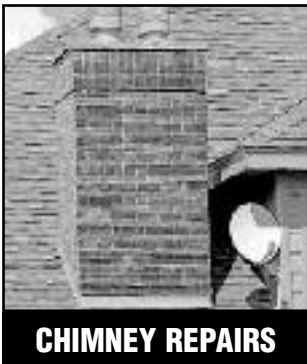
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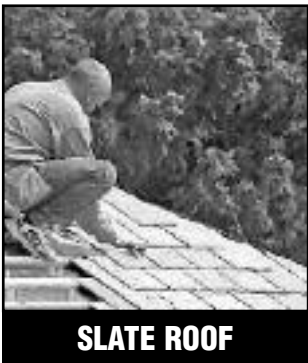
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Scouts, kindergarten age to 3rd grade, walked along the gravel path, picking up garbage along the way, and looking for signs of spring and wildlife activity. With a scavenger hunt list to take nothing but pictures, they found some amazing finds, like animal tracks from raccoons, birds, and possibly even a coyote, which aren't

normally seen this far north. The Packs are looking forward to returning when the Sanctuary is in full life. Pack 913 and Pack 47 are Family Scouting units, open to Boys and Girls K-5th.

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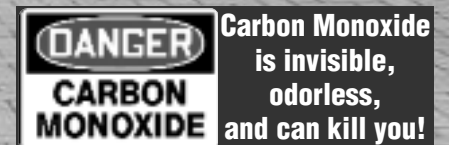
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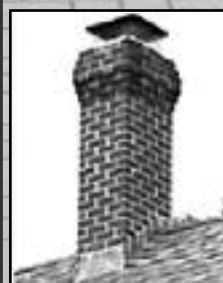
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On the evening of April 12th, 2019, the Rahway Recreation Center was transformed into, perhaps, the largest tasting event in the state. Tickets, which sold out a week in advance, became a "hot commodity" to Rahway's Taste of Spring, an event co-produced by Rahway Arts + Business Partnership, Witty's Fine Wines and Liquors, Wizdom Media and Northfield Bank. Those who bought early on Eventbrite or managed to score a ticket from Witty's, Beana's Para Siempre, Pinho's Bakery or from the Rec Center, were treated to an evening of "flavor explosions" for their pallet and lively music to tap their toes. Those who waited until the week of to purchase, were left trying to avoid online scammers claiming to have tickets. The main gym, plus two side tents were filled with over 70 vendors of wine, beer, food and aperitif tastings from proprietors from all over Union and Middlesex Counties, that served the crowd of over 1400 people. "People are drawn together over food. Breaking bread with your neighbor is a practice across all cultures. I love this event because it shows the rich cultural tapestry of New Jersey with both the cuisine presented and the patrons who attend. Everyone is coming together to enjoy each other and some delicious food."

said Mayor Ray Giacobbe.

Early in the evening, judges had the difficult task of choosing the "best of" in many categories, including the coveted "Tasters Choice", (best overall). Music by bands, High Strung and Karickter, created what was called a "music concert feel" in each of the side tents, while DJ On Fire lit up the main gym. Vendors and artisans sold their wares to guests who were thoroughly enjoying themselves throughout the night.

New for this year was the first attempt at making the event more environmentally friendly. Patrons were encouraged to reuse the multi-tensil (fork, spoon and knife in one unit) throughout the night, reducing the waste of consuming a new

utensil for each vendor. Liquor and wine ambassadors also were encouraged to serve their samples in paper cups instead of the traditional plastic. The Rahway Arts + Business Partnership, the non-profit that organizes this event, hopes to incorporate more of these initiatives each year with a goal of becoming fully sustainable.

"Next year is our Twentieth Anniversary and we are already thinking of how to commemorate this milestone." beamed Matt Dobrowolski, Taste committee chair and originator of the event. "Whatever we decide on, I recommend getting your tickets early!"

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PASTA BUFFET MAY 17

On Friday, May 17th, 2019, Rahway Knights of Columbus Council 1146 is having a pasta buffet to support New Jersey National Guardsmen recently deployed to Djibouti. Menu will include penne with clam sauce, ravioli with marinara or meat sauce, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and desserts. Price, \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids under 10. Location, the Columbian Club Hall at the corner of Jaques and Inman Ave.

