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SUMMER FUN STARTS AT THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA

Summer is the perfect time to visit the Y and participate in activities for the entire family, including swimming, basketball, pickleball, youth sports and fun family events. The Gateway Family YMCA is celebrating Summer, in every branch and in every program, promising a fresh lineup of classes to spark imagination, creativity and socialization. With options like Summer Day Camp, Swimming Lessons, Youth Soccer, Dance, Basketball and Gymnastics, the Y is bringing the fun this summer, like never before.

Registration begins June 12 for Summer YMCA Programs online at tgfymca.org and at The Gateway Family YMCA's branches in Elizabeth, Rahway or Union. The YMCA Summer program session includes traditional favorites, along with some added unique programs like W.I.S.E. (Wellness, Independence, and Socialization for our Elders) Community Services, Water Exercise, Arts programs and more.

"As many families are looking for opportunities to participate together, and socialize after the isolation of the past few years, the Y provides programs and services to build community, develop youth and create safe experiences," stated Melynda A. Disla, President and CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "We are uniquely positioned to provide essential services like YMCA Housing and Social Services and Child Care, while also offering programs and events to bring our community, and families, together."

In response to the growing obesity epidemic and decline in chronic conditions exacerbated by the global coronavirus pandemic, The Gateway Family YMCA offers programs like Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring, Group Lifestyle Balance and Diabetes Management which are open to the community, offered in multiple locations and taught in both English and Spanish. A free Community Membership is available to provide vital access to chronic disease programming and many family events.

"The epidemic of health disparities in underserved communities and communities of color is something that has come to light during the pandemic, and something we have worked diligently to engage and support for many years," stated Rodger D. Koerber, EVP/COO, The Gateway Family YMCA.

"Our dedication and commitment to meet the needs of the communities we serve in Northern Middlesex County and Eastern Union County, provides our Y with an opportunity to improve reach, access and affordability through programs, services and YMCA membership for all," added Colleen A. Clayton, Chief Membership and Development Officer, The Gateway Family YMCA. "The YMCA offers financial assistance to ensure that everyone has access to thrive."

The Gateway Family YMCA provides innovative 24-hour virtual program opportunities to meet the needs of every individual. These programs have become part of the fabric of every day opportunities, including group exercise programs, water safety education, mental health and skills seminars. Busy families and seniors can visit the Y, take a class online, or any combination of both. In person, the Y provides family and



(above) Swim Lessons

lap swimming, basketball, personal training and all the amenities you would expect, while also teaching water safety for all ages, enrichment to combat learning loss and events for community socialization opportunities, bringing everyone together.

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SUN AND CHEMISTRY FUN

Members of Cecilia Wisniewski's Science Club in Union recently took advantage of the pleasant weather by taking their hands-on exploratory science activities outdoors. The future scientists combined teamwork with sun and chemistry fun.



(above, l-r) Students Sarah Giorgio, Vivian Kluth, Aslan Bonaventura, Sean Bladis, and Ezra McFarlane.

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The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the 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.

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

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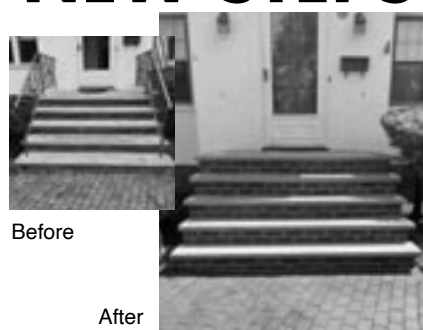


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Mini grants of up to \$750 were awarded to the following teachers:

Cathy Jakositz, Kawameeh Middle School, has been awarded a grant for replacements parts for the aeroponic garden which she received from a prior grant from the Foundation. Ms. Jakositz has used the garden as a catalyst for a Garden Club which was a place where general education students and students with special needs could join and work together to learn how to grow not only plants but friendships as well.

