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Berkeley Heights Education Foundation

For the first time ever, all students throughout the Berkeley Heights school district from kindergarten to 12th grade were invited to submit a request to have their "wish" granted by the Berkeley Heights Education Foundation (BHEF). Each student was able apply for funds to support anything they can think of that would enhance their educational experience. One student's wish was selected from each Berkeley Heights public school with the winner's school receiving up to \$500 to put towards making that student's wish a reality during the current school year. From all the student wish applications, a "Community Impact" wish was identified, as well, that will be similarly funded.

"They picked my wish!? That's awesome!" said Max Bussin, 5th grade student at Thomas P. Hughes Elementary School when he found out his wish was being granted. "All the kids are going to be so excited!"

Each year, the BHEF offers teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants that support innovative and creative educational programs, as well as supplement technology and equipment in our public schools. Through mid-January 2023, the BHEF had already awarded almost \$20,000 in grants to district teachers and administrators for the current school year. We are very excited to have this opened up to our students this school year!

"I have been part of the BHEF for a long time and I am always amazed at the ideas that our district's students come up with," said Daniela McDonnell, President, BHEF. "It's a privilege to be able to help support these kids. And now we're able to provide them a way to directly impact their day-to-day learning by making these ideas a reality." The winning student wishes are as follows:

- An Environmental Day event during which students will be able to help clean-up a local park (Tudor Antonescu, 2nd grade, Mary Kay McMillin Preschool)
- Bird feeder for the school garden that will allow students to watch and learn about different birds in the area (Henry Hao, 2nd grade, William Woodruff Elementary School)
- Virtual reality headsets that will enable students to do experiments "without making a mess," and visit places around the world
- (AJ Raiti, 5th grade, Mountain Park Elementary School)Gaga Pit for physical education and recess
- (Max Bussin, 5th grade Thomas P. Hughes)3D printer to support the school's STEM program (Seojun Yun, 8th grade, Columbia Middle School)
- Installation of LED lightbulbs in all high school classrooms (Charlotte Kang, 11th grade, Governor Livingston High School)
- A telescope to be used as part of a newly-created program in partnership with the Berkeley Heights Public Library to host monthly astronomy events (Justin Liu, 11th grade, Community Impact)

For more information about the student and teacher educational wishes granted by the Berkeley Heights Education Foundation, please visit bhedfoundation.org/ help/#intheschool.



(above) Max Bussin, 5th grade student, in from of the Gaga Pit to be used for physical education and recess.



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WORLD AUTISM MONTH

Autism Speaks

Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. This year marks the 15th annual World Autism Awareness Day.

Throughout the month, we focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, fostering worldwide support. This year, we are committed to creating a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Supporters can participate in World Autism Month by:

Join our 2.8 million social followers and help foster understanding and acceptance by sharing the diverse stories of people on the spectrum or telling your own. Submit your story by visiting: surveymonkey.com/r/AutismSpeaksShareYourSt ory

Invite your colleagues, classroom and friends to join our Kindness Campaign and encourage acceptance, understanding and inclusion with daily acts of kindness at school, work or in your community. Together, we can create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

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Learn about all the ways you can fundraise on social media.



Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world come together on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, to Light It Up Blue in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Whether you have autism, love someone who does, or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind community – you're invited to take the pledge to help create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential. For more information visit: autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day





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HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT FAITH LUTHERAN

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On Passion or Palm Sunday, April 2, two Eucharistic liturgies will be conducted, one at 8 am and the other at 10 am. The title of the sermon at both liturgies will be "Hope in the Past." The music at the 10 am liturgy will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by trumpet and organ.

ON HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 12 NOON & 7:30

a spoken Eucharistic liturgy will be conducted at 12 noon and a fully sung Eucharistic liturgy will be offered at 7:30 pm. The title of the sermon at both services will be "Hope for Today." At the evening service, the rite of First Communion will be given to persons in the fifth grade, who are preparing for confirmation.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, AT 12 NOON,

a Community Ecumenical Service will be held at Faith. Clergy of the New Providence and Berkeley Heights churches will lead the service. ON GOOD FRIDAY, AT 7:30 P.M.,

a Tenebrae Service, with the Stripping of the Altar, will be conducted. The subject of the sermon will be "Hope for the Future." The music of the service will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir.

