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### A CELEBRATION OF DANCE COMES TO SCOTCH PLAINS

Submitted by *iDance Ministry*

On April 8 at Terrill Middle School, dance organizations descended on Scotch Plains to provide one of the most diverse and exciting displays of talent in our community.

Local organizations that were prominently featured in "A Celebration of Dance" include: the Moderne Academie of Fine Arts, iDance Ministry, Elite Performing Arts Center, the Varsity Cheerleaders of SPF High School and the Academy for Performing Arts Center (UCTVS).

This National Dance Week event was created by local resident María Daniel who is a National Dance Foundation Ambassador and Founder of iDance Ministry. In addition to featuring local dance organizations, local students received a number of generous prizes as part of the National Dance Week poster contest.

Prizes included \$25 gift cards from Social Justice Matters and gift certificates from Chick-fil-A, T.G.I. Fridays, Scoops Ice Creamery, McDonald's, Darby Road House Pub, Cinemark, Soul Bowls and more!

The purpose of "A Celebration of Dance" is to showcase local artists, unite the community through dance and promote the various styles of dance. The primary purpose of the National Dance Foundation is to create opportunities that promote kindness, inclusion and community through dance. This specific event is one of the ways the NDF accomplishes its mission and goals in our community.

This year, "A Celebration of Dance" featured various dance styles such as Acro, Ballet, Hip Hop, Irish Step Dance, African, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Contemporary, Capoeira, Liturgical, Cheer Dance and Lyrical.

Poster contest winners include Michelle Larbi, Zia Shah and Nicole Ramanand. María Daniel has also served the local community through the YMCA Dance Program and now offers classes through Fanwood Recreation (which hosts her local Hip Hop Experience Dance class).

We are looking forward to the 2023 event! For more information about this event, please contact María Daniel at [idadanceministry@gmail.com](mailto:idadanceministry@gmail.com) or visit [idadanceministry.com](http://idadanceministry.com)

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# JULIE BUONAGURO TAKES HELM AT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Scotch Plains Township

Following the departure of the municipal parks and recreation director, the Township has found the ideal replacement under the same roof: Julie Buonaguro. She has served as the department's assistant since November 2016.

Buonaguro, who began in her new role on April 1, received strong support from the township's Recreation Commission.

"We are thrilled to be able to promote Julie into the Recreation Director position," said Recreation Commission Chairman Mike Walsh. "She has done a tremendous job as Assistant Director for the past five years and is ready to take on this new challenge. Julie understands the needs of our residents and has been involved with the development of our master plan and is the natural choice to move the plan forward."

In her expanded role, Buonaguro will oversee the planning, organizing and direction of all recreational programs, activities and events in Scotch Plains. In addition, through her involvement in the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association, she will be providing Scotch Plains with the latest industry trends to refine and expand programming. Moreover, Buonaguro is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional through the Association.

"Julie recognizes the important role that parks and recreation plays in our community," said Councilman Matt Adams, liaison to the Recreation Commission. "She has been heavily involved in developing our master plan, as we focus on facility needs to accommodate growing demand. I know she will continue to be an invaluable partner in the process, as we identify new ways in which to serve residents. I could not be more pleased with Julie's promotion."

Adams noted the township is embarking on more than \$1.3 million in park improvements – the largest revitalization of parks, recreation and youth sport spaces in recent memory.

Prior to joining Scotch Plains, Buonaguro was the general manager of i9 sports in Virginia,

where she developed, planned, and coordinated youth sports leagues, camps, and clinics, among many other roles.

She earned a graduate degree from Georgetown University in sports industry management and an undergraduate degree in sports administration from Lock Haven University. A native New Jerseyan, Buonaguro graduated from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.



(above) Julie Buonaguro

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achievements on the football field included 1341 yards rushing, 163 yards per game and nine touchdowns. He has committed to Pace University in the fall. The Council named April 19th Anthony Robinson Day in Fanwood.

