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SPECTACULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES DELIGHT RESIDENTS

This summer, Clark Township upheld its reputation as a vibrant and engaging community, offering an array of recreational activities that kept residents of all ages entertained and engaged. From the cool Tuesday night concert series to the thrilling paddle board experience at the community pool, Clark Township has truly showcased its commitment to fostering a sense of unity and enjoyment among its residents.

The concert series brought music enthusiasts and families alike to enjoy free live performances under the open sky. These musical evenings are offered as part of Clark's commitment to the NJ Mayors Wellness Campaign, creating an environment where neighbors can relax, come together and make lasting memories.

One of the season's highlights was undoubtedly the inaugural cardboard boat races held at the community pool. Residents embraced their creativity and ingenuity, constructing boats made from cardboard, then racing them across the pool's sparkling waters.

For families seeking immersive experiences, the Clark Recreation Day Camp proved to be the ultimate destination. From arts and crafts sessions that nurtured creativity to the exhilaration of foam parties and laser tag battles that brought out the competitive spirit, the camp was a treasure trove of activities. Children reveled in archery sessions, slipped down water slides, bounced on trampolines, and enjoyed pony rides—all within the camp's inviting and safe environment.

The festivities didn't stop there. Summer camp also included a lineup of water days, captivating performances, pulsating DJ sets, and classic carnival games that elicited laughter and excitement. This comprehensive array of activities provided a sense of community and togetherness that resonates deeply for Clark families.

Mayor Bonaccorso expressed his enthusiasm for the summer's success, stating, "Clark Township continues to shine as a place where residents can truly experience the essence of community spirit. The range of activities offered this summer highlights the extraordinary Recreation Department we have under the direction of Ralph Bernardo."

As summer winds down, Clark Township stands proud, having showcased its commitment to fostering a welcoming and vibrant environment for all. The remarkable array of recreational activities that took place throughout the season underscores the town's dedication to creating unforgettable experiences and lasting memories for all who call Clark home and for those that visit.



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9U CRUSADERS WON THE USABL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Clark Little League 9U Crusaders won the USABL Central Metro Division Championship on July 31, 2023.



(above, l-r) Standing: Andrew Marzella, Luke Quinn, Jason Chesney, Colin Martucci, Hudson Miller, Gabe Neyra; Kneeling: Jack Acquaviva, Jake Miller, Max McKee, Marcello DelVirginia, Joseph Agoglia, Landon Doherty.

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10 Washington St., Unit 03
47 Briarwood Path
39 King St.
56 Lexington Blvd.
13 Blake Dr.
213 East Lane
1168 Lake Ave., Unit 4
45 Wendell Pl.
501 Oak Ridge Rd.
309 Oak Ridge Rd.
29 Conger Way
13 Florence Dr.
303 West Ln.
1 Rose Ter.
187 Liberty St.
11 Harding Ave.
40 John St.
77 John St.
17 Hillside Ave.
11 Avon Rd.
81 New York Ave.

42 Kenneth Pl.
1 Kathryn St.
29 Hillside Ave.
9 Shetland Dr.
12 Yorktown Dr.
84 Wheatsheaf Rd.
12 Ascot Way
301 West Lane
1119 Maurice Ave.
1 Longfellow Lane
8 Wendell Place
13 Blake Dr.
42 School St.
29 Harvey Ct.
18 Yorktown Dr.
45 Starlite Dr.
1538 Franklin St.
40 Conger Way
15 Ayers Lane
72 Dorset Dr.
5 Schmidt Lane
269 Willow Way
18 Ginesi Dr.

7 Blake Dr.
43 Willow way
95 Briarheath Ln.
18 Terhune Rd.
1 Jarvais Ter.
39 Frances Dr.
28 Gibson Blvd.
41 Largo Lane
5 Tudor Dr.
111 Westfield Ave.
14 Washington St.
118 Jupiter St.
61 Sycamore Rd.
15 Briarheath Ln.
43 Kathryn St.
54 Harding Ave.
1 Plymouth Rd.
306 Parkway Dr.
75 Union County Pkwy
49 Briarwood Path
549 Valley Rd.
161 Meadow Rd.
16 Nassau St.

160 Meadow Rd.
415 Valley Rd.
49 Joseph St.
23 Ayers lane
110 Sweet Briar Dr.
30 Stanton St.
76 Harding Ave.
53 Stemmer Dr.
291 Willow Way
330 West Lane
139 Jupiter St.
458 Oak Ridge Rd.
307 West lane
93 Jupiter St.
166 Meadow Rd.
67 Lefferts Ln.
41 Oleander Way
160 Riverside Dr.
45 Briarheath Ln.
40 Emerald Pl.
24 Hawthorne Dr.
45 Briarwood Path
21 St. Germain Dr.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 202, 140 ARE IN CLARK

MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY - HOW TO COPE

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Course will be offered by the Union County Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). The course will be starting on Thursday evening, September 14, 2023, and meet each Thursday from 7 - to 9:30 p.m. over a consecutive 9-week period. It is free-of-charge, with all necessary materials furnished at no cost.

