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## EAGLE SCOUT KATELYN CANNON NAMED SCOUT OF THE YEAR

*Submitted by Scouts BSA Troop 19*

The annual Department of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Convention was again held at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood this June, where Eagle Scout Katelyn Cannon of Scouts BSA Troop 19, chartered at St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, was honored as the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars "Scout of the Year."

Cannon, a resident of Millburn and a recent Millburn High School graduate was selected by the VFW's Scout of the Year as New Jersey's single standout Scout who exemplifies leadership, patriotism, and love of country. State-wide applicants for this distinguished award are both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who have earned either the Gold Award or achieved the rank of Eagle Scout respectively.

"The challenge (for the selection committee) is that there are so many worthy applicants from all the districts, but I found this year's choice to be easier than most. It's because this person, this Scout, this Eagle Scout, was just head and shoulders above her peers.", said VFW Scouting Chairman, Jim D'Arcy.

"She was in the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts of 2021, now that is going through a glass ceiling." added D'Arcy to a round of applause.

Cannon was requested to address the statewide delegation at the convention where she requested the assembly of dominantly male veterans to close their eyes, as she walked them through a visualization as to what their childhood as Scouts may have entailed.

"Allow me to take you back to your teenage years. Think about the outdoor place that you loved. It may have been a summer camp, or on the riverbed fishing, or even hiking the Appalachian Trail or possibly camping in the Pinelands. Think about those adventures, what did you learn? You were taught to be independent and confident, you learned critical life skills, became leaders, and made lifelong memories and friends along the way. Just think, for over 110 years, these opportunities to learn leadership, experience adventure, and master life-long skills were only open to young men. Now open your eyes. I am proud to stand before you as living proof that your daughters and granddaughters now too can have the same wonderful experience in Scouting and possibly become Eagle Scouts."

Cannon's Scouting accomplishments include being a founding member of Scouts BSA Troop 19, a former Senior Patrol Leader and current Junior Assistant Scoutmaster who has earned 83 merit badges to date, has received the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious awards, as well as a



(above, l-r) VFW Scouting Chairman, Jim D'Arcy, VFW Scout of year - Eagle Scout Katelyn Cannon, and NJ Department of VFW Commander Jay Boxwell.

Photo by Scouts BSA Troop 19, St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills NJ

citizenship medal from American Legion. Furthermore, she was selected to attend 2022 New Jersey Girls State, a leadership and citizenship program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. In addition, she was recently selected as the Sons of American Revolution Eagle Scout Essay contest winner for the State of New Jersey and was national runner-up.

"Scouting and my Eagle project was such an incredible learning experience. Being involved in the program, because of the positive change, has defined my path forward in life.", said Cannon.

"It was and is a tremendous honor for our Post that Katie was selected as the Scout of the Year. We are very inspired by Katie and all that she has done for herself, the Scouting community, our state and great country. It was especially great that our Post was able to sponsor such a well-qualified person to represent our district and state. We here at Post 6259 offer our thanks and congratulations on her terrific achievement.", shared Berkeley Heights VFW Post 6259 Commander Al Campora.

Katelyn Cannon will be embarking on a new journey this fall, studying Public Relations & Strategic Communications at Purdue University.

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## DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF EVENT – SEPT 18TH

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on September 18, 2023.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$851,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, Paramus, NJ, Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), ECLC (Chatham, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, N.Y).

Grant recipients use money to fund health and fitness programs, social skills programs, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, iPads, video projectors and educational toys and games

The golf event is the main fundraising

function for the foundation. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome as well as, product donations and corporate sponsorships. To register online please go to [birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXII](http://birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXII)

### ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation (EIN#20-1760417), is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the Spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in students with autism.

### DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2023

The Drive for Autism XXII is scheduled for Monday Sept 18, 2023 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips.

To register or for additional information please visit

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# THE FUTURE OF REAL ESTATE

## ***GEORGE A. CASTRO IV (21) SELLS RECORD-BREAKING \$4.36 MILLION DOLLAR MANSION***

By: Abraham Friedman

**C**ASTRO - When it comes to the world of business, there is no mistaking that attaining success is anything but an effortless feat. Simply charting a clear-cut way to do so necessitates utmost tenacity and discipline, and to then realize such a goal pivots on consistency. This is precisely what can be said in regard to Real Estate, where one's expertise in communication and character must stand at the forefront of every endeavor, making it a demanding profession, regardless of age. Thus, it's nothing short of outstanding when the youngest in the industry work their way up to greatness, and in regard to those who have gone as far as to break records, look no further than George A. Castro IV of Premier Homes who, at just 21 years old, has realized unprecedented triumph in his career through a most recent transaction worth millions, making a name for himself as the true future of real estate.

