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CELEBRATING THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Submitted by Rosangela Perez

Under the leadership of Principal Elise A. Genao, Robert Gordon Elementary School in Roselle Park celebrated the Week of the Young Child in a fun new way.

The Week of the Young Child is a week full of celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. This special week is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. According to NAEYC, the purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Robert Gordon PreK classes celebrated the Week of the Young Child April 3, 4, and 5.

Monday was Music Monday and was celebrated in a variety of ways such as dressing like a rock star and creating their own instruments.

Tuesday was Tasty Tuesday celebrated in a variety of ways such as wearing clothes with images of food on them and creating a rainbow fruit salad.

Work Together Wednesday was celebrated in workout wear while the school did a cereal donation domino challenge. This activity was implemented by Robert Gordon Alumni and Kean University Student Teacher Miss Hanarae Force. The student body was encouraged to donate new

boxes of cereal. Robert Gordon donated a total of 130 cereal boxes. Then the fourth grade classes (Teachers: Mrs. Karima Laidoui and Miss Tanaz Karai) worked together with PreK classes (Teachers: Mrs. Melissa Cruz, Miss Jessica Lopez, Mrs. Tara Pisano, and Mrs. Rosangela Perez) to create a cereal box domino chain throughout the hallways. After the fun domino chain activity, cereal boxes were distributed and donated to the food pantries at the Roselle Park Casano Center, Kean University Cougar Pantry at the Union campus, and Union County College Food Pantry at the Cranford campus. The PreK classes went on a short walk to the Casano Center to personally donate a portion of the boxes to the food pantry.

Miss Force further developed this popular activity to demonstrate to the young children in the Pre-k classes that we can come together as a school to have fun and also provide for the community and other schools; while also celebrating and bringing awareness to the Week of the Young Child.

Miss Force, a Robert Gordon alumni, began her student teaching journey in September 2022. She has described this experience as magical. Miss Force expressed her gratitude towards Principal Genao for continuing to provide an excellent education where students will grow in intelligence, creativity, and character. Miss Force was inspired by Principal Genao to implement this project and activity to continue the Robert Gordon mission.



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SHINING STARS TO PERFORM ON MAY 13TH

The Shining Stars, now in their 11th year, will take the main stage at the Union County Performing Arts Center for their “World Tour” on Saturday May 13th for a 7 p.m. show.

The talented cast of special needs performers will highlight the hits from groups and artists from all around the globe, including The Beatles and One Direction (England), Bruce Springsteen (USA), Abba (Sweden), Irish dancing, and so much more. The show will feature 30 special needs individuals and their “buddies” from local high schools, who serve as mentors during rehearsals.

“Our cast has been working hard for their 2023 debut,” noted Shining Stars Network Cofounder and Show Director Sally Curci. “The acts are going to be amazing and we invite everyone to join us for another exciting and fun night.”

Tickets are now on sale at UCPAC.org.

Also, on Saturday, August 5th, history will be made when the Shining Stars make their Paper Mill Playhouse main stage debut. Tickets for “The Greatest Show” — which will feature songs from Broadway and movies — are on sale now at PaperMill.org.

The Camp Shine Summer Workshop will take place from August 14th-25th (go to ShiningStarsNetwork.org to register) and they will cap off the year with their annual “Christmas



Spectacular” in December.

“Shining Stars is all about being inclusive and giving our performers a chance to shine on stage while creating lasting memories,” said Sally Curci. “These opportunities build all-important self-esteem and self-confidence. Along the way our cast members and their high school buddies create bonds and friendships that they’ll always remember.”

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This event will feature quality exhibitors, a special crafter's section, lots of great food, kiddie rides, a kids area, live music and performances, and local merchants and civic organizations.

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KIDS ZONE

The children will enjoy this section filled with kiddie bounce rides, slides, and interactive blow-ups, face painters, sand art and kids games, temporary tattoos, and face painting, just to name a few things.

FOOD TRUCKS

As you stroll along the Blvd stop to have a bite to eat and sit at tables in our live music area. Come hungry and enjoy eating carnival food favorites like a sausage & pepper sandwich, cheesesteaks, kettle corn, chicken fingers, ice cream, zeppole, shish kabobs, gyros, fresh-cut fries, fresh-squeezed lemonade, Italian ice, and the many other great gourmet foods from the food trucks.

