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The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ Stephen Fuller Quintet, Saturday, June 10, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the 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.

Stephen Fuller's deep rich voice and soulful renditions have long made him a favorite with sophisticated audiences around the world, performing in Israel, Jamaica, Costa Rica and The US Virgin Islands. In addition to his overseas engagements, Fuller has also performed in renowned New York City and New Jersey venues and has opened for both Stevie Wonder and Bill Withers while attending Colgate University.

Stephen will perform at the Roadhouse with his quintet. Last year he did a total calypso show which got the audience totally involved and thrilled. Stephen has always been top notch entertainment. This show he's working on some special treats for us.

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

**SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ JUNE SHOW** 

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. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.



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## THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY IS HATCHING

Invasive Insect Is a Danger to Trees, Decorative Plantings, and Agriculture

Residents are reminded to keep an eye out for the invasive spotted lanternfly that has caused damage to residential and agricultural plants and trees throughout the area. Residents are asked to check trees, fences, and other flat surfaces around their homes and neighborhoods for egg masses, as well as grown lanternflies and Stomp Them Out!

The spotted lanternfly is native to China, India, and Vietnam. It was first sighted in the United States in Pennsylvania, and has since spread to surrounding states, including New Jersey. The spotted lanternfly was first discovered in Somerset County in 2019. While not harmful to humans or animals, this invasive insect feeds on the sap of many different hardwood trees, scrubs, ornamental plants, and has the potential to impact agricultural crops of economic importance such as grape vines, hops, and apple orchards. Feeding damage caused by the spotted lanternfly significantly stresses the affected plants which can lead to decreased health and potential crop loss.

Residents and visitors are advised to keep an eye out for spotted lanternflies and their egg masses and kill them on sight. Destroying spotted lanternfly egg masses before they hatch is the best way to limit their spread. Eggs can be laid on any flat hard surface including metal, wood, and plastic. Egg masses are commonly found on fence posts, telephone poles, lawn furniture, and the underside of tree branches. Egg laying begins in September and continues through November or until the first freeze.

While adult spotted lanternflies do not survive the cold winters, their egg masses do. Beginning in May through June, the eggs will start to hatch and mature through their life stages into adulthood. Join the battle to beat the bug and help us Stomp Them Out!

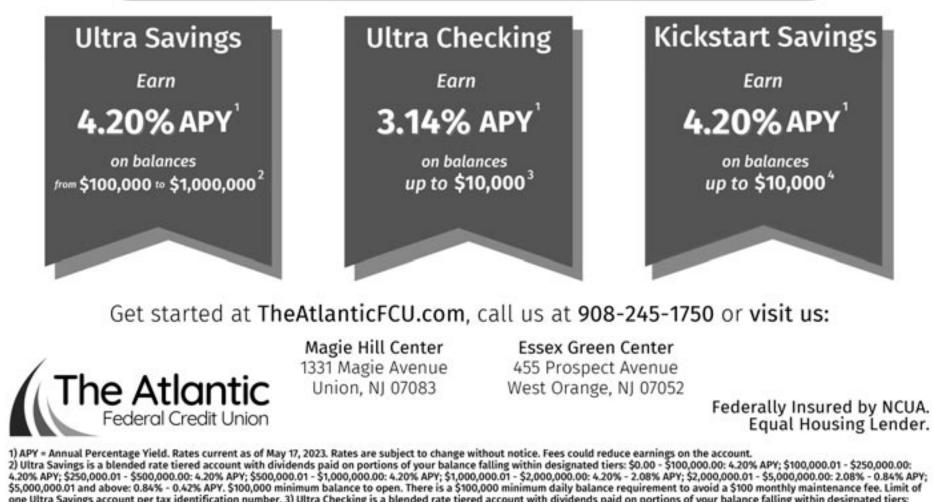
#### IF YOU FIND SPOTTED LANTERNFLY EGG MASSES:

