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The market is open each Tuesday from 1 – 6 p.m. and is located at Municipal Lot #1 at the corner of Main and Essex Streets.

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9 Deer Path	5	4.1	2	\$1,850,000	\$2,100,000	9
60 Farley Rd	5	4.2	2	\$1,995,000	\$2,050,000	11
43 Woodland Rd	5	4.1	1	\$1,575,000	\$1,975,000	15
45 Winthrop Rd	5	3.0	2	\$1,495,000	\$1,750,000	14
216 White Oak Ridge Rd	4	4.0	2	\$1,599,000	\$1,680,000	19
47 Wellington Ave	4	3.2	1	\$1,498,000	\$1,631,800	8
23 S Mountain Rd	4	3.0	2	\$1,195,000	\$1,506,000	31
2 Park Rd	5	3.2	1	\$1,395,000	\$1,379,500	20
31 Haddonfield Rd	4	3.1	1	\$1,199,000	\$1,355,000	15
850 Ridgewood Rd	5	4.1	1	\$1,100,000	\$1,306,500	9
94 White Oak Ridge Rd	4	2.1	2	\$1,210,000	\$1,300,000	9
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JUNIORS RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Millburn Township Public Schools

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Christine Burton and Principal of Millburn High School, Dr. William Miron, announce the 2022 Junior Awards, presented annually to rising seniors. These are awards that are given to high school juniors who show outstanding promise and accomplishments.

30 MHS juniors received Junior Awards this year. These awards are given to outstanding high school juniors by colleges and universities or their local alumni organizations. There are also special honors awarded by the state, local organizations and corporations.

Josh Hemingson received the Brandeis University Book Award, given to an outstanding high school junior in the top 10% of the class who demonstrates a commitment to civic engagement, community service, political activism or social justice.

The Brown University Book Award is presented to a junior who best combines academic excellence with clarity in written and spoken expression. The award itself is a book written by a Brown University faculty member or alumnus. This year's award goes to Saachi Kuthari.

Melanie Wang earned the Bryn Mawr College Book Award, which is offered to a young woman who exhibits intellectual commitment, a self-

direct and purposeful vision of the future and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world.

Seth Abrams is the recipient of the Chatham University Book Award, which is awarded to a high school junior who shows promise in the study of Science or English and who is deeply concerned about the environment.

The Clarkson University Book Award goes to Kevin Xu and Daniel Zhang in recognition of their strong leadership qualities, positive impacts on their high school and local community, and proven record of academic excellence.

Aamir Jamil earned the Columbia University Club of Northern New Jersey Book Award. This award is presented to a junior who demonstrates personal character, extracurricular contribution to the school, and dedication to a field of personal interest.

The Cornell University Book Award is given to a junior who exhibits the Cornell characteristics of academic excellence, intellectual curiosity and community involvement. This year the award goes to Jaiden Lee.

The Yale Club of Central New Jersey's Joseph I Bookstaber Book Award is presented to Eric Wang. This award is given in memory of Joseph Bookstaber, a 1996 graduate of Millburn High School, to a student who exhibits outstanding personal character and intellectual promise.

The Oberlin College Book Award is presented to an exceptional student who has shown a commitment to science and social justice. This award goes to Amanda Zhong.

The Princeton University Book Award is being presented to Kayla Shan. This award is given to a junior who ranks in the top 5% of his or her class and has demonstrated outstanding leadership and community service.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award is presented to an outstanding junior in math and science. This year's recipient is Eric Wang.

The Saint Anselm College Book Award honors a junior who has displayed high academic achievement, has an awareness of social responsibility, displays leadership qualities, and

possesses a strong character. Gillian Podell earned this award.

St. John's (Santa Fe) College Book Award is designed to recognize an exceptional high school junior for intellectual curiosity, academic achievement and enduring interest in at least two of the following areas: philosophy, literature, science, mathematics or history. This award goes to Madelyn Tavel.

St. Lawrence University Book Award honors Brandon Qiao as a high school junior who has displayed a significant commitment to community service.

Sean Woo is the recipients of the Saint Michael's College Book Award. This award recognizes a junior who exemplifies academic achievement and social conscience, evidenced through commitment to community service, issues of peace and justice and concern for others.

The Smith College Book Award was given to Grace Zhang. This award is presented to an outstanding junior who exemplifies the academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others that are characteristics of the women who have graduated from Smith College.

