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### **VOLUNTEERS HELP BEAUTIFY BERKELEY HEIGHTS**

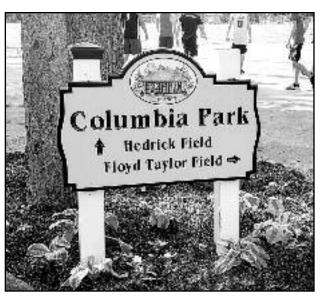
Submitted by Downtown Beautification Committee

Summer is here and the Berkeley Heights Adopt-A-Sign program is in full swing, bringing hands-on volunteer opportunities for families, businesses, and community organizations to make the town green and beautiful.

In recent years, new Berkeley Heights branded signs were installed around town. These include welcome signs on entrance roads to town and marker signs at parks. To ensure wellmaintained plantings at the base of each sign, the Berkeley Heights Downtown Beautification Committee (DBC) and the Environmental Commission teamed up to launch Adopt-a-Sign.

Once volunteers have selected a sign location, they care for that sign by adding plantings at its base and maintaining them through first frost. Besides buying and planting flowers and greenery, volunteers are watering, weeding and mulching the plants; keeping the immediate area free of leaves and litter; and washing the signs if needed.

Julie Lloyd, chair of the DBC, said "We have asked volunteers to raise their hands and get them a little dirty, so to speak, to make a positive difference for their town, their family and their neighbors. Now 16 groups of Adopt-a-Sign volunteers are doing an awesome job."



"This is a great initiative that combines environmental awareness for decorative, local flowers and plants with an opportunity for families to participate in a community service project together outdoors," said Kim Diamond, a member of the Environmental Commission. "Volunteers appreciate the flexibility of their simple commitment, as they just perform their responsibilities when they have time."

Check out the DBC Instagram page to see pictures of these plantings and signs. To learn more about the program check out the Downtown Beautification Committee and Environmental Commission web pages, or email DBC@bhtwp.com.



The DBC and Environmental Commission thank the following families, community groups and businesses who have already adopted a sign:

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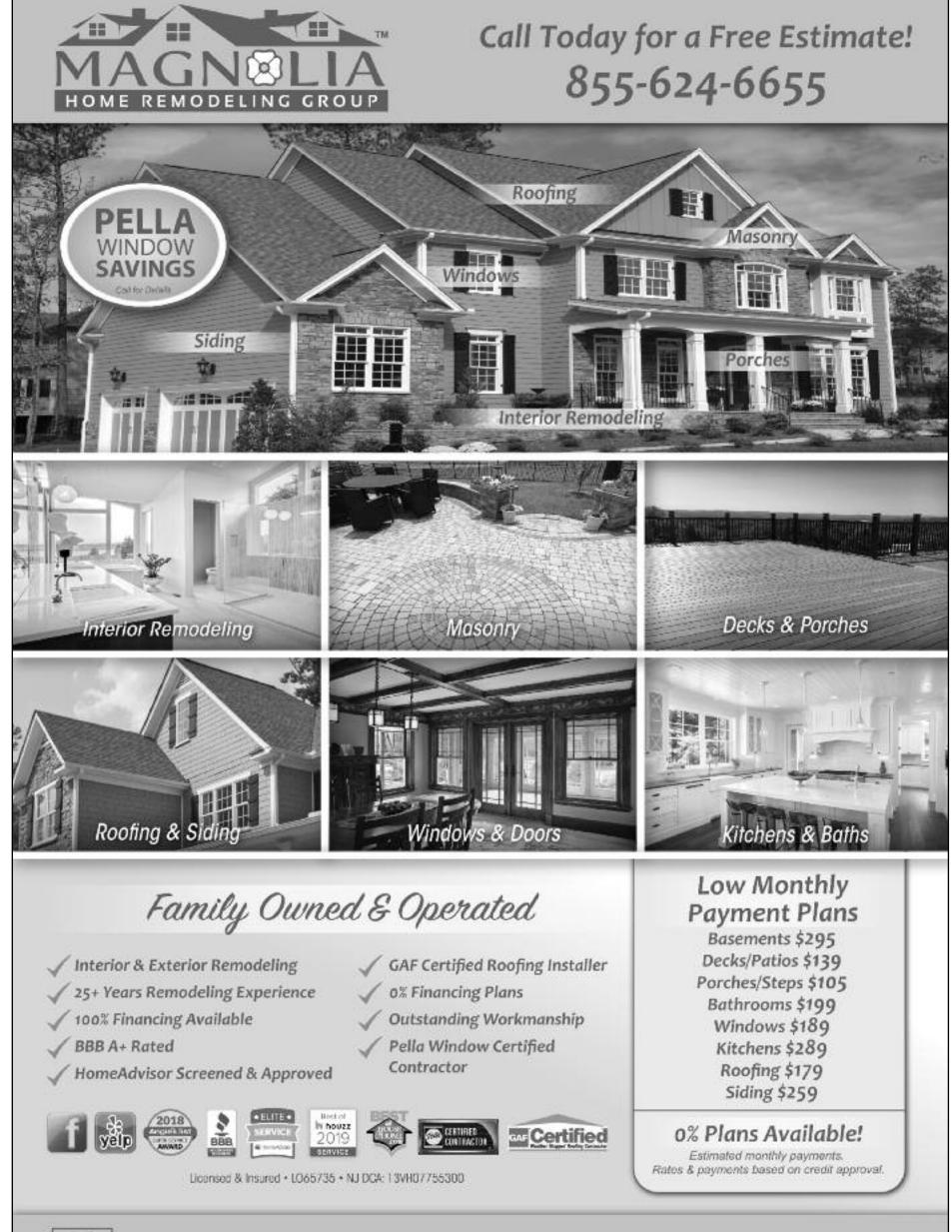


