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SUMMER STAGE AT THE ROSELLE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Submitted by Lisa Coppola

The Roselle Park Community Garden recently hosted "Summer Stage at the Garden," an event featuring a seminar on organic pest management and live musical performances by two local bands. Arnulfo Toro and members of the Roselle Park Environmental Commission organized the days' events which also included rock painting and gnome decorating stations for the younger crowd. Returning guest lecturer, Althea Llewelyn gave an insightful talk about how to deal with garden pests naturally and without the use of harmful pesticides. She also identified beneficial insects that should be left unharmed and encouraged gardeners to plant many flowering plants nearby to attract pollinators - the key to a successful ecological garden.

Arnulfo envisions the Community Garden as more than just a place to grow organic food, but a permaculture site with three main ethics in mind: People Care, Fair Share, and Earth Care. "In this community garden we are not just growing food, but community as well". Arnulfo is a certified permaculture designer who is passionate about teaching people how to grow their own food. He reinvigorated the Community Garden three years ago when he stepped in to help redesign the layout of the garden and convert the straw bale plots to a fully automated raised bed garden. Last year during the peak of the pandemic, Arnulfo, EC members, and community volunteers grew and donated all the crops to the local food pantry and community members.

This year they built a stage to accommodate seminars, demonstrations, and musical acts for gardeners and community members to enjoy throughout the summer. During this first event, local bands Trying Our Best and Low Highs both performed short sets of Indie Pop covers and original songs. It was a really nice and successful event, with more to come.

Arnulfo Toro stresses the fact that it's important to know that this whole project has truly been a labor of love, and can only continue and remain sustainable with more community

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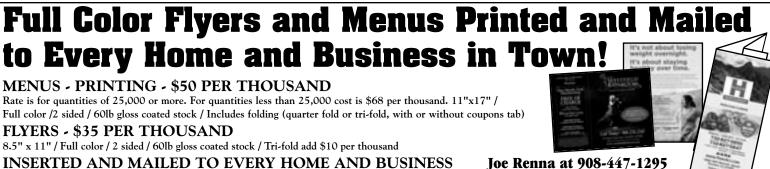






volunteers and support. He hopes to continue to host events throughout the summer, showcasing much more of the local talent. To learn about upcoming events at the Community Garden or to volunteer, follow their facebook page at facebook.com/RPEnvironmentalCommission. You can also find out more about the Roselle Park Environmental Commission at rosellepark.net/environmental-commission/.

Photos by Lisa Coppola and Arnulfo Toro



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YMCA SWIM TEAM TRYOUT DATES ANNOUNCED

The Gateway Family YMCA has announced upcoming tryouts for the 2021-2022 Fall/Winter Rapids Swim Team, scheduled for Tuesday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Gateway Family YMCA – Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ. Swimmers, ages 6 – 18 are invited to visit the YMCA to tryout for the Rapids Swim Team, no registration is necessary.

"YMCA competitive swimming and diving teams are the natural progression from Safety Around Water and Y Swim Lessons, encouraging children and teens to continue their love of swimming while providing an ideal environment for cognitive, physical and social-emotional development," said Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Through competitive aquatics programs, participants experience achievement, feel a sense of belonging and build supportive relationships, which is especially important at this time."

Registration for the 2021-2022 Fall/Winter Rapids Swim Team will begin on Tuesday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m. online at tgfymca.org.

"Our team is a year-round competitive swim team offering quality coaching and technique instruction. The goal of the team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at their

The Gateway Family YMCA has announced individual level of ability," added Melynda A. becoming tryouts for the 2021-2022 Fall/Winter apids Swim Team, scheduled for Tuesday, Gateway Family YMCA.

The competitive swim season typically runs from September through March, with dual meets starting in October and Championship meets starting in February. The Rapids swim team competes against other YMCA's in the league. Swim meets are held at The Gateway Family YMCA - Rahway Branch or at the site of the competing YMCA.

