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Elmora Hills Monthly will be mailed to 5,400 homes and businesses in and around the Elmora Hills section of Elizabeth, New Jersey and will deliver important information from the departments within town hall, along with news from the schools and library. Community service organizations are encouraged to promote their events and celebrate their accomplishments free of charge.

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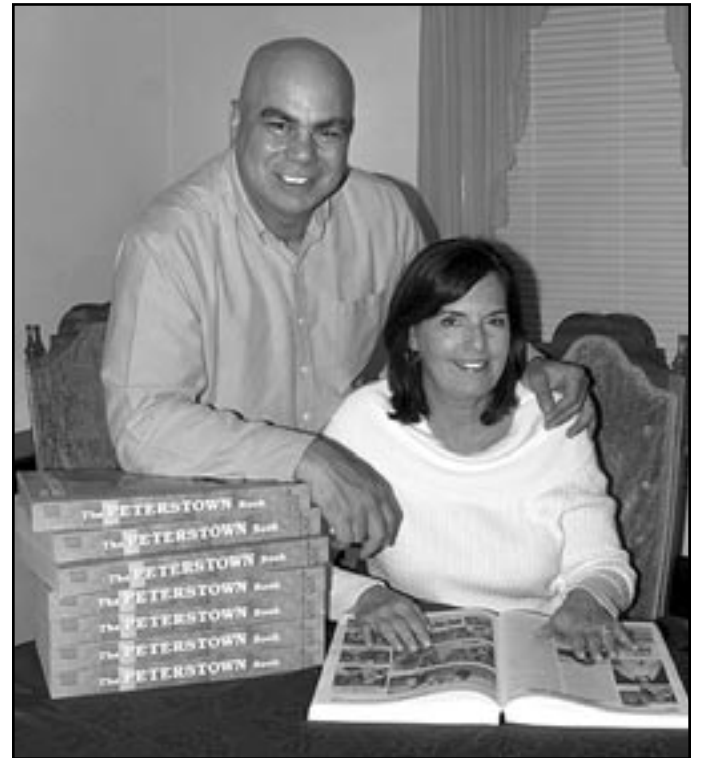
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GREATER ELIZABETH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES RENNA MEDIA

As we at the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce [GECC] kick off our 25th Anniversary, we are excited to announce our new partnership with Joe & Tina Renna of Renna Media, LLC and the publication of the new Elmora Hills News!

The GECC is proud to have these accomplished entrepreneurs as their newest members. Joe has been working in marketing/advertising for 35 years. He is also born and raised in Elizabeth and he loves his city. Tina brings her expertise, dedication, and decades of experience to us at GECC.

Joe and Tina have built Renna Media from the ground up and publish 24 town newspapers. Each month 160,000 newspapers are mailed to homes and businesses in those towns. Renna Media is launching three newspapers in March 2022, including Elmora Hills News. The longevity they have in the industry makes them valuable assets to the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer M. Costa, Director of GECC said of the launch of Elmora Hills News, "It is a privilege to now have a direct connection to the Elmora residents and keep them informed about the development of new, upcoming business opportunities available."

Meet Joe and Tina Renna in person as we welcome them into our Chamber on March 16 at 5 p.m. at the Garden located in the heart of the vibrant Colombian district of Elizabeth on Morris Avenue. This event will be great for aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners to grow their businesses and attain new networking opportunities with high profile individuals. Multiple businesses will be networking at a corporate level to gain newfound knowledge about the latest business opportunities and trends! Come join members of the GECC and its dynamic business community of high performing organizations and professionals.

For more information about the March 16 event or about the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, visit elizabethchamber.com or call the office Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 908-355-7600.

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ORGAN DONOR MAURICE MURCHISON REMEMBERED

NJ Sharing Network

NJ Sharing Network recently honored the memory of the generous, fun-loving Maurice Murchison of Elizabeth as part of Black History Month. In life, Maurice's big-kid exuberance brought smiles to family, friends, and all those he met. In death, Maurice brought healing and the gift of life to others through the donation of his organs.