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(above, l-r) Councilman Carter with, Anthony Robinson; Mayor Colleen Mahr; parents Amy and Eric Robinson; brother Robert Robinson

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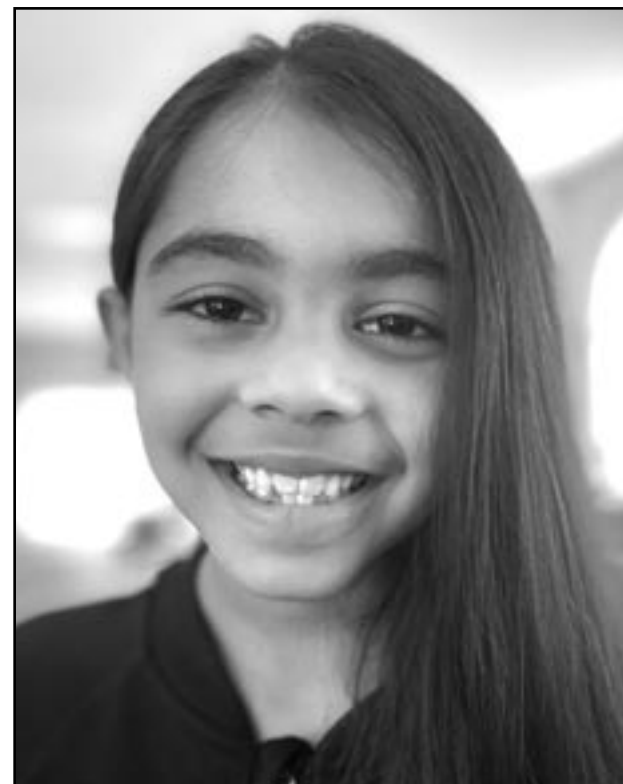
*Submitted by Syona J.*

Did you know that some adults might say that bullying is just a part of growing up? It causes problems for children who are bullied, though. They might feel bad about themselves and change the way they act just because of bullying. Bullies continue to rule schools because they think that they are the best. This needs to change. Adults need to fight bullying more. Bullying can even lead to mental health issues.

It is normal to feel lonely or unhappy or mad or frustrated or just annoyed and you are sitting in the corner. It is normal to feel that if you are getting bullied you should say... "Hey I don't like that and it is not nice to make fun of me just because ..... okay so just stop that!" If someone is making fun of you it could just mean that they are going through a tough time. If you know how that feels then maybe ask "Hey do you need some help because I think you are going through a tough time, maybe I can help, doctors can usually help."

It isn't a good habit when you grow up to be a bully because no one will be your friend if you are a bully. When you bully it gets worse, and it is getting really worse because of social media. People are bullying online and it is not fun to get bullied specially in front of your entire social media fans/friends and your followers. I think that people should stop being a bully, remember that we are all family even if someone is rude you

will always have family to talk to. Always remember that if you get bullied then just stand up for yourself, if that doesn't help then talk to someone to get rid of those negative thoughts and bring out the love for each other.



*(above) Syona J, is a student at Coles Elementary School, Grade 3*

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First place winner was Paul Mild of Bound Brook who finished with a perfect score of 4.0, winning all four of his games. Second and third place winners with a score of 3.5, were Paul Rinaldi and Sander Merrick, both from Florham Park.

Thirty contestants participated in the tournament that is organized by Joe Renna of Renna Media, and Tournament Director John Moldovan. This tournament also met the 6a requirement for earning a Chess merit badge.

The Patriot Path Council Chess Club is open to all scouts and potential scouts and is free to join. Currently the club is playing monthly, Saturday morning online chess tournaments, usually the fourth Saturday of the month. There is a signup form to join the club that can be found on their website at 247scouting.com.



(above) Darion Yau of Scotch Plains participated in Boy Scouts Chess Tournament.