KATELYNN PERTUZ WINS COUNTYWIDE POSTER CONTEST

Katelynn Pertuz was chosen as the first place winner for the countywide poster contest sponsored and coordinated by the Union County Dental Society. On March 27, 2019, the fourth-grader from Franklin Elementary School in Rahway was honored at the 2019 poster contest awards presentation. The event took place at Costa Del Sol in Union where the students were awarded a ribbon and a Visa gift card.

The contest was open to all fourth-grade public school children using this year's ADA Dental Health Month theme "Brush and clean in between to build a healthy smile". The contest helps to promote healthy mouths and bodies in children as part of National Dental Health Month.



(above) Katelynn Pertuz with her first place winning poster.

NEO-LATINO GROUP SHOW TO OPEN MAY 5

Submitted by Larry Cappiello

The Locus of Memory is an art exhibition at The Gallery Space in Rahway, NJ, that reveals how artists interpret and express the power that a specific location, and/or the objects found there, have on their artistic ideas and practice. Sixteen artists who are part of a national group known as the Neo-Latinos have contributed powerful paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs and mixed media works to convey personal, societal, environmental and even unconscious ideas that are provoked by the deep experiences and memories of a specific site.

The curator of the exhibition, Virginia Fabbri Butera, PhD, is the Director and Curator of the Therese A. Maloney Art Gallery at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ. She has chosen works by: Nelson Alvarez, Josephine Barreiro, Hugo Xavier Bastidas, NA, Olga Mercedes Bautista, Monica S. Camin, Angelica Munoz Castano, Christie Devereux, Ricardo Fonseca, Alexis Mendoza, Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo, Lisette Morel, George Rivera, PhD, José Rodeiro, Luis Stephenberg, Nicola Stewart, Sergio G. Villamizar and Raúl Villarreal, to include in the show.

Please join us for the opening of the exhibition on Sunday, May 5, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. The Gallery Space is located at 1670 Irving St Rahway, NJ in the historic original Library of the City of Rahway. The exhibit will be at The Gallery Space through May 31, 2019.

For over a decade, the Neo-Latino Artists Collective, founded in Jersey City, New Jersey, has showcased art works by professional Latino/a artists from across the United States, whose insightful imagery emphasizes the richness of Latino culture. The core group is comprised of 21 active members that have exhibited in art centers, galleries, universities and museums from 2003 to the present. Thus, the Neo-Latinos are recognized art historically as the first and longest-lasting major art movement of the 21st Century.

The core Neo-Latino artists are Hugo X. Bastidas, Olga M. Bautista, Monica S. Camin, Angélica Muñoz Castaño, Ricardo Fonseca, Alexis Mendoza, Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo, Lisette Morel, Gabriel Navar, George Rivera, José Rodeiro, Luis Stephenberg Alers, Nicola Stewart, and Raúl Villarreal. This diverse and talented consort of artists represent the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Portugal and Puerto Rico.

The term "Neo-Latino(s)" describes a group of 21st Century Hispanic artists from northern New Jersey, who are challenging outmoded 20th Century aesthetic-values while questioning negative social-behavior and stereotypes that are often identified with Hispanics (e.g. machismo, poverty, gangs, violence, gender-bias, ferocious rap, apathy, and other faults), which are the unfortunate remnants of an erratic and dying 20th Century Latino Diaspora.

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Dean Wasylyk served in the Navy from 1964 to 1967. He was 18 years old when he enlisted after he graduated East Brunswick High School. He served in Vietnam from 1964 to 1965 on the USS Katmoi replenishing ships with ammunition and explosives and also worked with the landing crew removing wounded soldiers. Dean was then sent to serve on a PBR (Patrol Boat River) on the Nakong Delta.

After Vietnam Dean was assigned to the USS Columbus, a guided missile cruiser where he was a 3rd class boatswain mate and was sent to the Mediterranean and Europe.

Dean completed a naval training course and was awarded the State of New Jersey Distinguished Service Citation and was given a 25th anniversary commemorative metal.

Dean is married to Karen for 21 years. The couple resides in Edison.



*(above) Dean Wasylyk will be the Grand
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2019 Memorial Day Parade*



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tote, towels and flamingo motif items, a mini vase set, and beach towels. A lottery tree and jewelry along with more than 100 other items will be won by some lucky attendee! Hot sandwiches, beverages and desserts will be sold in our kitchen. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission costs \$10. Advance purchase of tickets is recommended. Call 908-232-7874 or 732-574-9799.

