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In the spirit of the Olympics, Linden Department of Parks and Recreation held their own Olympics Opening Ceremony on July 20 at Tiger Stadium. Both Summer Day Camp and Playground programs participated. Each site selected a country to represent in the Opening Ceremony. Countries selected were United States, Greece, Australia, Brazil, France, Canada, Cuba, Liberia, and Italy. Each site created a banner to represent their country as they walked across the track to the delight of parents and community members.

Over 100 youth between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in the ensuing track meet. The track meet consisted of several events, including the 55 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, and Softball Throw. All participants received medals for their efforts, and participants who placed earned gold, silver, or bronze medals. All participants and their families had an enjoyable experience, many of which stated that the event was a great opportunity to reconnect with others that they may not have seen since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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SUCCESSFUL CRAFT & TALENT SHOW

On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, the Linden Summer Day Camp/Playground program, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, held its Annual Craft & Talent Show at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade. In continuation with the program's Opening Ceremony that occurred on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, the theme for the event was the Olympics.

As participants, families, and community members walked into the Promenade, they viewed arts and crafts from each Day Camp and Playground site. Every park picked a country and a sport and created a park project to support the Olympics theme. The park project was complemented with table crafts that participants made throughout the summer program.

In the concert area, program participants

showed their skills in the Talent Show. Participants had the opportunity to practice their performances throughout the summer and were supported by their counselors. Performances consisted of individual and group acts that included singing and dancing. The audience was highly engaged and gave a roaring applause after each act.

Once the show was over, winners were announced for the Craft Show and Talent Show and awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals, just as in the Olympics. Families were able to take pictures of their children on the podium with their medals. The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with those in attendance highlighting the enthusiasm and atmosphere surrounding it.

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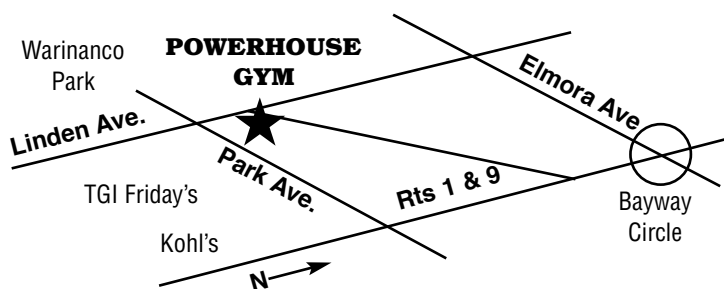


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STUDENTS BUILD BMX BIKES IN SUMMER STEM PROGRAM

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After Linden middle school students learned to build BMX bikes during a summer STEM program, a few lucky ones got to ride away on their class projects.

Each of eight classes at the Summer STEM Academy at Soehl Middle School was given a kit for a Mongoose BMX bike. The kit came with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math lessons for teachers to pass on to students, and participants also learned about the science of the sport of BMX.

Once the bikes were built, there was a raffle to choose one lucky winner per room to keep the bike they had constructed.

"This was a popular activity in our summer program, and we are looking forward to expanding it within the after-school program," said Director of Grants Isabella Scocozza, who oversees the federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Center program at Soehl.

The Summer STEM Academy was part of the 21st Century program and was open to students in Grades 5 through 8. In addition to the bike project, students in the summer program had an

opportunity to work for five weeks on various other hands-on projects and activities. Students collaborated with Liberty Science Center for two

hours each day and participated in many STEM-related thematic activities and programming, such as coding and forensic science.



(above) In addition to building a BMX bike, students in the 21st Century Summer STEM Academy at Soehl Middle School in Linden worked on a variety of hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities, including coding and forensics.



(above) Students working on building Mongoose BMX bikes for a project in the 21st Century Summer STEM Academy at Soehl Middle School in Linden.

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(above) Students in the 21st Century Summer STEM Academy at Soehl Middle School in Linden with their new Mongoose BMX bikes. Eight bikes were raffled off after students in the program built them.

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In event of inclement weather, the concerts are held as scheduled at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. For up-to-date concert/rain information, call 908-474-8604 after 4:00 p.m.

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Pictured are the winning team in blue, North Carolina FC and the runner up team, Philadelphia Union. Registration for the fall season is now open. For more information on recreation

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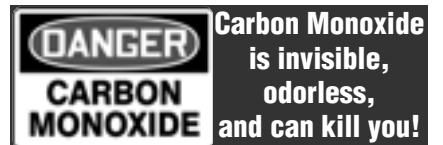
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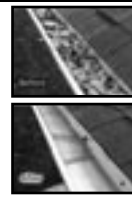
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We were all saddened when in 2020 the Culture Crawl Festival was forced to cancel due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The brand and the artistry continued throughout all of 2020 through virtual events, curated outdoor art displays, live music and poetry just to name a few. This year, we are bringing back the Culture Crawl Festival in a way that is safe for our Artists and our Community. This typically rain or shine event will be weather dependent this year (canceled in the event of inclement weather.)