Saturday, April 8 will be a day of silence and

prayer and reflection.

On Easter Sunday, April 9 at 7 a.m., Faith will hold in its garden a brief service, which will include the lighting of the Paschal Candle. At 8 a.m. there will be a Spoken Liturgical Service with Eucharist, accompanied by organ, brass and timpani. At 10 a.m., Faith will conduct a Festival Easter Processional and Eucharist Service. The music at 10 a.m. will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, the Faith Bell Ringers, brass, timpani, and the organ; all coordinated by Shea Velloso, Minister of Music. The title of the sermon at both services will be "Hope for Tomorrow."

Faith conducts an open communion table. All visitors, who are baptized members of the Christian church, are welcome to the Lord's Table.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. For more information about these worship opportunities, call the church office at 908 464 5177 or visit famfaith.org

Faith is located at

524 South Street in New Providence.

Links for the services that will be livestreamed. Find Faith on Facebook at Faith Lutheran, New Providence; Faith's website; famfaith.org/online-services; YouTube channel youtube.com/FLCNJAV





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Berkeley Heights Public Schools Earlier in February, the inaugural 'Love for Literacy Night' was held at Mountain Park School. With over 50 families in attendance, and teachers, staff and GLHS student volunteers from National Honor Society were on hand leading activities, the event was a successful celebration of student literacy in Berkeley Heights.

Developed from an idea initiated by Mountain Park PTO Co-Presidents Carly Davis and Tamara Greben to bring a free family-fun event to the



school, the concept quickly came to life under the leadership of Mountain Park Reading Specialist Mrs. Maria Graziano. Mrs. Graziano, a 24-year veteran of BHPS, loved the concept of creating an evening dedicated to celebrating literacy, books and writing, and quickly ran with it to create 'Love for Literacy Night'. Mrs. Graziano said "I was so excited to be able to work with the PTO and utilize my love of books to bring the Mountain Park community together."

The event centered around a literary passport that helped guide attendees through the different 'stops' on their trip. At each station the passport was stamped to show that the stop had been completed. Six literacy stations, run by teacher volunteers, were set up with an activity related to literacy. There was also a table to create positive messages that were then placed on a 3D tree in the hallway allowing students to spread kindness to all who visit Mountain Park School.

THE SIX LITERARY STATIONS INCLUDED:

- Book Bingo with bingo boards containing titles of books related to love in anticipation of the upcoming Valentine's Day holiday.
- Poetry Cafe where attendees created works of poetry, which were later posted on a bulletin board.
- Craft Room Bookmark for attendees to create beautiful and fun bookmarks.
- Guest Author Book Reading featuring local authors Mr. Chaz Hazlet and his daughter Natalia who read their book, 'Charlie's First Haircut' and talked about the process of

writing a book.

 Maker Space where visitors were given a few minutes to work together and either create a story or think about a story that occurred in their lives. There were instruments at the front of the room and they were asked to play one of those instruments to represent certain parts of the story (Main idea or a specific theme) For example, shaking the tambourine when the character was nervous and playing a cymbal when they were happy.

Message in a Book with librarian Mrs. Kelly Radano where students wrote messages/reviews on books.

In addition to the six stops on the literacy tour, a gently used book fair where almost 2000 books were available for sale thanks to the generosity of local families, helped raise money for the PTO. All monies raised throughout the night will be used towards the continuation of love of literacy at Mountain Park School. The books that were not sold have been repurposed for a book-mobile cart that is available to students to borrow from during recess.

Mr. Jon Morriseau, the Principal of Mountain Park School stated, "Literacy night at Mountain Park was a perfect example of inspiration, motivation, and execution coming together for a great community event. It was gratifying to see PTO members, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and GLHS National Honor Society students come together selflessly for the enrichment of our students."

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SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY IN UNION COUNTY

The SHARE Alliance (the "Alliance"), a newly formed 501(c)(3)organization dedicated to addressing food security concerns in the County of Union, NJ, recently received a \$3,000 donation from the Springfieldbased Atlantic Federal Credit Union to support the Alliance's mission to help community members in need.