Having been acclaimed time and again for his unwavering dedication and ingenuity as a businessperson, it is beyond doubt that George Castro has made impactful strides within the Real Estate industry, and the vast recognition brought about by his latest sale of a new residence is no exception. Located at 420 Ludlow Avenue in Spring Lake, New Jersey, the property was built by "AllertonFox Construction", one of the biggest commercial construction and development companies in Manhattan, New York, and is but one of many multi-million dollar homes throughout the prestigious neighborhood.



As with all his previous work, George enthusiastically took this unique opportunity presented to him, procuring a contract on the property under 30 days from the original listing date. The residence was initially listed at \$3,995,000, and was ultimately sold for \$4,367,000, a whopping \$372,000 above the original listing price. While this in itself is an exceptional accomplishment, it is made even more significant by George's remarkably young age, recognized as the most ever expensive residential sale by a 21-year-old in the entirety of the United States.

Castro emphasizes the importance of his medium of both marketing and selling, a crucial variable in his mastery of Real Estate. In the case of most Realtors who are selling million-dollar properties, they often focus solely on the market and local areas surrounding a particular residence, which is considered an outdated means to advertise to affluent buyers. Meanwhile, George has been marketing luxurious properties to purchasers not only from New York but several states throughout the country and even overseas. It is exactly this which differentiates him from the majority of agents. "There are many rich and affluent purchasers in Manhattan who live in small apartments but are paying hundreds upon thousands of dollars in rent," he states. With his concentration on efficient and contemporary ways of selling, George has been able to hone into this market and grant a myriad of buyers, whether near or far, the opportunity of purchasing opulent homes in New Jersey.

With his record-breaking achievement, George Castro's eminence in the tri-state area's Real Estate scene is ever-increasing and has been actualized by the aptly named "Wonder Boy" in the short span of only 3 years, at that. First setting foot in the industry at 18, his talent in Real Estate was put to the test by the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought change to our lifestyles, and hence, the state of the business. George rose to the challenge without hesitation, honing his potential with ceaseless determination to be greater than meets the eye. "If you're looking to think at all, you might as well think big, and in the Real Estate industry, it's important to always look to have the upper hand" he says.

By virtue of his prowess and passion for Real Estate, George Castro has come to establish himself not only as a distinguished professional in an industry marked by competition but as a paragon of his age. Through 2022 and beyond, he has earned numerous commendations as a top agent in the Premier Homes company and the state of New Jersey. More than that, George is the youngest realtor to have received the 2022 Gold New Jersey Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award, further underscoring his ascendancy in the industry, all through skill well beyond his years.

In recent times, opportunities for prosperity have been sought out on a progressively larger scale, giving rise to new and innovative talent more so than ever before. However, it is George Castro who has proven that the scope of one's success hinges on the individual mindsets of those who strive for it. As he strongly believes "There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limits you place on your own thinking. Usually those who are the most competent and committed, are the ones that rise to the occasion."



# EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL SIGNS OF CAREGIVER STRESS

While caregiving can be a very rewarding and bonding experience, it can also be very demanding. When you're a caregiver it's easy to forget about your own needs while catering to those of your loved ones, creating a stressful and potentially unhealthy situation for both parties.

The emotional stress involved with providing care, particularly for those who are working, can strain even the most capable person. The resulting feelings of anger, anxiety, sadness, isolation, exhaustion – and then guilt for having these feelings – can exact a heavy toll including physical problems.

So, too, can the effects of long-term caregiving. The findings from a study by Sung S. Park, a sociologist and demographer at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, showed that while caregivers suffered more psychological distress and fatigue than non-caregivers, the length of service made a pronounced difference. Long-term caregivers had much higher rates of physical symptoms like headaches, body aches and abdominal discomfort.

What's more, a study published in The Gerontologist, comparing 576 family caregivers to nearly 3,000 non-caregivers

during COVID, found significantly higher rates of anxiety, depression and disturbed sleep among the caregivers (average age 59), most of whom were caring for people over 65.