Maxwell Chen earned the Tulane University Book Award that recognizes a junior who has demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, public service and embodies the motto "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of oneself."

The University of Chicago Book Award is given to a junior known for making connections across academic disciplines, is scholarly and dynamic, and a visible member both of the student body and the greater community. This year's recipient is David Fu.

Two students, Vatsal Garg and Aarohi Kuthari, are receiving the University of Pennsylvania Book Award, sponsored by the Metropolitan New Jersey Alumni Club. This award is presented to 2 juniors who best exemplify the qualities of Benjamin Franklin -- a scholar, innovator, and community servant.

The Academic Awards ceremony for Millburn High School Seniors took place on Friday, June 10, 2022.

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AWARDS AND HONORS (continued from page 6)

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER AWARDS

Arihan Hukeri earned the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences. This University of Rochester Award recognizes academic achievement of a student who exemplifies the revolutionary spirit of Douglass and Anthony. It encourages an equal emphasis on study, community action, dialogue and excellence in rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences.

BAUSCH + LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE AWARD

Kayla Shan received this award that honors outstanding high school science students who have demonstrated high achievement and rigor in science classes, along with positive contributions to their school and within the larger community.

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

The Young Leaders award goes to a junior who exhibits strong leadership, high grades and extensive involvement in extracurricular activities. This year's award goes to Marc Werner.

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This award goes to a junior who demonstrates outstanding achievements in computer science, enthusiasm in pursuit of innovative approaches and appreciation for the possibilities of technology. This award goes to Deena Weiss.

The Wellesley College Club Book Award was given to Kayla Wang. This award is presented to a young woman whose academic record and character are exceptional and who has also made significant personal contributions to her schools

and/or community.

The recipient of the Wesleyan University Book Award is Joseph Weintraub. The award is given to a student who demonstrates independent thought and creative thinking consistent with the spirit of free and energetic inquiry, and who has demonstrated extracurricular achievement, school leadership, community involvement or commitment to the arts.

BOYS STATE (AMERICAN LEGION) LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Started in 1945, this week-long program, sponsored by the Millburn Short Hills Chapter of the American Legion, unites boys from all parts of New Jersey each summer to learn about Municipal, County and State Government and good citizenship. Delegates are selected by the local chapter and MHS Faculty. This year's Delegates are: Seth Abrams, Michael Exelbert, Vatsal Garg, Evan Shidler, Nikolas Skalkotos and Andy Xu.



(above) 2022 Junior Award Recipients

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PAIGE MCBOYLE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE SHARING NETWORK

The Sharing Network Foundation's Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund has awarded a scholarship to Paige McBoyle of Short Hills, NJ, for her passion and dedication to raising awareness of organ and tissue donation. McBoyle was presented with her scholarship award at the NJ Sharing Network's headquarters in New Providence during a ceremony with her family members in the Landscape of Life Meditation Garden.

McBoyle is a 2022 graduate of Millburn High School. She plans to attend Washington and Lee University in the Fall. Her connection to organ and tissue donation and transplantation began when she was only five years old when she first met Melissa "Missy" Rodriguez, the mother of one of her classmates, and learned that Rodriguez's life was saved thanks to a liver transplant.

"Realizing that because one person decided to be an organ donor was the reason my friend's mom was in my life today inspired me to learn more about organ and tissue donation and find out how I could help," said McBoyle.

Shortly after McBoyle started middle school,



(above, r-l) Paige McBoyle of Short Hills, NJ, receives a scholarship award from Melissa "Missy" Rodriguez of Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund.

Photo courtesy of NJ Sharing Network

she took a tour of NJ Sharing Network's campus in New Providence. This experience proved to have a powerful impact, and McBoyle immediately began supporting the Sharing Network Foundation by organizing bake sale fundraisers, running in the Sharing Network Foundation's 5K Celebration of Life and getting her friends to join the awareness efforts.

During her freshman year at Millburn High School, McBoyle became president of the Missy's Miracle Club to educate her fellow classmates about the importance of registering as organ and tissue donors. She continually recruited more club members, brought in guest speakers to the school, and organized events and activities to raise more than \$8,000 for the Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund.

"They say that knowledge is power, but I believe that using that knowledge to take action is where the real power lies," said McBoyle. "One of my proudest moments as president of our Missy's Miracle Club during the pandemic was delivering baked goods to the Millburn Police Department made by our club members. This allowed us to thank the first responders in our town for their service and share Missy's story and inform them about the club's mission to spread awareness about organ and tissue donation."