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### SENIOR DAY TRIP TO A.C.

The Berkeley Heights Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Monday, August 19, 2019. The bus leaves the parking lot at the Church of the Little Flower at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 which includes bus transportation, a \$25 voucher for slot play, and a \$10 coupon for food. For further information or reservations, call Ramona at 908-647-3295.



# **FREE CONCERTS CONTINUE IN AUGUST**

The BH Free summer concerts in the park will continue in August with the 2nd Annual BH First Responder Concert/Festival on Wednesday, August 7th from 6-9 p.m. featuring the ever popular 52nd Street Billy Joel show. The season will close on Wednesday, August 14th with the fabulous Day Trippers Beatles show for all to sing along.

August 7th is the 2nd annual First Responder Concert/Festival, which drew over 1,500 locals last season, will feature something for everyone young and old, the famous BH first responder Dunk Tank, bounce house and free popcorn sponsored by Taylor Rental, Free Hot Dogs sponsored by Delicious Heights, Free Italian Ices sponsored by Rita's, Free bottled water sponsored by Smith Chiropractic, The Grain & Cane Gastrotruck with be there with delicious dinners and treats to purchase. There will be games, activities and crafts by local organizations, booths featuring BH's finest the BHPD, BH's bravest the BHFD, BH's live-savers the BHRS and Union County Swat Team.

Veterans Memorial Field is located at 113-205 Plainfield Ave, Berkeley Heights, NJ. Plenty of free parking will be available. For weather related cancellation, please call the BH Recreation office after 11 a.m. the day of each concert at 908-464-0550.



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Tuesdays, August 6, 13 at 10:30 a.m. story & paper plate craft for ages 3 - 5

Mother Goose on the Loose Thursdays, August 1,8, 25 at 9:30 a.m. books, music, rhymes & play for ages 0 - 24 months

**Tween Sewing Workshop** Monday, August 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for ages 8 - 10 Sew a stuffed "Alien" with Ellen Brown;

sign up required **Telescope Night with John Miller** 

of Pearl Observatory

Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. (rain date August 13) for all ages

#### ADULT PROGRAMS: **Morning Book Group**

Friday, August 2 at 10:30 a.m. will discuss Radium Girls by Kate Moore. Evening Book Group: No Meeting in August New members are welcome; to join, please stop by or call the Reference Desk (908-464-9333, extension 150).

