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UNION COUNTY RESIDENTS JOIN LITERACY NEW JERSEY'S VOLUNTEER TUTOR PROGRAM

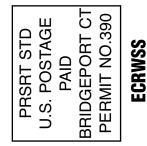
Submitted by Nancy Lama

Literacy New Jersey welcomes ten new volunteer tutors from Union County who have joined the ranks as English as a Second Language tutors after completing a 15-hour training course. The new trainees include Leah Brown, Joan Craig, Carolyn Daurio, Tom Ganley, Tom Kaercher, Sherry Krakauer, Laura Lesniak, Ken Mirsky, Wilneris Santana and Teresa Tejeda-Melo. The training prepares tutors to work with adults who struggle with reading, writing and speaking English. Literacy New Jersey tutors work in libraries, schools and church centers throughout Union County helping adults improve their skills in order to find better jobs, help their children in school, and become more involved in the community.

Several of the new trainees got right to work and are already teaching at locations such as the Elizabeth Public Library and Summit High School, where Literacy New Jersey has thriving ESL programs. These programs serve the growing immigrant population in Union County. Part of the recent Literacy New Jersey training included class observations at these locations where the new tutors had the opportunity to meet students and observe experienced tutors in action.

According to one trainee, "The tutor training program is very well put together. The trainers are amazing! I am confident about all I have learned and I am both excited and nervous to meet my students."

Literacy New Jersey runs tutor training twice a year, in January and September. The training provides a practical, hands on approach to working with adults, and includes ideas for materials and activities as well as strategies for lesson planning. Previous teaching experience is not required. For more information on training and other opportunities at Literacy New Jersey, please call 908-486-1777 or email bbagger@literacynj.org.



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(above) Ten new volunteer tutors from Union County have completed their training and joined Literacy New Jersey as English as a Second Language tutors.



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The Union Police Department is now criminal offense involving moral turpitude. accepting applications for Substitute/Relief School Crossing Guards for the upcoming school year. A Relief Guard fills in for the current guards when they are unable to cover their post for the dav(s), and in the future, has the opportunity to receive a permanent post, as the current guards resign or retire.

School Crossing Guards safeguard all pedestrians crossing the street at their assigned posts, with special attention to school children and accompanying parents, and stop traffic to the extent necessary to accomplish this function.

They are required to be of good moral character, be able to speak, read and write English, and never have been convicted of a

Applicants should be residents of the Township of Union, but a waiver of this requirement may be applied for. No previous training or certification is needed. Those hired will receive the training through the Township of Union Police Department.

Applications are available 24 hours a day at the front desk of the Union Police Department located at 981 Caldwell Avenue, Union, NJ.

For more information contact the Union Police Traffic Bureau between the hours of 7 - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday at 908-851-5070. After business hours, applicants can leave a voice message, with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call the next day.





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TUEF RAFFLE – STILL HERE FOR STUDENTS

The Township of Union Education Foundation (TUEF), a non-profit charitable organization whose purpose is to raise funds to sponsor innovative and educational programs in Union's public schools, is sponsoring a raffle.

In light of the pandemic, diminishing funds for schools and the effect upon teachers and students, the grants issued from the Foundation are more important than ever. All funds raised go directly to grants for classroom use in the Union schools.

The cost of a raffle ticket is \$5. First Prize is a \$500 gift card donated by BCB Community Bank and Investors Bank. Second Prize is Local

Merchants' gifts valued at \$250. Third Prize is a gift basket donated by White Realty and valued at \$100.

Tickets can be purchased through contactless means via Paypal on the Foundation's website tuef.org, or tickets are available at ConnectOne Bank at 356 Chestnut Street, 5 Points, or by calling Barbara at 908-687-5743.

Sue Lipstein, President of the TUEF, stated, "The Foundation is still here. We do what we can to support the students."

The drawing will be held September 24, 2020. More information may be found on the Education Foundation's website tuef.org.

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

On Sunday, August 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. a blood drive will be held in the parish hall of donations drop to dangerously low levels. Holy Spirit Church, 984 Suburban Road, Union.

Please schedule yours at donor.cbsblood.org/ donor/ schedules/ drive_schedule/ 52341 or by calling (201) 251-3703.

Summer is always a time when blood

This year the need is more urgent than ever. Consider making a life-saving donation on August 9.

To comply with social distancing, appointments are necessary.



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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AT THE UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Whether looking to join our fun Summer Reading Program or learn how to relax through meditation, Union Public Library (UPL) has something for you that you can access and enjoy virtually. Here's what is happening for adults. All programs are online via Zoom open to the public. Check us out!







Adult Summer Reading Program

Summer reading is not just for kids. Join our online adult Summer Reading program and be eligible to win prizes, just by reading. It's not

too late to sign up on Read Squared uplnj.readsquared.com. Log your hours through August 28 to be eligible for program drawings, and a grand prize at the end of August.