So how do you know if caregiver stress is affecting you?

## EMOTIONAL SIGNS OF CAREGIVER STRESS

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Moodiness/mood swings
- Butterflies
- Irritability, easily frustrated, road rage
- Memory problems and lack of concentration
- Feeling out of control
- Increased substance abuse

## PHYSICAL SIGNS OF CAREGIVER STRESS

- Back, shoulder or neck pain, muscle tension
- Headaches
- Stomach/digestive problems (upset or acid stomach, cramps, heartburn, gas, IBS, constipation, diarrhea)
- Weight fluctuation (gain or loss)
- Loss of hair
- Fatigue

- High blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, palpitations
- Chest pain
- Perspiration
- Weakened immune system (more colds, flu, infections)

If you are experiencing some of the signs listed above, consider talking with a healthcare professional to help you evaluate your situation.

Remember, it is not selfish to focus on your own needs and desires when you are a family caregiver. In fact, it is extremely important for both you and the person you are caring for that you prioritize your own physical and emotional care.

Try these self-care tips that will reduce caregiver stress, as well as the associated risks of ongoing stress. And try to keep your focus on the benefits of caregiving. Caregiving can give you a feeling of accomplishment, not only for the tasks completed, but also for building stronger and loving relationships with aging family members.

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it – respite is good for you. If family and friends are unavailable, discover the ways that professional caregiving could provide a much-needed break.



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The pantry accepts monetary donations which are exchanged for gift cards to local supermarkets, then distributed to food pantry recipients. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Town Social Worker, or make a check out to the Township of Millburn and mail it to Ana Millan, Millburn Health Department at 375 Millburn Ave. Millburn, NJ 07041. Non-perishables can also be brought to Town Hall during business hours. Thank you for your generosity.



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Amogh Banagere of Millburn attended the 2023 American Mensa Annual Gathering in Baltimore, MD in July. It is the largest yearly congregation of Mensans (Adults & Youth) from across the country. The event spans over 3 days and features STEAM related interactive sessions, presentations, hands-on activities, talks, games and other entertainment.

The event is a great opportunity for Amogh, age 7, to mingle, learn, explore and partake in meticulously curated interactive and immersive STEAM sessions imparting a wealth of knowledge, experience and exposure.

A comprehensive blog of Amogh's achievements and experiences can be found online at [amoghanagere.wordpress.com](http://amoghanagere.wordpress.com).



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On August 8th, Sheldon Landesman, a former faculty member of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University trained in hematology, oncology, and infectious disease will discuss The Early Years of AIDS: Public Health vs. Civil Liberties in Epidemic Times. Landesman will discuss lessons learned and not yet learned.

On August 15th, Davis Haas, former principal X-ray scientist at Phillips Electronic Instruments will discuss How Society Changed on January 5, 1973, with scanning devices at airports.

On August 22nd, Harold M. Heft a retired industry executive whose academic research focused on biopsychology, the philosophy of science, and pediatric autism will speak on "Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – Disorder or Difference?" Is ASD a neurodevelopmental disorder, or a different way of being in the world?

Winding up the month, on August 29th, AP educator Anne Soos, trained in biology at Harvard and Princeton will discuss Climate Change. Among her topics will be physical factors that determine climate, climate distinguished from weather, and carbon capture and sequestration, both natural and artificial.

Past speakers can be viewed at [SummitOldGuard.org](http://SummitOldGuard.org) but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday.

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The Hometown Heroes Banners Program offers various ways for individuals, businesses, and organizations to show their support. Through the purchase of banners and/or donations, community members can contribute to this noble cause. Banners will be displayed on Millburn Avenue and will include the names, photographs, and service details of our local veterans or active military members. Each banner is 24" x 48" and costs \$200, which includes hardware and installation. Furthermore, individuals have the option to purchase additional banners to possibly display at home for a cost of \$150 per banner (excludes hardware).

American Legion Post 140 and Sons of American Legion Squadron 140, are both located at 200 Main Street, Millburn and are dedicated to actively supporting local veterans and youth within our community. A portion of each Hometown Heroes banner sold and/or donation received, will help their mission.

