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The Church of the Assumption's annual St. Antony Italian Feast was held on Thursday, June 8 thru Sunday, June 11,

2023. Following a Mass on Sunday, a procession was held through the streets with the statue of St. Anthony."



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VENDOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Borough of Roselle Park is calling for all artists, musicians, crafters, performers, and vendors to be a part of the 2023 Roselle Park Arts Festival, and the 2023 Winter Market; two of the community's most highly anticipated annual events.

Each September, thousands of art lovers flock to Union County for the Roselle Park Arts Festival. Artists can now apply to guarantee their own spot on the art walk and performance stages. This popular public event boasts incredible visual artists, musical performances, dancers, food trucks, street artists, activities for adults and kids, and accessible arts! Artists of any media are welcomed to participate by registering.

The Annual Winter Market in December is a three-day long event featuring a wide variety of activities, vendors, and more for residents of all ages to enjoy. Vendors can now apply for a spot in one of the tented booths which are open each day of the event. In addition, Roselle Park is seeking local musical artists to entertain while attendees enjoy delicious food, performances, ice skating, pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and of course... the Borough's annual Christmas Tree lighting!

For more information, and to apply to be a part of either or both of these events, please visit the "RP loves Art" website at rplovesart.org or email info@rplovesart.org.

SUMMER NIGHTS: OPEN MIC AT THE GAZEBO

The Borough of Roselle Park is excited to come together to share their talent. Performances announce a new way for residents to spend their Wednesday evenings this summer; live entertainment in the form of Open Mic Night.

"Summer Nights: Open Mic At The Gazebo" weekly through August 2, 2023. It will showcase local talent performing comedy, singing, playing an instrument, reciting poetry, and more. The goal of the open mic is to provide a venue for artists within the Borough of Roselle Park to should last about five to seven minutes each, and abide by some guidelines to keep the event family friendly, i.e no profanity.

Summer Nights will be held 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 will kick off Wednesday, July 12, 2023, and run p.m. at Michael Mauri Gazebo Park, located at Chestnut and Grant Ave in Roselle Park. This event is free, but donations to the Landz Music school are greatly appreciated. For more information call Casano Community Center (908)-245-0666.

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ROTARY CLUB STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Rotary Club of Roselle Park

Students of the Month is a service project of the Rotary Club of Roselle-Roselle Park funded in part by a grant from the Rotary Foundation. This community service project honors a senior from each of the high schools in Roselle and Roselle Park, including Roselle Park High School and Roselle's Abraham Clark High School and Roselle Catholic High School. Each student receives a personalized plaque commemorating the occasion, a gift card to Barnes and Noble and an opportunity to speak to the group outlining their service to school and community and their academic successes.

The project is coordinated by Rotarian Sarah Costa, Principal of Roselle Park High School. Rotarian Julie Pinho created the program for the Rotary club years ago.

Courtney Washington shepherded the program through the Covid Pandemic.

The Rotary Club of Roselle Park is a service organization which has served the twin boroughs of Roselle-Roselle Park since 1923 - 100 years! The only qualification for joining is that you are a good person who wishes to make a difference in the community, the world and in the lives of others. See what we do at

www.roselle-roselleparkrotary.org, and join our cause.



(above, l-r) Bentley Charles of Roselle Catholic High School, Jamie Stefanski of Roselle Park High School and Tamir Basden of Abraham Clark High School who were selected as May Students of the Month because they exhibit the ideals of Rotary - Service to School and Community - as well as their dedication to academic excellence.

Photo by Bob Zeglarski





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RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION VISITS 4TH GRADERS

Submitted by Rosangela Perez

Robert Gordon Elementary School 4th graders recently had the opportunity to work with and learn from Mr. Dimakos and Mrs. B from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program. Fourth grade teachers Ms. Laidoui and Ms. Karai provided the students with background knowledge, learning opportunities, and a way to connect with nature. They provided innovative science lessons about trees and collaborated with the RCE to bring the learning full circle for their students. The Rutgers cooperative extension presents and educates young learners all over New Jersey. They provide science-based educational programs. For more information visit: njaes.rutgers.edu/extension



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Each week, guests will participate in vocal and physical warm-ups and work on songs with the chorus. The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more.

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HONORING THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING: ANDY MORALES

Submitted by Michael T. Naya, Jr.

Kenilworth resident Seaman Recruit Andy Morales, David Brearley Class of 2020 is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. Growing up Andy attended Roselle Park High School before attending David Brearley High School after moving to Kenilworth with his family in 2018. Throughout his high school career, he played varsity at both schools. After graduation he attended Kean University where he continued to play soccer. In addition to attending Kean, he worked as a waiter at Caetano's Cucina alongside his family.