A lifelong Elizabeth resident, Maurice will be remembered for the joy he brought to others and for his simple love for being in the company of his family. He especially enjoyed playing video games and challenging his nine nephews and nieces to show them that, despite his age, he was the "Top Gamer" in the family.

"Maurice was definitely a kid at heart all the way," said Marcia McGowan, Maurice's sister. "He had great charisma and everyone seemed to connect with Maurice. He had an amazing ability to enjoy the little things in life, and he would show it with his big, toothy smile. He just had a heart of gold."

NJ Sharing Network joined in the celebration of Black History Month by sharing inspirational stories of hope of local organ and tissue donor heroes and their families who embody its life-saving mission. According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents are waiting for a life-saving transplant, and 67% are people of color. Just one organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 people.

"Each year in New Jersey, thousands of lives are saved and enhanced through organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Clearly, this is something to celebrate. However, there is an urgent need to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation to help save more lives in our diverse communities of New Jersey," said Joe Roth, president and CEO of NJ Sharing Network. "Although organs are not matched according to race and ethnicity, and people of different races frequently match one another, all individuals waiting for an organ transplant will have a better chance of receiving one if there are large numbers of donors from multicultural communities."



(above) Maurice Murchison's organ donation saved lives.

Photo by NJ Sharing Network

"We were not aware that Maurice was a registered donor until we were told at the hospital," said Marcia. "My father was definitely a bit hesitant and unsure at first. But then, I spoke with my dad to explain that Maurice was doing a good deed to leave a legacy and let someone else live on. We are thankful that NJ Sharing Network was there for us and continues to honor and remember Maurice and his legacy."

After having that important conversation, the entire family began to recognize organ and tissue donation as a beautiful miracle. They also understood that Maurice's decision was just another way for him to show his compassion for others.

"That day, we were all reminded to give our blessings to someone else. Checking that box to be an organ donor gives hope to someone that needs another chance to live life to its fullest," said Marcia.

"It was funny to hear how many of our friends admitted that they never really thought about organ donation until Maurice passed," said Marcia. Several family members and friends told Marcia that they, too, would become organ donors. "Maurice has shown others what a beautiful thing it is to give another person a chance to live," she said.

Maurice and all donor heroes remind us that even the simplest act of kindness can make a world of difference to those around us. You can make a difference today by registering as an organ and tissue donor at NJSharingNetwork.org.

ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

Currently celebrating its 35th anniversary, NJ Sharing Network is the federally designated non-profit organization responsible for recovering donated organs and tissue and providing hope for nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents currently waiting for a life-saving transplant and is part of the national recovery system for the over 100,000 people on the national waiting list. Last year, 233 generous individuals in New Jersey gave the gift of life, an all-time high for a single year. In addition, 42,112 eye and tissue donations healed and enhanced the quality of life for those in need. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization has been recognized by NJBIZ as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for four consecutive years. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.

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HS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS SOUGHT

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Bayway Complex Community Advisory Panel

For the year 2022, the Bayway Complex Community Advisory Panel (CAP) has elected to offer High School Seniors who are residents of Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island the opportunity to be awarded a CAP scholarship. Several one-year scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each to students in these four municipalities represented by the CAP.

The winners will be selected by the CAP Scholarship Committee, who will be taking the following areas into consideration when reviewing the applications: The applications must be computer-generated and all sections completed; Academics (transcript/SAT/ACT scores); Financial Need; Essay; Science/Math Teacher Recommendation Letter(s).

This scholarship is open to candidates who will be pursuing a college, university, career or vocational school education in the Industrial,

Process Technology, or Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Mechanical, Environmental, Computer) fields.

Please contact your high school guidance counselor for more information and the application forms. The submission deadline is March 28, 2022.

The Bayway CAP is a committee of community representatives from Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island including neighbors, educators, retirees, public officials, emergency responders, and environmental organization representatives who attend quarterly meetings that serve as a forum for dialogue between the community and company representatives from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Infineum USA L.P., Linden Cogeneration Plant, Veolia North America, Solutia, Linden VFT LLC, and PSEG.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Submitted by Dr. Michael Hart

Elliot Dee and Mary Beth Lapham recently spoke to The Rotary Club of Westfield about the three-year Capital Campaign for St. Joseph Social Services in Elizabeth. The Rotary Club of Westfield has supported St. Joseph for decades, but most recently by making sandwiches and bringing them to the center every Wednesday for the past 94 weeks through the Covid-19 pandemic. The center provides a wide range of social services to the poor and homeless in Union County.