READY SET GLOW - 5K RACE ON MAY 23

Rahway once again hosts Ready Set Glow; an illuminating and glow in the dark 5K race on Thursday May 23rd, 2019. More than 1000 runners from 8 different states and over 100 different cities have participated in this race! Runners and walkers of all speeds are encouraged to decorate themselves in light-up costumes and participate in this annual run starting at 8:45 p.m.

in front of City Hall. Participants will receive a T-shirt, finisher's medal, and more. Residents along the race route are encouraged to decorate their home and cheer on participants with the most enthusiastic, decorated residence winning a prize! Prizes for best costume adult, youth, and group will also be awarded before the race! To register: readyssetglowrace.com

GLOW IT UP! AT ACE

Submitted by Christine McEvoy

Students from Rahway High School's Alternative Center for Education (ACE) recently participated in a virtual laboratory called Glow It Up! The lab was conducted by a scientist from Students 2 Science who was live-streamed into the classroom so that students could interact with him while engaging in the lab activities from the comfort of their own classroom. Students from Christine McEvoy's Forensic Science class participated in the lab as part of the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in the curriculum, with Dr. Kevin Robinson, Program Supervisor of STEM, overseeing the set-up and facilitation.



(above) Devonte Pringle, high school senior, participating in the lab.

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MULTICULTURAL NIGHT AT FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Franklin Elementary School in Rahway held a multicultural night for their students, staff, and families on Friday, April 5, 2019. Students participated in an ethnic fashion show and also performed cultural dances. The students were excited that Raymond A. Giacobbe, Rahway's mayor attended in support of this event.

Guests enjoyed cultural food tasting many wonderful dishes that were donated by families, staff, and local businesses, and a vendor fair, which had a variety of items for purchase.

The school would like to recognize and give a huge thank you to La Malinche Mexican Restaurant, Melao Cafe & Creamery, Hugo's Peruvian Restaurant, and Sinai Bakery in Rahway, Chevy's Restaurant in Linden, as well as Pinho's Bakery in Roselle for all of their delicious donations and time that they put in to help make this event so successful.

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FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNITY DAY

Submitted by Linda Lospinoso Lampert

Blue and Gold Club members from Franklin Elementary School in Rahway created their own holiday called, "Unity Day" and they enjoyed celebrating this holiday with the residents at the Atria Assisted Living Community in Cranford. The idea behind this special holiday was to create unity and friendship among all of the residents. In order to get ready for this day, members of the club worked diligently for about a month making bookmarks and unity wands for the 100 residents.

When club members went to Atria on Thursday, April 11, 2019, each resident received a ribbon. The ribbons were woven together to create a unity board to show the residents how they are a community that is woven together. They also each received a puzzle piece which

was glued to a large bunny on a piece of wood to show how they are all an important piece of the puzzle.

The residents enjoyed singing songs, coloring, and playing games with the club members, while band members played music for the residents. Everyone had a really great time. The new holiday was a great success.

The Blue and Gold Club at Franklin Elementary School is a school-based club made up of students that volunteer their time throughout the year to help with many different community service activities. The club is overseen by the school's nurse, Mrs. Barbara Maher and also Ms. Kym Adams. Keep up the great work kids!



(above) Blue and Gold Club members from Franklin Elementary School with members of the Atria Assisted Living Community.

Photo by Rahway Public Schools

RAHWAY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Rahway Soccer began on April 13, 2019. The eight teams brought together children from all throughout Rahway and the surrounding towns. It was a beautiful day to be outside and start off

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(above) Team Ireland with their Coach Denny.



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The event was held on March 17, 2019. All participants signed a banner of consolation made

by the Muslim Community Center of Union County Sunday School children, which was sent to Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Center in Christchurch.

The group's next event will be a park cleanup held in June. Follow 'Union County Interfaith Youth Council' on Facebook for details on upcoming events and how you can participate.

We urge everyone to get the word out about this important formation of Union County youth in furthering the common values of peace, goodness, truth, justice and mercy held by all major faith traditions.



(above) The Interfaith Youth Council of Union County met in March for a night of pizza, prayer, consolation and growing in friendship over board games. Follow 'Union County Interfaith Youth Council' on Facebook for details on upcoming events.

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After completion of training with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County and taking their oath, the new CASA

volunteers — or advocates — attended three hours of family court hearings to observe other CASA volunteers in action, and then were matched to their assigned foster youth or sibling set.