When asked why he enlisted he said,

"I joined the Navy as an opportunity to start my life. It wasn't an easy choice. I knew what I was going to go through, but I wanted to prove to myself that I could be something. It's an honor to serve the country and I am proud to be a sailor. I enlisted in December and left for bootcamp on January 4, 2023. It was hard saying goodbye to my family and friends, but I was doing this to make them proud. I was doing this to become a better version of myself. I want to be a good man and become the best version of myself."

Morales attended boot camp in Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Chicago. After graduation from Bootcamp, he was sent to Pensacola, Florida, Naval Air Technical Training Center. There he began Navy A School for five weeks and is now awaiting orders to be sent to C School for three weeks. In school he will learn to become an AO (Aviation Ordinance man).

Andy's service to our country is a testimony that anybody can make an impact on their community. Countless Kenilworth residents have served in the U.S. military and Andy now joins those who proudly wear the uniform.

This is part I of an ongoing series honoring those currently serving in the U.S. military from Kenilworth. If anybody knows of anybody currently serving, they should contact Michael T. Naya, Jr. at 732 - 986 - 7768.



(above) Andy Morales is currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

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Northeast Spine & Wellness Center uses diagnostic fluoroscopy to make sure the area that needs treated is the exact area where the injection goes. This is the most advanced method of delivering this pain relieving treatment with 95% accuracy to give you the results you're looking for. The use of Fluoroscopy guided injections sets Northeast Spine & Wellness Center apart. The end result is you living pain free from your chronic knee pain. You can avoid the lengthy and painful road of knee replacement surgery. You can avoid the endless trial and error assortment of potentially addictive prescription medications. This treatment, using fluoroscopy guided injections has seen a success rate of above 85% in those suffering from knee pain related to osteoarthritis, and that includes people with bone on bone involvement. You've suffered from chronic knee pain long enough. Call Northeast Spine & Wellness Center now for a RISK FREE consultation.



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. Hyulgan 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 Derothy 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 Ostcoarthritis 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
- · 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

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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 fluoros



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 fluoros copy 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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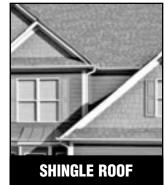




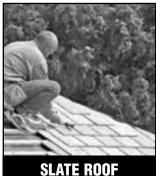




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Borough of Roselle Park

On Saturday, July 1st, for Roselle Park's Annual Independence Day FireworksCelebration will be held at Herm Shaw Field. The evening will be filled with delicious food trucks, games, inflatables, and much more including live music featuring The Purple Shadows! Festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. The widely popular fireworks show by Celebration Fireworks, will begin at dusk. In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be held on Wednesday July 5th.

The Borough of Roselle Park would like to thank Gold sponsors of this year's Independence Day Fireworks Celebration: The County of Union, Breakwater Treatment & Wellness Corp., and Bronze sponsors: Neglia Engineering Associates, JCT Solutions, Colliers Engineering & Design, and Suburban Disposal Inc.

Transportation for Roselle Park Seniors citizens will be provided through signing up at the Casano Community Center. Street closures will be enforced in surrounding neighborhoods will be announced at a later date.

For more information, please call the Casano Community Center at (908) 245-0666.

ROSELLE PARK GOVERNOR'S EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

- Aldene Elementary- Jodi Foy & Laurie Gabriel
- Robert Gordon Elementary- Rosangela Perez & Dena Meawad
- Roselle Park High School- Mr. Francis Maggio & Joanna Zaraza
- Roselle Park Middle School- Kristen Hickman & Chelsea Murphy
- Sherman Elementary- Carlie Parker & Karina DiLillo



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THE FARMERS MARKET RETURNS JULY 15

The Roselle Park Farmers Market is set to reopen starting July 5th, running every Wednesday through October. This open-air market, located at Michael Mauro Gazebo Park, has been providing fresh produce to the community for over 25 years.

"I am anticipating another wonderful year of Farmers Market Wednesdays!" said Market Manager Antonette Signorello. "We have selected some excellent vendors this year and look forward to sharing some of their quality products with the residents of Roselle Park."

This year's market will feature fresh Jersey produce from Miladinov Farm in Monroe Township and Valley View Farms in Newton. Residents can shop weekly for a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, sweet treats and more. In addition, there are craft vendors, food trucks, and a family friendly atmosphere. The market runs rain or shine.

"The market is a great way to support local small businesses, while simultaneously

receiving delicious farm-fresh Jersey produce, it's a win-win" said Mayor Joseph Signorello III "I hope the Roselle Park Farmers Market continues to grow and residents take advantage of this wonderful tradition."