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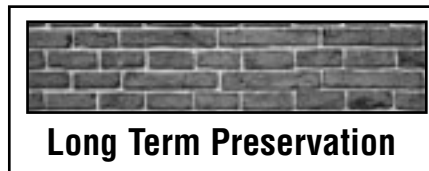
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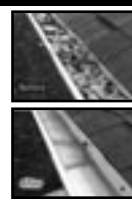


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At its meeting held on March 22nd, the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood received a most welcome surprise. Dr. James Checchio presented the Society with a \$7,500 donation from The Checchio Family Trust. In addition to being a member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society Dr. Checchio maintains a chiropractic practice, is a

Boy Scout leader, a member of the Scotch Plains Township Planning Board, a member of the Township Historical Preservation Committee, and a member of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.

The Historical Society wishes to thank Dr. Checchio and all donors for their financial contributions.

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### **Eat Better**

- Drink AT LEAST 4 Water bottles
- Have a fruit or veggie with each meal
- Have nuts instead of chips as a snack
- Have a source of protein in each meal
- Take a multivitamin
- Limit sweets to only one serving

### **Get stronger**

- Perform 50 bodyweight squats
- Perform 50 pushups
- Perform a plank for 60 seconds 3 times
- Perform 25 vertical jumps
- Get at least 8 hours of sleep a night

### **Be Happier**

- Get at least 30 minutes of exercise
- Do a morning routine that you enjoy
- Write 5 things that you are grateful for
- Adopt a Growth Mindset
- Listen to music whenever you can

### **Run Faster**

- Do 10 hill sprints
- Perform 15 Broad Jumps
- Sprint for 50 yards
- Perform single leg jumps
- Perform High Knee Marches

### **Build Confidence**

- Do something outside of your comfort zone
- Read a book
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### **Be More Active**

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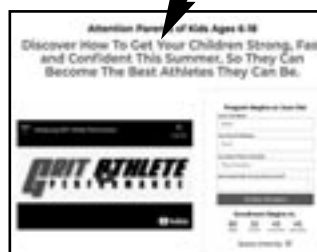


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# EASTER BUNNY VISIT

*The Easter Bunny visited Scotch Plains on Saturday April, 9 2022. The family-friendly event, held at Brookside Park, featured a balloon artist, and other activities.*



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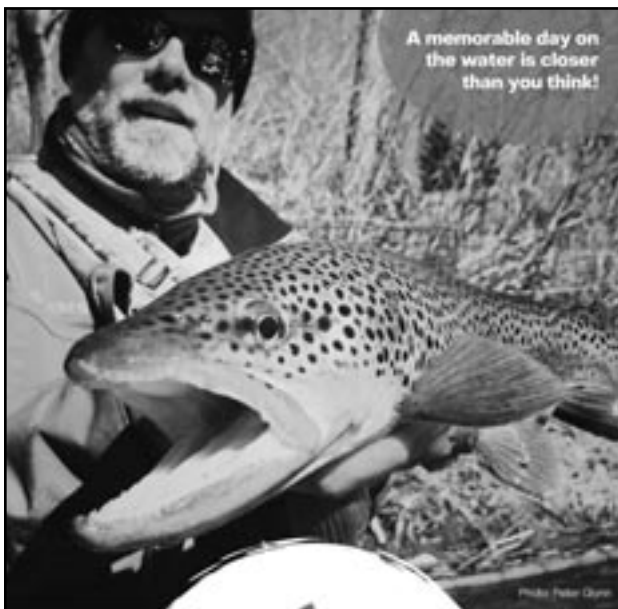


# RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CLEANUP AT WATCHUNG RESERVATION

The Scotch Plains Green Team and local residents pitched in on Sunday, March 27 to help clean up the Watchung Reservation in a Sky Top Drive Cleanup. In just a few hours of work, the team of volunteers were able to collect dozens of bags filled with trash to make for a cleaner community.



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# SHEET METAL WORKERS' UNION SUPPORTS MOBILE MEALS OF WESTFIELD

Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 22 presented Mobile Meals of Westfield \$600 in gift cards on April 14.