Nicole Kelly, 8th grade English teacher at Kawameeh Middle School, and Danielle Stabler, 8th grade science teacher at Kawameeh Middle School, will receive a 3D printer which will enable the science students to visualize abstract concepts by creating physical models, as well as to design and create prototypes that can be tested and further improved upon as part of the engineering process. Students in the English classrooms can create visual representation of literary settings, historical monuments as they read novels, poems and plays in a way to visualize the setting and understand the context better.

Lauren Kohn and Marcy Musarra, who teach English self-contained grades 9-12 at Union High School, will receive funds for sets of books for each special needs student in their class. These students will be exposed to a variety of genres, explore literature as a form of entertainment and make connections to real life skills.

Thomas Lubanski, CAST teacher at Union High School, and Sandra Mangarella, Screenwriting 9-12 and other Language Arts classes teacher at Union High School, requested funds that will enable their students to enter nationwide contests where they can showcase their talents in screenwriting and television production. Having entry fees paid will provide students with a chance to build a professional portfolio which they can showcase to industry professionals and receive feedback and national recognition for their efforts.

LaShanna Armour, Integrated Preschool teacher at Hannah Caldwell, has been awarded a grant to purchase materials which will support her preschool students with extra support and guidance in mastering the early stage of self-regulating their strong emotions with materials for stimulating experiences to creatively explore and engage in tactile play.

Macro-grants of up to \$5,000 have been awarded to:

Lisa Krauze, media specialist at Kawameeh Middle School, and John Irwin, media specialist at Burnet Middle School, cooperated on a grant proposal for both schools which requested funds for materials that are print books and also contain an audio component which allows students to read along to help strengthen the reading skills and help students to learn to pronounce new words as they learn them. These books are especially geared towards students with special

needs and students who are learning the English language. These books will enable students at all reading abilities and levels to select and read printed books on their own.

Jha'Lon Motley, Pre-K teacher at Hannah Caldwell, will receive materials that will enable the young students to explore science, technology, engineering, arts and math through play. These specially designed kits will be able to be used for years to come.

Alexia Moriello, Trisha Davis, Nicole Filippone, Ashley Maynard, teachers of self-contained pre-K and self-contained autistic students at Hannah Caldwell School, will receive materials for a Sensory room, that students can use throughout the day to help with self-regulation in order to help them increase the ability to refocus and promote positive classroom behaviors.

Melissa Antolovich, library media specialist at

Hannah Caldwell School and Battle Hill School, requested funds to add a graphic novel and manga book collection to the school libraries. These novels are an accessible way for all students, including those with disabilities, to spark a love for reading. Students will learn to interpret both text and images, a skill needed for students in our media rich age.

Mary Ellen Patricco, fourth grade teacher at Connecticut Farms School, will receive materials for a grant called "Building Math Success." Ms. Patricco believes that students need hands-on and engaging materials to learn math. The students will use "Math Stackers" and "Math Magnets" to help students learn the "why" behind math.

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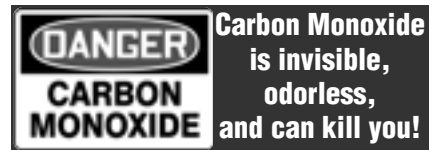
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The Virtual event, held on June 8th will be hosted by Christine Zubra, Owner, Versi Vino Wine Bar & Kitchen in Maple Shade, NJ. A recording will be available for participants

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

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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.

23rd Annual Feast of St. Anthony

Feast of St. Anthony Church of the Assumption • 113 Coolidge Place • Roselle Park, NJ

	Thursday, June 8	Friday, June 9	Saturday, June 10	Sunday, June 11
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2023 FARMERS MARKET SEASON

The Township of Union Annual Farmers Market is back and better than ever with a new schedule and new location for the 2023 season. The Farmers Market will start on Thursday, June 1, from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the parking lot at Biertuempfel Park (1300 Winslow Avenue, Union).