• Scrape egg masses using scraper cards, or

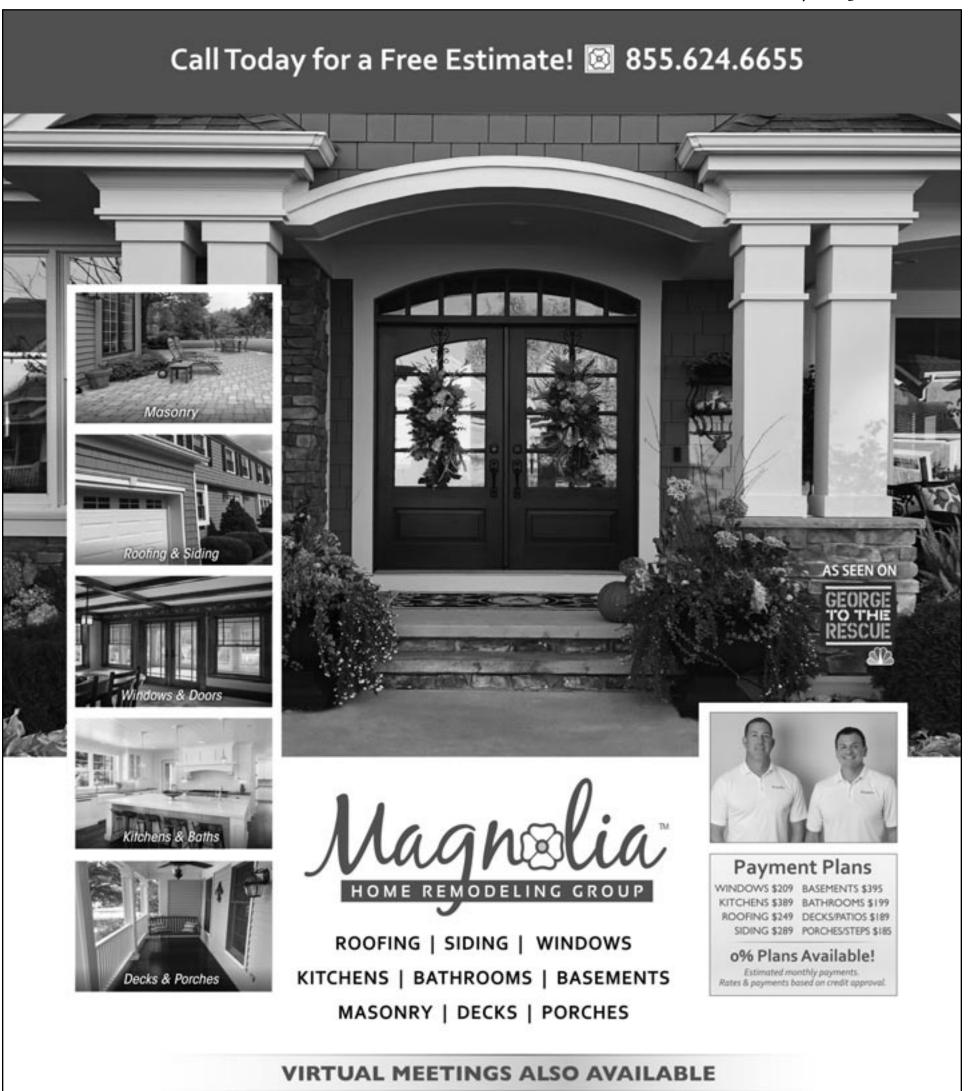
- anything else that is hard, tapered and/or flatKill eggs by putting them into doubled bags,
- using alcohol/hand sanitizer, or by smashing



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# VIRTUAL WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER FOR GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA is hosting a Virtual Wine Tasting Fundraiser to support YMCA Summer Day Camp financial assistance on Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. Global Wine Tour Sampling Kit reservations are available for purchase through May 31st at tgfymca.org/events and in Y branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union. Each Global Wine Tour Sampling Kit includes 4 specially selected bottles of wine and exclusive cheese pairing selections for \$100. Sampling Kits can be picked up at The Gateway Family YMCA branches on June 7th or June 8th. All participants must be age 21+, and provide photo identification.

The Virtual event, held on June 8th will be hosted by Christine Zubra, Owner, Versi Vino Wine Bar & Kitchen in Maple Shade, NJ. A recording will be available for participants unable to attend live. The virtual event is intended to provide educational and fun facts about the selected wine and cheese pairings.

