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Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, located at 721 Rahway Ave., Union, NJ, celebrated its 44th annual Greek Festival on September 9-12, 2021. The Annual Festival, which was established in 1985 draws a huge crowd. Patrons of the church bring along their families, and come from throughout Union County as well the tri-state area.

This year's festival represented an important stepping stone in the life of the church. The proceeds are to be used for the enhancement of the church and community center.

An army of church volunteers make this cultural event happen. Visitors stepped into Greece as they experienced family and friends gathering, and enjoyed a large menu of authentic, home cooked Greek staples, including appetizers, meals, desserts, and Greek beverages including beer, Ouzo, brandy, and coffee. All at reasonable prices. A DJ and band played Greek music. There were games for children, and vendors with Greek nick-nacks, and more.

Under the direction of Father Peter Souritzidis Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church offers families Sunday worship services, Sunday School, Greek School, a library, toddler Mommy & Me classes in Greek, and more.

For more information visit stdemetriosunion.org, call 08-964-7957, or visit and experience the beautiful church at 721 Rahway Ave., Union, NJ.













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NEW PLAY REUNITES TEACHER AND STUDENT

When Deirdre Louise MacNamara was a high school student, she performed in several plays at Roselle Catholic High School, directed by Maurice J. Moran. Now, MacNamara has written a play that will be performed in New York City, directed by Moran. "Order Up!" consists of five one-act plays that take place in a "typical NYC diner." It will run in November for a limited engagement in Manhattan.

Moran, a resident of Rahway, has been directing plays for New Jersey high schools, community theatres, and professional summer stock for 50 years. MacNamara, who grew up in Elizabeth, has acted in New York and New Jersey. Together, they had worked on several projects prior to the pandemic, including her one-woman show that she performed in Brooklyn and Greenwich Village.

"Order up!" is her first full-length play. Each act is titled with "diner speak," reflecting the intriguing descriptions servers use to communicate with the cook. "Blonde with Sand," for example, one of the plays, is "Coffee with milk and sugar." The other plays include "In the Weeds," "Blue Plate Special," "Adam and Eve on a Raft," and "Pittsburgh." Each play features characters who use the diner as a meeting place to discover the different meanings of love, from friendship and family to romance.



(above,l,r) Playwright and actress Deirdre Louise MacNamara and director Maurice J. Moran

"Order Up!" will run November 9 through November 14 at the Chain Theatre on 36th Street and 8th Avenue. For tickets and more information, visit the website at https://frankieco-productions.mailchimpsites.com.



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KENILWORTH WWII VETERAN LAID TO REST

Adolf "Pat" Paterson, was one of the last two veterans who actually resided in Kenilworth and enlisted from town when WWII broke out. He was laid to rest with military honors at an October 8, 2021 memorial service at the Brigadier General William Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Burlington Co.

Born December 18, 1920, Pat arrived here from Elizabeth in 1929 at age nine. He came with his parents, Charles Adolf (1888-1965) and Ingebord Koed Paterson (1892-1973), and their other children: Rosemarie (Guertin), Edith, and Charles David.

The family settled at 25 S. Michigan Ave. Pat, his brother Charles David, and their father operated the Charles Paterson & Son Flooring Co. from garages in their backyard facing Kingston Ave., and from the cellar of their home. Pat continued to operate the business until retiring in 1981. The house and garages still stand.

Pat attended the Harding and the old McKinley schools. He was among the last of Kenilworth students to attend Roselle Park H. S. and proud to be a member of the first graduating class from Jonathan Dayton Regional H. S., Springfield in 1938.

The family was well engaged in fighting for the Allied cause. Pat's sister, Edith, enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WACS) in 1943, our second only local brother and sister team to serve in WWII. Sister Rosemarie worked as an aeronautic instrumentation instructor to train servicemen. Pat's wife-to-be, Mary Jane Andy, worked at Inland Steel Works in South Plainfield which made landing boats for the war effort. After WWII brother Charles David served in the U. S. Navy in the Korean War.

Pat served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946 including as a tank destroyer commander and as an infantry unit commander attaining the rank of 2nd lieutenant. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and an infantry paratrooper with the 101st "Screaming Eagles" Airborne Division. He was active in the Rhine Campaign and the Central Europe Campaign. He received many military awards and honors.

Pat talked of going to and from Europe on the luxury liners of the Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mary, commandeered for military transport. He felt honored to have marched in the historic Times Square Military Parade, January 12, 1946.