To learn more about the Hometown Heroes

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For inquiries or further assistance to fill out the online form, please email [HometownHeroesMSH@gmail.com](mailto:HometownHeroesMSH@gmail.com) or call Sons of American Legion Squadron Commander Daniel Cannon at 201-323-4990 or Karen Bigos 201-417-1600. They will be available to answer questions and provide guidance regarding sponsorships, donations, and banner purchases.

Together, let us make a lasting impact and ensure that our veterans and active military receive the recognition they deserve. Hometown Heroes Banner submissions forms and payments are due no later than Friday, September 8, 2023, to guarantee display on Veterans Day. Please share this article or our Facebook page, Hometown Heroes of Millburn-Short Hills, with anyone who may have interest in honoring a veteran, active military member or making a donation.

Additional information about the Hometown Heroes Banner Program will be posted on facebook and Instagram with weekly updates and we hope you will follow us @ Hometown Heroes of Millburn-Short Hills.



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## RAIN OR SHINE, IT WAS A WONDERFUL DAY

### Millburn Township Public Schools

Millburn High School graduation ceremony was held on June 22, 2023.

Congratulations! and farewell to the Class of 2023. As a class that has had its share of challenges, from a pandemic beginning in their Freshmen year, to Hurricane Ida, and a drizzly day for commencement, we know they will continue to persevere and succeed. To new beginnings!

Dr. Miron shared the importance of making choices and difficult decisions, with examples from Yoda, Forrest Gump and the Wizard of Oz. He also gave a special thank you and farewell to two staff members who have recently announced they will be leaving Millburn High School for other pursuits. Best wishes to school nurse, Leora Wiener, and Athletic Director, Frank Bifulco.

You will be missed!

Two retiring high school English teachers, Mrs. Ellen Hayes, and Mrs. Ellen Krueger received the Sally deVeer Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Class President, Evan Shidler reminded the Class of 23 that they all belong together, and will carry the essence of their years together into the future.

Dr. Burton talked about the road to success – and that it starts with you. “Success is not a place you can visit; it is not a thing you can buy. Success can not be handed down to you, nor can it be taken away from you. Allow yourself to write your own success story to shine bright. I challenge you to explore your future, courageously, and define your own success story with pride.”

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## SINGLE USE PLASTICS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC), a statewide, comprehensive, litter-abatement program, has honored Union County's Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside with its "2023 Single Use Plastics Excellence in Education Award."

NJCCC Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden presented the inaugural award to Center Director Patricia Bertsch during the recent New Jersey Sustainability in Motion Expo in Atlantic City, which attracted hundreds of attendees from across the state.

When introducing the award, Gemenden explained that New Jersey Clean Communities promotes education to change the attitudes that cause littering. With that in mind, the Excellence in Education Award was designed to honor a business, community organization, school or individual who has achieved measurable results in reducing litter through education.

Union County's Trailside Nature & Science Center, a 4,500-square-foot interactive museum in the Watchung Reservation, was bestowed with this year's honor for "fostering an awareness and appreciation of the natural world, while bringing a creative, inclusive, and immersive approach to learning and enrichment programs," Gemenden said.

She noted one of the center's noteworthy projects was inspired during the COVID-19 pandemic, featuring creation of bottle-cap inspired artwork about plastic pollution.

This eye-catching artwork was fashioned in the shape of marine animals, each paired with educational signage to explain the harm that plastic pollution causes to the environment. These works were placed along trails in the Watchung Reservation, as an outdoor educational walk for park-goers. The initiative was so successful that the artwork has now become a traveling exhibit as various events,

including the Sustainability in Motion Expo.

With a plethora of environmental programs, activities, and experiences curated for children and adults, the Trailside Nature & Science Center consistently rises to the occasion, finding interesting and effective ways to engage a wide audience.

Learn more at [njclean.org](http://njclean.org) and [litterfreenj.org](http://litterfreenj.org).



(above) NJCCC Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden (L) with Patricia Bertsch, Director of Union County Trailside Nature & Science Center with Karen Inzillo and Dario Scholis of Union

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# KATE SCHNEIDER RECEIVES AWARD

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Kate started as a volunteer Counselor-in-Training in 2018, was promoted to Counselor, Camp Leader, and now serves as the Camp Director for the Summer Playground Camp.