**Italian Conversation Group:** On break for the summer; will return Wednesday, September 11

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(above) SAGE's Manager of Recreation and Volunteer Outreach, Susan Wirth with volunteer Kitty Hartman of New Providence.



(above) SAGE's Spend-A-Day Director Pam Marusic posing with a client before hitting the dance floor.

# SAGE ELDERCARE HOLDS NINTH ANNUAL SENIOR PROM

SAGE Eldercare held its 9th annual Senior Prom on June 19, 2019, for participants of SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Care Program and their families. The event had a Rockin' 50's theme and included music, dancing and ice cream sodas. The main attraction was entertainer Stephen Fuller, who sang a mix of popular pop songs and classic dance tunes. Participants were either up dancing or singing along in their seats.

Community support was provided by Lois Shanker of Right at Home in Chatham and Laurie Gaulke of Mary Kay Cosmetics who did nails and makeup and Taylor Rental in Berkeley Heights who donated a festive balloon bouquet.

"The prom is always a special day at SAGE," said Susan Wirth, SAGE's Manager of Recreation and Volunteer Outreach. "The staff works hard to pull everything together from the

SAGE Eldercare held its 9th annual Senior invitations and flowers to the food and decorations. It's a wonderful team effort and a great day for our Spend-A-Day participants."

SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center provides older adults with structured social, physical and cognitive activities, meals planned by a registered dietician, and support for participants and families from a geriatric social worker. Spend-A-Day is licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services as an adult day medical program and is staffed with a full-time nurse to medically supervise the participants. Additional support is provided by physical, occupational and speech therapists. Since 1975, SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center has been providing much-needed respite for family and caregivers and a "home away from home" for the participants, in a safe and secure environment.



(above) SAGE Eldercare staff strike a pose dressed in 50's costumes for the ninth annual Senior Prom.

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#### Berkeley Heights News • Page 12 • August 2019 SUMMER ALL-STAR GAME HONORS ANNIE YOUNG

Submitted by Carolyn Sayre Every year, the summer all-star games for the Division 2 Parkway League highlight the best players in our area of New Jersey. But this year's 8U All-Star Team had the privilege to honor the spirit and memory of an amazing athlete, teammate, and friend: Annabelle "Annie" Young. Keith Hoffman, the league's commissioner, announced in front of a standing room only crowd at Cormier Field in Cranford that the game would now be known as the Annie Young Memorial All-Star Game going forward.

The Play for Annie mantra, which started in Berkeley Heights by Heights Heat 8U softball coach Bret Sayre, has spread across sports leagues throughout the state and even the nation. In the Parkway League alone, more than 1,400 players across over 100 teams are wearing "Play for Annie" patches on their jerseys and stickers on their helmets to commemorate Annie's love of softball and of playing with her friends. Twenty of these girls lined the field at Monday's dedication while Laura Young, Annie's mother, addressed the crowd before the game.

"Thank you for having us here today and naming this game after our daughter. We are so thankful that Annie is being remembered by you all. I know she would love seeing all of you wearing these 'Play for Annie' patches on your jersey. This summer when you are playing for Annie make sure to have fun, play, sing, laugh, run, get dirty, and smile because that is what Annie would be doing."

The Berkeley Heights representatives, Alexandra Duryee and Alyson Sayre proudly



(above) Berkeley Heights All Star players Alexandra Duryee and Alyson Sayre shared a few heartfelt words about Annie, their friend and teammate.





(above) Players pose in front of Annie's number, 19, which the Heat retired across all levels of softball in Berkeley Heights in honor of Annie.

took the field wearing their red Heights Heat uniforms with Annie's number 19 on their backs during the All-Star Game. In the spring, the Heat retired the number 19 across all levels of softball in Berkeley Heights in honor of Annie.

The All-Star Team - which included players from Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, Springfield, and Westfield - decided to name themselves "the Dodgers" in honor of the Heights Heat 8U mascot - Annie's best pal and furry pup, Dodger. Annie and her teammates loved to have Dodger pose with them for team photos.

Over six seasons, Duryee and Sayre grew their love of softball by playing with Annie. Before the game, they shared a few heartfelt words about their friend and teammate.