He and his wife Mary Jane (1920-2011), married in 1946 and had seven children: Andrea (Suhaka), Bruce, Nancy (Zingler), Janet, Judy, Charles, and Karen (Thompson), deceased. They set up housekeeping in the late 1940s at 40 N. 23rd St. Years later they moved to Cranford. In the mid-1960s the house was moved to make room for the second St. Theresa's Church. That house was relocated to 509 Washington Ave and is now used for business purposes.

In Kenilworth Pat played on the Scarlets team in the adult softball league. He enjoyed bowling, square dancing, and helping out the Cub and Boy Scouts. A founder of the Lions Club, he served as president in the 1950s, and was a member of the building committee to erect in 1953 the

Methodist Church on the Boulevard. He and long-time friend, Eugene Coppola (1920-2020) had a two-man reunion in 2015 recalling growing up in town, attending schools together, and sharing war stories. Pat passed away May 14, 2020 at age 99 years and 5 months. Services were postponed until recently due to COVID.

Pat and his wife's legacy include five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Be sure to remember all veterans on Veterans' Day, November 11.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc., with assistance from the Paterson family. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) Son Charles Paterson accepts flag at military ceremony, Oct. 8, 2021. Source: Historic Signs, Inc.





(above, l-r) 2nd Lt. Pat Paterson, 1942. Pat Paterson, Regional H.S.

Photo Source: Family



(above) Eugene Coppola and Pat Peterson, two-man reunion, 2015.

Source: Historic Sign, Inc



(above) Pat with sister Edith (WACS), 1943.



(above) Charles Paterson & Son Flooring, Kingston Ave., 1958. (above, l-r) Charles Sr., sons Pat and Charles David, and 2 employees.

RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN

FDA Approved Treatment to Avoid Surgery

DON'T BLAME THE ARROW FOR MISSING THE TARGET

Just like tens of millions of other Americans, you were looking for relief from your chronic knee pain. You thought Viscosupplementation injections might be the answer, but the results were disappointing and painful. Don't assume the treatment wasn't right. That could very well be like blaming the arrow for its path to the target when the problem might be the archer. If you didn't get the pain relief you were hoping for, chances are your injection treatment was off target. Unlike blind injections or even ultrasound targeted treatments found elsewhere,

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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,

- . 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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- · Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- · No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- · No potentially addictive prescription medications
- · Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast**

Spine & Wellness Center investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection. the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. Northeast Spine & Wellness Center understands the symptoms you have been

living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- Pain Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- Swelling This can cause tenderness 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 by swelling.
- 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 dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- Loss of muscle strength This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- Joint deformity Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- Creaking Joints Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- 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 sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

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 found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoros-

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

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IMAGINE IS SEEKING VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss offers free peer grief support groups for grieving families that are facilitated by a wonderful group of trained volunteers. Imagine's volunteers are an essential part of Imagine's programs and they're looking to grow their community of facilitators. Are you interested in joining Imagine's team of volunteers? If so, we'd like to tell you more about Imagine's programs.

Imagine offers free peer support groups for children ages 3-18 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or close family member. Groups are also available for young adults ages 18-30, and for the parents and guardians of the children in the program. Groups for Spanish speaking bereaved adults are also available. All groups are currently being held virtually, with some set to transition to in-person as soon as it is safe to do so. Other groups will remain virtual.

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 grief without trying to fix, solve or give advice. No prior experience is necessary. Volunteers must be 21 years or older. Bilingual (Spanish speaking) volunteers are needed as well. Volunteers serve as companions and loving listeners for those who are grieving and help create a space where participants can share tears and embrace the joys of life.

"In order to continue to grow our English and Spanish speaking programs, we need to constantly recruit and train new volunteer facilitators," said Veronica Ortiz, Imagine Program Manager. "Our programs are growing because of the great need in this community, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Over 220 children and adults have been participating in our virtual support groups this year. We have recently launched a new program year, but there is more demand for our programs than we're able to meet with our current number of facilitators. Doing this additional training will ensure that no child will ever have to wait to get the support they need."

Are you interested in joining Imagine's incredible community of volunteers and help us eliminate a wait list for our groups? Imagine is planning to offer a virtual facilitator training from Friday, November 5 through Sunday, November 7 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. An interview is required prior to the training, so please contact Imagine Training Manager, Jamie Saltamachia at jamie@imaginenj.org to arrange a convenient interview time. If you have questions regarding the training, please call 908-264-3100.