Interested in nominating a recreation volunteer or staff member? Fill out the form via this link: [twp.millburn.nj.us/MillburnREcognize](http://twp.millburn.nj.us/MillburnREcognize)

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# TROOP 17 VISITS THE FLORIDA KEYS

## BSA Troop 17

Sixteen members of BSA Troop 17 Short Hills traveled to Sea Base in the Florida Keys this summer to spend a week on a remote island. The Scouts were technology-free for a few days, leaving their phones, watches, and computers behind. They dove right into life off the grid, hand-feeding giant tarpons, catching barracuda, and even preparing mangrove snapper that they reeled in for dinner.

A highlight for many of the Scouts was snorkeling both during the day and at night. They had plenty of chances to observe a colorful

array of marine life, including dolphin, stingrays, sharks, angel fish, eels, spiny sea urchins, yellowtail snapper, and hermit crabs.

The island life presented a few new challenges to overcome and some great opportunities to work together, master new skills, and create life-long memories.

Troop 17 meets on Thursday nights at St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills from September to June and is accepting new members for the upcoming Scouting year.

Please visit [Troop17ShortHills.com](http://Troop17ShortHills.com) to learn more.

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#### A BRIEF CULTURAL HISTORY OF COMIC BOOK SUPERHEROES WITH ALEXANDER CLEMENTE

**Thursday, August 3, 7-8pm,**  
**Hybrid, Auditorium & Online**

In this lecture, we will look at how such heroes came about and why we like them so much.

#### MEDIUMSHIP DEMONSTRATION WITH ROSEMARIE RUBINETTI CAPIELLO

**Tuesday, August 8, 6:30-8pm,**  
**In Person, Auditorium**

RoseMarie Rubinetti Capiello, gifted medium and healer, will discuss what mediumship is: She will teach us about signs and dream visits from loved ones and make some Spirit connections for those in attendance.

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:

#### B/V CLUB

**Friday, August 4, 4-5pm, Auditorium**  
For ages 7-10

Author Insha Fitzpatrick will join us to discuss their laugh-out-loud nonfiction handbook *Hanging with Vampires* from *A Totally Factual Field Guide to the Supernatural Series*.

#### UNLIKELY FRIENDS: STORYTELLING WITH RACHAEL HARRINGTON

**Friday, August 11, 4-5pm, Auditorium**  
For ages 5 and up

Folktales from around the world come to life with Rachael Harrington! This summer she'll tell stories that highlight the theme of unity and friendship, especially finding friendship in unlikely places. Families participate in the stories through song, rhythm, and call-and-response, and the stories encourage social emotional learning and literacy skills.

Registration required.

#### BUBBLE BLAST

**Thursday, August 17, 4-5pm,**  
**Near the Library Field**

For ages up to 12

Kids, join us outside at the library for our THIRD annual Bubble Blast! Create giant bubbles using a variety of household items. Make bubbles of all shapes and sizes. See how big your bubbles can be! Program will take place in the field by the parking lot. Drop in.

#### TOGETHER WE DANCE:

##### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH MISS JOLIE

**Friday, August 25, 4-4:45pm, Auditorium**  
For ages 1-6

Join us for a music and movement class for young kids that ties in songs about kindness, friendship, and unity! Miss Jolie will play the ukulele, guitar, harmonica, and incorporate various props into her fun-filled program.

Registration required.

#### STAY & PLAY: Sensory Play

**August 23, 10:30am-12pm, Children's Room**  
For ages 2-5 years

Children with caregivers are invited to the library to "stay and play!" Stay & Play is a program for young children using toys to encourage play with an emphasis on STEM and developmental skills. Registration required.

#### CRAFTERNOON

**August 23, 4-5pm, Auditorium**  
For ages 4-12

What does crafts + afternoon equal? Why, crafternoon of course! Kids are invited to make a fun seasonal craft in the children's room.

Drop in.

#### TOYS SLEEPOVER

**Monday, August 21 - Thursday August 31**

Hey kids! Bring a lovey/stuffed animal to the library for an overnight sleepover! We will place the toys on the library bookshelves for a good night's rest. You can pick them up the next day -- or leave them for a summer sleepaway experience!

### PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS:

#### MYSTERY NIGHT LOCK IN

**Friday, August 4, 6-8pm**

Can you solve the case? Hang out at the library after hours with your friends!