"As a community-chartered Credit Union, we succeed when our Members, neighbors and the greater community succeed," stated Atlantic Federal Credit Union Chief Executive Officer Anthony A. Mero. "We are honored to be able to support the SHARE Alliance as the team offers critical resources to put local families on the path to success through food security and education."

The Atlantic Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative providing banking services to residents and businesses in Union and Essex counties. For more than 85 years, the Atlantic Federal Credit Union has focused on delivering competitive rates on deposit accounts, low fees, and attractive rates on loans. In addition, the Credit Union regularly contributes to the social and economic wellbeing of the communities it serves by volunteering and donating to local charitable organizations.

More information about the Atlantic Federal Credit Union, including membership available to those who live, work, worship, attend school or conduct business in Union or Essex counties, is available at web.atlfedcu.com.

The S.H.A.R.E. (Sowing Hope and Reaping Equity) Alliance is a consortium of several congregations and other interested parties, is dedicated to the proposition that no one should go to bed hungry, or wonder where their next meal will come from. Under the sponsorship of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, the Alliance seeks to approach the issue of food security in Union County with a three-prong tactic of increasing availability of healthier food, coordinating their distribution, and promoting their right use in the kitchen. These objectives are achieved through the establishment of a Community Pantry and Community Kitchen that will operate from the Parish House, located at 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

"Recognizing that economic insecurity is a primary driver of nutrition related health issues, and that community members in food insecure settings are forced to make difficult decisions around food on a daily basis, the Alliance has come together to leverage the work of existing organizations and identify innovative solutions to help more people - including children and seniors - with food security and avoiding difficult tradeoffs between necessities like food and medicine," stated Acting Executive Director of the SHARE Alliance Rev. Dr. Roberto Fois. "The generous donation from our neighbors at the Atlantic Federal Credit Union reflects the community spirit that will help us to promote better health and strengthen family cohesion in communities throughout Union County."

Information about the availability of services from the SHARE Alliance Community Kitchen and Pantry can be found on-line through the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield at springfieldpresbyterian.org. The SHARE Alliance can also be reached at info@SHARE-Alliance.net.



(above, l-r) S.H.A.R.E. Alliance: Rev. Dr. Roberto Fois, Andrea Holley-Blair, Russell Hovland, Rev. Reginald Harris, Jim Bover, Carol Kaiser; Atlantic Federal Credit Union: Anthony A. Mero, CEO; and Carla White-Garrett, Community Engagement Representative.

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Berkeley Heights News • Page 14 • April 2023 WHARTON ARTS AWARDS TWO LOCAL TEENS WITH ACCOLADES

teens have received awards from the Garden State's leading performing arts education organization. Aadhitya Raam Ashok of Edison is the winner of the inaugural Wharton Arts Annual Choral Composition Competition and Nina Park of Basking Ridge is the winner of the 2023 New Jersey Youth Symphony Concerto Competition.

Part of an annual commissioning project to engage young New Jersey composers and contribute to the cultivation of new repertoire for youth choruses, the Wharton Arts Choral Composition Competition was established in the 2022-23 season for New Jersey-based high school students. Winner Aadhitya Raam Ashok, a senior at John P. Stevens High School in Edison, began his musical studies at the age of three in Bergen's Yamaha Music School where he has been a recipient of the Jeffery Corolla and Frank Calabrese Scholarship for the last six years. He completed the London College of Music Diploma (DipLCM) exams with distinction and has won numerous composition awards, including being a three-time National



(above) Nina Park





Wharton Arts announced today that two local Finalist in the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) competition, three-time winner in the Eastern Division of the MTNA competition, and six-time winner in the NJ MTNA Composition competition. He received the Gold Medal in the National Young Maestro Composition Competition across multiple years and was finalist in the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) twice consecutively. He placed first in the Golden Key International and National Piano Composition Competition twice consecutively as well. He won the Grand Prize in the Rising Talents Festival.