To mark the end of the school year, the Farmer's Market will be hosting a celebration on June 29. From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., visitors can

enjoy a bounce house, a bubble artist, a DJ, and a beer garden with beer, wine and spiked seltzers.

The Township of Union Farmers Market will be held every Thursday from June 1 through October 26, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information about the Union Farmers Market, to register as a vendor or for a schedule of activities, visit uniontwpfarmersmarket.com or call 908-851-5096.

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NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

Michael D. Boll, Director, NJVN

A few years ago, I was approached by a veteran who is a friend of mine who expressed how extremely depressed he was and that he wanted to take his own life. Initially, I was completely shocked because this guy seemed to be upbeat and happy all the time. Immediately, I asked him to come with me to a private office so we could talk about his awful situation. This was the first time in my life that I had a friend talk to me about suicide, and I knew I had to really do my best to help him get through this horrible ordeal. We spoke for a few hours and I listened closely to everything he said. I was able to convince him to immediately get some help and we went to the hospital. I stayed with him at the hospital and met with him when he was released. I did everything to show my friend that I had his back, and because of this he is alive today. This awful situation inspired me to do whatever I possibly can to help others in need, and shortly after the New Jersey Veteran's Network created our mobile outreach program.

In today's day and age, most of you have known a veteran or first responder who has taken their own life. We lose nearly 22 veterans and approximately 300 first responders every year to suicide. Even with all the awareness and new anti-suicide programs available, this number has not changed, and in some cases has increased.

The VA hospitals with PTSD and mental health programs are packed with patients and unfortunately, the numbers continue to increase. More of our first responders are also seeking help and are utilizing some of the state programs being offered. So many people want to help and put an end to this crisis, but sadly there isn't a foolproof program available that will stop this ever-growing crisis from destroying our uniformed heroes and their family's lives.

For the last two years, our team has been working tirelessly with other charities to come up with a better solution to help prevent this

epidemic from continuing. Personally, we believe our Mobile Outreach Team is really making a difference and everyday it helps our uniformed heroes live a better way of life.

The first thing we learned as a team is that we must lose our ego and seek out other groups and organizations that are looking to save lives. Then we find the right volunteers who are committed and dedicated to being a men-tor to a person in crisis. Volunteers are extremely valuable because they want to be there, and they usually care more than the people who get paid for their services.

To date, we have been able to change and save countless lives because of the incredible commitment from the volunteers and other supporting groups. In the next few months we are excited to be launching the "Uniformed Heroes Project," which is a statewide peer support/mentorship program for veterans, first responders, and active duty military. This project is a collaboration between the NJ VFW, NJ American Legion, NJ FMBA, PFANJ,

NJSPBA, NJ FOP, NJ MAVA, NJ legislators, other military/first responder organizations. The Uniformed Heroes Project will provide peer support training throughout the state for volunteers and host numerous recreational therapy events for our heroes in need.

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 njvn1775@gmail.com To learn more about the team please check out our website njvn.org (accomplishments). Help us save Vets!



(above) New Jersey Veterans Network veterans and volunteers at a recent Memorial Day Parade.

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Township of Union

In honor of Earth Day, fourth grade students from Connecticut Farm Elementary School planted a weeping cherry tree on the side of Union Town Hall. The Township of Union Environmental Committee organized the tree-

friendly program.

“In order to best protect our environment, the work starts with our youngest generation,” said Manuel Figueiredo, Mayor. “Today was an amazing opportunity to educate our youth and give them hands-on experience with the

importance of planting trees and how it impacts our local ecosystem.”

In this program, students were educated about the weeping cherry tree and the importance of planting trees. Mahon Landscaping provided the tree.

Photo by Township of Union



(above) Mayor Manuel Figueiredo, Committeeman James Bowser, Jr., representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Environmental Committee, and the Union Police Department in front of the freshly-planted weeping cherry tree on Friday, April 21.