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My Eagle Scout project will consist of relandscaping the front of Saint Theresa's Church on Washington Avenue in Kenilworth. This project will include full removal of several shrubs, trees and flowers that are overgrown and will be replaced with new landscaping that has a symbolic meaning to the Catholic faith.

My intention is to add landscape blocks to create a retaining wall to prevent water from washing away the dirt onto the main sidewalks giving more definition and functionality to the beds. This will lead to a more aesthetic view to the front of the church. This will update the landscaping in the front of St. Theresa Church and will bring more attention to our historic place of worship that welcomes parishioners, both new and old. Renewing the landscaping around the front steps entering the church will provide a

I am Andrew Gasper from Troop 83 in more pleasing view when Mass had ended and gathering begins as well as for meaningful events like sacrament ceremonies.

> Landscape lighting will be incorporated into this project to shine upon the church in the evening, as well lighting in the garden beds.

> To make my vision into a reality, timing is very important due to weather changes as well as Mass scheduling. My goal is to complete this project before the end of November in time for the holiday season.

> My estimated cost is \$4,000. This amount would cover the cost of all materials, tools, and supplies needed to complete my project.

> Thank you in advance for any help you can give me towards my Eagle Scout project. I look forward to how it will benefit St. Theresa parish, and the community.

Respectfully,

Andrew Gasper
To donate to my project, please click on the QR code below or go to the Troop 83 Website: https://njtroop83.square.site/.

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gearing up for their Thanksgiving food basket distribution. Last year they distributed approximately 275 baskets including a \$10 supermarket gift card, and 280 turkeys. They anticipate a bigger need than any year before. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at the back of the Church on Sundays or any day of the week between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rectory. There is a special need for gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce and canned yams. Gift cards to any supermarket in \$10.00 denominations are also needed. Frozen turkeys can be dropped off the Friday before Thanksgiving (November 19th) between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at St. Theresa's Rectory. Gift cards and checks payable to St. Theresa's can be mailed to Social Concerns c/o The Church of Saint Theresa, 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033. Baskets will be distributed the Saturday before Thanksgiving between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. (November 20th).

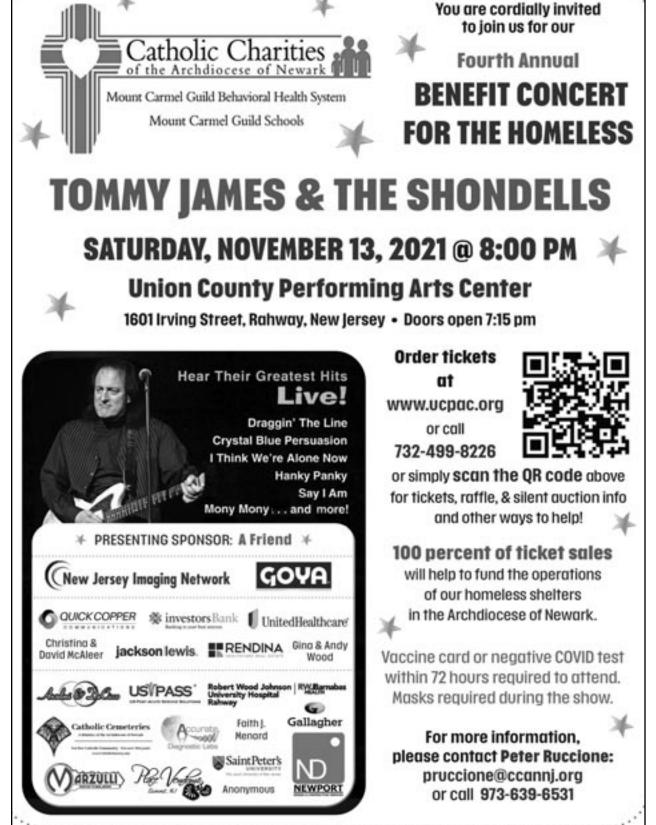
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St. Theresa's Social Concerns Food Pantry is aring up for their Thanksgiving food basket stribution. Last year they distributed proximately 275 baskets including a \$10 permarket gift card, and 280 turkeys. They

There will be no baskets given out without a reservation.