Ms. Dee and Ms. Lapham explained to the club that the center has been overwhelmed by the needs of the community, and the physical space is no longer meeting their needs for efficiency. Following a recent feasibility study, new plans have been drawn for an expansion project.

Currently St Joseph's runs a Soup Kitchen on Saturdays which feeds 200 people each week; provides 400 bags of food every week which feed a family of four for six days; has a program with the Community Food Bank of NJ which feeds 150 households; and runs a farmers' market. Each year the center provides 250,000 meals, and never missed a day during the Covid shutdown.

In addition to food, St. Josephs provides clothing, home goods, diapers, and school supplies to those in need. They also provide support services including mental health counseling, case management, job training, computer skills and summer camp for kids. The center accomplishes all of this with only four full time and 10 part time employees.

The Capital Campaign will raise funds for a bigger food pantry; space for clothing and home goods; renovation of the existing buildings; installing private counseling areas, and reconfiguring and repaving of the parking lot. The cost for the campaign is projected to be \$1.8 million, and is expected to take three years for the construction to be complete.

The center shares space with its sister organization, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless. The coalition's goal is to help people who have recently become homeless to get back into society as a functioning person with a job and being able to support themselves. They house a family for a short while, assist in substance abuse recovery, provide mental health counseling, job counseling, computer skills workshops, allow them to save up the deposit on an apartment, and eventually move them out. and bring the next family in. The Rotary Club of Westfield helped the coalition construct an additional two-family house in 2007, so they now have four two family houses- housing eight families.

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Sponsorships are now available for the third annual Banding Together, a virtual concert series to benefit Community Access Unlimited from March 28 to April 2. This event brings together six talented musical performers with different styles to perform in a six-night series, which will air on Facebook at 7 p.m. each night.

Event sponsors will be featured in advertising for Banding Together and have an opportunity to support an organization that has changed lives in Union County and around New Jersey since 1979. CAU works to integrate people with disabilities and youth at risk into the general community through comprehensive supports.

Interested sponsors should contact Saranya Thana at SThana@caunj.org.

CORT, a furniture provider company, has supported CAU as a sponsor for more than three years and learned about the organization and its mission through their business with nonprofits.

"We love being a partner of CAU," said Marilyn Ticktin, Account Representative. "They do wonderful work with passionate employees who make a difference for members."

PERFORMERS IN THIS YEAR'S BANDING TOGETHER ARE:

March 28: Pop songwriter and autism advocate Cory Singer

March 29: Soul musician Jeiris Cook

March 30: Folk pop singer Kris Angelis

March 31: The soul band Alexander Simone & WhoDat Live Crew

April 1: Folk rock band Jackson Pines

April 2: Pop country singer Jessica Rose

All shows air at 7 p.m. at facebook.com/CommunityAccessUnlimited/

ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating 43 years, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization, and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making, and civil rights.

For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) is pleased to announce that this year we will award five \$2,000 scholarships to college-bound women who reside in Union County and demonstrate a passion for volunteerism.

The JLEP believes that volunteerism is a vital force in our community, and we support young women who share our passion by awarding scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to volunteer activities.

Applicants are asked to complete the application form, write a 300-to-400-word essay about their volunteer experiences, and provide two letters of recommendation. The application form is available on our website, jlepnpj.org, by an email request to office@jlepnpj.org, or by leaving a message with your address and/or email address at 908-709-1177.

The submission deadline is April 1, 2022. There will be a formal presentation of the scholarships to the recipients at the JLEP's Annual Dinner on May 18, 2022.



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To find out more about the League's scholarship program please contact the League at 908-709-1177, via email at scholarship@jlepnpj.org, or visit our website at jlepnpj.org.

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield has a rich tradition of community service dating back more than 93 years and we would love for you to consider adding to our story. We are women building better communities. For more information please contact: Kalshelia Llyod, President, at (908)709-1177 or email her at president@jlepnpj.org.