Aadhitya plays trombone, tuba, baritone horn, and clarinet at his high school and has also composed pieces for the school band. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, Erbhar Sal (Vienna, Austria), Osimo Italy, New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), Cerritos Performing Arts Theater (Los Angeles), the Sharp Theater, Engelman Recital Hall at Baruch College, Merkin Concert Hall, Central Unitarian Church, Italian Theatre, Ryder University, Newark School of Arts (NSA), S. V. Temple, HATCC Temple, and at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Aadhitya has participated in the John P Stevens marching band as its Synth Lead for the past four years and Front Ensemble Captain in his senior year. He is also affiliated with the John P. Stevens Jazz Ensemble, where he has served as the lead pianist for the past four years. He has been part of the John P. Stevens Wind Ensemble for three years and has regularly composed pieces for the band to perform. Aadhitya was the November Senior of the Month at his high school.

Said Aadhitya, "As an enthusiastic high school musician and composer, it feels wonderful to win my first choral composition competition with the Wharton Arts Annual Choral Composition Competition. I am grateful for the wonderful panel of judges who provided me with useful comments, along with their appreciation for my unique yet powerful music. Having my music featured by a youth choir is a great opportunity for me to gain experience into how young singers might approach my music."

Aadhitya's winning composition, A Bright Youthful Future, will premiere under the direction of New Jersey Youth Chorus Founder and Music Director, Trish Joyce on Sunday, May 21, at the NJYS spring concert as part of their 30th anniversary celebration.

Pianist Bokyung (Nina) Park, a junior at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge, has been named the winner of the New Jersey Youth Symphony's 2023 Concerto Competition. She studies piano under Dr. Jungwon Shin. Other accolades include winning the New York International Classical Music Competition, the Camerata International Music Competition, and finalist of the American Music Talent Competition. At her high school, Nina plays in the jazz band, wind ensemble, and the Drama Club production of the musical, Newsies. She is also an active member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society where she conducts and manages small ensembles formed amongst her peers. Outside of school, Nina is part of a studentled music organization called the Bernards

Ensemble, where she organizes concerts and performs for under-represented populations who have a hard time physically coming to concerts, especially those with cognitive disabilities. Recently, Nina founded a non-profit called the Neurodiversity Ambassadors where she initiates opportunities to teach music to people with cognitive disabilities through the local YMCA in a program called, "Music, Rhythm, and You!"

Said Nina, "Being a pianist my entire life, my performance experiences so far have been limited to solo and chamber music. Winning the New Jersey Youth Symphony Concerto Competition is such a special opportunity for me to perform a completely new style of music with a full orchestra, an opportunity that is exceptionally rare for a growing music student like me."

Tickets available online to hear Nina perform Liszt's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 2 with the NJYS Youth Symphony on April 30. More information about all of Wharton Arts programs available at WhartonArts.org.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks growth builds inclusive personal and communities.

Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3–12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3-12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistemainspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.

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IMAGINE SEEKS LOVING LISTENERS FOR JUNE TRAINING

You may be familiar with Imagine and know that the non-profit provides free peer support groups for children, youth, young adults and parents/guardians who are grieving. Did you know that the groups are facilitated by an amazing team of volunteer facilitators? Imagine's volunteer facilitators 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 18 years or older. Spanishspeaking volunteers are needed as well. Volunteers serve as companions and loving listeners for those who are grieving and help create a safe space where participants can share tears and embrace the joys of life.

Here's how some of our current volunteer facilitators have described their experience:

"Being an Imagine volunteer has been the most fulfilling and worthwhile volunteer experience I've ever had. I feel that the model is just what it should be, and I love being a part of it. I think being an imagine volunteer helps me fulfill my desire to be a good person." Aimee-6+ years as Imagine Facilitator

"People outside of Imagine are always supportive when they hear that I volunteer at a grief support center. But I know it can be a little confusing to hear that volunteering at a grief support center is the best night of my week. And that's the magic. That as a volunteer, the joy is not in what we bring, but what we take home from our participants." Rob-4+ years as Imagine Facilitator

"I have found the people at Imagine to be among the best that I have ever met." Diane-6 months as Imagine Facilitator

If you'd like to join Imagine's amazing team of volunteer facilitators, there is a training planned for June 2 - 4. Each training is held from 9 a.m. – 5a.m. each day over 3 days at Imagine's Mountainside center. Imagine asks that you plan to attend the entire training. Participants in the training will have an opportunity to learn companioning and facilitation skills while sharing stories with one another and providing each other with support. Many of Imagine's facilitators come away from the training feeling truly connected to one another and describe the experience as "life changing" Participants also come away better prepared to support those at Imagine, and those in their lives who have experienced a loss.