The course is offered specifically to the parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adult children, and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The program is not appropriate for individuals who, themselves, suffer from one of the major mental disorders. The course is taught by NAMI members who have completed intensive training.

Curriculum topics include schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder etc., the clinical treatment of these illnesses and how caregivers can learn to cope more effectively. Attendees will learn about new research, medications, skills needed to successfully communicate with a relative and how to deal with critical periods.

Capacity is limited. To register or if you have questions contact Pat Roman at 732-397-8123 or email patroman2@aol.com. Please include in the subject line: F2F Course. A F2F teacher will contact you with the details.



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In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month in September, Imagine will be offering a free community webinar on Grief in the Latinx Community on September 21st from 7 - 8:30 p.m. There will be two webinars held simultaneously with one being presented in English and the other in Spanish.

Those who attend the webinar will be able to:

- Gain awareness of intersectionality and grief as it applies to the Latinx Community
- Learn traditional cultural values within the Latinx Community
- Identify different types of grief and loss that pertain to the Latinx Community

Registration for the English speaking webinar is available through Imagine's website at



imagineenj.org.

Those interested in attending the Spanish speaking webinar do not need to register and can contact Sonia Nunez at sonia@imagineenj.org for more information. Imagine's staff hope to see you at the upcoming webinar!

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community.

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(above) CVES President JH Barr presented Vittoria Grady with the Quinn Scholarship.

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VITTORIA GRADY RECEIVES THE QUINN SCHOLARSHIP

The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad (CVES) is pleased to announce that Vittoria Grady was awarded this year's John and Josephine Quinn Scholarship. Vittoria is a 2023 graduate from Arthur L. Johnson High School. She has been on the honor roll for three straight years and has been inducted into the Spanish, English, and Science National Honors societies. Vittoria has also achieved the Varsity Basketball team GPA award for 2021 and 2022 and highest GPA in Spanish 3 Honors.

Vittoria is a member of Heroes and Cool Kids, which helps middle school students learn the dangers of bullying and the importance of respect. She is a member of the Future Educators

Club and has conducted monthly meetings and made holiday cards for students. Vittoria participated in fundraisers for such things as raising money for "Comfort Kit Drives" for less fortunate students and volunteered in the Science National Honors Society and tutors students.

Vittoria is a Clark resident and is planning to attend college in the fall to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy. CVES is proud to help Vittoria realize her goal by awarding her the Quinn Scholarship. Jack Quinn was a long-time member of CVES and his wife, Josephine, served on its Ladies Auxiliary. For more information on the scholarship or for other information, please contact Susan Alacchi at salacchi@hotmail.com.

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We are in the midst of a great national debate on access to higher education and its cost. Is it fair that many people are saddled with student debt they may never be able to repay? Should the government step in to create affordable access to higher education or forgive loans for millions of graduates? Should employers absorb more of the responsibility for educating their future workforce? While we work toward answers to these questions, one fact is undeniable: Education is the great equalizer.

At Kean University, we see this to a much greater extent than many other institutions in America. Kean serves a significant number of low-income students and those who are the first in their families to attend college. In fact, U.S. News and World Report ranked Kean 46th out of 439 in Top Performers for Social Mobility among national universities. That means we help those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds succeed and graduate. Our students find success regardless of their backgrounds. Each one of them deserves the opportunity Kean offers to improve their own lives and the lives of their families.

The path to higher education should be free from obstacles and wide enough for all who wish to travel it. Without solving the problems of cost and access, it's possible we could live in a country without a robust and diverse higher education sector. Can we really envision the prospect of an America without teaching, research, inventiveness, and social mobility for which American higher education is synonymous?

At the same time, institutions of higher education need to have multiple paths to fund the cost of educating future generations. Education costs money, and we need a full and diverse set of funding resources. Government, private sector support, and individual philanthropic giving are all part of the solution to the challenges students and families face around access and cost of securing a college degree.

Kean University is not unique in that we receive funding from private philanthropy. Over the last five years, more than 9,000 individual donors contributed over \$22,200,000 in support of Kean University. What these donors may not know is that their charitable investments in higher education are not merely a gift to an institution—they are a game changer for future leaders who are pursuing a college degree to level the playing field, to pursue dreams, and to overcome challenges that life has placed in front of them.

As CEO of the Kean University Foundation, I see firsthand the impact higher education has upon those who pursue it. We can all make a difference. America's charities show why even small financial gifts can be part of having a big impact. Time, energy, and talents have tremendous value.

Philanthropy is resilient and, during hard times, Americans respond in extraordinary ways. During the great recession, for instance, the S&P declined by roughly 40%. Over that same time, philanthropic giving dropped by only 7%. When there is a need, and people have the capacity to help, they respond generously.