"I want you all to know that Annie was such a sweet, loving, kind, and caring person. She was the first to do a cheer and she just was a pleasure to have on our softball team. It is an honor to wear her number on our jersey today," said Alyson Sayre.

Alexandra Duryee added: "Annie brought many gifts to the field such as making people smile, encouraging people to do well, and always being kind to her teammates. Now, let's play for Annie!"

Duryee and Sayre did exactly that, taking the field with thunder in their bats and love in their hearts. Together, the girls represented Berkeley Heights with pride.

In the bottom of the first inning, Duryee helped set the table with a line-drive double into left field. Later that same inning, Sayre stepped to the plate with bases loaded. On the first pitch she ripped a ball deep into center field between two outfielders and she motored around the bases for her first career grand slam, propelling the Dodgers to an early lead.

As the game went on, the Berkeley Heights

duo continued to excite the crowd gathered all along Lambert Street. With offensive explosions on both teams driving up the score, Duryee snagged a well-hit ball out of the air with a backhanded stab near second base. She then turned and fired to first to turn a double play and keep the opposing team off the board for the first time all night. Then Sayre showed off one of her patented stretches at first base in the fifth inning to end a rally and show why her coaches and teammates call her "Gumby."

Offensively, Sayre and Duryee helped energize the Dodgers in the bottom of the third inning. Down 13-5, Sayre knocked in the first two runs of the frame with another frozen rope to the outfield, while Duryee drove in the fifth and final one with her second double of the game. Heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, the Dodgers trailed 15-13 and rallied for four runs to take the lead, with Duryee scoring the go-ahead run thanks to some heads-up baserunning as the hits poured in behind her.

In the final inning, Duryee stopped a tough ground ball at second base with two outs and secured a 17-16 win for the Dodgers with a strong throw to first that beat the runner.

As the girls gathered by the big 19 banner behind home plate after the game, it was obvious that they were equally driven by both their love of the game and their love of a friend they will hold as a teammate forever.

The Young family has set up the Annabelle Forever Young Foundation. The Foundation will be used to support youth sports and local student athletes. The scholarships will be awarded to students who exemplify and further the values that Annie lived her life, and represent the impact her life had on our community. Visit the Annabelle Forever Young Foundation Inc. online at annabelleforeveryoung.com.

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### **Berkeley Heights News** • Page 14 • August 2019 **SPRINGFIELD AVENUE CLEAN UP RAISES COMMUNITY LITTER AWARENESS, COLLECTS OVER 100 SHOES FOR RE-USE**

Submitted by Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission

Members of Val's Valiants, the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission (BHEC), Sustainable Berkeley Heights, the Berkeley Heights Downtown Beautification Committee (DBC), members of Girl Scout Troop 40822, and other local residents braved the sweltering heat on Sunday, June 30, 2019, to help clean up Springfield Avenue.

At the beginning of the event, which began outside of Dunkin' Donuts, Pavni Bhardwaj and Katherine Zhou, two members of Troop 40822 who are each working toward earning their Silver Award, delivered an inspiring presentation about how people are adversely impacting the environment by littering and why it is important for people to become more educated about this issue so that they can change their behavior and take appropriate action.

The group of children and adults alike, which included DBC head Julie Lloyd and Councilman Manny Couto, divided into "teams" of two and three people, with each team using a Val's Valiants litter data tracking sheet – based on New Jersey Clean Community Council's (NJCCC's) Ocean Data Litter Tracking From - to record the amounts and different types of litter collected. Many clean-up participants were shocked at the number of cigarette butts and other small items they collected. Collectively, in just over one hour, the group gathered 1,158 cigarette butts, 152 food and candy wrappers, and approximately 500 pieces of glass, plastic, and paper that would otherwise still be polluting the Berkeley Heights downtown area.

"The litter we collected is not just unattractive, but in the case of cigarette butts, toxic," said Gail Nelson, a DBC member and a clean-up participant. "The DBC is pleased to be able to partner with Sustainable Berkeley Heights and other town organizations to make Berkeley Heights clean and green. It's wonderful that community members continue to come together to clean up our town's main street."