Roselle Park Seniors can register for the Senior Farmers Market Program, on a first-come, first-serve basis. This program offers assistance to low income Union County residents, 60 years or older, to be used toward the purchase of fresh NJ grown produce at various farmers markets. For details and to register, contact the Union County Department of Aging. The Roselle Park Farmers Market also accepts WIC coupons.

The Roselle Park Farmers market is open 1 P.M.- 6 P.M. on Wednesdays at Michael Mauri Gazebo Park on Chestnut Street in Roselle Park. For more information please contact Market Manager Antonette Signorello at 908-245-0666.



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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.

A MASS OF HEALING FOR CANCER

A Mass of Healing for Cancer will be offered on July 7 at the Koinonia Academy Gym, 1040 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 by Fr. John Gordon, Secretary of the Office of Evangelization for the Newark Archdiocese. The Mass is for all cancer patients, caregivers, family and friends to pray for those with cancer or have succumbed to cancer. All are welcome, there is no charge or obligation. For further information call 908-256-1788.

COMMUNITY COOLDOWNS RETURN

This July, the Borough of Roselle Park will be having three Community Cooldown events on Tuesday July 11th, 18th and 25th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The location is near 180 W. Webster Avenue. In case of emergency or inclement weather, this event may be canceled. For more information, please call the Casano Community Center at (908) 245-0666.

Roselle Park Fire Chief Steven A. Thompson is excited for residents to join the firefighters again. "The cooldowns are a fun opportunity for the kids to experience a behind-the-scenes look at how our firefighters train," he said. "I hope all of the kids will come out for this summer event, meet our firefighters and beat the heat throughout the month of July!"



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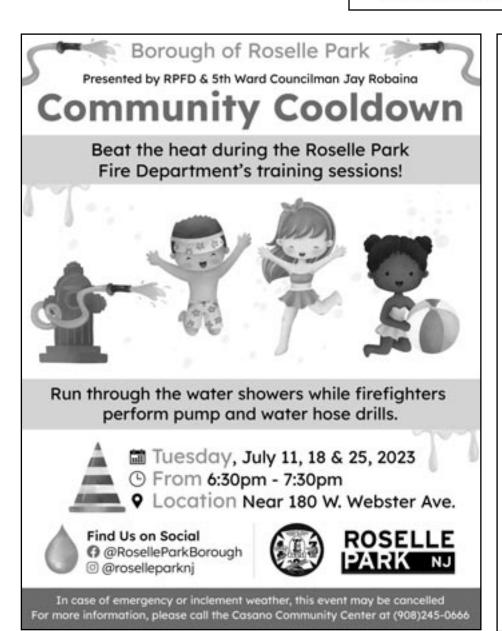


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NJ Sharing Network

came out in support of organ and tissue donation during NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life. The event, presented by RWJBarnabas Health, brought together transplant recipients, donor families, living donors, hospital partners, and dedicated volunteers to help raise awareness about the power of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

Funds raised by 5K Celebration of Life participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors support the Sharing Network Foundation. Thus far, \$1.5 million has been raised for this year's campaign. Campaign contributions can be made until the end of August by visiting SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

"Our 5K Celebration of Life has grown to become one of the Garden State's largest and most-recognized charitable 5K events," said Amanda Tibok, Executive Director of the

On Sunday, June 11, thousands of people raised plays a vital role in powering what we do - whether it is increasing resources focused on clinical advancements, expanding programs to provide the care and support for donor families and transplant recipients, or boosting our award-winning community education and awareness activities."

> Victor DiSanto, Chair of the New Providence 5K Celebration of Life, has a powerful connection to NJ Sharing Network's life-saving mission. His words spoken from the main stage helped energize the crowd at the event.

> "We come together because all of us have been touched by donation and transplantation in some way," said DiSanto. "My son, Joe, is alive and well, thanks to a heart transplant he received 17 years ago. And he just got married this past weekend! None of this happens without our angel - Joe's organ donor, Natalie."

> There are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for

Sharing Network Foundation. "Every dollar a life-saving transplant. However, New Jersey's growing support for organ and tissue donation is providing hope for the future, according to Carolyn M. Welsh, President and CEO of NJ Sharing Network.

> "Here in New Jersey, we have had four consecutive years of record growth in the number of lives saved and enhanced through organ and tissue donation and transplantation," said Welsh. "Last year, we saw a remarkable 21% increase in the number of organ donors and a 12% increase in the number of organs transplanted. We are deeply grateful for the exceptional efforts of our team members, healthcare partners and community supporters."

> One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. There are more than 2.7 million New Jerseyans registered as organ and tissue donors. To learn more and join the National Donate Life Organ Tissue Donor Registry, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

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(above) Thousands of NJ Residents United to Express Support for Organ and Tissue Donation. One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. There are more than 2.7 million New Jerseyans registered as organ and tissue donors. To learn more and join the National Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.