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Read Across America Book-a-thon!

All Day March 2nd

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Read Across America is March 2nd! What better way to celebrate than coming to the library to get books? Each person who checks-out books on March 2nd will receive a button, pick a prize from the treasure chest, and get entered to win a glow-in-the-dark slime kit and other cool prizes! Visit us to see all the new and exciting books we have for you! Every five books checked-out will earn you a raffle ticket! At our Main, Elmora, & LaCorte locations!



Trickster Tuesday's

Every Tuesday

There is a Leprechaun loose in the children's room! He keeps playing tricks on us. He said he won't stop until we complete his scavenger hunts.

Every Tuesday in March he will be leaving a scavenger hunt to solve and if completed, there is a chance to win something from his pot of gold! Tuesdays in March at Main library.

Little Buddies

March 17th and March 31st at 10 a.m.

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Baby & Me

March 11th & March 25th at 10 a.m.

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Matinee Movie: The Cat In The Hat

Saturday, March 19th at 1 p.m.

In this live-action film based on the favorite children's tale, the trouble-making Cat in the Hat arrives at the home of bored young Sally Walden and her brother, Conrad while their mother is out. The family's pet fish objects to the Cat's presence, but that doesn't stop the hat-wearing giant feline from trying to have fun, no matter how much destruction is left in his wake.

Plant a Seed, Watch It Grow Storytime

Saturday, March 12th at 11 a.m.

Join Ms. Martha for a cute storytime about plants. Children will receive a small pot and a seed to plant.

Predict The Oscar Winner Contest!

Monday, March 7th - Friday, March 25th

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Starting Saturday, March 5th

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Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery made a \$6,600 donation to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) towards their Recovery Challenge Initiative—a three-year strategic project that prioritizes ongoing and expanded services.

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the devastating impact Hurricane Ida had on the CFBNJ Hillside, NJ facility and their community partners, CFBNJ saw many more households in need of emergency food. CFBNJ's three-pronged response plan is to address damage to the Hillside facility and underlying flood zone issues, support agency partners who were wiped out, and provide emergency food to those in Ida-impacted communities.

CFBNJ will leverage the \$6,600 donation from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery to expand their capacity to meet the immediate need and to provide resources to mitigate long-term food insecurity.

"The communities that surround our facility have a significant percentage of low- to moderate-income families who rely on the food bank and on our continuing support during these challenging times," said Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery General Manager Chris Gallo. "We are pleased that our donation will assist the CFBNJ in continuing their important work of providing for the needs of the community."

"Amid the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Ida, support for our community partners and neighbors in need is more critical than ever before," said Carlos Rodriguez, President & CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "We're grateful to Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery for their generous contribution to our Recovery Challenge Initiative, which will help us build back our communities as we continue providing food, help, and hope."

PINEWOOD DERBY RESULTS

Cub Scout Pack 23

Cub Scout Pack 23 held its annual Pinewood Derby at St. Genevieve's Church on February 11. Working with a parent, each Scout shaped a block of wood into a race car, painted and decorated it, and then competed with it against other Cubs on a 30-foot long 6-lane track. There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm among the Cub Scouts who participated!

The overall winners for the Pack were as follows:

- 1st place – Anthony Maiorana
- 2nd place – Nicolas Akay Fulan
- 3rd place – Ethan Gonzalez

The Best Design award, as chosen by his fellow Cub Scouts, went to Noah Bustamante.

Congratulations to all!

If you know a child who is anywhere between a Kindergartener and a high school senior, please encourage them to get in on the fun of Scouting. The Scouting program instills character, good

citizenship and physical fitness in youth through outdoor activities such as campouts and hikes, involvement in community activities, and just plain FUN!

Cub Scouting provides activities and training for boys in the first through fifth grades. Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 11 years old or graduated from the fifth grade. New members are welcome at any time, all year round.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have served the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for almost 60 years. These units have earned hundreds of awards on the local and national level, have produced 77 Eagle Scouts, and have leaders who are well-known and widely respected by other Scout leaders across the country.

For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at 908-451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.