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**Friday August 10, 3:30-4:30pm, Room B**  
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# SHINING STARS TO MAKE HISTORIC DEBUT AT PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

## Shining Stars Network

After making their successful Broadway debut recently at the Gershwin Theatre, Shining Stars Network, a regional theater group for young adults with disabilities and their typical peers, will be performing a groundbreaking show at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ on August 5, 2023. The esteemed group will perform a selection of songs and dance from Broadway, movies and more! Shining Stars Network will be the first group of performers with special needs to be featured on the main stage in Paper Mill Playhouse history. The Tony award-winning Paper Mill Playhouse has been offering a theater experience since the late 1700's and is excited to bring this unprecedented performance to their stage as part of their Theatre for Everyone program.

"We are beyond thrilled to partner with the iconic Paper Mill Playhouse to bring this show to life," noted Shining Stars Network co-founder & CEO Mike Curci. "Our cast is so excited and we can't wait for our stars to shine at such an amazing venue and to work with the talented Paper Mill team."

The Shining Stars Network cast recently

celebrated their ten-year anniversary of inclusive theater performances with the assistance of typical buddies. It all began in a local home with a karaoke machine and people with disabilities who just wanted to perform to the best of their abilities with joy and acceptance. Shining Stars Network has performed in front of large audiences at the Union County Performing Arts Center, the Paper Mill Cabaret, and most recently the Gershwin theater on Broadway in New York City. They provide a safe and enthusiastic learning experience, culminating with a professionally staged performance.

Tickets for the Paper Mill performance start at \$25 and can be purchased at: [my.papermill.org/shiningstars](http://my.papermill.org/shiningstars).

More information about Shining Stars Network can be found at [shiningstarsnetwork.org/](http://shiningstarsnetwork.org/).

"We're all about inclusion and opportunity while building self-esteem and creating friendships," noted Shining Stars co-founder and Show Director Sally Curci. "There have been so many incredible performances over the years and we can't wait to see our stars shine on the Paper Mill stage."


"Each opportunity offers our special cast members a chance to create lifetime memories," added Mike Curci. "Our ensemble just made their Broadway debut at the "Arts for Autism" concert at the Gershwin Theatre, where they received a standing ovation, and now, the amazing opportunity to perform a full show on the legendary Paper Mill stage will be another dream come true."

SHINING STARS NETWORK is a non profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. founded by Sally and Mike Curci that shines the light on the special needs community by creating opportunities in the performing arts, with the goal of building self-confidence and self-esteem while enjoying the experience of performing on stage. Now entering its 6th year, Camp Shine (for ages 10-20 years) and The Shining Stars Summer Workshop (21 and over performers) are two-week intensive programs open to everyone, including those with developmental disabilities, and will take place Aug. 14-25. To register, or for more information on Shining Stars Network or any of their programs, please visit [ShiningStarsNetwork.org](http://ShiningStarsNetwork.org) or send your email to [ShiningStarsNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ShiningStarsNetwork@gmail.com).

Courtesy photos



(above) Performers with Special Needs take the main stage on August 5th at the Paper Mill Playhouse. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased at: [my.papermill.org/shiningstars](http://my.papermill.org/shiningstars). The Shining Stars Network has performed in front of large audiences, and most recently the Gershwin theater on Broadway in New York City.



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Zip: 07027



Qty: 3,000  
Zip: 08812



Qty: 3,500  
Zip: 07033



Qty: 17,900  
Zip: 07036



Qty: 3,500  
Zips: 07933, 07946, 07980



Qty: 6,300  
Zip: 07940



Qty: 2,900  
Zip: 07092



Qty: 5,100  
Zip: 07974



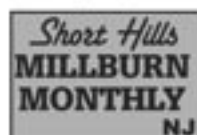
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Qty: 5,600  
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Zip: 07076



Qty: 8,200  
Zips: 07041, 07078



Qty: 9,600  
Zip: 07901



Qty: 6,800  
Zip: 07083 (partial)



Qty: 6,200  
Zip: 07059



Qty: 2,700  
Zip: 07069



Qty: 11,800  
Zip: 07090

### NEWSPAPER AD RATES

Units	Size	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
1 Unit (Business card)	3.25" x 2"	\$60	\$150	\$250	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600
2 Units	6.5" x 2" or 3.25" x 4"	\$100	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1000
4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700	\$1900
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000	\$3400
2-PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700								
BACK PAGE	10" x 14"	\$500								
FRONT PAGE BANNER	8.25" x 2"	\$320								
FRONT PAGE BOX	1.5" x 4.5"	\$240								

Rates are per month. Artwork included in price. Newspapers are black on white.