CAR SHOW

This year's event will again feature a car show of Custom...Classic...Street Rod...Muscle Cars in front of Harding School (Enter from Boulevard & North 14th St./use 426 Boulevard in your GPS). Set up starts after 10 am. Registration - Day of Show. Cars must be registered by 1:00 p.m. to be judged. Trophies for Winners! All Proceeds go to Pride in Kenilworth Committee.

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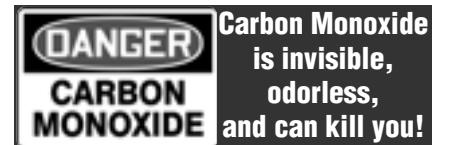
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

Borough of Roselle Park

On Monday, May 29, 2023, the Borough of Roselle Park will be holding its annual Memorial Day Celebration, consisting of a parade and solemn service.

The day's events will begin with the parade, commencing at 10:00 a.m. Lineup will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. at Sherman Elementary School. The parade will be led by the Roselle Park Police Department and Newark Mounted Police. Roselle Park American Legion Post 60 and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Roselle Park will follow, along with Mayor Joseph Signorello III and the members of the Borough Council. Marching bands from the Roselle Park School District and the Roselle Park Board of Education will also be featured in the parade.

The parade will proceed westbound along the East Grant Avenue corridor toward Chestnut Street, turning right onto Chestnut Street and ultimately dispersing at Roselle Park Veterans

Memorial Library where a solemn outdoor memorial service will be held. This meaningful ceremony will feature a tribute to Roselle Park's own "Hometown Heroes." All residents are encouraged to join in to honor those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

"I look forward to our annual Memorial Day Parade," said Mayor Joe Signorello. "I can't imagine a better way to spend the day than seeing our community come together to honor the men and women who have sacrificed everything defending our nation. I hope to see many of you at the parade and service dedicated to these fallen heroes. A huge 'Thank you' to everyone involved in making this event possible."

If you have a group that would like to walk in the Memorial Day Parade or would like more information, please contact Director Rupen Shah at the Casano Community Center; rshah@rosellepark.net or 908-245-0666.



BOROUGH ANNOUNCES SMART-PHONE APP



The Borough of Roselle Park is excited to unveil its very first smartphone app, "My Roselle Park." Users can now download this free app in order to gain access to a number of useful tools, streamlining the flow of information from the Borough to its residents.

"I am excited about the Roselle Park app!" said Mayor Joe Signorello. "We all carry around our devices, and now at the touch of a button we have a tool to help keep the community clean, safe and increase awareness of events and services that Roselle Park has for its residents. This app is easy to use and a great resource for not only locals but visitors seeking information about our town."


The app features a "report issue" button which allows citizens to report non-emergency issues like potholes, garbage, graffiti, code violations, and more. Once pressed, residents can describe the issue that they are seeing in real-time, as well as tag their location. They have the ability to upload a photo of that issue, and will receive an alert once it has been resolved.

App users can receive up-to-date information about amenities, local events, activities, and news. The app is connected to the Borough webpage, Facebook and Instagram accounts. By opting-in, the user can receive push notifications for when an event is happening or if a road is closed for maintenance. In the "Contact" section there is a thorough list of important phone numbers such as The Casano Community Center, Library and the Non-Emergency Police Department line.

The My Roselle Park app was developed in early 2023, and now available for free on the App Store (Apple) and Play Store (Google) for users to download. For more information about the app, please visit the Borough website at <http://www.rosellepark.net/>.

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Chess and Dominoes Night

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Family Zumba on The Lawn

Saturday 05/20 11:00AM

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Family Movie Night

Monday 05/22 4:00pm

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Identity Theft Awareness

Tuesday 05/02 6:00pm

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SOS ~ SAVE OUR SEAL! A MESSAGE FROM THE U.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

War is hell. Unfortunately, that powerful expression is just as accurate today in Ukraine, for example, as it was in Elizabethtown in 1780. In both cases, civilians suffered, and are suffering, along with soldiers.

Heroic sculptures and statues of beribboned generals on horseback are noble and inspiring, to be sure. On the other hand, however, there is the World War II Katyn Memorial in Jersey City, showing the horror of war as it depicts the brutal massacre Russians committed on Polish soldiers graphically showing a bound and gagged Polish soldier impaled through his back by a bayoneted rifle. At its base, a Polish woman cradles a starving child, representing the Polish citizens who were deported to Siberia. Are we to take down such monuments because the horror they depict offends us, or should they remain, conveying their timeless message to us: "Never forget, and Never again!"