Every gift — large and small — empowers our colleges and universities to further leverage their impact across the country and around the world. Each and every donor, volunteer, and advocate makes an influential difference in strengthening educational leadership, advancing research initiatives, shaping policy decisions, and helping students (regardless of their economic backgrounds). One of our wonderful students at Kean says it best:

"To my parents who never gave up on me, thank you for instilling in me the importance of education. Obtaining this scholarship was the highlight of my college education. This scholarship was able to assist us financially especially after moving due to unforeseen circumstances and having to pay medical bills for my mom's surgery. It was hard and not thinking about having to pay out of pocket for school was such a reliever. So, I thank everyone who helped me to achieve this huge accomplishment. You have no idea how much it helped."

— **Michelle Gomez**
Recipient of the Uma Dharapuram Scholarship for Women's Studies

I would be remiss if I did not mention that acts of charity are also an investment in ourselves. Philanthropy can be life-changing for the donor(s). Arthur C. Brooks, one of the country's leading policy experts and the president of the American Enterprise Institute, reminds us that "it is a fact that givers are happier people than non-givers."

Of course, philanthropy is about so much more than financial resources. Independent Sector reminds us that volunteers are critical assets to civil society and all of our communities, especially in light of COVID-19. In its newest Value of Volunteer Time report, Independent Sector, with the Do Good Institute, announced that the value of a volunteer hour is now estimated to be \$31.80—a six percent (6.2%) increase compared to 2021. Estimated from data collected in 2022, the figure illustrates the valuable and significant contributions volunteers make every day to support our communities and nation. At Kean University, Board members, committee members, and community volunteers contribute in so many ways.

In many respects, our charitable actions are simply reminding us what makes us human: taking care of each other and doing it as a group to create a bigger impact. By making a philanthropic gift to a college or university—whether it be your time, talent, treasure, or willingness to introduce new friends to an institution, you are positively changing lives.

It has been said that philanthropy is an act of optimism. The act is an investment in a student, a member of the faculty, a vision, an organization. Philanthropy can help fortify the American higher education system by continuing to provide opportunities to our students, who will ultimately do the same for the next generation or create a better world for all of us.

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BOGASH NAMED KEAN VALEDICTORIAN

Anthony J. Bogash, a 2019 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School was named Valedictorian of Kean University's 2023 graduating class. He graduated on May 18th with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

Throughout his collegiate career, Anthony was bestowed as a member of the Lambda Alpha Sigma Honor Society in 2021, inducted into the NJ Collegiate Business Association Honor Society in 2022, and has been on the Dean's list all four years, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Anthony will be pursuing a Master's Degree at Kean University in Global Business this Fall while working as a graduate assistant for one of his undergraduate professors.



Courtesy photo

TOURNAMENT OF BANDS COMPETITION HOSTED AT ALJ

On Saturday, September 23rd at 7 p.m. the Music Parents Association of Clark will be hosting a Tournament of Bands Competition at Arthur L Johnson High School.

This competition will have 11 different Marching Bands from around New Jersey Performing. Our very own ALJ Marching Band will be the last group performing for the night. There will be food, snacks, and drinks available to purchase throughout the event.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Students of the Clark Public School District admission is free!

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SANTA VISITS THE POOL

Clark Recreation

It's summertime and what better time to deck the halls, trim the tree and get ready for a visit from Santa? It was Christmas in July at the Clark Pool this week. The facility was decorated for the holidays and the pool even had holiday inflatables.

During the day, kids were treated to holiday crafts and enjoyed themed treats at the pool snack shake. Santa arrived to greet all the sunbathers and bring good cheer during his first trip of the year. According to some witnesses, Santa gave a sneak peek at the naughty and nice lists to some boys and girls as a little pre-Christmas incentive.

According to pool staff this is the first time Santa has visited during summer, but they are hoping it becomes an annual event.

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Just like tens of millions of other Americans, you were looking for relief from your chronic knee pain. You thought Viscosupplementation injections might be the answer, but the results were disappointing and painful. Don't assume the treatment wasn't right. That could very well be like blaming the arrow for its path to the target when the problem might be the archer. If you didn't get the pain relief you were hoping for, chances are your injection treatment was off target. Unlike blind injections or even ultrasound targeted treatments found elsewhere, **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. Additions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

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

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

How Does This New Treatment Work?

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

Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

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

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

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

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

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

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

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(above) William Dunscombe was inducted into the National Junior Athletic Association (NJCAA) Golf Hall of Fame.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Members of the Clark Community,

As I say each year, the most remarkable aspect of being an educator is that each September we get to start anew, building on the strengths of the past but making the necessary adjustments to become even stronger as we move ahead. For that reason, the opening of our new school year is accompanied by excitement for me. I would be remiss if I did not thank our twelve-month and ten-month/two-week administrators and support staff for all of their diligent work this summer. Their efforts, as always, are a central reason why we will be ready for an outstanding beginning. Our maintenance team led by Mr. John Pingor is deserving of a special acknowledgement for their preparation of our buildings and grounds. They engage in projects throughout the year so that our students and staff are provided with enhanced facilities. The importance of this physical upkeep of our schools should never be devalued. Let us be certain not to forget the strong support from our Board of Education. Their unwavering commitment to our students and staff makes what we do possible.