LinkedIn for Everyone: Getting Started and Discovering What It Has to Offer

Tuesday, August 4, 11:00-12:45 p.m. Whether looking for a job or marketing what you have to offer, the LinkedIn website is the key to your success. This presentation will help you get started and learn about the many ways to utilize its features.

Book Publishing Overview with Lindsey Mach

Tuesday, August 4, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Presented by Lindsey Noelle Publishing Services, LLC. Here's your chance to learn about the book publishing industry, how a book

is made, and paths (self-publishing and traditional) to having a book published. If you want to learn tips for how to take your writing projects from manuscript to finished book, this program will provide you with invaluable

information.

Interview Tips with Mock Interviews Wednesday, August 5, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Learn how to ace the interview and gain confidence in presenting your expertise with UPL Career Coach Deb Warner.

Broadway Musicals Deconstructed: The Showstopper!

Tuesday, August 11, 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of Union Public Library and BCB Union

Sam and Candy Caponegro return "virtually" with their continuing program deconstructing the Broadway musical. Sing along (quietly) as together we watch old musical clips while Sam and Candy fill us in on the history behind the stars and shows.

Stars and Their Stories

Tuesday, August 18, 8:00 p.m. "Betelgeuse? How does a star get a name like Betelgeuse!" If you've ever wondered how stars have the really strange looking names that they do, what they mean and what those strange looking designations next to stars on your star charts are, this talk is for you.

Computer Maintenance & Safety Tips

Tuesday, August 18, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Presented by Rafael Miranda, LFC Consulting There are simple things you can do to keep your computer safe and last longer. Learn how to protect your data, review your browsing habits and your privacy in this workshop with Rafael

Miranda.

Off the Shelf Book Club Thursday, August 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Off the Shelf Book Club members will discuss a different title from Hoopla each month! Titles are available for free download with your library card on Hoopla! New members are

always welcome. Managing Your Online Meetings

Wednesday, August 26, 5:00-6:00 p.m. The new normal means that job interviews, business conferences and even family happy hours take place on line. This presentation will help you look your best and be safe. Presented

by Rafael Miranda, president of LFC Consulting, Inc. specializing in sales, service, and support of computer hardware and

software. Virtual Meditation

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join instructor Bindu Bhatt for a virtual meditation session. No experience necessary.

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we have distributed over 5,000 bags of food to

families since the end of March. We have also

shared thousands of sandwiches, toiletries, and

in so many ways.

Submitted by Bernadette Murphy Dear friends.

We are more grateful than ever for your have had a tremendous impact. With your help, support of St. Joseph's and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Your assistance since the pandemic began has been incredible. People have stepped up to help

We would like to extend a special thank you to the many people in Westfield, Cranford, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Roselle Park, Union, Elizabeth,

personal protective equipment.

Warren, and Edison, among other towns, for your overwhelming response to our appeal for emergency food bags. So many people have contributed that we can't possibly list them all.

We hope you will stay with us as the economic fallout from the pandemic is just beginning, and together we can help our community survive and thrive. If you would like to donate food or funds, please visit our website at sjeliz.org for details.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation, The Team at St. Joseph Social Service Center



(above) Food distribution line at St. Joseph Social Service Center





(above) Food being distributed at St. Joseph Social Service Center.





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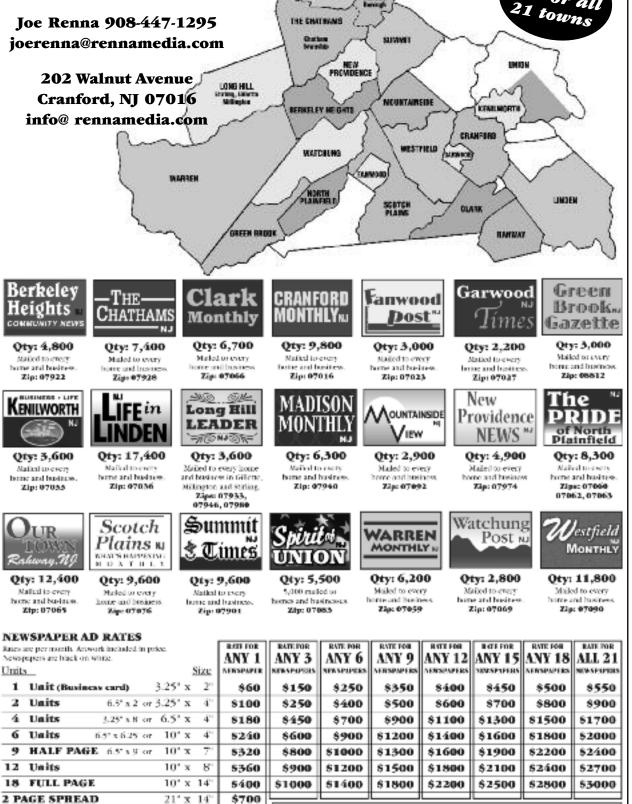
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