Back cover, front page banner and front box reserved on first-come, first-served basis. Current advertiser has right of first refusal.

**PREPAY 6 MONTHS AND GET 1 MORE FREE**  
**PREPAY 12 MONTHS AND GET 3 MORE FREE**

Make Checks payable to Renna Media, 202 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016

## ONLINE ADS & PRESS RELEASES DRIVE LOCAL TRAFFIC TO YOUR WEBSITE

- **GET UNLIMITED CLICKS**

An alternative to expensive pay-per-click programs

- **FREE AD DESIGN AND COPYWRITING**

Advertising webpage includes many features including write-up, images, video, Google map, etc.

- **POSTS ARE SHARED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA**

Posts shared on multiple Facebook pages and twitter.

- **PAID SEARCH ENGINE PROMOTIONS**

Posts are promoted by industry, key words and location.

- **TRACKABLE RESULTS**

All ads include a live view counter.

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295

email: JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com

**\$10  
PER POST**

Block of 20 for \$200

Single post is \$20

RENNA  
MEDIA  
.COM

**LocalInfo.com**

## Full Color Flyers and Menus Printed and Mailed to Every Home and Business in Town!

**FLYERS - \$45 PER THOUSAND**

8.5" x 11" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock

Tri-fold add \$10 per thousand. Minimum order \$450

**LARGE MENUS - PRINTING - \$85 PER THOUSAND**

For quantities more than 50,000 cost is \$55 per thousand.

11"x17" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock. Min. order \$850

Includes folding (quarter fold or tri-fold, with or without coupons tab)

**INSERTED AND MAILED TO EVERY HOME AND BUSINESS**

\$60 per thousand. (as low as \$30 per thousand depending on quantity.)

Minimum order \$400

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295

email: JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com

**FLYERS**

**\$45**

PER 1,000

**MENUS**

**\$85**

PER 1,000



## WEBSITE / SEO SERVICES

- **STARTER WEBSITE: \$500**

Basic static site that can be developed further

- **WEBSITE CREATION/UPDATE: \$2,400**

Cost for average website: 12 pages, contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design

- **WEBSITE HOSTING: \$300 PER YEAR**

Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates

- **SEO SERVICES: AVERAGE COST \$1,000 - \$2,000 PER MONTH**

Custom tailored solutions: Google Ranking, Local SEO, Social Marketing

**Call for free a consultation if you need**

**help developing an online marketing plan.**

**STARTER  
WEBSITE  
\$500**

Call Walter at 201-478-7408

email: wwwinnj@gmail.com

## WEBSITE AUDIT/ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION PLAN

- **SEE WHAT IS WORKING AND NOT WORKING**

Know where your web traffic is coming from and why.

- **ELIMINATE / AVOID COSTLY SCHEMES**

Evaluate the return you are getting from your online marketing costs.

- **INCREASE ONLINE MARKETING RESULTS**

Recommendations include ways to increase traffic to your website

- **NO OBLIGATION**

This service is recommended even if you have an existing web management contract. Use it to tune up your marketing plan.

**ONE TIME  
FLAT FEE  
\$250**

**Call for a consultation  
if you do not have a website  
or if need a new one.**

Call Walter at 201-478-7408

email: wwwinnj@gmail.com



## Monthly Sales *at a Glance*

34	\$1,777,382	\$1,931,956	16
HOMES SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET



Find out how we net our sellers the most in the shortest time with new technology, innovative marketing strategies, and the prestigious Christie's branding + network.

## Millburn Recent Sales

For more information about the Millburn market, contact us at 973.953.7777 or 973.615.6504.

ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	GARAGE	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	DAYS ON MARKET
191 Hartshorn Dr	7	6.1	3	\$3,600,000	\$4,170,000	15
415 White Oak Ridge Rd	7	7.3	3	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	10
71 Fairfield Dr	6	5.2	3	\$2,495,000	\$2,870,000	0
20 Quaker Rd	6	4.0	2	\$1,795,000	\$2,147,000	17
319 Lupine Way	4	3.1	2	\$1,265,000	\$1,685,000	8
26 Edgewood Ter	3	2.1	1	\$988,000	\$1,110,000	6

### Just Listed



**48 Doyle Dr, Florham Park—\$1,075,000**

### Under Contract



**12 Avery Ct, Madison—\$725,000**

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