As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, the Y has been a leader in providing swim lessons, teaching water safety and inspiring competitive swimmers. The Gateway Family YMCA continues to help youth and adults experience the joy and benefits of swimming, so they can be healthy, confident and secure in the water. There are a variety of programs to choose from, including swim lessons for all ages, starting with parent/child lessons through adult, water exercise, family swim, and competitive swimming. To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate, financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

To learn more about The Gateway Family YMCA's Swim Team programs, please visit tgfymca.org or contact the Rahway Branch 732-388-0057.





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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 3, 2021

The Roselle Park Police Department has announced that it is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3 from 6 - 9 p.m.

The National Night Out is an event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

Chief McCaffery of the Roselle Park Police Department is eager for the event. "I can't think of a better way to celebrate the hard work of Roselle Park's police and fire departments than by hosting National Night Out. I'm excited to spend a night with the members of the community that my department works tirelessly to protect every day."

"This will not only be a fun summer event, but an important opportunity for Roselle Park residents of all ages to build a relationship with our police and fire departments," said Roselle Park Mayor Joseph Signorello. "Here in Roselle Park, our police work hard to protect and serve our community and because of events like this, their relationship with our residents is stronger than ever. Thank you Chief McCaffery for your leadership and I look forward to a great night out."

The National Night Out will take place at Michael J. Mauri Park, E. Grant Ave., in Roselle Park. For more information, please contact the Casano Community Center at 908-245-0666.

ROTARY ROSELLE-ROSELLE PARK STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

members.

Submitted by Bob Zeglarski

Joahua Melvin of Abraham Clark High School, Alexandra Harms of Roselle Park High School and Alexandra Ramirez of Roselle Catholic High School were honored as Rotary's May Students of the Month during a recent Zoom meeting of the club. They were selected for this honor by their high school guidance counselors for their excellence in their high school studies and for their service to school and community.

Roselle Rotarian Courtney Washington



(above) Alexandra Ramirez of Roselle Catholic High School



(above) Joahua Melvin, Abraham Clark High School



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(above) Alexandra Harms, Roselle Park High School





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(above) Dimiana Ibrahim, Elizabeth resident and former Teen Volunteer at Trinitas, poses at Princeton University, where she has joined the Class of 2025.



TEEN VOLUNTEER FOLLOWS HER DREAMS

Trinitas Regional Medical Center offers teenagers with an interest in healthcare several opportunities to test-drive their dreams. Dimiana Ibrahim, an Elizabeth resident, followed her dream of becoming a doctor to Princeton University to join the Class of 2025. What helped make the decision to study medicine were her experiences as a volunteer and a Medical Explorer at Trinitas.

As a high school sophomore, she entered the Teen Volunteer program, run by Lisa Liss, Director of Volunteer Services at Trinitas. "I wanted to be further exposed to the hospital setting to see if medicine was really the right path for me," Dimiana says. "Volunteering on the maternity floor allowed me to observe the ins and outs of how a hospital floor works. Helping different varieties of patients exposed me to how different and equally important each patient's story is. I was exposed to real-world hardships, celebrations, and stories that I would've never been able to see otherwise. It taught me the great importance of patience and compassion in the field, which is something you really have to feel and not just read about in a book."

Then Dimiana joined the Medical Explorers Club, for those interested in healthcare, nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing, among other careers. "Although short-lived due to COVID, it was an overall really fun and educational experience for my friends and me. I learned a lot about different specialties in the hospital, like anesthesia and dialysis. It showed me how truly excited I felt learning about medicine. It helped me realize that this is the excitement I aspire to have my entire life when it comes to my chosen field. These experiences, along with many others, helped me achieve the self-reflection and discovery needed to not only find my career path, but to recognize how I intend to get there. Attending Princeton University will be one of my first of many steps towards becoming a physician."

Liss, who also oversees Nurse Camp for high school students and the Collegiate Medical Mentor program for college students, says, "I'm always thrilled to hear about students taking their experiences at Trinitas and running with them. Dimiana was a shining example of how enriching these programs can be for students who may either be on the fence about healthcare as a profession and figure out that they definitely want it, or know for sure they want to study medicine at some level and can't wait until college to get started. Dimiana took advantage of what we have to offer and we hope to see her in our Collegiate Medical mentor program as she excels at Princeton."