They are Steve Polychronopoulos of Berkeley Heights; Dana Panavalli of Cliffside Park; Shelley Grobe, Corey Sherlock and Susan Shaw of Cranford; Brittany Gonzalez and Flor Maria Mendez of Elizabeth; Janice Pettiford of Fanwood; Arlene Sumner of Linden; Adejoke

Adedokun and Belinda McFarland of Newark; Louise Connelly of Roselle; Coleen Coffey and Margaret Van Heek of Scotch Plains; Laura Nanda of Spring Lake; Jim Moss and Meredith Nolen of Summit; James Ancharski, Karen Gorman, Su Huskey, Zoe Kimble, Suzanne LaForge and Michele Roosevelt of Westfield; Fernanda Olivo of West Orange and Diane Zinkowicz of Union.

The advocates range from age 23 to 74, and are parents, nonparents and grandparents; high school graduates to PhDs; full-time, part-time and retired professionals in such fields as education, law, medicine, nonprofit and business; and homemakers. Some had experience with foster care or adoption, as well as domestic violence or substance abuse within family or friends. Most, however, had no prior knowledge of the foster system.

CASA volunteers are extra eyes and ears for family law judges. With court-ordered access to foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, they incorporate findings into court reports and work to ensure each youth's needs are met and best interests protected. They are a constant during chaos. There are approximately 500 Union County youth in foster care; more than 200 still await a CASA volunteer. Is that you? Reach Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casafunioncounty.org for details on the next training opportunity.



(above) Union County Superior Court Judge Richard Wischusen with the newest advocates for Union County's foster youth. There are approximately 500 Union County youth in foster care; more than 200 still await a CASA volunteer. Is that you? Reach Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casafunioncounty.org for details on the next training opportunity.

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Registration for the Before and After School Care 2019-2020 school year programs will begin:

- May 1, 2019 - Rahway Branch
- May 1, 2019 – Washington School (Union)
– Five Points Branch
- May 6, 2019 – Connecticut Farms School
(Union) – Five Points Branch
- May 9, 2019 – Livingston School (Union)
– Five Points Branch
- May 15, 2019 – All Remaining Schools
(Union)

Families with children in multiple schools may register on either date. Children registering during the early registration period (May 1 – June 30) for a 5 day per week program and paying via bank draft will be eligible for a complimentary youth YMCA school-year membership. Early registration ends June 30, 2019.

The Gateway Family YMCA offers programs to school-aged children throughout the Elizabeth Public School District, Rahway Public School District and Township of Union Public School District to keep youth active, busy and engaged during out-of-school time. Through a well-rounded approach to youth development, the Y's programs offer activities in a caring and safe environment during the critical hours after school. Whether through sports, mentorship, or academic support, the Y nurtures the potential of youth throughout the school year.

At the end of the school day, 1 in 5 children kids do not have someone to care for them after school, according to Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness organization. "Over 11 million children are unsupervised between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., an essential time to help increase children's success in school," said Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Afterschool at the Y is an opportunity for families to ensure their kids are receiving additional support, continued learning and a chance to participate in meaningful activities that can inspire children's motivations and help them reach their potential."

The Gateway Family YMCA employs Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) standards in afterschool programs that help build a healthier future for our nation's children by encouraging healthy eating habits, limiting screen time and providing physical activity to keep every child healthy. Careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) are projected to grow 17 percent over the next few years, and the Y is helping youth develop strong problem-solving, planning, analysis and decision-making skills to succeed in the classroom and in high-demand careers through curriculum integrated within



(above) Registration for before and after School Care at the Y Begins May 1.

programs.

In The Gateway Family YMCA's afterschool program youth receive academic time to complete homework and can also explore arts, physical activity, sports integration and cultural awareness and projects. The Y is a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, supporting their social-emotional, cognitive and physical development from birth to career. Financial assistance is available to those in need, to ensure every child and teen has the opportunity to learn and grow at the Y.

The Y helps children from low-income

communities challenged with meeting math and literacy proficiency as well as important developmental milestones. These children fall significantly behind their middle and upper middle-class peers on test scores and graduation rates. That "gap" is known as the achievement gap. The Gateway Family YMCA is addressing the achievement gap in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County through the programs such as Early Learning Readiness, Power Scholars Academy and School Age Child

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.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA's afterschool program, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, or the Rahway Branch 732-388-0057.

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The Celebration Singers would like to invite you to our concert which will be held on May 31 and June 1, 2019 at 8 p.m. at Harvest Training Center located at 69 Myrtle Street, Cranford NJ, 07016. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children and seniors. Tickets can be purchased in advance through our website, celebrationsingers.org, or at the box office at the night of the concert. Any questions concerning the performances can be directed to our email at celebrationsingersnewjersey@gmail.com or to our landline at 908-552-4656.