Schools will reopen for students on Wednesday, September 6. This first day of school is always a most special one and one that we, as a school district, are excited for. This year is no exception. Getting to see a large number of our parents and guardians at our various Back-to-School Nights will be equally rewarding. CPA's is scheduled for Monday, September 11; CHK's for Thursday, September 14; VRS's for Monday, September 18; ALJ's for Tuesday, September 19; and FKH's for Wednesday, September 20. Please know that we, as an administrative team, have an open door policy and are here to address any concerns that you may have. It is our sincere hope to continue to "inspire greatness" through our work.

Respectfully yours,

Edward Grande
Superintendent of Schools

Caring Contact Crisis Line

Residents from Westfield, Summit, Linden, Clark, Florham Park and North Plainfield completed training in June to become volunteers on the Caring Contact crisis hotline. During the 52-hours of training the graduates developed the ability to listen actively, assess the needs of someone in crisis and provide empathy and support. The training included dynamic and interactive presentations by guest experts in active listening, grief recovery, mental health issues and suicide intervention. Volunteer Listener Training was taught by trainers who are long-time listeners and nationally certified instructors in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

"This training and volunteer opportunity is ideal for people of varying backgrounds - retirees, empty-nesters, stay-at-home parents, and full-time professionals" said Mary Claire Givelber, Caring Contact's executive director. "Many of our listeners are looking for something meaningful to do after they retire, or their children leave home. Full-time professionals also participate finding the flexible volunteer hours work well with their work obligations."

Following the training, new volunteer crisis counselors are supported by seasoned listeners

during 24 hours of internship before they take calls on their own. Even once a volunteer is a certified listener, Caring Contact provides a range of support and training opportunities to allow them to keep honing their skills.

The next volunteer crisis counselor training begins September 20th through December 13th. The training will run once a week on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will be a combination of in-person training and via Zoom. Anyone interested in registering for the training should visit caringcontact.org/listener-training/ or call the Caring Contact administrative offices for more information at 908-301-1899.

Caring Contact is a volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community, providing active listening support and best-in-class training to the Central and Northern New Jersey community. More than 80 trained volunteers answered over 17,000 calls last year from people in crisis, having suicidal thoughts or simply needing someone to talk to.

If you need someone to listen, call us at 908-232-2880. If you, or someone you know, are in crisis call 988, the new access code to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

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(above) Caring Contact Crisis Line Graduates Volunteer Class 102. Next training begins in September. Visit caringcontact.org/listener-training/ or call the Caring Contact administrative offices for more information at 908-301-1899.

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This is Home for Good's largest adoption day of the year and is a blast for the whole family. This event is pet-friendly, so be sure to bring your beloved pup to join the fun! All Home for Good Dog alum are invited to reunite with their siblings and former foster families.

Live music will be rockin' on both days from the popular band The Cliffs. Endless entertainment includes food trucks, craft vendors, beer and wine, prize raffles, children's activities, and of course Dog Adoptions!

Gates open 11 a.m. Activities commence at 12 noon and conclude at 5 p.m.

Pre-registered tickets are \$30 for adults & \$12 for children (12 and under). Pre-registration will close on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 6 p.m. Tickets at door: \$35/adult.

To become a sponsor for Woofstock 2023, please email development@hfgdr.org, or go to this link: <https://bit.ly/38VjhQU>

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(above) The 2023 Arthur L. Johnson Crusader Football Team visits the First Children’s School on Friday, August 11, 2023.

Clark Public Schools

On Friday, August 11, 2023, members of the Arthur L. Johnson High School Crusader Football Team participated in a visit to the First Children’s School, located in Fanwood, New Jersey.

The First Children’s School in Fanwood is a stepping off point for children who need highly specialized educational services for some period of time in their lives. First Children’s services extend into the home districts of students with special needs where they are invited to work with faculty and administration to assure that children with special needs get cutting-edge

services in their home schools. The dedicated staffs, including teachers, aides, and therapists, are prepared to deliver their services in the schools and homes of the children they serve. First Children partners with districts and other providers like Children’s Specialized Hospital and Eden Autism Services to make sure that the children receive the very best services possible.

Members of the Crusader Football Team went into various classrooms and participated in a multitude of activities relating to the school’s curriculum.

Anthony DelConte, Head Football Coach, had this to say about the event. “The football

program was thrilled to be able to assist with the daily routines and to participate in activities held at the First Children’s School. It was fun watching the High School Student Athletes as they interacted with the children, and I think both groups not only enjoyed the experience but learned a lot while doing it.”

The Arthur L. Johnson High School Crusader Football Team would like to thank everyone associated with the First Children’s School for welcoming us and allowing us. Come out and support the Crusaders as they open up the 2023 season away against rival Governor Livingston on August 31st.



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On Tuesday, September 5th, Mark Di Ionno Pulitzer Prize finalist writer of the Star-Ledger will speak about his several humanitarian relief trips to Ukraine, his travels there, and the people he met in Ukraine and in Poland. Di Ionno has also written on New Jersey’s Revolutionary War trails and history.’