The Sharing Network Foundation's scholarship program provides an opportunity to recognize and award graduating high school senior advocates who advocate for and/or whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund was created to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Melissa "Missy" Rodriguez's life-saving liver transplant. A resident of Short Hills, NJ, Rodriguez was 10 years old when she received a successful liver transplant to save her life. Now more than 30 years later, Missy continues to lead an active, fulfilling life as an accomplished athlete, successful student earning two graduate degrees, and, most importantly, the mother of three healthy boys. Established in 2015, Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund has raised more than \$75,000 towards scholarships

for high school students and additional programs supporting organ and tissue donation awareness.

"I am proud to join forces with NJ Sharing Network to help educate our local communities about the power of organ and tissue donation," said Rodriguez. "Paige serves as perfect example of what it means to take an active role in supporting these important outreach efforts."

Scholarship applicants were measured on academic achievement, community and volunteer efforts, extracurricular activities and advocacy for organ and tissue donation. The application process included a thorough review by a committee of NJ Sharing Network Foundation Board members.

"We are grateful for the generous support of Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund and their ongoing commitment to rewarding students who share a commitment to our life-saving mission," said Amanda Tibok, Interim Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation. "We know that Paige and all of our scholarship recipients will continue to be strong leaders in educating others about donation and transplantation throughout their college years and beyond."

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. Just one organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 people. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.

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to care for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, and other dementias. Here is what Sarah says about working at Home Instead, "I have gained a wealth of knowledge from home care and supervising the Certified Home Health Aides and companions. I am extremely energized by becoming a Certified Dementias Practitioner and Trainer. This gives me the opportunity to teach our staff how to care appropriately for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias. We see this unmet, overwhelming need, and we are committed to improving the lives affected by Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias, and their family members. With a team approach, at Home Instead, we are developing our Care Pros expertise, to meet the challenges of serving the needs of this growing sector of the older adult community. So far, working at Home Instead has been a wonderful experience and I am excited to see where the future brings us."

Sarah lives in Morris County, with her husband and 2 children.



(above, l-r) Sarah and Roxanne celebrating Max's 100th Birthday.



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Roxanna Sears, a Care Professional, working with Home Instead since 2000!!! Roxanne has serviced many individuals in over 20 years, with grace and dignity. She never misses a day of work and extends herself beyond her usual working hours when necessary. Roxanne worked with one client, EG, in Winchester Gardens for approximately 10 years, until her death in 2021. And Roxanne thought of her as family.

Presently, Roxanne is working with 3 Home Instead clients. She works with RR in Millburn. Her daughter, SS, had this to say about Roxanne, "Roxanne is a sensitive and reliable caregiver, who connects with both the patient in her care and the family.", Roxanne also works with RS in Maplewood. RS's daughter and son-in-law, A & SK, had this to say about Roxanne, "Roxanne combines terrific ability with genuine warmth, and we couldn't be happier with her care and relationship with our mother." Her third client, Max, from West Orange, just turned 100 and Roxanne makes sure he is still part of the community and enjoys each and every day. Roxanne is very attached to all 3 of her Home Instead clients and is committed to insuring that her service positively impacts their quality of life.

Roxanne came to New Jersey, from Ghana, at 30 years old with 2 small children. Her third child was born here in New Jersey. Today Roxanne lives in Irvington. She has 3 children, Candace, Prince and Jorel and 4 grandchildren, Destiny, Cameron, Nathan and Omari.

We are so thankful to have Roxanne on our staff!!!!!!

MILLBURN LIBRARY EVENTS AUGUST 2022

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Monday, Tuesday: 10AM-7:45PM • Wednesday - Saturday: 10AM-5PM • Sunday: 1-4:45PM

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS: SUMMER READING 2022

Join our annual challenge and earn tickets to enter fantastic prize raffles. Visit millburnlibrary.beanstack.org to register.

1-ON-1 TECH HELP

Every Monday, 2-4 pm, Online or In-Person
Chat with a librarian 1-on-1 about anything tech! Email matt@millburnlibrary.org or call.

TECH BASICS

iPhone Basics

Tuesday, August 2, 10:30-11:30 am, Online
Join us for a casual demo of some of the basic features of iPhones.