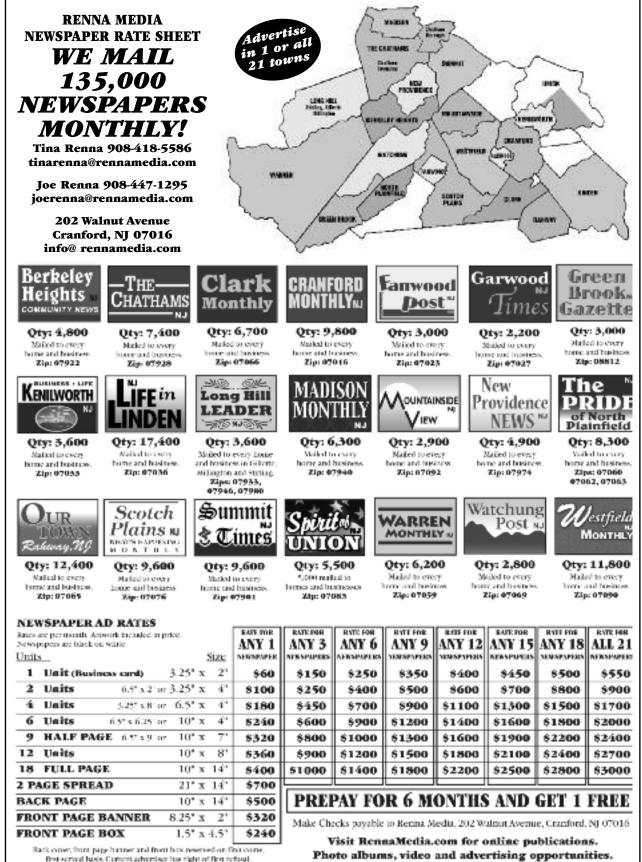


Ms. Zhou and Ms. Bhardwai observed that having additional trash cans and ash trays placed in the downtown area would be beneficial in keeping the downtown area cleaner. "We picked up many cigarettes behind CVS even though there were ash trays just across the street at Dunkin' Donuts," noted Ms. Zhou. "People are doing what is more convenient for them."

Education, mindfulness, and behavior modification will also play a key role in keeping the downtown area cleaner. According to Ms. Bjardwaj, "To make littering less prevalent in our town, not only do we have to educate those around us to be more mindful of the negative consequences ground pollution has, but we also have to make it easier for them to be mindful."

In the spirit of recycling and re-using items collected, Val Diamond of Val's Valiants helped both to clean up the street and run a shoe donation drive for gently worn shoes. As a result of this effort, 108 pairs of shoes weighing a total of 118 pounds were received from community members and donated to Zappos for Good in partnership with Soles4Souls. The shoes will be distributed in the U.S. and globally through Soles4Souls, so that they assist people in need, rather than winding up in a landfill.

Val's Valiants, the BHEC, Sustainable Berkeley Heights, the DBC, and Troop 40822 plan on conducting another litter clean-up that is open to the public toward the end of August. Please check the websites for Sustainable Berkeley Heights sustainablebh.org and the BHEC berkeleyheights.gov/195/Environmental-Commission for information and details that will be posted in the upcoming weeks.



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### **VAL'S VALIANTS**



(above) Members of Val's Valiants, the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission (BHEC), Sustainable Berkeley Heights, the Berkeley Heights Downtown Beautification Committee (DBC), members of Girl Scout Troop 40822, and other local residents gathered to clean up litter.

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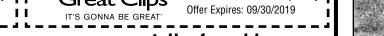


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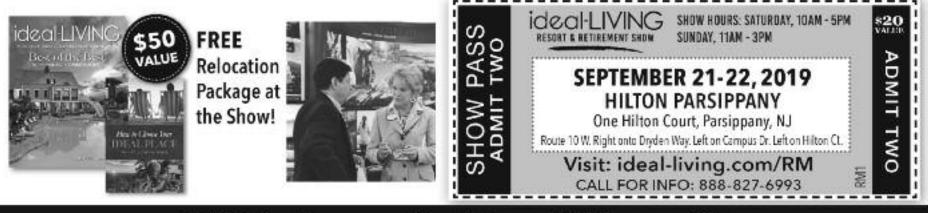
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