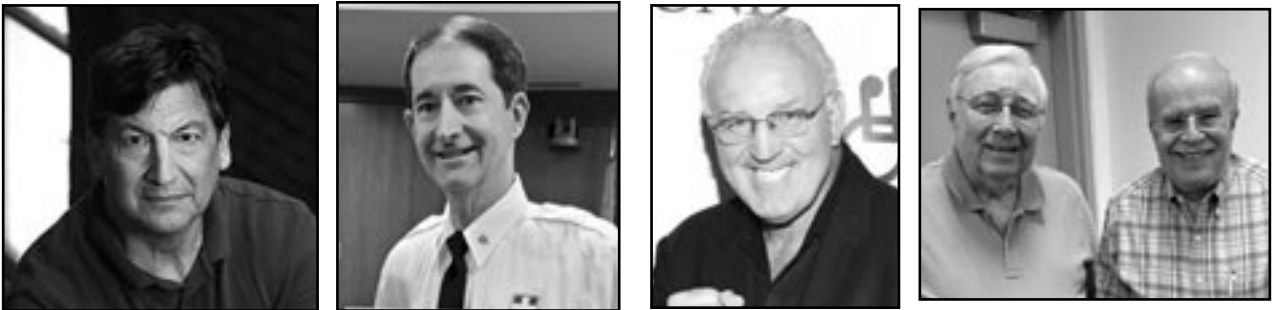
On September 12th, John Staunton will speak about his 38 years with the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, as an EMT and as trustee.

Staunton will also explain the role of EMS services, how 9-1-1 works, and the 61-year history of the Summit Squad.

September 19th, Gerry Cooney will step into the ring. A member of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, many will recall his match with Larry Holmes in 1982. A boxer from 1977 to 1990 Gerry’s record was 28 – 3, with 24 wins by a knockout. In 2019 he wrote “Gentleman Gerry: A Contender in the Ring, a Champion in Recovery.”

Finally, just in time for the first pitch of the World Series, John Cronin and John Nolan will speak September 26, 2023 on the “Fall Classic,” contested since 1903. Both of these local baseball fans and experts will share their incredible knowledge and expertise.

Past speakers and much much more can be viewed at <https://SummitOldGuard.org> but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 AM every Tuesday. “Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends.” We look forward to meeting you.



(above) Mark Di Ionno, (above) John Staunton, Gerry Cooney, John Cronin and John Nolan

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(above) Doran foursome at the 2022 Bernie Yarusavage Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing.

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A free spirituality seminar is being offered by Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains, NJ. Meetings are weekly, and most are on Zoom.

Some of the most interesting and meaningful discussions occur when we talk about subjects that really matter to us. What is important to you? What fills you with joy? What do you seek in life? What do you believe? Alpha was created as an opportunity to examine important topics that ask us to reevaluate what we believe and why.

The four in-person meetings begin with a meal, followed by a short video on various Christian topics, small group discussions and conclude with some summary comments. The other meetings are conducted on Zoom. There are twelve meetings in total. While it seems as though only people with faith are the target audience, all are welcome whether a believer, an atheist, or an agnostic. Come and bring a friend.

Listening is critical to this format. It is as important to understand other points of view as much as to be understood. Dialogue is expected to be respectful not confrontational. No one is forced to talk if they simply choose to listen.

The comments of those who have done the Alpha Program offer the best reasons to "Try Alpha":

"I needed a spiritual tune up and I got it." "It was a safe place to discuss deep topics of faith." "I found a new energy and peace about my faith." "It gave me a sense of hope." "I found my faith again."

The next Alpha Program will begin on

Monday, September 18, 2023 with a dinner at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth Center at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Church, 1571 S. Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains. Since most meetings will be on Zoom it will require access to a device for the Zoom meetings. Links and directions for Zoom will be provided to those who register. Participation is capped at 30 people. Sign up by visiting the IHM website: ihmparish.net. If you have any questions about Alpha, email: office@ihmparish.net or call: 908-889-2100.



(above) Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains to host a free spirituality seminar. Registration is required, please visit ihmparish.net/alpha. If you have any questions about Alpha, email: office@ihmparish.net or call: 908-889-2100.

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The “Pool House Gang” were caught red handed vandalizing a building at Boy Scout Camp Wheeler, in Byram Township, NJ. They are seen here in a “line up” against the wall.

They claim that they were doing repairs and renovations to an old decrepit building at the Boy Scout Camp. But they were seen removing valuable lumber, sinks, toilets, shower heads, and construction materials from the building.

Just kidding. This is a group of dedicated volunteers, including many retired professionals, who volunteer every week all year round at the Boy Scout camps for Patriot’s Path Council in northern New Jersey. These guys pictured have come up every Wednesday and Thursday for several months to renovate the Pool House and other buildings. This group includes retired engineers, an electrician, computer experts, small business owners, and corporate executives.