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WESTFIELD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES DRAWS FROM MANY TOWNS

Westfield Community Concert Band

The Westfield Community Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Connors, continues its 111th season with its annual Summer Concert Series in Mindowaskin Park, East Broad Street, Westfield. The band will perform Thursday evening concerts on June 29. July 6 and 13. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the public.

Highlighting this season's summer concerts will be a special Independence Day program taking place on June 29th featuring appearances by the Westfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Westfield Town Crier.

The concert series will also include performances of selections from popular Broadway musicals, including The Music Man, Wicked, My Fair Lady, and Porgy and Bess. All of the band's summer concerts will include popular marches, classical works and many patriotic compositions.

The band has been fortunate to welcome

many new musicians this season, including Kyle Ora on saxophone, Tori Larsen on clarinet, Katelyn Morgan on oboe, Lisa Dubeck on French horn, Karen Zatz on French horn, Julia Duggan on piccolo, and Ann Pollack on clarinet. The band also welcomed the return of a few former members, including Ralph Ciotti on tuba and Michael Conway on euphonium. The band also welcomed the return of Dr. Theodore Schlosberg on euphonium. Dr. Schlosberg is a former conductor of the band, having served in that role from 1972 to 1978.

The band was also selected to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 12, 2023 as part of the 2023 Symphonic Series. The band performed the Robert Russell Bennet arrangement of Porgy and Bess Selection, by George Gershwin and An Irish Rhapsody, by Clare Grundman.

The band rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the Community Room in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street. The band's membership includes musicians from ages 18 to 90, including many active and retired music educators. Under the baton of conductor Dr. Thomas Connors, director of Instrumental Music Studies and an assistant professor of music education at Kean University, the band continues to perform a wide variety of concert band literature, including many contemporary compositions.

Experienced area musicians who are interested in a position with the band should contact band manager Barry Rosenberg

at 908-337-9073

or info@westfieldcommunityband.com.

The band's Summer Concert Series is sponsored in part by the Westfield Recreation Department, Megan Schaffer, Director, and is made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Chairs and blankets are recommended. In the event of rain, the concerts will take place in the Westfield Community Room, located in the Westfield Municipal Building.



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FIBER ENTHUSIASTS GATHER TO SPIN A YARN

Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Public Library

When was the last time you walked into a library and saw a room filled with fiber artists spinning roving into yarn? Well... if you visit the Kenilworth Public Library the last Tuesday of each month that's exactly what you will see.

Fiber enthusiasts recently gathered from around New Jersey to take part in the library's newest program "Spin A Yarn". Participants brought spinning wheels, roving, spindles and enjoyed time crafting wool into yarn.

There aren't many places to go to gather as a group to enjoy this hobby, so staff at the

Kenilworth Public Library decided to try to bring people together. The inaugural session was held in June and was a big success.

The most important part of this group is the gathering of a community of crafters who enjoy the same unique hobby, to share their knowledge about the craft's techniques, and even the business end of it, with one another.

There are larger plans in store for this group. The future will hold a "fiber-tasting" session, where participants can learn about different types of spinning fibers. We hope to offer hands-on technique workshops as well.

This program is free for adults. All are welcome. No registration is required. You don't need any experience to join us, we are happy to help show you how to spin fiber into yarn.

We meet the last Tuesday of each month, from 5 - 7:45 p.m.

Visit our website at kenilworthlibrary.org to view additional programs and services.

The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ. Our phone number is (908) 276-2451.



(above) Kenilworth residents Suzanne and Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Library Senior Programming Library Assistant.



(above) Claudine is a Summit resident. She teaches sewing classes at Fabricland in Green Brook.



(above) Keira from Jersey City.



(above) Charlene, a Green Brook resident, heard about the event thru a friend.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on the Kenilworth Life page on facebook.com Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."



(above) Anne Choi of Bedminister, is the owner of Middle Brook Fiberworks. She is a fiber farmer (she owns Shetland sheep), and is the founder of NJ Fibershed, a network of fiber farmers raising small flocks of sheep, alpacas, goats, and other fiber animals in New Jersey.

Their goal is to promote face-to-face relationships between fiber animals, farmers,

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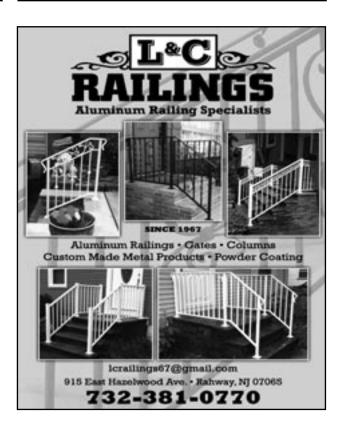
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