Mobile Meals of Westfield is a non-profit organization which provides nutritious hot meals for those unable to provide meals for themselves. The organization serves the communities of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

For more information visit [mobilemealsofwestfield.org](http://mobilemealsofwestfield.org) or call 908- 233-6146.

Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 22 serves Union, Morris, Somerset and Sussex Counties. The union members support veterans, the homeless and non-profit organizations as part of their community assistance programs. In addition, new union members, as part of their apprenticeship, provide 20 hours of community service annually over a five-year period for a total of 100 hours. For more information on the union,

visit [MWIALU22.ORG](http://MWIALU22.ORG). The union has been a consistent supporter of Mobile Meals of Westfield, and their generous donation is most appreciated.

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(above, l-r) Josephine Walsh, Mobile Meals of Westfield, and Jason Rooney Sheet Metal Workers' Union.

## FSP ROTARY ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club's online Trivia Night will be held on Friday, May 20th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per login and include four rounds of fun trivia. To purchase a ticket, go to [fsprotary.org](http://fsprotary.org). You'll have an opportunity to purchase up to three mulligans – this will give the option to correct one wrong answer per round, for a maximum of three rounds. Each mulligan costs \$10. Finally, there will be great prizes, including gift cards.

A professional game organizer will keep things fun by asking all levels of questions on a variety of topics, including entertainment, sports, news and general fun. This is sure to be an exciting night!

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. There are 2 levels - 1) Event Sponsors: \$100 each - logo/information will be displayed between rounds and will be mentioned during the event and there will be LOTS of exposure. 2) One Prize Sponsor: \$350. This sponsor will be mentioned before, during, and after the event and in print for the event and will be given a brief period to speak to all attendees during the event.

For additional information about sponsorships, go to [fsprotary.org](http://fsprotary.org) or send an email to [fsprotary@gmail.com](mailto:fsprotary@gmail.com). All proceeds from the event will support the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Foundation, to support local and international projects.



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## FSP ROTARY THANKS THE COMMUNITY!

Two years ago, in April 2020, several members of the Rotary Club learned about the need for fabric masks and individually began sewing. They teamed up under the guidance of Rotarian Carmela Resnick and formed a sewing group to provide masks for healthcare providers, the elderly and anyone at-risk. The team was made up of Rotarians, Interactors and friends of our Rotary Club. At first, they made hundreds of fabric masks and donated them to organizations who could not get PPE (personal protective equipment).

They later began to sell the masks to friends and family and then sold them at the Scotch Plains Farmer's Market, thanks to a recommendation by another Rotarian Lisa Mohn. The fabric masks were sold for \$5 a mask, in various sizes. The Rotary Mask team decided that all proceeds should go to local food banks, because there was a great need during the pandemic. Recipients included: Immaculate Heart Church SP Fanwood Presbyterian, St. Bartholomew Church SP, Starfish Foundation in Plainfield, JFS in Elizabeth, St. Mary's Dinner Program in Plainfield, Rahway Soup Kitchen, Community Food Bank of NJ and more.

It is now 2 years later and the Rotary Mask team has raised and donated \$17,000! The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club thanks the local community and family and friends for supporting the mask sales. With the community's support, they were able to help many families in need during the worst of the pandemic.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club is now raising funds to provide urgent humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. As of April, they donated approximately \$5,000 and raised another \$5,000 from individual Rotarians and community members. This money has been donated to Shelterbox, Rotary International Disaster Fund, and the Warsaw Rotary Club (to provide medicine and medical supplies). If you'd like to make a donation or learn more about the Rotary Club, go to [fsprotary.org](http://fsprotary.org).

## RAKE & HOE DELIVER TABLETOP CHEER TO SENIORS

The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield (RHGC) has launched a new Community Projects initiative to provide flowers to nursing homes and assisted living centers in area towns. Members of the event committee visited The Chelsea at Fanwood on March 29th, bringing decorated pots of mini roses for the twelve tables in the dining room. Garden club members come from the towns of Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Plainfield, and club members are presently reaching out to facilities in those towns. RHGC is known for its community projects with Mobile Meals, Jardine Academy, Lyons Veterans

Hospital, and beautification projects in four Westfield location.