The Pool House building was built in 1971. The roof was still good, but the wooden walls were completely rotted, and the roof was sagging perilously. They needed to prop up the roof and replace the boards one by one.

Eventually the building will have two bathrooms, two common showers and 8 individual changing rooms on each of two sides. There is a full sized swimming pool behind the building, so all of the chlorination, pumping mechanisms and electrical service are also located inside the building.

The “Flintlocks BSA, Inc.” a 501c3 corporation, is a group of retired scouters who volunteer at the camps every week, all year round, to help the council. They do most of the repairs and maintenance for the three Council camps, but also build new structures, such as cabins, waterfront structures, picnic tables and tent platforms. In 2018 they secured funding and built the STEM Lab at Allamuchy. Second, they make the craft kits for birdhouses, bird feeders, stools, handy boxes, racing sailboats, etc., which are sold through the Scout Shops. Third, Flintlocks volunteer to help run the many Council programs. Three quarters of the Flintlocks have received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest National award a volunteer may receive. The Facebook Page is “Flintlocks” For more information please contact Secretary Dr. Michael Hart drmhart@yahoo.com.



(above, l-r) "Line Up": Al Thomas, Randy Johnson, Frank Wallace, Dave Greene, George Van Dyke, Barry Bird, and Tom Mollitor.

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NEW PROVIDENCE BOOK FESTIVAL – SEPT. 23

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, New Jersey authors will sign books and talk to visitors at the New Providence Book Festival. Located on the grounds of the historic Salt Box Museum, the festival will include a series of presentations by authors.

At 10 a.m., during the children’s story hour, Nadja Springer, Sue Steinhardt, and Selene Castrovilla will read from their children’s books, *The Big Adventures of a Little Tree*, *This is Tap: Savion Glover Finds His Funk*, and *ImperfectPhil is a Friend*.

At 11 a.m., historical mystery novelist Mally Becker will make her presentation, “Bringing the Past to Life One Spy, Mystery and Murder at a Time.”

At 12:00 Noon, novelist Elissa Matthews will speak on “Three Kinds of Historical Fiction – Which One Calls to You?”

At 1 p.m., Susen Edwards will speak on “Writing Your Own Memoir”

At 2 p.m., J.R. Bale will talk about “Turning the Voices in My Head into Novels”

All these authors will be available for book signing. Other authors signing their books include Linda Barth, Michelle Cameron, Michael Stephen Daigle, Steven Farkas, Sarajane Giere, Tom Kranz, Nev March, Linda Raedisch, Eileen Harrison Sanchez, Kal Uddin, and others.

“We wanted to expand this event which



connects authors with readers in a very personal way,” explains J.R. Bale, author and one of the organizers of the event. “With over 17 authors of writing in various genres, it will be a stimulating event for even the most casual book lover.”

Anyone purchasing a book at the festival will be entitled to receive a free raffle ticket for drawings for a gift basket, which will include a Barnes & Noble gift card.

The festival will be held on the grounds of the Salt Box Museum at 1350 Springfield Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The rain date is September 30, 2023. The Salt Box Museum, the site of the festival, is operated by the New Providence Historical Society and will be open for tours, free of charge. Refreshments will be available on the grounds.

More information is available at newprovidencebookfestival.com

BUSY AUTUMN SEASON AHEAD FOR DAR

Following a summer hiatus, members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) resume monthly meetings on Sept. 12 with a busy fall agenda.

Upcoming events include the State Meeting, collecting pet food as a DAR Day of Service project, honoring veterans at an assisted living facility, collecting holiday gifts for hospitalized veterans and participating in Wreaths Across America.

Chapter members will report on summer activities, including greeting new citizens, DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., and a workshop to preserve historic cemeteries. Members are also working on a state project to create an index of N.J. Revolutionary War veterans by county.

Do you have an ancestor who served in the American Revolution, or donated goods, services or paid a supply tax? We can help you with your research and DAR application.

DAR is a service organization open to women 18 and older who can prove descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter is based in Green Brook and serves areas in Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. Contact ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com or learn more at DAR.org.



Courtesy photo

(above) DAR members attended a workshop on how to preserve historic cemeteries at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, N.J.

CRAFT FAIR - SEPT 30

Admission is free. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Clark Library.

Enjoy a day of shopping at the Friends of the Clark Library’s Outdoor Vendor and Craft Fair on September 30 (rain date October 1), from 9:00 - 3:00 at the Clark Library.

Holiday décor, jewelry, books, crafts, and much more. Dinny’s Dinners food truck.

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FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Are you feeling stressed and alone in trying to cope with the effects of a loved one’s mental illness? Union County’s Family Support Group is for family members and caregivers of persons with mental illness. The group is led by NAMI-trained facilitators and is a peer support group that allows participants to gain insight from others facing the same challenges.

Zoom sessions are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. To register, email Denise at: namiunioncounty@yahoo.com with your name, town, and phone number.