GRAPHIC DESIGN WITH CANVA

Tuesday August 9, 2:30-4:30 pm, Online
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PAPER QUILLING

Wednesday August 3, 7-8 pm, In Person
Try your hand at twisting up some fabulous handmade shapes of paper with special quilling tools, then turning them into unique pieces of decorative art!

NARRATIVE THREADS WITH THE MUSEUM OF EARLY TRADES AND CRAFTS

Wednesday, August 10, 6:30-7:30 pm,
In Person

Participants will explore some of the complex materials and tools involved in making textiles.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

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PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS:

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BAKE WITH JANIS (Now in person!)

Fridays, 3-4 pm, In Person, Room B
Ages 12 and up
Wafflemaker Hashbrowns
July 12

Hang with Janis as she makes these goodies (hopefully without trouble!) Recipe details will be in each calendar description.

TEENS GET CRAFTY

Teen Take & Makes

Every Month @ the Teen Desk - Ages 12 and up
Instructions will be included in each kit.

Supplies limited. One kit per person.

In-Person Crafting: Cross Stitch Bookmarks

3-4 pm, In-Person, Room B - Ages 12 and up
These are designed with yarn and are easy to make. Keep for yourself or give as a gift.

SNACKS AND A SNEAK PEEK

Thursday, August 4, 3:30-4:30 pm,
In-Person, Teen Space

Grab a snack and hear Janis read a sample chapter (or two) of a BRAND NEW book

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES:

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022

Through Friday, August 12

Log books and earn prizes as you go. Sign up at millburnlibrary.beanstack.org.

BUBBLE BLAST AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, August 12, 4-5 pm, In Person

In-person program for ages up to 12. Kids, Create giant bubbles using a variety of household items.

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Thursday, August 18, 3:30-5:30 pm

In-person event for children of all ages. Families are welcomed to bring their own snacks. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required, just come and join us!

OCEANS OF CREATIVITY!

Crafternoon

Thursday, July 14, 3:30-4:30 pm, In Person

For ages 4-12

Kids are invited to drop into the library to make a fun seasonal craft. No registration required,.

SUMMER LEGO CHALLENGE!

Monday, August 29, 4-5 pm, In Person

For ages 4-12 years

After the class, the Lego sculptures created will be on display. Registration required.

TOY SLEEPOVER AT THE LIBRARY

August 22-30

Bring a lovey/stuffed animal to the library, and we will place the toys on the library bookshelves for a nice good night's rest! To sign up your stuffed animal, bring them into the library between August 22 and August 30.

STAY & PLAY:

Wednesday, August 17, 11 am-12 pm,

In Person - For ages up to 5 years

Children with caregivers are invited to "stay and play!" Registration required.

August: Little Builders

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

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NJ Sharing Network

On June 5, thousands of organ and tissue transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race in New Providence, NJ. The 5K Celebration of Life, which was sponsored by Pfizer, is the largest fundraising event to support organ and tissue donation and transplantation in the United States.

Participants honored those who gave the gift of organ and/or tissue, paid tribute to those who have received a transplant, offered hope to those currently waiting for a transplant, and remembered those who passed away while waiting for the gift of life. Funds raised by 5K Celebration of Life participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors support the Sharing Network Foundation. Thus far, nearly \$1.3 million has been raised for this year's campaign. Campaign contributions can be made until the end of August

by visiting SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

"We were thrilled to come together with our community and safely reconnect in person to share stories and love, tears, and laughter. It was a healing and uplifting experience for those whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation," said Elisse E. Glennon, Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation.

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit 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 in the Garden State. 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.

ABOUT THE SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION

The Sharing Network Foundation is committed to increasing the number of lives saved through clinical advancement, family support, public awareness and education about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. By making a contribution, you empower our efforts, bringing us a step closer to providing the greatest gift of all... the Gift of Life.

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(above) Thousands of organ and tissue transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race.

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WATERSHED ASSOC JOINS EFFORT TO PRESERVE DREW FOREST

Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) has become the latest organization to officially join in the efforts to save the Drew Forest from development.

Located on the Drew University campus in Madison, New Jersey, Drew Forest is a 53-acre undeveloped, biodiverse preserve that is home to glacial ponds and some of the oldest trees in Morris County. The Forest has been called a living classroom for teaching and research for Drew University students and the wider community.