The unique event will combine individual or small-group social gatherings from home with speakers, socialization, engaging content and educational information online. Virtual Wine Tasting Sponsorships are available to local businesses and community organizations at tgfymca.org/sponsorships in further support of the children in summer camp.

The Gateway Family YMCA has served the community since 1900, and provided over \$250,000 in financial assistance in 2022, ensuring that Y membership, housing, child care, WISE community services and senior socialization is available to all. As a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community in Eastern Union County and

Northern Middlesex County, The Gateway Family YMCA served over 16,000 individuals, families, children and veterans last year.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services for all. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA, visit www.tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or the Wellness Center and WISE Center Branch at 908-349-9622.



(above) "Summer Day camp is a foundational support program for our working families, providing child care, drowning prevention, academic reinforcement, art activities, special events and fun," stated Melynda A. Disla, President/CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Through our Virtual Wine Tasting, we will be providing summer camp financial assistance to those who may not otherwise be able to attend."

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## **COOL ART AT LIBRARY**

IN-PERSON PURCHASES

The coolest place to be this summer is the Elizabeth Arts Council (EAC) annual exhibit – Cool Art in June and July - at the Elizabeth Public Library. 11 South Broad Street, third floor exhibit area.

Cool Art is a mixed media show featuring the work of EAC members Ray Horner, Derek Dent, Sharon Curia, Marjorie Picard, Daphnie Manzione, Joanne Leone, Lydia Watson and Paula Borenstein.

An opening reception is planned for Thursday, June 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the library, third floor exhibit area.

For further information about Cool Art and participating artists, please call the EAC at 908-289-3584.

For library hours, phone 908-354-6060 or check the library website www.elizpl.org.

# **CAR DONATIONS HELP VETERANS**

Submitted by Michael Boll

The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has received countless donations and other awesome support from Renna Media News



(above) Diane R. recently donated a car to the NJVN. She handed the keys over to "Sarge".

readers. We are extremely fortunate to have so many readers that love helping our veterans live a better way of life. To date articles in Renna Media publications have resulted in 4 car donations. Veteran "Sarge" is the most recent recipient of a car donation after the donor read an article in a March publication. We are blessed to have such a generous following, donations like this will help our veterans get to work, and their medical appointments.

#### ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. Help us save Vets! We are always looking for volunteers, with various skills, to join the team. If you are a veteran or family member that's in need of assistance; or are interested in volunteering, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email mdbollio@optonline.net. To learn more visit njvn.org.





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## **SCOUTS INVITE RESIDENTS TO RETIRE AMERICAN FLAGS - JUNE 14**

Boy Scout Troop 23 and Cub Scout Pack 23 invite all Elmora residents to join them as they retire worn out or damaged American flags on Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14.

The ceremony, in which flags are properly retired by burning, will occur behind the St. Genevieve's Church Convent, 210 Princeton Road, Elizabeth, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair.

Prior to June 14, old flags can be left in the container next to Webby's Woodshed, located behind St. Genevieve's Rectory, near the garages that face Livingston Road.

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(above) Boy Scouts of Troop 23 conducted their annual flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day in 2022. Members of the public are invited to participate in the next ceremony on June 14.





## FARMERS' MARKETS OPENING IN JUNE



The following Markets offer produce grown in New Jersey and sold by the farm that grows it and are designated Jersey Fresh.

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BERNARDSVILLE Saturdays - 9 am to 1 pm CHATHAM Saturdays - 8 am to 1 pm EAST ORANGE Starting in 2023 **HIGHLAND PARK** Fridays - 11 am to 5:30 pm **KEARNY** Thursdays - Noon to 6 pm **KENILWORTH** Tuesdays - 10:30 amto 6:30 pm MADISON Thursdays - 1 pm to 6 pm MAPLEWOOD Mondays - 2 pm to 7 pm METUCHEN Saturdays - 9 am to 2 pm **MONTGOMERY** Saturdays - 9 am to 1 pm MORRISTOWN Sundays - 8:30 am to 2 pm RIVERDALE Tuesdays - 2:30 pm to 7 pm **ROSELLE PARK** Wednesdays - 1 pm to 6 pm SOUTH ORANGE Wednesdays - 2 pm to 7 pm **SPRINGFIELD** Mondays - 11 am to 6 pm



The New Jersey Council of Farmers and Communities (NJCFC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and growing the network of community farmers' markets and farmers throughout northern and central New Jersey.