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DAVID BRAHAM TRIO AT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents Carrie Jackson and the Jazzin' All Stars, Saturday, September 9, 2023. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8:00 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. The performance will be held upstairs in the church sanctuary.

Pianist/Organist Dave Braham has played with and/or recorded with many of the top names in jazz, including Etta Jones, Houston Person, Lou Donaldson, Al Grey, David "Fathead" Newman, Arthur Prysock and Irene Reid. He has two recordings as a leader – "To Be Free" on the RandomAct record label and "Blue Gardenia" on BlueJay records. He has also taught music in NJ public schools, including Union Public Schools. Dave will be backed up with bass and drums by two of the area's finest musicians, creating a musical treat for all who come to this exciting all-acoustic show in a great listening environment.

Bassist Belden Bullock has quickly become one of the most sought-after jazz bassists in the greater NYC area. He has travelled extensively with jazz piano giants Ahmad Jamal, South African pianist Abdullah Ibrahim as well as the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band. Belden lives in a very talented household. His wife, Audrey, is a very busy professional singer. Their two sons are actors/dancers.

Drummer Willie Martinez is well known in the tri-state area as one of the most versatile percussionists around. He has played and recorded with a wide variety of artists – jazz musicians such as Benny Powell, Mulgrew Miller and George Cables; Cuban bandleader Chico O'Farrill; even pop singer Faith Hill. In addition to drum set, Willie is a master of the timbales and other Latin percussion instruments. Willie can also be seen leading his own Latin Jazz sextet, La Familia.

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 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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Sunday library hours will resume on Sunday, September 10. Sunday hours are 1pm to 5pm.

The library will have a delayed opening on Thursday, September 28 for staff training. Library will open at 2pm.

Open Play for Little Ones

Friday, September 1 & 8 and

Tuesday, September 5 at 10 am

There's no story time today, but please feel free to drop in for open play with the library's toys!

Totally New Tuesdays

September 5, 12, & 26 at 6:30pm

Enjoy a new movie for adults just released to DVD on our big screen. Please check our online calendar or visit the library to check the movies being shown.

Teen Pop Up Positivity

Starting Tuesday, September 5

Come into the library during the month of September to help us decorate bookmarks with positive messages. Bookmarks will be provided by the library. Bring them home to decorate or use supplies in the library. On September 26th at 3:15pm, you are tasked with sticking them in books in the teen section!

Patches and Stitches

September 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 12pm

Bring your quilt or other crafty project and visit with the members of the quilting club.

Chess Club

September 7, 14, & 21 at 11am - 3pm

New members welcome!

Thursday Afternoon Movies

Thursdays, September 7, 14, & 21 at 1pm

Enjoy a movie for adults. Please check our online calendar or visit the library to check the movies being shown.

Tales for Tots

Mondays, September 11 & 18 at 10am

Stories and songs for active listeners. Geared toward ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Older children are welcome! 30 minutes of open play follows.

Union County Aging Services Kiosk

Monday, September 11 at 10am - 12pm

Do you have questions about services available in Union County for seniors or their caregivers?

Come visit the Union County Aging Services Kiosk, speak to our specialist and get answers to your questions.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, September 11 at 7pm - 8:30pm

Friends of the Library monthly meeting.

Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, & 26 at 10am

Babies and toddlers are invited to listen to some books, and learn some songs, rhymes, lap bounces, and fingerplays. 30 minutes of open play follows. Registration is requested. Virtual option is available.

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, September 12 at 1pm

Join us for our next afternoon book club meeting. We will be discussing "The Holdout" by Graham Moore. Please speak with a librarian or email reference@clarklibrary.org if you need a copy of the book.

Digital Literacy Tutoring

Wednesday, September 13 & 27 at 11am

Join us for tutoring sessions on topics including Google Drive, Microsoft, Email, and resume help. Registration is required as sessions are limited to 4 students at a time.

English as a Second Language Tutoring

Wednesday, September 13, 20 & 27 at 2pm

The Library hosts weekly English as a Second Language tutoring sessions. Registration required, sessions limited to 4 students.

Krafty Kids

Wednesday, September 13 at 3:30pm

Join us as we make some fun and creative artwork! Don't forget to bring your imagination and creativity! Registration is required. Geared for entering Kindergarten-5th grade.

Tinker Tots

Thursday, September 14 at 10am

Join us for a morning of fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities perfect for little ones. Play is station based. For children ages 1 through pre-k. Please register.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, September 14 at 7pm

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) helps create, plan, and run teen programs and services they would like offered at the Clark Public Library.

Stories & More

Fridays, September 15, 22, & 29 at 10am

Stories, movement, songs followed by a simple craft for active listeners ages 3 - 5 years old.

Registration is required.

LEGO Club

Friday, September 15 at 3:15pm

Create your own LEGO® structures to be displayed in the Children's area of the library! LEGO® are provided by the library. For children entering grades K - 5.

Teen Gaming Club

Monday, September 18 at 3pm

Drop by the library any time between 3:00-4:30pm for a fun afternoon of gaming. Play some Nintendo Switch games on our big screen or bring your own device. Snacks will be served! Open to Grades 6-12.