(above) The Cub Scouts of Pack 23 at St. Genevieve's Church built racing cars out of blocks of wood and raced against each other on February 11 at the exciting annual Pinewood Derby.

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Boy Scout Troop 23

Eastern Bluebirds were once common in New Jersey, thriving in areas that were open and had sparse ground cover. Not to be confused with the common Blue Jay, Eastern Bluebirds have a brilliant blue plumage and a flash of brick red on their breast.

Due to the negative effects of pesticide use and habitat loss, the number of bluebirds declined dramatically from the 1930s to the 1970s. Aggression from non-native birds like House Sparrows and starlings also took a toll.

However, a survey of breeding birds for 2005-2015 showed the number of bluebirds in New Jersey to now be increasing by about 7% annually. This is due in part to the efforts of environmentalists and bird enthusiasts who have provided better habitat and nesting sites.

James Whelan, a resident of Mountainside, recently joined that effort. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 23 in Elizabeth, Jimmy is working toward earning the Eagle Scout rank. His interest in birds led him to work with the Union County Parks Department on his Eagle Scout service project requirement by constructing and installing twenty-five birdhouses in three county parks: Lenape Park in Cranford and Snyder Avenue Park and Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights.

The birdhouses erected in Lenape Park and Passaic River Park were built to specific dimensions that favor bluebirds and discourage or prevent use by non-native birds. All of the poles on which the houses were mounted now have metal baffles to discourage predation or entry by squirrels or raccoons. The new birdhouse in Snyder Avenue Park will be welcoming to several species of native songbirds.

Jimmy searched online for plans for a birdhouse that would be sturdy, long-lasting, attractive to songbirds, and be easy to clean out and maintain annually. He developed a list of the lumber and fasteners that he needed for the County to purchase. And he recruited other scouts, Scout leaders, family and friends to cut the wood, assemble and seal the birdhouses, erect poles, and install the birdhouses and baffles. Working with a master carpenter, Jimmy learned a lot about woodworking and project management.

Boy Scout Troop 23 meets at St. Genevieve's Church in Elizabeth. Boys who are at least 11 years old or have graduated from the fifth grade are welcome to join at any time, all year round. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.



(above l-r) Eagle Scout candidate Jimmy Whelan stands proudly with Danny Whelan and Mel Nistal from Boy Scout Troop 23 of Elizabeth after erecting the last of 25 birdhouses that he and his volunteers built and erected in three Union County parks.

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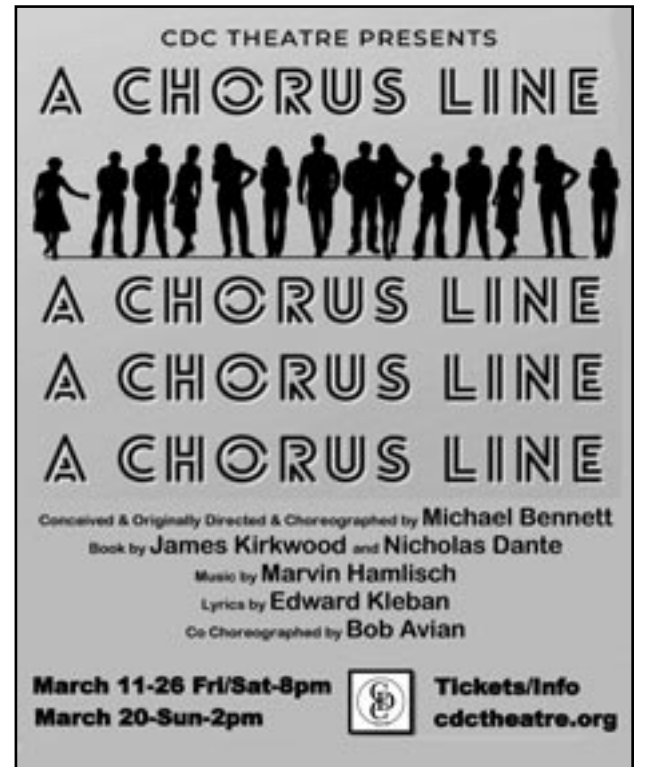
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