RHGC is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Meetings feature speakers on horticulture, floral design, floral crafts, and environmental topics. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Sharon Shiraga (908) 228 2865 or visit the club's website, [rakeandhoegc.org](http://rakeandhoegc.org), or Facebook page.



(above) Jeanie Pelikan, Richard Pelikan and Betty Gulino, Joyce Mullen, President Beth Siano, Maryfran Annese, and Joe Da Rold.

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At Home for Good Dog Rescue, we recently celebrated an incredible milestone - Saving 10,000 dogs from the brink of death in just 11 short years. Each rescued dog is unique and has its own special "tail" to tell. Meet Rexy and lean into his miraculous journey as he becomes our 10,000th adoption. This poor soul lived the entirety of his 7-year life confined to an outdoor wire pen with no human contact, love and affection, playtime, or snuggles. His human captors failed him miserably, and his forlorn eyes truly reflected a lifetime of cruelty, mistrust, and hopelessness.

Since his perilous rescue by Home for Good in 2021, we've seen his transformation from just 'existing' without proper nutrition, medical care, or being protected from the harshness of the outside elements, to knowing what it's like to be loved, sleep in a warm plush bed, enjoy tasty treats, and receive endless cuddles. Remarkably, Rexy has no remnants of the extreme cruelty that he endured, and from which he survived.

Home for Good Dog Rescue is 100% foster-based and this is why. With the help of his canine foster siblings, he began to gain confidence and how to trust. Prior to his rescue, Rexy had never felt the gentle hand of a human. Through the patience and perseverance of his foster family, Rexy has developed into the devoted dog he is today. He is affectionate, playful, and eager to please.

For more information on how you can become a foster family for a deserving pup like Rexy, please visit [homeforgooddogrescue.org/foster](http://homeforgooddogrescue.org/foster)



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*(above) Rexy (center) is pictured with his new forever family. His canine siblings are also rescues who experienced similar rescue stories.*

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Now that the warmer weather has arrived, people will be spending more and more time outdoors walking, running and biking. While the fresh air and exercise is great, statistics show these activities can also lead to danger. According to the New Jersey Governors Highway Safety Association data, the number of pedestrian fatalities across the nation between 2010 and 2019 increased by 46%, from 4,302 in 2010 to an estimated 6,301 in 2019.

Drivers have been told for years to stay vigilant and be aware of what's going on around them, but that's no longer just a directive. As of March 1, 2022, it's the law. The NJ Safe Passing Law is designed to end the near misses, injuries

and fatalities of pedestrians and bicyclists on our state's roads.

The law was motivated by the death of Oscar Zanoni, a Metuchen resident who was fatally struck by a tractor trailer in 2020 while riding his electric bicycle on Route 27 in Edison.

Here's what the new law mandates drivers to do when they see a cyclist or pedestrian on the road:

When possible, motorists should change to a non-adjacent lane (a lane not separated by solid white line.)

If a lane change is impossible, drivers should leave at least four feet of distance while approaching and maintain that distance until their motor vehicle has safely passed.

When it is impossible to make a non-adjacent lane change or maintain at least four feet of distance, the driver should reduce the speed of their motor vehicle to 25 miles per hour or a lower posted speed and be prepared to stop.

If drivers ignore these directives, they could face a fine of \$100. If their lack of compliance results in any bodily injury, that amount goes up to \$500 and adds two motor vehicle points to their record.

In passing this law, New Jersey becomes the 42nd state to enact some form of safe passing law. To find out more, go to <https://njbwc.org/team4nj/>.

Contributing Author: Susan Baldani, a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.



(above) The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad wants everyone to be safe on our roads

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Springtime in Scotch Plains brings the return of blossoming trees, tweeting birds and, of course, leaf blowers.