Yes, war is hell. And it was so in 1780 as local patriots fought for independence against the often cruel and brutal British and Hessian troops.

One of the most infamous events of that struggle was the horrible murder of Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, the wife of the famous Rev. James Caldwell ("the fighting Parson"), on June 7, 1780 in Connecticut Farms, now Union. It seems that ongoing discussions concerning the changing of the County Seal depicting Mrs. Caldwell's murder by a British soldier apparently have finally come to light recently.

This tragic event has been depicted on our County Seal for over 100 years. In 1923, the



Union County Historical Society proposed and supported the official adoption of the Seal, which had previously been used unofficially for decades. It was formally ratified by the Board of Freeholders at that time. The Society has been proud of its role in the adoption of the Seal a hundred years ago, and strongly opposes current efforts to change it.

Some now object to the Seal's depiction of a violent and senseless act against a woman and mother of nine young children. But it really happened! Are we to ignore it? Those were dangerous times in this area and few were spared from the death, destruction, and suffering that occurred.

Indeed, Hannah Caldwell's death became a rallying cry to the despondent, tired, and outnumbered American troops who were inspired

to fight on at the Battle of Springfield, the turning point of the Revolution in the North, just two weeks after her death.

Whether she was inside the house or outside when she was murdered is immaterial to the Seal's message. Showing her outside the house simply makes the event more visible. Similar artistic license is often employed in depicting important events in history. For example, the iconic and dramatic 1851 Emanuel Leutz painting of Washington's 1776 Christmas night crossing of the Delaware near Trenton is inaccurate in every way except one: its heroic portrayal of a courageous and brilliant military operation, which led to an important turning point in the war.

History is not always convenient; it has more than its share of suffering and evil, as the Union County Seal demonstrates. And isn't that in fact the meaning and message of the Seal, that democracy and freedom often demand sacrifice. It is a reminder of the terrible price paid by the brave men and women during those difficult times. Any redesign of our iconic and unique Seal would dishonor and diminish the memory of Hannah Caldwell and so many others who sacrificed all in the long and difficult struggle for independence.

Indeed, after the war, Washington acknowledged that no place had suffered greater deprivation and destruction than Elizabethtown and its environs. Our Seal reminds us of that. Let it be.

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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

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

How Does This New Treatment Work?

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

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

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

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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IN THE HEIGHTS AT CDC THEATER MAY 5-20

Before *Hamilton* was *In The Heights* and it's coming to CDC Theatre in Cranford.

The final production of CDC Theatre's 104th season, *In the Heights*, is set to run weekends from May 5 to May 20. Lin Manuel Miranda's first Broadway show burst onto the stage in 2008. The show was nominated for thirteen Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Book and Score, as well as for Direction and Choreography. Of those thirteen nominations, it won four awards, including Best Musical, Original Score, Choreography and Orchestration.

The musical tells the story of three days in the vibrant community in Manhattan's Washington Heights – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures; where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

"We are excited to at last be able to produce this show. Circumstances and pandemic restrictions caused it to have been postponed, but we were committed to having the chance to present it," said Joe Leo, the show Producer. "Once we were able to add it to this season, we had one of the biggest audition turnouts ever at the theatre and have assembled a wonderful cast from throughout the state!"

The music of *In The Heights* takes its cues from the diverse Latin community it represents, infusing hip-hop, salsa, merengue and soul music into the score with lyrics about life, love, community and the American dream. There are eight shows, including two matinees. For best ticket prices and selections visit cdctheatre.org.

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PIKTORS METAMORPHOSIS AT THE SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

AWARDS BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

The YWCA of Union County

The YWCA of Union County will host its annual TWIN event on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Berkely Heights, NJ from 8 am to 9:30 am.

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Union County Director of Human Services will serve as the Keynote Speaker at the event and will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to improving the lives of those in need. Anderson has an extensive background in programs serving families, as well as vast experience with corporate, non-profit and community affairs organizations.

YWCA Executive Director Karen Geer stated, "We are very excited to honor Debbie-Ann with this award. She has been a champion for the YWCA and its mission. Her support and commitment to our programs has enabled us to deliver more vital services to those in need."