## **23RD ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY**

Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ - June 8-11, 2023

The Church of the Assumption's annual St. Anthony Italian Feast returns for its 23rd year! The Feast will feature rides, games, live entertainment, homemade cooking, food vendors, a beer and wine garden, nightly 50/50s and a Super 50/50 drawn Sunday Night at 9 p.m. The Feast, located on the Church grounds at 113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park, NJ, begins on Thursday, June 8 and runs through Sunday, June 11. Feast hours: Thursday & Friday 6-10 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 5-10 p.m.

As of press time, the following entertainment has been booked:

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 8:**

6 p.m. - Fusion Dance Centre (Roselle Park) 7:30 p.m. - Planet Dance (Roselle Park)

8 p.m. - Valencia School of Music

(Westfield)

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 9:

6 p.m. - Roselle Park High School Band

- 7:30 10 p.m. Band: Diamonds in Jupiter. SATURDAY, JUNE 10: 5 p.m. - Susie Karlik's Dance Sensation
  - (Union);
  - 6 p.m. Sabre Guild

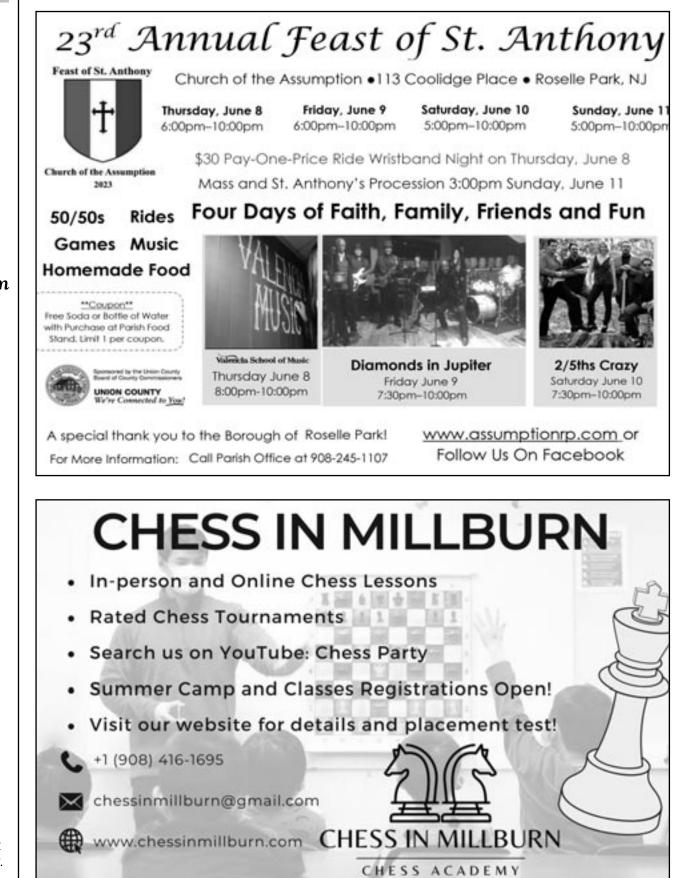
(Star Wars Costuming Group) 7:30 – 10 p.m. Band:2/5ths Crazy

- Sunday, June 11:
- 3 p.m. Mass followed by a procession through the streets with the statue

of St. Anthony;

5 – 6 p.m. - Traditional Italian music (DJ) 7:30 p.m. - Maplewood Glee Club.

Skip the line at the ticket booth and save up to 50% on the price of ride tickets by purchasing them prior to the Feast! Pay-One-Price Unlimited Ride wristbands, available at the Feast for \$30, are valid for Thursday, June 8. Visit the Church of the Assumption website at assumptionrp.com for more information and to buy discounted ride tickets.