For more information about Volunteering at Trinitas or to get involved with one of the medical mentoring programs, call Lisa Liss, 908-994-5164.



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Support groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers who attend a three-day training totaling 24 hours, as well as regular continuing education. Volunteers come from all walks of life and no special background is required other than a willingness to listen, a heart inclined to serve, and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve or give advice. No prior experience is necessary. Volunteers must be 21 years or older. Volunteers serve as companions and loving listeners for those who are grieving.

Over 220 children and adults have been participating in our virtual support groups this year. We are now preparing to launch a new program year that will offer the option of in person or virtual support for English and Spanish speaking groups. Doing these additional trainings will ensure that no child will ever have to wait to get the support they need."

Imagine is offering a training class that will take place virtually from August 27-29.

For more information, please contact Imagine Training Manager, Jamie Saltamachia at jamie@imaginenj.org, 908-264-3100.



RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN FDA Approved Treatment to Avoid Surgery

DON'T BLAME THE ARROW FOR MISSING THE TARGET

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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

 Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance. · Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.

With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.

Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.

Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

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sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.

· Swelling - This can cause tendemess and soreness to

the entire knee area, making walking or going up and

down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs

difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected

· Stiffness - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a

period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of

mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be danger-

· Loss of muscle strength - This can lead to balance

· Joint deformity - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.

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Sleepless nights - Losing sleep over your suffering is

not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so

many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of

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Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain. Something else I see almost every day,

are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and

copy we use at Northeast Spine & Wellness Center these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoros copy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact Northeast Spine & Wellness Center today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation

Scot Paris MD, FACS

Here's what our patients have to say "I'm dancing without pain. I can more with no problem whatsoever. I can go up and down steps with no pain." - Patricia G.

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BACKPACKS FOR LIFE GOLF OUTING

On September 20, 2021, Backpacks For Life will be hosting their Fifth Annual Golf Outing in Wayne, NJ. The golf outing is one of Backpacks For Life's tentpole fundraiser events that occurs annually in an effort to spread awareness about veteran homelessness and their mission to serve the veteran community. Last year's event was cancelled after a handful of rescheduling attempts due to COVID-19. The outing is presented by the founding sponsors of the event, three local New Jersey businesses, Biltmore Tuxedos, Sal Lauretta for Men and DSM.

"While it was a disappointment to cancel the event last year, we knew it was the right call. This year, we're excited to get back out there, bring the community together and have a great day in support of the veterans we serve. Our event has a lot to offer so whether someone is a golfer or not, they can participate in some capacity," said Sgt. Brett D'Alessandro, President, Backpacks For Life.

The outing will be held at one of New Jersey's premiere golf courses, North Jersey Country Club located in Wayne, NJ. The event kicks off with the veteran owned business brunch featuring a variety of local veteran owned businesses including The Mobile Cigar Lounge, Backward Flag Brewing and Black 6 Coffee. The event continues with a round of 18 holes as well as on course activities.

"Each yeah we try to bring something new and exciting from within our veteran community for others to experience. With the veteran owned business brunch and our cocktail reception, we're able to highlight incredible veteran owned small businesses and help them after what was a challenging year for all. It's an honor to share the stories of successful veteran entrepreneurs," said Alexa Modero, Executive Director, Backpacks For Life.

The evening concludes with a cocktail hour reception sponsored by Bond Street Mortgage. This portion of the event is open to the public, golfers and nongolfers alike. The reception features food and beverage, a silent auction and guest speaker, US Navy SEAL veteran, Anthony Page.

For all event details, tickets and registration, visit backpacksforlife.org/golf.

Backpacks For Life is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and at-risk veteran community. By regularly distributing backpacks filled with essentials to Veterans on the streets and providing mentorship to at-risk Veterans and their families.

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The blaring of a fire truck's siren as it approached a party, cars honking horns as they drove by, letters, cards, proclamations, flowers, and dozens of relatives and friends were part of a surprise yard party on Saturday, June 26 celebrating the 100th birthday of Edythe Claire Hansen Frank of N. 12th St., Kenilworth, NJ. Also stopping by were Mayor Linda Karlovitch and Councilman Louis De Mondo who extended personal congratulations to the birthday girl as did her minister, Father Andy Kruger, of Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford. Edythe's actual birthday was the next day, having been born in Jersey City on June 27, 1921 to William E. and Laura Jane Silvers Hansen.