Anderson began her professional fundraising career in 2004 at the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in Towson, Maryland. She joined the United Way of Greater Union County in 2008 and served as its Executive Vice President. Anderson also served as Executive Director of HomeFirst Interfaith Housing Services and was appointed Union County Director of Human Services in 2017.

Five additional honorees will be presented awards for Racial Justice, Community Service, Young Professional, YWCA Ally, and Business & Industry Leadership. Nominations will be submitted by sponsors of the event by visiting www.ywcaunioncounty.org/twinawards2023.

Individual tickets to the TWIN event are \$150 and can be purchased at www.ywcaofunioncounty.org or by emailing events@ywcaofunioncounty.org.

The YWCA of Union County is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Its mission is to empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse, and to promote social justice and eliminate violence against women and girls. We accomplish this mission through the provision of comprehensive, client-centered services, and through education, collaboration and advocacy that builds safe, informed and supportive communities.

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- Community & Professional Education

For more information, please visit www.ywcaofunioncounty.org or call (908) 355-1995.

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the Piktors Metamorphosis, Saturday, May 20, 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.

Piktors Metamorphosis takes you on a journey back to the incendiary sounds of the Jazz/Rock fusion era injecting their improvisational craft. The Jazz/Rock/Fusion heyday of experimental creativity has inspired it's fans and other great musicians alike to push music further to its limits. This exciting music is challenging to execute, understandably a reason why many have not approached it. That is until now. Whether it's exciting tributes or their ambitious original pieces this ensemble delivers with passion and warmth.

Piktors overall sound departs from just another stage show to a level of cerebral and tonal excitement that comes with Fusion rock/jazz. They are masters at what they do, and they continue the traditions of modern fusion started by the likes of Mile Davis, Weather Report and Pat Methany, just to name a few.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse

Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

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 non-profit 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.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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DAUGHTER'S KIDNEY DONATION SAVED HER MOM'S LIFE

NJ Sharing Network

Twenty years ago, Rosemarie Hampp, 58, made the loving decision to donate one of her kidneys to save her mother's life. Today, Rosemarie is forever thankful for that decision, and she is now on a personal mission to support NJ Sharing Network, the nonprofit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue in the Garden State.

"My goal is to save and enhance more lives because there are nearly 4,000 people in New Jersey waiting for a life-saving transplant," said Rosemarie. "I believe that everyone should consider being a living organ donor or simply register as an organ and tissue donor to make a positive difference in the lives of others after your time on Earth is done."

Rosemarie's fundraising efforts to support the Sharing Network Foundation have been powered by many of her family members and friends who are participating in the 5K Celebration of Life on May 20 in Ocean Grove. "Team Rosie," named in honor of Rosemarie's mother (Rose Marie Hampp), was established earlier this year to



(above) Rosemarie Hampp recently celebrated the 20 Year Anniversary of her kidney donation to save her mother's life. Rosemarie creates colorful Donate Life stickers to raise awareness. To support Rosemarie's efforts, visit events.njsharingnetwork.org/go/TeamRosie23.

Courtesy photo

celebrate the 20th anniversary of Rosemarie's life-saving gift.

"My mom lived a healthy and happy life until she was diagnosed with primary amyloidosis," said Rosemarie. "Her health issues grew progressively worse and dialysis treatments were never easy."

Once Rosemarie learned about the possibility of being a living kidney donor for her mother, she was eager to move forward with hopes of giving her mother the gift of life. However, her parents did not want her to donate her kidney.

"Even though I knew they were against it, I secretly got tested for transplant compatibility," said Rosemarie. "When the results showed that I was a great match, I was a nervous wreck because I was not sure how I was going to tell them about it."

Although Rosemarie's mother was hesitant at first, she finally agreed. The successful kidney transplant was completed by the medical team at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center on December 17, 2003. Rosemarie's gift gave her mother several additional years to enjoy life's precious moments.

"We named my donated kidney 'Fred,' and we called my remaining kidney 'Ginger' because they worked well together and individually," said Rosemarie. "My mom ultimately passed away in 2006 due to pancreatitis. It was unrelated to her transplant, and her kidney always worked perfectly."

Rosemarie has also used her professional art skills to create colorful Donate Life stickers to raise additional funds and awareness.

To support Rosemarie's efforts, visit events.njsharingnetwork.org/go/TeamRosie23.