If you'd like to join one of the upcoming trainings, please visit Imagine's website at imaginenj.org or call the center at 908-264-3100. Imagine's staff and volunteers hope to welcome you to the team!

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imaginenj.org.



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REASONS FOR JOINING THE SCOUTS

Submitted by Daniel Bower

There are many reasons to join Scouts BSA, such as learning about the outdoors, camping trips, learning leadership skills and countless other activities. Some activities that are included with being a scout are camping trips, merit badges, volunteering, etc. As a scout myself, I can confirm that some of the most exciting and memorable moments happen when a whole troop is out on a camping trip and exploring the outdoors.

Ask almost any scout and they will tell you that an all-time favorite is most definitely White Water Rafting. During this trip, Scouts spend the better part of the day paddling down a river, and through the rapids. Another incredible opportunity to make memories is during the trip to Gettysburg, where scouts learn about the Civil War. Scouts also love going to Scout Camp which is a week of exploring, camping, and making new friendships. Scouts get to earn merit badges in order to rank up. Merit badges present opportunities for scouts to try something new and learn valuable life lessons along the way. Should scouts earn the top rank of Eagle Scout, it will provide benefits throughout their lifetime.

Community service is another part of scouting. From volunteering at Reeves Reed Arboretum to clear nature trails and plant flowers and other greenery to volunteering at food and toy drives, Scouts never miss an opportunity to volunteer and do whatever they can to help around the community.

I would recommend scouting to anyone, 5th grade and up, looking for adventure and who enjoys the outdoors.Troop 68 meets Monday nights, 7 p.m. at Mary Kay McMillan School, 651 Mountain Ave, Berkeley Heights. Contact DanTatosian.BH68@troopmaster.email for more information.



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- 2) That science said: "The only way to curb this phenomena GLOBALLY is to save our OLD trees."
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- is released back into our atmosphere when they die.
- 5) Three trees properly placed can save 35% in cooling costs. Should this not be a requirement for new construction?

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These stressed trees are the first to die in drought situations as we saw this past year. PLEASE also (google) read **Rooting out Problems**. It explains "Simple Procedures" for saving trees during construction. Have your whole family read this article which will help them recognize when a tree is being harmed.

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ONLINE AUCTION TO BENEFIT MAPLEWOOD'S "HOUSE ON THE HILL"

Link to Airauctioneer.com/Art4Ethical to join the "Celebrate Art" Online Art Auction. Bidding runs from April 22 to 29, Preview runs from April 15 to 21). Proceeds from "Celebrate Art" will go to The Ethical Culture Society's Capital Campaign to repair the historic Ethical Culture Society building, the "House on the Hill" at Prospect and Parker in Maplewood, NJ. Ethical Culture Society Members and Friends and the wider community are coming together in this effort.

INVITE TO ARTISTS

Area artists are welcome to donate work to this online art auction. Deadline for receiving work is Wednesday, April 12, 2023. (sooner, if possible!) Artist will gain name familiarity among buyers, and they will receive a letter for tax purposes documenting their donation. Unsold works will be returned to the artists. Contact us/send a photo of the piece or pieces your wish to donate to Art4Ethical@gmail.com. **FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT**

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APRIL EVENTS FOR SENIORS

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MONDAYS: BINGO

10:00-11:00 Highlander Room Chair Stretch 11:15-12:00 Multipurpose Room Art Class: Acrylics 11:30-1:00 Art Room Mahjong 12:00-3:00 Multipurpose Room TUESDAYS:

Art Class: Watercolors

1:00-2:30 Art Room

WEDNESDAYS: Exercise

10:00-11:00 Multipurpose Room Chair Stretch

11:15-12:00 Multipurpose Room THURSDAY:

Open Circuit 10:00-11:00 Fitness Center

FRIDAY:

Exercise

10:00-11:00 Multipurpose Room We are working on hiring a bus driver to start in April. Be sure to check our township website at berkeleyheights.gov/352/Senior-Information to view the trip schedule!