Evening Book Club

Monday, September 18 at 7pm

We'll be discussing "Finding Dorothy" by Elizabeth Letts. Please speak with a librarian or email reference@clarklibrary.org if you need a copy of the book.

[Adult Craft]: "Hello Fall" Sign

Wednesday, September 20 at 11am

Get creative as we make a decorative "Hello Fall" hanging sign using Cricut vinyl and acrylic paint.

Little Scientist

Thursday, September 21 at 3:30pm

Learn how to build and create with our Science Experiments! This session we will be focusing on the solar system.

Teen Stress-Less: Paint Pouring

Thursday, September 21 at 7pm

Come and try out some relaxing art techniques in a space that is designed to chat and enjoy the company of friends! Open to Grades 6 -12.

Sunday Afternoon Family Movie

Sunday, September 24 at 2pm

Join us for an afternoon movie about a mermaid who lives in an underwater kingdom with her father and her five older sisters. When a mermaid turns fifteen, she is permitted to swim to the surface for the first time to catch a glimpse of the world above.

Big Feet Dinosaur Show with Muscle Man Mike

Monday, September 25 at 10:30am

Muscle Man Mike and his Special Guest Dina the Baby Dino will take us to the time when Dinosaurs ruled the earth! The Show is filled with dinosaur facts, music and of course, Dino Magic!

[Adult & Teen Craft]: "Hello Fall" Sign

Tuesday, September 26 at 7pm

Get creative as we make a decorative "Hello Fall" hanging sign using Cricut vinyl and acrylic paint. Clark library card holders will receive priority registration. Others will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified if there is space in the class.

Books & Bagels

Wednesday, September 27 at 10am

Enjoy bagels and coffee while we chat about books you have been reading and learn what others in your community are reading as well.

Evening Stories

Thursday, September 28 at 6:30pm

Join us on Thursday for a special evening storytime! Interactive stories, songs, and fun for children of all ages! Registration is required.

Mario Kart Live Circuit

Thursday, September 28 at 7pm

Race a real-world Mario Kart through the Ayers Room of the library. Use our Nintendo Switch to control the kart, or bring your own from home to try it out. Open to ages 5 and up.

Friends of the Library Outdoor Vendor and Craft Fair

Saturday, September 30 from 9am - 3pm

Enjoy a day of shopping at the Clark Library. Fall and Holiday décor, jewelry, make-up, hair products, candles, accessories, jewelry, books, home decor, signs, and much more. Enjoy food by Dinny's Dinners LLC food truck. Bring your unwanted gold and silver and receive money for it with IGC Precious Metal and Gemstone Buyers. Buy your Fall chrysanthemums at our Flower Sale that day. Admission is free. Rain date is October 1. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Clark Library.

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Submitted by Michael Boll, Director New Jersey Veterans Network

For the last few years the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has grown to a full time charity that provides life changing and saving resources. Nearly every day the NJVN is conducting numerous charitable pickups and drop offs throughout the state. To accomplish our vital and important missions, we rely on using our trucks and vans. The NJVN fleet is small, and all the vehicles are used, but they are able to deliver because of both of our team board members, Adam Rempfer, owner of DeFalco's Towing, and Joseph O'Neill, owner of Benner's Auto. Not only have these two men always played a major role with the NJVN day to day operations, they have helped countless people in need.

Adam Rempfer, owner of DeFalco's Towing and Auto Body, joined our team after his shop donated a refurbished car to a disabled veteran. For years Adam and DeFalco's have been donating cars to people in need and hosting various charity events. Also, they have contributed huge financial donations to the Law Enforcement Unity Tour and NJ State Police. Now Adam is a NJVN board member and has graciously taken on all the NJVN vehicle repair and maintenance. However, Adam and DeFalco's generosity doesn't stop there; they have hosted and sponsored numerous events at our VA Hospitals and veteran shelters.

Joseph O'Neill, owner of Benner's Auto Body, was a board member of the NABC Charity Cars, and a few years ago he contacted the NJVN about donating several refurbished cars to our veterans. After working with Joe and Benner's Auto, and seeing what an incredible job they did, we asked

him to join the NJVN team. For a long time, Joe and Benner's have been helping people who were desperately in need, and they have hosted different types of charitable events and galas. Joe is also a cancer survivor and has done a tremendous job raising and providing large financial donations to fight cancer and fund cancer research. Recently, Joe and Benner's Auto have taken on NJVN vehicle care and maintenance.

Every day the NJVN is providing resources to veterans in need, and now we know there is nothing stopping us from completing our mission because of amazing men like Joe O'Neill and Adam Rempfer. Each of them has always put others first and loves being able to help our veterans live a better way of life.

If you would like to join the team, please send us an email at NJVN1775@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, email, and phone number.

Check out more of our accomplishments at our website: NJVN.org. Help us save Vets!!!

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(above) Joe O'Neill
Benner's Auto veteran car donation



(above) Adam Rempfer Defalco's
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