Not only does Edythe have the distinction of being a centenarian but she very well may be the oldest, and longest dues-paying Girl Scout in the United States. In 1931 at age nine she became a Brownie Scout and in 1935 a registered Girl Scout.

One of three children, Edythe married Sgt. George J. Frank on Armistice Day, 1943 while he was on short leave from the US Army during WWII. She said, "He came home on short leave and we got married." During the war she tried to enlist with the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines and they were not taking people at that time. The Army indicated they would take her but her parents and husband asked her to reconsider. Eventually she decided to remain at home.

After WWII they lived in a Millburn apartment and ran a luncheonette. They soon had two children – George (aka "Stretch") and Laurie-Jo. The couple bought some building lots in Kenilworth on N. 12th St. for a few hundred dollars and began to erect their own home with their own labor and that of relatives and friends. Edythe remarked, "I handed him the cinder blocks and he added the mortar." At last, in 1949, they moved in and later had two more children – Sue-Ellen and Donna-Claire. George passed way in 2012 at age 91 after 68 years of marriage.

Both Edythe and George were part of Kenilworth scouting – he with the Cub Scouts



(above) Edythe Frank gives a toast at her 100th birthday party.

Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank

and she with the Brownies and then the Girl Scouts. They were scout leaders for their own children and many more from town. Edythe started out as a Brownie leader and as her daughters grew older, she become a Girl Scout leader spanning a period of 14 years from 1957 to 1971.

Edythe recalls trips to Camp Wild Cherry and the old Girl Scout cabin at the end of N. 18th and N. 19th streets adjacent to Black Brook Park. She mentioned, "There was really nothing around there at the time. There was a lot of open space." She reminisced about the wild cherry trees, poison ivy, dirt, and dust. Edythe stated, "We couldn't wait to wash off all of the dirt from camp. When we got home after day camp, the first thing we did was to shower to get rid of the dirt."

In 1995 Edythe was honored by the

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council with a 60year service pin and again in 2005 with a 70-year pin. Still a dues-paid Girl Scout after 90 years, Edythe indicated a few years ago, "Everyone worked nicely together at Camp Wild Cherry. We really were sincere about following the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I still follow it today.

A special highlight of the day was the attendance of Natasha Hemmings, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. Ms. Hemmings announced that Edythe had been awarded the distinct honor of "Life Time Girl Scout," and noted that among other benefits, was that no longer would Edythe need to pay dues. With a smile, Edythe said, "So glad to be a Life Time Girl Scout as at times I was late in paying my dues. Now I don't have to worry about it."

The hostess of the party was Edythe's granddaughter, Dionne Frank, who resides next door. She is one of Edythe's 10 grandchildren. Edythe also has 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The celebration continued over to the following day with continued surprises as more relatives and friends arrived. On Sun., July 11, a third get together with old friends visiting was held in Ocean Beach, NJ where Edythe and her late husband, George, husband, had a home for over 30 years. Edythe concluded, "I never had any idea about the surprise party. I was pleased to see so many people."

Granddaughter Dionne, commented, "As a family, we are very blessed to have her with us, in good mental and physical health. Edythe is the true matriarch of the Frank Family and is always ready to dole out love and humor. The entire weekend was a surprise for Gramma so every person who walked up the driveway to greet her, made her more excited and filled with love and joy."

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(above) Edythe and family, ca. 1958 (top, l-r) Edythe; George, Sr.; and George, Jr., ("Stretch"}; (bottom, l-r) Sue-Ellen; Laurie-Jo; and Donna-Claire.