With the theme of “emerge”, Culture Crawl will be featuring some new collaborators as well as those who have curated zones in past years. Nick Rosal from (pick your affiliation: Atelier Rosal Framing Shop; Housecat Nick; Rusty Monks; Jazz at Watt Hotel; Pop Up Bohemian Festival....) will be joining us again to curate the newly transformed Cherry Street with music, vendors and more!

Representing the “Emerging” young artists of Rahway, Parisse Dawkins and Michael Elliott will entice you into the Arts District Park (corner of Central Ave and Irving St.) with immersive displays, “design your own” fashion pieces, music, dance and art, from Black and brown creatives culminating in a fashion show featuring original designs by Michael Elliott, as well as pieces from other Rahway boutiques.

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Carrie Jackson is a metropolitan area based vocal stylist and rekindles thoughts of America's great jazz history. Carrie credits her mentors, the great ladies of jazz, Sarah "Sassy" Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Carmen McRae, Dinah Washington, Billie Holiday, and others as a primary musical influence for her style, which indelibly helped shape vocal jazz for every generation.

Carrie attributes her vocal style of singing

from her mentors and made them a part of her, also bringing new horizons to this classical American art form called Jazz. The truth is that she has a bit of all of them and more that create her own unique style as she proudly carries the jazz banner.

Carrie is a vocalist and performer, a native of Newark, NJ, and honed her many talents in the jazz mecca of performing arts while performing throughout the USA and abroad. She spreads and shares her joy and well-honed expertise on the stage.

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Groups are organized into four "communities" for like-minded people with similar goals, but participants are not limited to a specific track. The communities are general well-being; coping skills; co-occurring mental

health and substance use; and a community for those with a disorder who are seeking employment. Staff providing services are culturally diverse certified peer specialists, including some who are bilingual and facilitating groups in Spanish.

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey had been offering in-person meetings at satellite offices around the state, but during the pandemic all meetings were transitioned to online. That enabled interested participants from every county to access meetings. During COVID, the number of people attending online groups more than doubled, according to leadership at the nonprofit, which they attribute to increased need, ease of access, and reduced barriers related to transportation and childcare.

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LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

The Linden Public Library reminds all members of the community that the month of September is Library Card Sign-up Month. This is the time of year when the library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and public libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

“Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children,” said Dennis Purves, Director of the Linden Public Library. “We have library programs that serve students of all ages and backgrounds both online and in person. Public libraries offer everything from early literacy programs to virtual homework help and GED classes. This helps in transforming lives and communities through education. At Linden Public Library, you’ll find a wide variety of educational resources and activities.”

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning

of the school year. During the coming month, the Linden Public Library will host Library Card Sign-up activities. New patrons who register for a library card will be entered into drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card. Representatives of the library will be at the elementary schools back-to-school nights (pending Co-Vid guidelines and protocols) to promote this effort.

In 2021, author, producer and founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, Marley Dias, is taking on a new role as the honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month. In this role, Dias will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library card. During the month, the ALA and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.

The Linden Public Library along with public libraries everywhere, will continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of their communities. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library’s resources and programs, please visit LindenPL.org.

LINDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY FILMS


The Linden Public Library is proud to continue one of its most popular programs as it presents more feature films in September and October. For this series, we celebrate Oscar winning film maker, Tom Hanks, who turned 65 in July. Films will be shown free of charge on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

The ten-film series begins on Tuesday, September 7th, with the 1988 comedy, Big, which earned Hanks his first Academy Award nomination for Best Actor. Both his Oscar winning films, Philadelphia and Forest Gump, will be shown. The series concludes on October

8th with one of his biggest hits, Sleepless in Seattle, the 1993 romantic comedy co-starring Meg Ryan. Films are shown in the Columbia Bank Room, thanks to funding from the Friends of Linden Public Library.

Located at 31 East Henry Street, the Linden Public Library has been at the center of the city’s social, cultural, artistic and educational life since it was founded in 1928. If you have any questions about the film series, please call the library at 908-298-3830. Follow us on Facebook or Twitter and check out our web site at www.lindenpl.org.

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MCMANUS SCHOOL COMMUNITY DONATION BOX



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Students built a community donation box outside McManus Middle School in Linden for community members to contribute what they can and take items as they need them.