Drew University recently requested that the Borough of Madison rezone the Forest to potentially allow for the development of hundreds of market rate housing units. This has prompted more than 15 municipalities, government agencies, and organizations working with Friends of the Drew Forest to urge Drew

University to partner with the Borough of Madison to preserve this tract of land.

“Great Swamp Watershed Association is proud to support this important preservation initiative,” stated Sally Rubin, GSWA Executive Director. “The Drew Forest is an invaluable natural resource that will be lost forever if the Borough is ordered by the court to allow construction and the land is fragmented by development.”

The Buried Valley Aquifer flows beneath the Forest which provides all the drinking water for the boroughs of Madison and Chatham and is a major source of drinking water for 30 municipalities in Morris, Essex, Somerset, and Union County. The Forest provides critical recharge, a natural cleansing process, that captures and purifies approximately 71.5 million gallons of rainfall each year. This ecosystem service is valued at \$1.5 million annually by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Friends of the Drew Forest, a volunteer advocacy group, was formed by concerned citizens to permanently protect and sustain the Forest and to raise awareness on the value of all forests. The group has proposed a “win-win” solution; a conservation sale where Drew University would work with Madison Borough to sell the land for full market value to a conservation buyer. The organization is asking the public to support this initiative by signing their online petition. With more than 13,000 signatures towards the goal of 15,000, The

organization states, “The petition is a clarion call to local officials, Drew University and the press.” To learn more and to sign the petition, visit friendsofthedrewforest.org.

GSWA joins the following municipalities, government agencies, and organizations working with Drew University in support of preserving of the Drew Forest: Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, Harding Environmental Commission, Morristown, Morris Township Environmental Commission, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Sierra Club NJ, Ridge and Valley Conservancy, the Drew University Student Government, Whippany River Watershed Action Committee, Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Native Plant Society of NJ, Garden Club of America Zone IV, and the Old-Growth Forest Network.

ABOUT THE GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1981, the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and improving the health of the Passaic River through science, education, land preservation and stewardship, and advocacy. In collaboration with partners, we work to instill our communities with an awareness of water’s effect on health and the beauty of the environment, from source to sea. The organization educates nearly 5,000 school children, monitors over 30 stream locations, and holds approximately 50 public events each year.



(above) Sofia A. Blanchard

SOFIA A. BLANCHARD ASSUMES NEW ROLE AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Greenwood Gardens

Sofia A. Blanchard, Co-Founder of Greenwood Gardens, the 28-acre historic garden located on Old Short Hills Road, Short Hills, NJ, was recently named Emeritus Trustee after retiring as a Trustee. Ms. Blanchard helped establish Greenwood Gardens as a non-profit public garden in 2003, along with her husband, Peter P. Blanchard III, and with guidance from The Garden Conservancy. The former estate and historic gardens are preserved and have been open to the public since 2013.

A passionate advocate, dedicated fundraiser, and generous donor, Ms. Blanchard played critical roles during her 18-year tenure as Co-Founder. Before she retired from the Board of Trustees, she devoted tireless efforts to develop a vibrant community of Greenwood supporters. In the process, she was a driving force in the launch of the organization’s first long-term Strategic Plan, founded the first Development Committee, and funded the renovation of the 1950’s Main House kitchen. She was recently honored for her service at The Garden Luncheon at Greenwood which raised nearly \$90,000 in revenue for the organization’s Grow Greenwood Fund.

“Sofia’s incredible warmth, keen intelligence, and unwavering passion for moving Greenwood forward are undeniable,” said Abby O’Neill,

Executive Director. “Along with the entire organization, I am grateful not only for her devotion to the gardens, but also for unwavering friendship and wise counsel.”

Prior to co-founding Greenwood Gardens, Ms. Blanchard served as Executive Director of the Children’s Hope Foundation and Girls Inc. of New York City. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in social work from Fordham University in Manhattan. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Smith College and a master’s degree in international affairs from Columbia University.

ABOUT GREENWOOD GARDENS

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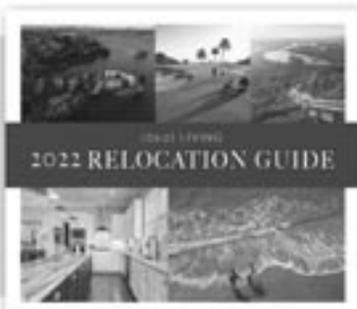
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