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## **INTERNSHIPS HELP STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES BUILD THEIR FUTURES**

#### **COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED**

Your first job: whether you worked in an office, restaurant, store or other business, your first professional experience teaches you about the world of work and grows your chances for future opportunities.

For students with disabilities, that opportunity to start work is harder to come by: the jobless rate for people with disabilities is about twice as high as the rate for those without a disability. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rates for persons with a disability was 7.6 percent compared to 3.5 percent for those without a disability in 2022.

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), an Elizabeth-based nonprofit, is working to change the narrative for students in Union and Essex counties who have a disability to help them transition to a more independent adulthood. Through a nine-week paid internship program



(above) Interns David Peart, Sahir Thompson Jr., and Chad Carpenter at work at Groundwork Elizabeth





supported by a grant from the NJ Division of make money," Chambers said. Vocational and Rehabilitation Services (DVRS), 34 students built their professional experience this winter and spring, most of them for the first time. CAU provides comprehensive supports for individuals with disabilities and youth at risk in New Jersey to help them reach their goals and integrate into the community.

"I feel like I have more confidence in myself and I'm ready for what comes next," said Osayemwenre Akenbor, 19, who worked at Walgreens and learned customer service skills and how to stock a store.

The students recently celebrated completion of their internships at a graduation ceremony at CAU. For five of them, the experience has led to permanent positions. The internship program, now in its fourth year, is part of comprehensive employment services at CAU, including supportive employment (job coaching), career counseling, and pre-employment transition services.

Melody Holiday, CAU director of transition services, joined the employment services team in 2022 to manage the growing program, building the number of participating employers and supporting 26 interns in 2023, compared to 9 in 2022. "It's helping them towards their independence and becoming productive members of society," Holiday said. "The program is about helping them to be successful in their own communities."

Students shared that in addition to CAU supporting them to find and complete their internships, the agency also assisted with transportation training, such as learning how to take an Uber or train, as well as resume preparation and soft skills such as communicating in a professional setting. CAU skills instructors Angela Williams and Williemae Bryant checked in during shifts to provide any needed guidance.

Cashmeir Chambers, 17, assisted in administrative duties at Weequahic High School. "I enjoyed myself, it was helpful and that's what I wanted- my first goal was to get a job there and

The internship experience has also been transformative for employer partners like Jackie Park Albaum, director of environmental justice and urban agriculture at Groundwork Elizabeth. Albaum worked with six interns to train them on working in a greenhouse, building garden beds and general maintenance tasks. Some of the garden beds will be used at community gardens in Elizabeth and at schools around Union County. "We were happy to have the students join us and excited to be their first work location," Park Albaum said. "I think it provided a good introduction to working in a nonprofit agriculture environment and to managing basic tasks."

Park Albaum encouraged employers to hire people with disabilities and reach out to become involved in the variety of workforce development programs that bring in employees with disabilities. "I think everyone brings value," she said. "We can always find a way to put a seat at the table and it's important to include those with disabilities in your workforce."

For more information on becoming an employer partner of CAU, call Melody Holiday at 908-845-2633 or email mholiday@caunj.org. For more information on CAU's comprehensive support services, visit caunj.org.

#### **ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED**

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating 44 years in 2023, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil rights. CAU currently serves more than 3,000 individuals and families, with the number served growing each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.





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## **ELMORA BRANCH LIBRARY JUNE PROGRAMS**

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Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. • Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. • Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. • Sunday: Closed The library will be closed on June 19th

#### Sudoku Time Attack

Every Monday (All Day) All Ages Are you up for a challenge? Every Monday, there will be a new sudoku puzzle to solve. Don't know how to play? The instructions will be posted next to the puzzle. This is a

passive program. **Toddlers World** 

Friday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 11:00am Children's Program An hour of fun songs to sing, music, and playtime

> Father's Day Storytime & **Craft at Green Acres Park**

June 3 at 10:30am Children's Program Join Ms. Martha for storytime and craft at the park. Registration not required.

All Age Lego

Saturday, June 3 at 3:00pm All Ages It's Lego Hour at Elmora on Saturday @3pm. Come build an enormous tower or make a race car; the imagination is limitless!