Teachers Nicole Marsh and Christine Correia worked with their students to create the “Linden Care Box” as part of the Apple Challenge Series. The box started with donated items for safe indoor activities for children. The theme will change monthly.

“I would like to extend a huge thank you to all who have donated so far,” Marsh said. “I am seriously so grateful and amazed by the amount of support our community has shown towards the ‘Linden Care Box’ so far. I cannot wait to share this with my students when we return in September and to show them what their effort and kindness has helped to produce.”

(above) The “Linden Care Box” outside of McManus Middle School in Linden was created by students who want to give community members a place to donate items to help their neighbors.

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REBUILDING WARRIORS RECEIVES \$4,250 FROM PHILLIPS 66

Submitted by Mary Phillips

Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery’s “Good Neighbor Fund” Committee organized two golf outings, and employees, various other companies, and individuals participated in the outings and sponsored tee hole signs.

Jeff Mullins, Vice President of Operations for Rebuilding Warriors, and his service dog, K9 Zoey, recently stopped by Bayway to pose for a photo op with the GNF Golf Committee members, the “Big Check”, and to pick up donation checks totaling \$4,250. The monies raised from the tee hole sponsorships at the outings will be used to assist Rebuilding Warriors with their programs to provide highly trained service dogs to honorably discharged veterans who are diagnosed as amputees, as well as those with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury), and First Responders.

Jeff stated, “It is an honor for Rebuilding Warriors to be a recipient of this donation, and we truly appreciate the Phillips 66 Bayway Good Neighbor Fund Committee and employees who do such a great job putting together the golf outings. Thank you to all those who selected Rebuilding Warriors to receive hole sponsor donations.”

The Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery Good Neighbor Fund (GNF) is a grassroots effort that began in 1993, with a committee of 6 employee

volunteers. Over the years, committee members have changed, and the committee continues to plan fundraising events for employees and their families to participate in, to raise money for organizations in local communities, and have some fun at the same time. Over the years, the GNF has assisted with important needs in local communities, with a focus on educational materials and programs for schools and students, veterans service dog program, food pantries, women’s domestic violence shelter, animal shelters, and other worthy causes.

The Good Neighbor Fund Committee thanks all who came out and participated in the golf outings, sponsored tee hole signs, and donated to this important cause!

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(above, l-r) Front row: Jeff Mullins, K-9 Zoey, Charlie Bellero, Mary Phillips; Back row: Lisa Barra, Lynne Petronio, and Sathish Pushpala. Not pictured: Dave Luc and Bill Miller.

SEA SCOUT FROM SHIP 228 IN LINDEN EARNS COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sebastián Heredia has been awarded the 2021 Patriots' Path Sea Scout Leadership Award. Sebastián is a Sea Scout from Ship 228 in Linden and he is an Eagle Scout from Troop 67 of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Summit.

Sebastián discovered Sea Scouting in 2017 and has been dual enrolled in Ship 228 and Troop 67 ever since. In 2019, Sebastián was nominated Sea Scout of the Year and he was the only Sea Scout from Patriots' Path Council to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia as a member of the National Sea Scout Ship. At the World Scout Jamboree, 40,000 Scouts and leaders participated from all over the world.

Sebastián earned his Eagle rank in 2019 and later earned the Silver Palm award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Sebastián graduated from Summit High School in 2020 and went on to become an EMT. He is a member of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Currently, Sebastián serves as the Patriots' Path Council Boatswain. In 2021, he carried out a successful regional, virtual training program and was selected for this Area Leadership Award. He was also selected to attend SEAL this summer: the Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training in San Francisco, California. SEAL Training is the highest leadership training for Sea Scouts. He is working to earn the rank of Quartermaster which is Sea Scouting's highest honor.

Sebastián is accepted to SUNY Maritime College and will enter the Regiment of Cadets in August. His goal is to obtain a United States



(above) Sebastián Heredia has been awarded the 2021 Patriots' Path Sea Scout Leadership Award.

Coast Guard deck license and a degree in Maritime Transportation. His future plans hope to include military service. He is grateful for all of the opportunities that have been granted to him through Scouting.

Sea Scouting is open to both male and female youth ages 14-21 who have graduated the 8th grade. There is a Maritime Explorer Club for younger youth in 6th to 8th grade. Adult volunteers with maritime experience or captain's licenses are needed too. If you are interested in learning more about Sea Scouting and Ship 228 in Linden please visit ship228.com.