SENIOR DAY TRIP

The Berkeley Heights Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Monday, April 17. The bus leaves the parking lot at Town Hall, 29 Park Avenue at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$35, which includes bus transportation and a \$20 Voucher for slot play. For further information or reservations, call Ramona at 908-647-3295.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

29 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor 908-608-8603• bhplnj.org Mon-Thur: 9am-9pm; Fri, Sat: 9am- pm Sunday: 2 - 5 PM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS LEGO Play

Tuesday, April 4 from 2 - 4 pm Shake, Rattle & Read for ages 3 - 5 Wednesdays, April 5 - 26 at 9:30 am Fun with Friends Story Time for ages 0- 24 months Thursdays, April 6 - 27 at 9:30 am

Good Tyme String Band *Tuesday, April 11 at 10:30 am* Fun banjo sing-along for all ages

Sing & Sign Story Time with Danielle Neri Sunday, April 16 from 3 - 3:30 pm

"The Foot Book" read aloud and signed in ASL for ages 2 – 5

Telescope Nights with Justin Liu for all ages Thursdays, April 13 & 27 at 7 pm

Earth Day Event for all ages

Saturday, April 22 from 2 -3 pm Make balloon powered cars with GS Troop 40944

Teen Book Club

Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm The discussion meeting for Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo. See the library's website at bhplnj.org/teens/bhpl-teen-bookclub/ for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS: Book Group

Tuesday, April 11 at 7:15 pm. April's book group selection is The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid Please stop by in person, call the library or email reference@bhplnj.org if you would like to join the book club.

BHPL Jazz Music Series Sunday, April 30 at 2 pm The Richard Baratta quartet

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SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB: BOOK DONATIONS AND SALE

Summit College Club will hold its annualthrough 23, is free of charge. Hours are:Book Sale in mid-April.Thursday and Friday, 4/20 and 4/21, from 9 a.m.

"Summit College Club is more than a hundred years old," said Lynne Rogerson, president, "and we have been holding the Book Sale for more than fifty. It is one of the largest book sales in the area and our major fundraising event. We believe in it! The Book Sale recycles used books, it provides new reading to people at very low cost, and the profits we derive are all used to fund scholarships for deserving local students. What could be better?"

DONATIONS

As in the past, Summit College Club's Book Sale will fill the American Legion Post 433 building at 357 Elkwood Avenue (right next to the town library) in New Providence. People with books to donate are asked to bring them to that building on four days only: Friday, April 14, from 1 to 7 p.m., and Saturday through Monday, April 15, 16, and 17, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The sale accepts a variety of media in good condition: books, CDs, DVDs, etc. It does not accept encyclopedias, magazines, manuals, textbooks, or VHS tapes.

Volunteers go to work, rapidly sorting and arranging the books into about 50 categories, from astronomy to zoology, with fiction, children's books, cookbooks, history, and biography among the largest.

"We are always surprised," said Rogerson, "at the number and variety of books that we receive. Our area is rich in readers."

SALE

The actual sale starts about 40 hours after donations end: April 19 through 23. Nearly all the items will sell for 50 cents, one, or two dollars. On opening day, April 19, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., the sale has a \$25 admission charge. Although everyone is welcome, the customers on that day are traditionally book sellers from the tristate area.

Admission on the next four days, April 20

through 23, is free of charge. Hours are: Thursday and Friday, 4/20 and 4/21, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4/22, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Bag Day, 4/23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, the final day, readers may fill a grocery bag with printed books for \$5 or with electronic media for \$10.

Masks are recommended in the hall during donations and the sale.

Summit College Club, a branch of the American Association of University Women, is dedicated to advancing gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. The profits from the SCC Book Sale help fund annually awarded scholarships for local college-bound high school seniors. Last year alone, the club gave away \$27,000.

Volunteers are more than welcome and are needed to gather, categorize, and arrange the books before the sale, and to straighten the various book areas during the sale.