Township officials are reminding residents and professional landscapers of the municipal noise ordinance, ensuring that leaf blowers and other loud landscaping tools are only used during specific hours, as well as with mufflers or another sound reduction device. Under the ordinance, homeowners and tenants are permitted to use power tools and yard maintenance equipment from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition, professional landscapers and other commercial entities are permitted to work on from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends or federal holidays. The municipal ordinance also addresses construction and demolition, which can begin at 7 a.m. weekdays, through 6 p.m., as well as 9 a.m. to 6

p.m. on weekends and federal holidays.

Golf courses, any property owned and/or controlled by the SPF Board of Education, private and parochial schools, Houses of Worship, Non Profit facilities and any property owned and/or controlled by the Township of Scotch Plains are exempt.

“We recognize that landscaping work is a common necessity in our suburban community,” said Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Stamler. “This ordinance is designed to strike the careful balance of giving our residents some quiet time in the morning and evening, while also ensuring that landscaping work can be completed with an ample amount of work time each day.”

If residents believe a neighbor or business entity may be violating the ordinance, they are urged to contact the police department dispatch at 908-322-7100, ext. 0 during the incident.

## APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

Scotch Plains Police Department

The Youth Police Academy will be held June 27 - July 8, 2022, 7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. Available to Scotch Plains-Fanwood students graduating 5th thru 8th grades.

*Deadline for applications is*

**Friday, May 13, 2022 at 4 p.m.**

Applications can be downloaded at: [scotchplainspolice.org/sppd-youth-academy/](http://scotchplainspolice.org/sppd-youth-academy/)

Fee for Academy is \$125. Checks only made payable to 'The Scotch Plains Community Policing Unit'.

Fee includes cost of uniforms, supplies and graduation ceremony at the end of the academy. Enrollment will be first come first serve. Refunds will not be issued once uniforms are ordered.

*For more information contact:*

**Sgt. Jerry Brown:**

[j.brown@scotchplainspd.org](mailto:j.brown@scotchplainspd.org),

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[r.hernandez@scotchplainspd.org](mailto:r.hernandez@scotchplainspd.org)

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Admission on the day of event is cash only at the entrance, \$10 per person or \$30 per family (Max 6 per family).

The senior class is counting on our community to attend this fundraiser which supports their year-end activities.

Come out and show your support for local vendors and the Class of 2022's final days together before departing to their new adventures.

Some delicious FOOD TRUCKS include: What's Up Dogs, Cas' Pierogi & Kielbasa, Angry Archie's, Ms Fu's Asian Fusion, Greece Lightening, Black Drop Coffee.

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For more information, please contact Jennifer Palermo at [foodtruckspfhs@outlook.com](mailto:foodtruckspfhs@outlook.com).



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The Osborn Cannonball House Museum will be open to the public for tours (for the first time since Christmas) on Sunday, May 1st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The current exhibits feature mannequins dressed in clothing from the late 19th century to the early 20th century. House tours will be provided by costumed docents. The Museum is located at 1840 Front Street, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Admission to the museum is free but donations are always welcome.

For more information email [Info@HistoricalSocietySPFNJ.org](mailto:Info@HistoricalSocietySPFNJ.org) or call 908-322-6700 Extension 230.



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## CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY

FRIENDS OF SCOTCH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

May, 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of when, in 1997, a dedicated group of Scotch Plains residents and friends, recognizing the library as an important asset to our community, organized the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library.

Since then, the Friends of SPPL have contributed over \$200,000 to the Scotch Plains Library which helped to fund much needed materials and special projects and programs including (since 1999) the library's annual summer reading program for children, teens and adults. The funds, raised by membership dues, the book sale and donations, also supported programs like The Big Read, the Lincoln Exhibit, Emancipation Proclamation Lecture and Voices from The Margins.

In addition, the Friends, jointly with the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library, fund the very popular Museum Pass Program which provides free and discounted passes to such places as the Yogi Berra Museum, Museum of the Moving Image and the Turtle Back Zoo. A complete list of Museums as well as information about the Museum pass program can be found at [thejointlibrary.org/museumpass](http://thejointlibrary.org/museumpass).