(above, left) Edythe joined the Brownie Scouts in 1931. (right) Edythe C. Frank Brownie Troop 855, 1959 Clockwise: Edythe, Jackie Clark, Sue-Ellen Frank, Peggy Curtis, and Laurie-Jo Frank Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank



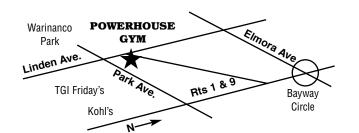
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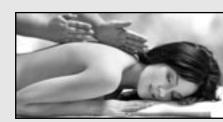
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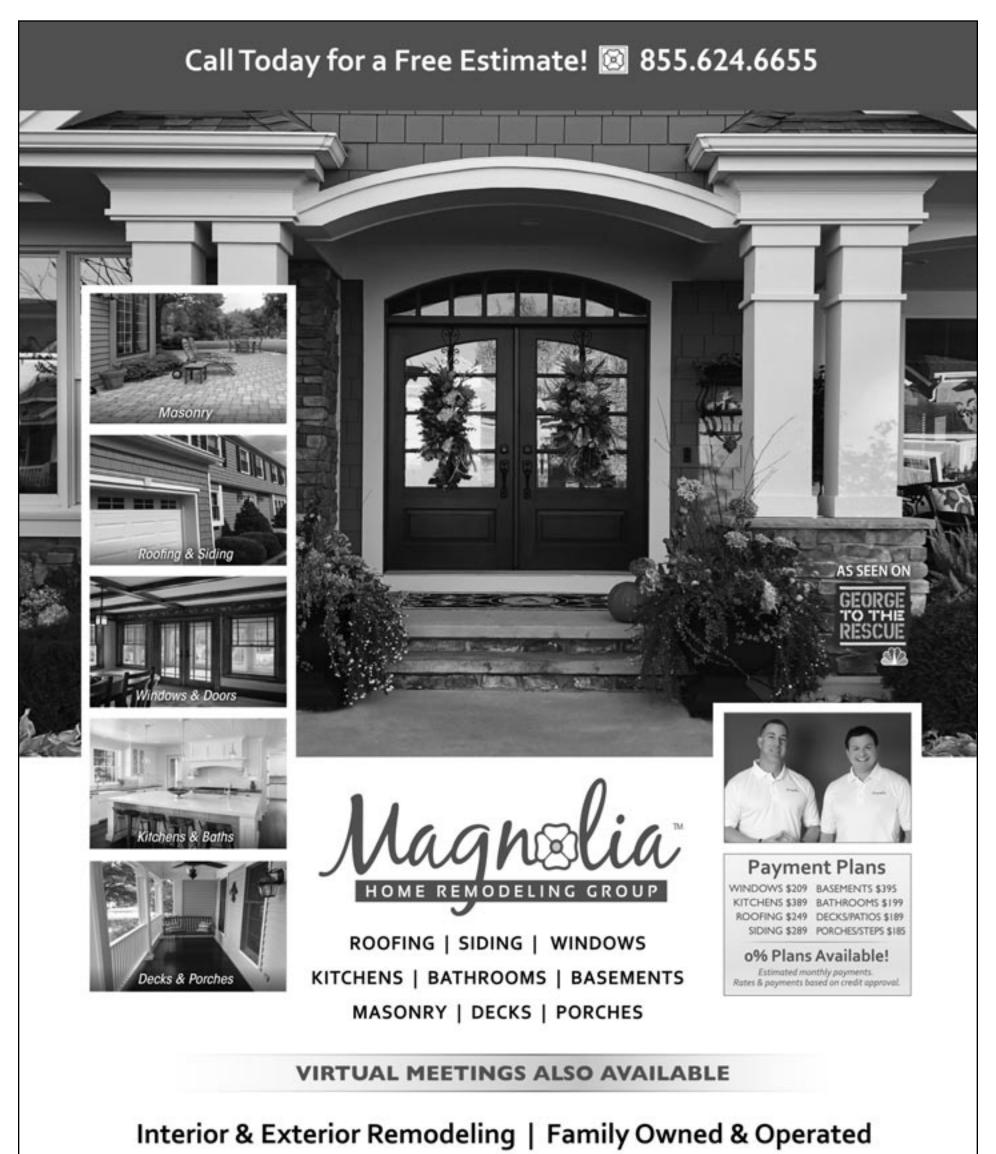
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