#### Zumba Gold

Monday, June 5, 12, & 26 and Thursday, June 1, 8, 12, 15, 22, & 29 at 8:30am Adult Program

CALL 908-353-4820 to reserve a spot but walkins are welcome!

**Crochet with Sol** 

Monday, June 5 & 12 and Tuesday, June 6 &13 at 12:00pm Adult Program Learn the tips and tricks with Ms. Sol! She will teach you everything you need to know to get started, from fundamental stitches to understanding gauge.

Monday, June 5, 12, & 26 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm Adult Program Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come & play at the library. Bring friends or come alone & find new partners. Remember to bring your own Mahjong tiles, and we'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players are required to play the game.

**Chess Club for Kids** 

Monday, June 5, 12, & 26 at 4:00pm Children's Program Join our Hybrid Chess Club for Kids every Monday at 4pm. Beginners are welcome!

Adult Scrabble

Tuesday, June 6 at 1:00pm Adult Program Word lovers! Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other likeminded adults.

#### **Teen Garden: Composting**

Wednesday, June 7 at 3:30pm Teen's Program Earn volunteer hours by helping us clean and grow out the garden Lil' Bookworms

Wednesday, June 7 at 5:30pm Children's Program

Kids will share the love of reading, learn to talk about the books they're reading, and motivate kids to read. Ages: 5-8

#### **False Eyelashes Tips with Blanca**

Thursday, June 8 at 10:00am Adult Program Learn how to put on false evelashes at the

Elmora Branch Library. Registration required. Art Workshop

Saturday, June 10 & 24 at 2:30pm All Ages Learn to blend colors, sketch, and many more art skills! An excellent experience for children, teens, and adults! All levels of art skills

are welcome!

#### Stitch & Chat

Tuesday, June 13 at 10:00am Adult Program Come stitch your clothing back up at Elmora! Just bring the article of clothing you want to mend! Assistance will be available.

Stitch & Chat

Wednesday, June 14 at 5:00pm Adult Program

Come stitch your clothing back up at Elmora! Just bring the article of clothing you want to mend! Assistance will be available.

**Adult Spanish Book Club** Thursday, June 15 at 2:00pm Adult Program

Join Martha for a monthly book discussion for adults in Spanish!

#### **Foot Reflexology**

Tuesday, June 20 at 9:30am & Thursday, June 22 at 10:00am

Adult Program

Come to Elmora Branch to learn the pressure points in your feet. Registration required. **Coloring for Kids** 

Friday, June 9 at 3:00pm Children's Program Relax & color at the Elmora Branch for an hour!



**Bubbles aRe Us** 

Saturday, June 17 at 1:00pm Children's Program Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ Join Ms. Martha for songs, stories, crafts, and oh-so-much fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family. **Drawing for Kids** 

Tuesday, June 20 at 3:00pm Children's Program

Join Ms. Martha for a cute storytime and learn to draw different animals!

**Teen Garden: Bug Hotel** 

Wednesday, June 21 at 3:30pm Teen's Program

Earn volunteer hours by helping us clean and grow out the garden

**ESL for Kids** 

Wednesday, June 21 at 5:30pm Children's Program

Join us to learn English as a Second Language with fun interactive activities. For ages 5-12

**Summer Reading Registration** 

June 22 at 2:00pm Children's Program It's everyone's favorite time of the year again..summer reading! Check out our separate flyer for the locations of our registration event!

**Teen Garden** 

Tuesday, June 27 at 10:30am Teen's Program

Earn volunteer hours by helping us clean and grow out the garden

#### **Coloring for Adults**

Tuesday, June 27 at 11:00am Adult Program Drop in for some relaxing coloring fun! Come discover the calming effects as well as meeting

### some good company!

**Junior's Book Club** Wednesday, 28 at 5:30pm Children's Program Tweens will share the love of reading, learn to talk about the books they're reading and motivate kids to read.

Grade: 4-6

**Traveling Lantern** Friday, June 30 at 2:00pm Children's Program Live theatre performance at Elmora Branch Library! Registration Required



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