The Celebration Singers are multi-generational ambassadors of song drawing music from a

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Please also visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/Celebrationsingers.

Funding for the Celebration Singers is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council for the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.



(above) The Celebration Singers invites the public to their concert, which will be held on May 31 and June 1, 2019 at 8 p.m. at the Harvest Training Center in Cranford.

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Law Day 2019: Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society. Speaker Elyla Huertas of ACLUNJ.

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

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Friends' Group Meeting

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will meet at the library at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

Third Thursday Movie for Adults: If Beale Street Could Talk

Thursday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

R | 1h 59min | Crime, Drama, Romance starring Regina King, KiKi Layne and Stephan James.

Readers Circle Book Club

Monday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for the discussion of A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

TEEN EVENTS

Discovery Studio Teen Activity

Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.

DIY lotions and lip gloss! Make your Mom something special for Mother's Day and treat yourself, too. Ages 13-18.

Teen Screen Presents: Lego Movie 2: the Second Part.

Monday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Rated PG-13. All are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Toddler Time

Wednesdays May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m.

We will be talking, singing, reading, writing and playing during this literacy readiness storytime. Ages birth-4.

Junior BINGO

Friday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Have fun with Early Literacy Bingo! Ages 1-5.

Star Wars Day

Saturday, May 4.

Celebrate all things Star Wars at the library! Test your Yoda Speak, make a craft, and do a scavenger hunt all day. Come to a Star Wars-themed story time at 11:00 a.m. and play a round of BB8 Bingo at 2:00 p.m. Costumes not required but highly encouraged! All ages.

Junior Lego Club

Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m.

Bring your little engineer to the library and build! Ages 2-5.

Family Fun Night

Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your family to the library for a fun activity! All ages.

Homeschool Hangout

Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Join other homeschool families at the library for a short informational lesson and a social workspace. Young siblings are welcome.

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STEAM Scene

Thursday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Come to the library for an exciting STEAM project. Ages 7-12.

LEGO Engineers: Are you up to the task?

Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Complete this month's LEGO builder challenge and test your structure. Ages 7-12.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Read this month's book and take part in discussion and group activities.

Call the library for the title and to reserve a copy of the book. Registration required.

Ages 8-12.

Preschool Dance Party

Friday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Come on out to play instruments and dance!

Ages birth – 5.

Kids BINGO

Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.

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Ages 4+.

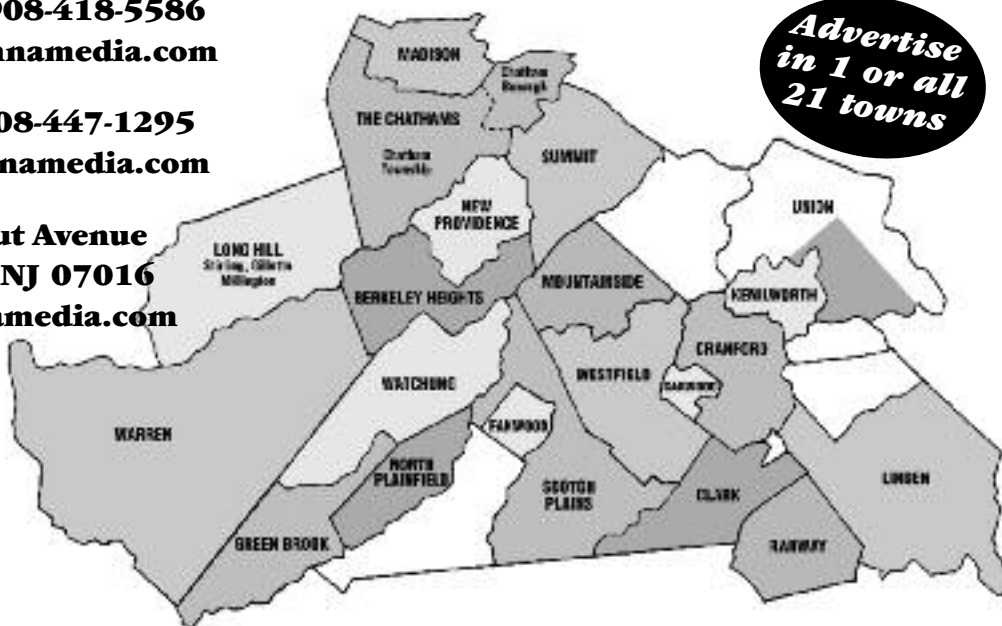
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