GIVING TREE

With Thanksgiving behind them, Social Concerns will then be collecting donations for a "giving tree" which will be located in St. Theresa's church starting November 28th. The tree is decorated with tags with needed items written on them. Donors simply take as many tags as they wish and return the items to the church for distribution. The orders on the tags were collected from needy families within the community as well as Covenant House, Catholic Charities and St. Joseph's Social Service Center located in Elizabeth. If you are in need please call the Rectory (908) 272-4444.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kenilworth Public Library is offering the following programs during the fall season.

The Fall Reading Club

concludes on Friday, November 12.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lap Sit for ages 0 - 24 months

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. September 28 – November 9

Toddler Time for 2 year old children

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. September 29 – November 10

Story Time for children ages 3 & up

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. September 30 – November 11

Thanksgiving Theme Grab N' Go Craft

Available Monday, November 8
The Kenilworth Public Library will be offering a Thanksgiving theme Grab 'n' Go craft for Kenilworth residents ages 4 – 9 years old when a book is checked out from the library.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration is required for all special events. These programs are recommended for children ages 4 - 12 years old. Kenilworth residents may begin to register one week prior to each event. Out of town residents may begin to register 2 days prior to each event. To register call the library at 908-276-2451.

Boogie Woogie Babies

Tuesday, November 9 at 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Ages: 0 - 4. Babies, toddlers and young children will enjoy an interactive musical program presented by Tiffany Taylor. To register call the library at 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard. Registration is required.

Story Time and Craft

Thursday, November 11 at 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Presented by children's author Laura Sassi. Children ages 3 to listen to the story Little Ewe and complete a craft related to the story. Registration is required.

For more information about programs please visit kenilworthlibrary.org, or call 908-276-2451.



SCOUT EXECUTIVE SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB

Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart

Marc Andreo, the Scout Executive and CEO of the Patriot's Path Council, Boy Scouts of America spoke to the Rotary Club of Westfield on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. His topic was to update the club on the state of the local Scouting. The pandemic has decreased the scouting program somewhat, but it is still going strong, and they are planning to rebuild it to where it was before the shutdown.

Paul Harris, the man who started Rotary International in 1905, was great friends with James E. West who started the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. Paul gave advice on how to spread the program throughout the US, mirroring the way Rotary clubs were spreading. Both organizations have a lot of similarities, including an ethical code, teaching leadership skills, being community based and service



scout units across the US.

The Patriot's Path Council, BSA consists of 5 counties in northern New Jersey with more than 10,000 scouts and 4,000 adult volunteers. They are in the counties of Sussex, Morris, Somerset, Union and northern Middlesex. The headquarters in Cedar Knolls has only 25 fulltime staff. There are two scout shops one in Cedar Knolls, and one in Mountainside.

The Council offers three Day Camps: at Watchung Reservation; Johnson Park, New Brunswick; and Camp Wheeler at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation. The Council offers four overnight camping opportunities: Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, NJ; Mt. Allamuchy in Byram Township; Sabattis Adventure Camp in Long Lake NY, and the four national high adventure bases: The Summit in West Virginia; Northern Tier in Minnesota, Sea Base in the Florida Keys, and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Recent changes to the Scouts include welcoming girls to the Cub Scout and the legacy Boy Scout programs three years ago. The purpose was to include entire families in the activities. To accommodate this change, the "Boy Scout" program for ages 5th grade through age 18 was renamed the "Scouts BSA". The name of the parent organization remains the Boy Scouts of America. The Cub Scout program is for children from K through 5th grade; Scouts BSA is for children 5th grade through age 18. Other programs have been coed for many

oriented. Rotary clubs currently charter 1,000 decades, including Explorers - who explore career opportunities, Venture Crews - who go on high adventure trips, Sea Scouts who learn mariner skills, and a relatively new program -STEM- in which students explore science related careers. These last four programs welcome boys and girls from ages 14 to 21.

Cub Scout Dens may be all boy and all girl, or coed. Scouts BSA Troops are either all girl or all boy. This year there are 250,000 young women in the scouts, and 1,000 girls were the first graduating class of female Eagle Scouts. Only 4% of all scouts ever achieve the rank of Eagle, making it a mark of distinction.

The residents of Westfield are enthusiastic supporters of Scouting. There are 12 units: 7 Cub Scout Packs and 5 Scout Troops, with nearly 500 youth, which is double the national average. Last year the Patriots' Path Council recognized 315 Eagle Scouts and Scouts collectively earned more than 6,200 merit badges. The Rotary Club of Westfield has been a long time supporter of the Scouts. Several members are Eagle Scouts, and many of the children of Rotarians are in the Scouting program, and a number have earned the rank of Eagle. The club likes to support Eagle Service projects financially.