CAR DONATIONS HELP VETERANS

Submitted by Michael Boll, Director New Jersey Veterans Network

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

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



(above, l-r) Sister Jacinta Fernandes, Founder and former Executive Director of St. Joseph's for 32 years, places soil in a planter in which a tree will be grown along with Julissa Campos, Vice President of the Board of Trustees.



(above r-l) Debbie Durand and Teresa LaStella, organizers for the groundbreaking event, greet guests at the Welcome Table.

Courtesy photos

ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITIES

More than 100 supporters, partners and community leaders gathered at St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth on April 5 to celebrate the start of construction on the agency's new facilities, which will make it possible for the organization to expand and improve services to residents in need in Elizabeth and to achieve its vision of dignity for all. St. Joseph's is one of the largest social service agencies in Elizabeth and Union County, providing residents with food, clothing, household items, prescription assistance, health screenings, mental health counseling, job training and case management.

There are four components to the new facilities plan. The first is to build a food pantry. This new building will give St. Joseph's a dedicated space, a larger space, and a more functional space to operate its food pantry. Perhaps most importantly, the new building will allow the organization to offer a better food pantry model – an individual choice food pantry. With this model, clients will come at an appointed time and will be able to choose their food. The second project is to construct a clothing and household goods distribution center. Clothing and home goods will be displayed in different sections much like one would find in a retail store. The third project is to renovate the former parish hall and church building on campus to expand and enhance the many support services offered by the agency. The fourth project is to reconfigure and repave the parking lot.

Bernadette Murphy, Executive Director, remarked that the overarching goal of the plan is to “serve our sisters and brothers in need with dignity.” At the Groundbreaking Event, she introduced the agency's new logo and tagline, “Connecting Communities – Nourishing Each Other.” To fulfill its mission, the agency relies

on 6,000 volunteers who come from schools, community groups, businesses, churches and other houses of worship in five counties in New Jersey. “In addition to serving the hungry, St. Joseph's is also a place that feeds the hunger to serve,” stated Murphy. The volunteer program welcomes people of all ages, faiths, abilities and economic circumstances to provide hope and hospitality to their neighbors.

Karen Maher, Board President, thanked the audience for their contributions to the \$1,400,000 capital campaign, which will fund the facilities plan. The agency received support from foundations, businesses, community groups and individuals in Union County and surrounding communities. Lead donors included The Westfield Foundation, The Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation, The Mushett Family Foundation, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation, Robert and Marion Schamann Brozowski Foundation, Columbia Bank, The Hyde and Watson Foundation, E. J. Grassmann Trust, The Tepper Foundation, Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and several individual donors.

Harold “Kess” Kessler, Past Board President and the leader of the capital improvement plan, noted that “construction work will be completed in four phases over the next two years. In the first phase, the new food pantry and clothing distribution center will be built and outfitted and the driveway will be reconfigured and repaved.” Kessler stated that the construction work has been planned to ensure that services to the community will not be interrupted. “We are excited to begin a new chapter in St. Joseph's service to the community” noted Murphy.

To learn more about St. Joseph's please visit sjeliz.org.

BUS TRIP TO TROPICANA CASINO AND RESORT TO BENEFIT KENILWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City on Sat., July 29, 2023.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa School parking lot) at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 6:30 p.m. Cost of \$55 includes comfortable motor coach transportation, an approximate 6-hour visit to the casino and \$10 in free slot play. There will be a 50/50 raffle and complimentary door prizes on the bus.

The Tropicana premier casino and resort is a 24-hour gaming destination located on the acclaimed Atlantic City beach and boardwalk. With more than 3,000 slot machines and some 132 table games, plus 30 popular restaurants and eateries, 30 shops, 20 bars and lounges, four pools, an IMAX Theatre, multiple spas and the charming Old Havana ambience of its enclosed mall, “The Quarter,” the Tropicana is consistently

rated as a “Must-See Attraction” in Atlantic City.