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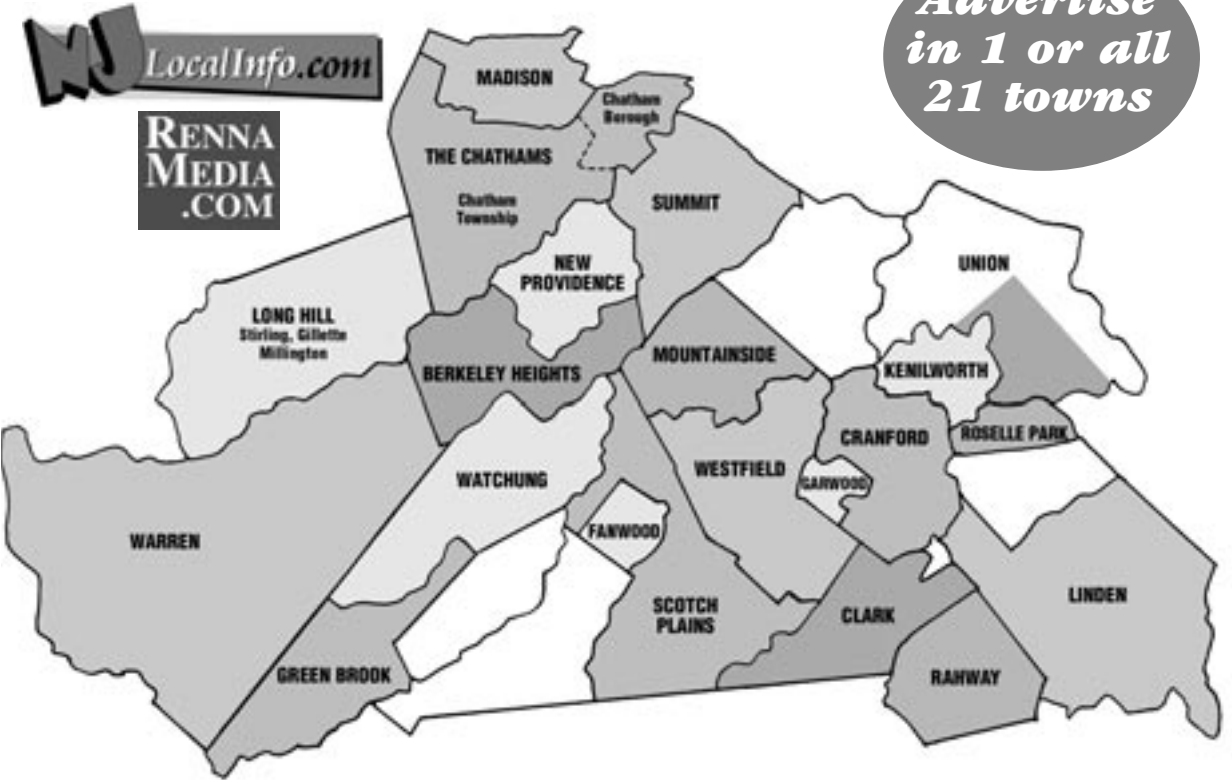
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Tanqueray	1.75L	\$36.99

COGNAC & BRANDY

Courvoisier V.S.	750ml	\$28.99
Courvoisier V.S.	1.75L	\$49.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	750ml	\$44.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	1.75L	\$99.99

CORDIALS

Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$47.99
Duggan's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$28.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$37.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$17.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$24.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$42.99

VODKA

Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$19.09
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$29.09
Belvedere Vodka	750ml	\$27.99
Belvedere Vodka	1.75L	\$44.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$29.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$57.99
Finlandia	750ml	\$15.99
Finlandia	1.75L	\$24.99
Grey Goose	750ml	\$24.99
Grey Goose	1.75L	\$39.99
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Ketel One	1.75L	\$39.99
Luksusowa	1.75L	\$22.99
Pinnacle (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Pinnacle (80 proof)	1.75L	\$17.99
Skyy	1.75L	\$19.99
Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$19.99
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.09
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Tito's Vodka	1.75L	\$30.99

RUM

Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$12.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$17.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.09

TEQUILA

Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$37.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
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Patron Silver	1.75L	\$99.99
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New Belgium Fat Tire	24pk	\$34.99
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Stella Artois loose bottles	24pk	\$29.99
Yuengling Lager bottles	24pk	\$20.99
Zywiec (11.2oz)	24pk	\$20.99

WINE

Bartenura Moscato	750ml	\$11.99
Barone Fini Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$11.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	750ml	\$ 5.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	1.5L	\$ 9.49
Black Box (All Types)	3L	\$19.99
Carnivor Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$10.99
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde	1L	\$ 5.99
Cavit (All Types)	1.5L	\$14.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay	1.5 L	\$19.99
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Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$ 9.99
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Gato Negro (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
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Papi (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
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Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.97
Ruffino Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$13.99
Ruffino Tan label	750ml	\$19.99
Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$22.09
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