Join in the 25th Anniversary Celebration by becoming a member of the Friends of SPPL, a nonprofit organization. Yearly membership for Senior Citizen or Student is \$10; Individual \$15; Family \$25; Organization \$50 and Benefactor \$100. Donations also accepted. Additional information including Membership Form can be found at [www.scotlib.org](http://www.scotlib.org), click on Home and then click on Friends of the Library.

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The musical “A Bronx Tale”, the final show in CDC Theatre’s 103rd season, is in rehearsal and getting ready to open June 10.

Based on the critically acclaimed play that inspired the now classic film, this streetwise musical will take you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s—where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he’d love to be. Featuring a book by Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri, music by Oscar, Grammy, and Tony Award winner Alan Menken, and lyrics by Grammy Award winner and Oscar and Tony Award nominee Glenn Slater, “A Bronx Tale” is a story about respect, loyalty, love, and above all else: family.

Director Sean Lough describes the show as

“taking place on the streets in the 1960s, with all the pop styles of the time: Doo-wop, Frank Sinatra-style ballads, R&B and Motown.

Even though it’s set in The Bronx, it’s a very New Jersey show. The musical started at the Paper Mill Playhouse then moved to Broadway. We’re honored to be the first NJ community theatre group to get to perform it after the smash Broadway run.”

The show will run June 10-25, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on June 19th. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [cdctheatre.org](http://cdctheatre.org). Made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

## FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP –MAY 17

Are you feeling stressed and alone in trying to cope with the effects of a loved one’s mental illness? NAMI Union County’s Family Support Group is for family members and caregivers of persons with mental illness. The group is led by NAMI-trained facilitators and is a peer support

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Zoom sessions are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7 – 8:30 p.m. To register, email Denise at: [namiunioncounty@yahoo.com](mailto:namiunioncounty@yahoo.com) with your name, town, and phone number.

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The 9th Annual Greta's Run for Imagine will be held in-person for the first time in 2 years! Join us on Sunday May 22, 2022 for an official USATF 5K race through Westfield, NJ. This year, we are introducing a Memory Walk – a 0.6 mile route where families of the community can walk in memory of anyone who has died. Memory Walk Registrants can purchase a sign to decorate with the name of their loved one to line the walk route and memorialize their family member.

Greta's Run began 9 years ago when a group of Greta Schoenemann's friends decided they wanted to honor her memory with a 5k race. Greta had died on September 15, 2002 due to injuries sustained when a branch fell on a group of students as they were eating lunch outside of Westfield High School. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Greta's death and the 9th year the race has been run in her honor.

Proceeds from the race support Imagine's free peer support groups for children and families coping with grief, as well as Imagine's grief education programs which are available for

schools and businesses looking to better support their communities. Additionally, Imagine staff are available to provide support in the immediate aftermath of a loss in a school community, organization or place of business.

To become a sponsor, please contact Angela Marie Tayco at [angela@imagineinj.org](mailto:angela@imagineinj.org) or 908-228-3360.

To register for Greta's Run and/or the Memory Walk, please visit [imagineinj.org/gretasrun](http://imagineinj.org/gretasrun). We look forward to coming together as a community to honor and remember those we love who have died.

Imagine offers grief and loss education and training to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 who have had a parent, sibling, or close family member die. Concurrent groups are available for parents and guardians of the children in our groups, and young adults 18-30. Imagine also offers a support group for Spanish speaking adults.

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### Evening Book Club

Monday, May 9, 7pm

will discuss Deacon King Kong by James McBride.

### Jacob Francis

Thursday, May 12

Author William L. Kidder will discuss his book about the life of Jacob Francis, a free Black man who fought in Battle of Trenton, then became a landowner and an established citizen of Flemington.

### Friends of the Library meeting

Monday, May 16, 7:30pm

### Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, May 17, 1pm

will discuss Washington Black by Esi Edugyan.

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