For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434. As space is limited, reservations and payment should be made by July 15. Gift certificates for the trip are also available for purchase.

Proceeds from the bus trip will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the restored “living history” museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

The Kenilworth Historical Society (www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org) is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

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Union County Department of Aging (Table event in-person at Main Library)

Thurs. 6/1 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

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Keep Your Balance (In-person at Main Library)

Thurs. 6/1 @ 10:30 am

Yasmin Ofek's no-impact classes can help you establish a better connection between the brain and body while gently strengthening the muscles that keep your body upright and balanced in different situations. Give this popular class a try!

Meditation (Virtual on Zoom)

Thursdays @ 11:30 am

Join Bindu Bhatt for a virtual meditation session. No experience is necessary. Bindu has practiced meditation for over 30 years and wants to share her insight.

Friends Meeting

(In-Person at the Main Library)

Thurs., 6/1 @ 6:00 pm

Join the Friends of the Library at their monthly meeting. New members are always welcome. Come and support your Library.

The Sixties: The Motown Story (In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Sat., 6/3 @ 1:00 pm

Vinnie Bruno takes attendees on a musical journey of the history of Motown Records. Motown, established by Berry Gordy in 1960, has been described as the greatest pop music hit factory in recording history. We will explore how the "Motown Sound" was created and how it has become a worldwide phenomenon beloved by millions to this day, from the "hit machine" songwriting teams to the in-house studio band to the extraordinary roster of recording artists, including Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, The Supremes, Four Tops, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, and countless others. The influence of the house that Gordy built is still standing with 201 No. 1 worldwide hits and counting.

Drop-In and Knit with Beyond Yarn (In-person at Main Library)

Mon., 6/5 @ 6:30 pm

Whether you're an expert knitter or want to learn how, this is your chance to talk with an expert, bring your materials and projects and join us. Adults and teens are welcome. This program takes place at the Main Library. Registration is required, as space is limited.

Drop-In and Knit with Beyond Yarn (In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Tues, 6/6 @ 10:30 am

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LGBTQ Characters on T.V.:

A Talk with Video Clips (Virtual on Zoom)

Tues, 6/6 @ 7:00 pm

LGBTQ people's lives and rights have changed profoundly since the mid-twentieth century.

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Walk in Wednesdays

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Wed., 6/7 @ 12:30 -2:00 pm

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The Wide World of Spices!

(In-person at Main Library)

Thurs., 6/8 @ 6:30 pm

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Caribbean American Concert and Celebration (In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Mon., 6/12 @ 6:00 pm

Mr. JuanMa Morales, founder of the musical group Sonido Costeño, will perform on guitar a high-energy fusion of Latin music and salsa of many classic artists. Mr. Morales' unique sound appeals to broad audiences from all generations.

Not only listen – dance! This program is in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month.

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National African American Jazz Legacy Museum (Virtual on Zoom)

Wed., 6/14 @ 7:00 pm

Description to come. In honor of Juneteenth and Black Music Appreciation Month.

Off the Shelf Book Club

(In-person at Main Library)

Wed., 6/21 @ 12:30 -2:00 pm

Thurs., 6/15 @ 6:30 pm

New members are always welcome. This month's title is The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi.

Madam C.J. Walker: The First Black Female Millionaire (In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Sat., 6/17 @ 12:00 pm

Madam C.J. Walker was the first African-American female millionaire transcending poverty and prejudice to create a line of beauty care products for Black women in the U.S. even though her parents were formerly enslaved.

Rick Feingold tells us all about her.

Movie of the Month

(In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Tues., 6/20 @ 12:00 pm

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Wed., 6/21 @ 12:00 pm

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(above) NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Will Unite Thousands of Organ and Tissue Donation Supporters in New Providence on June 11. To sign up to participate in the 5K Celebration of Life or make a contribution to a team, visit SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

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