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), over 100,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, and 17 people in the U.S. die each day waiting for an organ transplant. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

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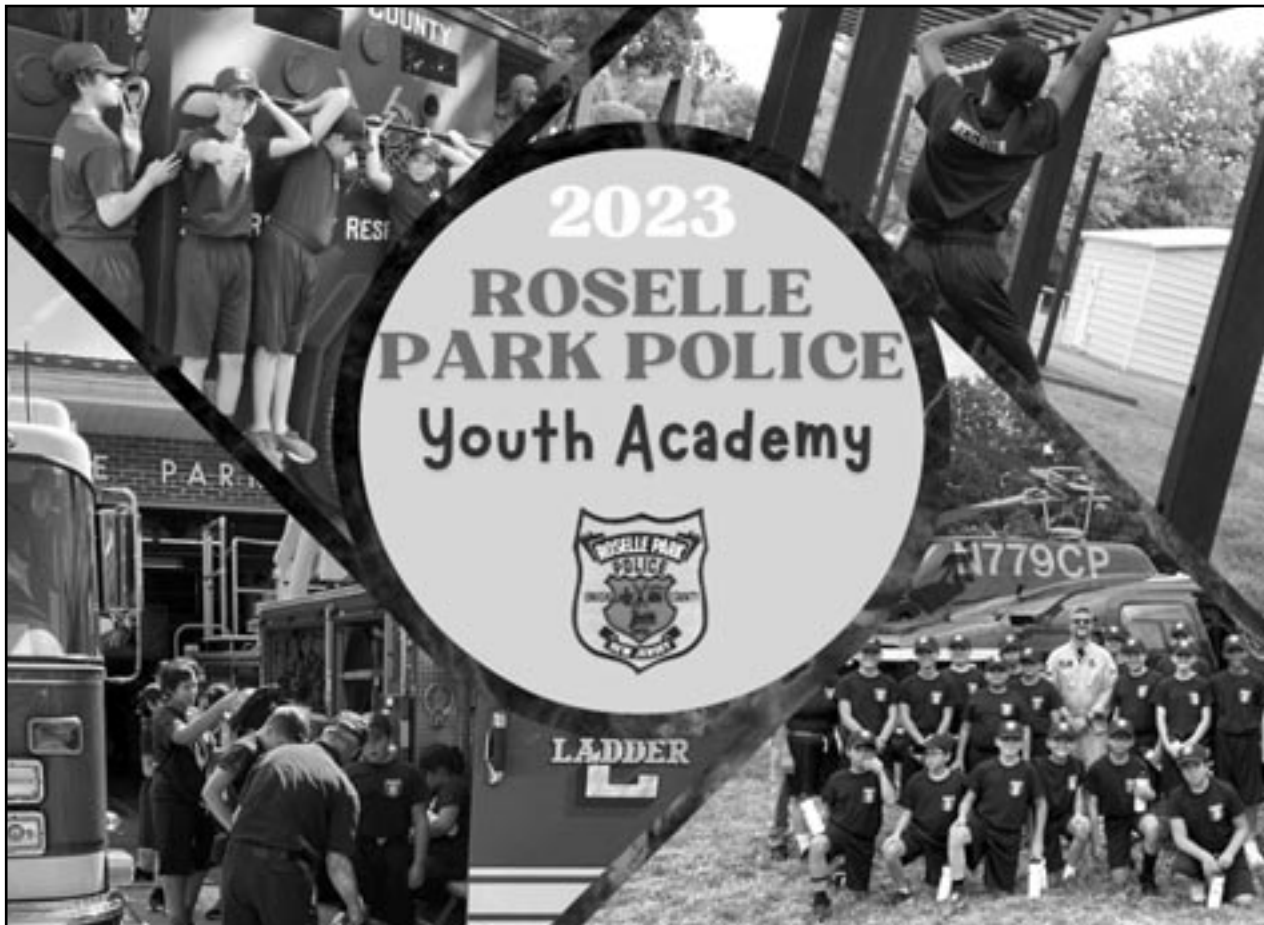
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topics. In addition, cadets will participate in field trips and attend various demonstrations.

Cadets must presently be in 5th-7th grade. Deadline for applications is June 26th, 2023. A tuition fee of \$30 must accompany the application to be considered. Applications are now available at the Roselle Park Police Headquarters. For more information contact Officer Jessica Cambronero (jcambronero@roselleparkpd.org) or Officer Ryan Hokanson (rhokanson@roselleparkpd.org).



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