Scout Executive Marc Andreo asked the Rotarians to help spread the word about local Scouting. With units and camps open again, they are seeking more youth to join the local programs. Please visit beascout.org to locate a unit near you!







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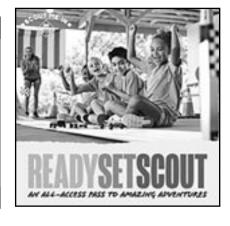
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BLACK BROOK PARK CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF OLMSTED HISTORY

Dorothea Krihak, Friends of Black Brook Park

As we enjoy the outdoors and the fall colors on the leaves at Black Brook Park, it is noteworthy to point out it has been one hundred years since the creation of the park by the Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architectural firm. The creation of the Olmsted involvement began with a letter dated July 5, 1921, from the Olmsted brothers stating their desire to accept the proposal by the county to do the job.

It was a great firm and the Union County Parks Commission, as it was called then, was very fortunate to have a plan for park land for them to bring it all to fruition as a system of public parks here in Union County.

This plan included a map of the proposed land to be used which included today's Black Brook Park here in Kenilworth.

This "parkway" of parks as the Olmsted Brothers referred to it as, along with the Olmsted world renowned name, made it a clear decision by the county upon reading their eager request to do our park system in their letter, this would be a remarkable venture together on this huge massive project. One that the county was embarking on one hundred years ago.

The Olmsted Brothers firm at that time was headed by Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., the son of Frederick Law Olmsted who was known as the "father of landscape architecture".

Olmsted Jr., after his father's retirement in beautiful, large willow tree where the brook 1898, carried on with his father's work along with his brother, John Charles, and later without him after the older brother's passing in 1920.

The Olmsted Brother's firm, as it continued to be called, carried on Olmsted Sr.'s legacy. Differences in their work were due to the times in which they worked. They designed parks that were available to all, to encourage a sense of community and a remedy for stress.

Both Olmsted generations created works that included the capital grounds in Washington, D.C. In 1901 Olmsted Jr. continued with his father's work on the capitol grounds with a fifty-year involvement.

Here in Kenilworth at Black Brook Park the County of Union continues to be influenced by the Olmsted design. The Black Brook itself is now bordered by trees to pinpoint its' location. A



(above) Black Brook Park

meets Shallcross Pond was planted. These plantings reflect the Olmsted legacy of highlighting water features, as well as the trees' ability to block out outside traffic noise and visuals on Springfield Road South on the park's western side.

We are lucky the Olmsted brothers designed our park here in Kenilworth; one hundred years ago, it all began. It is a beautiful park to enjoy all year long, especially during the fall with the leaves changing colors. You don't have to go far to see fall trees, it's right here in our town.

Many thanks and appreciation to all the "Friends" who care about the park by helping to keep it clean and green.

TRIP TO RESORTS CASINO - NOV. 16

The Kenilworth Senior Citizen Club will be running a bus ride to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. The bus leaves from the Acme parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 and the casino will give you \$20 in slot play. For reservations please contact Emily Grimaldi at 908-272-6329 or Lillian Furze at 908-709-0515 by Friday, November 12, 2021, if interested.

BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Township of Union Municipal Band is back and is seeking new members to join the band! "Musicians of all ages are welcome," says director Howard Toplansky. "If you are a high school musician looking for extra practice or a retired professional who wants to get back into music, the municipal band is a perfect fit." The band is looking for new members who play any instrument. Out of towners are welcome.

The Township of Union Municipal Band rehearses on Monday evenings at Hannah Caldwell School. The band performs ten concerts throughout the year, including special concerts at Ehrhart Gardens and Putnam Manor.

Mr. Toplansky believes the municipal band contributes to the culture of the township, sharing that "the municipal band is one of Union's oldest traditions and is a great way to introduce members of the community to timehonored musical styles and compositions."

Musicians who are interested in joining the band should contact the Township of Union Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.

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SEA SCOUT 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, 40,00 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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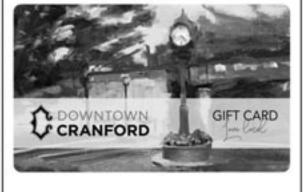
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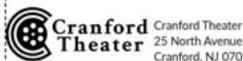
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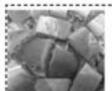
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