Anyone interested in volunteering should go to the web site, summitcollegeclub.org, Events/Book Sale, and then scroll down to the Volunteer With Us box. Anyone interested in joining Summit College Club should go to the web site, summitcollegeclub.org, Membership, and then scroll down to Join Today.

Anyone interested in reading should come to the sale! For information, email summitcollegeclub@gmail.com.





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SHREYAS AGNIHOTRI PERFORMS WITH ALL STATE BAND

Berkeley Heights Public Schools Governor Livingston High School Senior Shreyas Agnihotri was recently accepted into, and performed with, the New Jersey All-State Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band. After a week of intensive rehearsals with the group, the experience culminated in performances in Atlantic City, and Newark, NJ. Shreyas is in the Concert and Marching Bands at GLHS. For All-State, he played piano/keyboard.



(above) Shreyas Agnihotri with Nicholas O'Sullivan, Band Director and Music Teacher at GLHS. Shreyas performed at the NJPAC in Newark, NJ on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Photo by Berkeley Heights Public Schools

GLHS STUDENTS WIN UNION COUNTY CONSUMER BOWL

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

A team of Governor Livingston High School's finest students, guided by GLHS business teacher Thomas Kendall, recently competed in the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs Consumer Bowl where they walked away as the winners for Union County. The New Jersey High School Consumer Bowl is an educational competition for high school students organized by the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs that, "...provides students with useful information on relevant consumer issues such as ID Theft, Credit Card Scams, and Internet Fraud."

Students learn about Consumer Protection laws in the State of NJ in preparation for the competition and then progress through three rounds of questioning. In the first round each

student gets an individual question. For the second round each school gets 3 direct team questions, plus three additional Bonus Questions (which all teams can buzz in and answer). The third and final round is called the Lightning Round, where there are 20 questions that are up for grabs for anyone to buzz in and answer.

The next stop for this talented team is the NJ Central Regional Competition (April 20, 2023).

According to Advisor Thomas Kendall, "Participating in the Consumer Bowl is a terrific learning experience for members of the team. They prepare by studying various consumer protection laws and issues and come ready to answer important questions about these important concerns. I am very proud of this year's team." Photo by Berkeley Heights Public Schools



(above) This year's Governor Livingston High School Team included Gia Ghosh, Olga Brazhnikova, Kavya Casula, Michael Healy, and Patricia Umali.





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SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ ANNOUNCES MARK ADAMY BAND

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the Mark Adamy Band, Saturday, April 15, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Mark Adamy is a multitalented keyboardist and vocalist who works with artists around the globe as a live performer and recording artist. This includes his own band: The Mark Adamy Band, which is a group of accomplished musicians that has thrilled listeners with its original stylings fusing pop, rock, jazz, R&B, world, and spiritual music.

Mark has enjoyed popularity as a sought-after talent for special events, productions, and performances. Mark has won honors including Entertainer of the Year and Boston Music award nominations. He has shared the stage with greats like Chaka Khan, James Brown, The Four Tops, John-Lee Hooker, Pieces of a Dream, Howard Hewitt, Phil Driscoll, Phil Keaggy, Roger Humphries, and many others. Mark has played in many Broadway productions as well as music directing off-Broadway productions in NYC.

Mark's concert credentials are extensive with acts such as the Coasters, the Cadillacs, Ink Spots, Jive Five, Silhouettes, Marvellettes, the Charelles, and guitarist Billy Davis. He has jammed with jazz artists such as Warren Hill,

Makoto Ozone, Darren Lyons Group, and Lee for many carefully chosen charities. They Robinson at venues ranging from New York's include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Russian Tea Room and Knitting Factory to Boston's Symphony Hall

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The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a nonprofit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

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GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford (FPCC) is offering a free seven-week seminar, "Journey Toward Wholeness - Healing the Grieving Heart", which takes place via Zoom every Sunday from April 16 to June 4, 2023 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Registration is open and is required to attend this event. Call Suzanne at (908) 251-5641 or Pam at (908) 964-3263 to register.

We welcome all who have experienced loss of any kind, past or present. We also welcome all who have previously attended this Seminar to return for a refresher. The Zoom option offers you a unique opportunity to attend with friends or family from other states.

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