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## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, was held on Tuesday, August 8th in the City of Linden. The event featured free food, fun activities, and giveaways. The main focus was for residents to meet and greet with members of the Linden Police Department and other city officials.

National Night Out is held annually. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information visit [natw.org](http://natw.org).

The Linden Police Department hosted its annual event on Tuesday August 1st. "Building and strengthening relationships is a fundamental part of policing here in Linden," said Police Chief David Hart. "Over thirty-five different community partners came together to make this celebration possible – local businesses, law enforcement partners, City Departments, and elected officials – Community Night Out is community policing live and in person, and it exemplified everything that makes Linden a special place."

We would like to thank Mayor Derek Armstead, Council President Michelle Yamakaitis, and all the members of the City Council who came out for their continued support of the Police Department and all f out efforts to make Linden a safer, more prosperous community. We would also like to thank Union County Prosecutor Bill Daniel, the Union County Sheriff's Office, and the various city departments, organizations, and local businesses who made this event a success including Target, 888 Digital, Walmart, BJ's, Jersey Mike's, All Clean Tech, Applebee's, Starbucks, Shoprite, AT&T, Prevention Links, Aristacare, Café Colombia, Communities in Cooperation, Caring Connection, Linden Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, Patty Sweet Cakes face painting, and Amazon.



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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](http://ihmparish.net). If you have any questions about Alpha, email: [office@ihmparish.net](mailto: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](http://ihmparish.net/alpha). If you have any questions about Alpha, email: [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net) or call: 908-889-2100.

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# THE LINDEN LOGISTICS CENTER

### The City of Linden

The Linden Logistics Center is the largest industrial development in the port of New York/New Jersey region. On June 2, 2023, Advanced Greek won the impact award in the Industrial Project category at United Way of North New Jersey’s Legacy Event. They were given the award for their lease at the Linden Logistics Center, located in Linden for a 735,200 square-foot lease with the multinational electronics manufacturer Samsung. The successful leasing at the Linden Logistic Center speaks volumes about demand for strategically located warehouses in New Jersey and the ability to deliver true economic value.

“This property remained abandoned for decades. Linden has embraced this developer with open arms, given the economic impact this development can provide not only to the City, but to the entire region with jobs. What makes this development even more attractive is that the City is projected to receive over \$200 million in taxes over the 30-year PILOT program.” said Mayor Derek Armstead.

On June 7th, Mayor Armstead and Advance Greek completed a tour of some of these warehouses to celebrate Advanced Greek’s achievement. Cushman & Wakefield served as the exclusive advisor to Advance Realty

Investors and Greek Development arranging \$235,000,000 of permanent financing for Buildings E and G at Linden Logistics Center, located at 600 Linden Logistics Way in Linden. Greek Development partnered with Advance Realty and PGIM to develop the former Dupont and GAF plants that were abandoned in the Tremley Point section of Linden for decades.

The overall size of the development includes seven warehouses, which is approximately 4.1 million square-feet. Other tenants include Peloton, World Distribution Services, and Vanguard Logistics. There are currently three buildings left to lease, which are 1.3 million square feet in total size. This project will generate over 3,000 jobs once complete. The City of Linden is providing economic development in order to create jobs, and improve the industries and communities overall. The developer also has ambitions of having approximately six warehouses with solar panels.

David Greek, one of the principals for Greek Development said, “This project took many years of planning and capital but we’re finally here. We were always confident that this would be a successful project, given the increase in market share in the E-Commerce market demand would be what it is in the last couple years.”

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All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society in funding research, clinical trials, and services for cancer patients and their families.

If you are unable to attend the Wine Tasting, please visit our website at [relayforlife.org/rahwaynj](http://relayforlife.org/rahwaynj) for information regarding cancer prevention, support and services for patients and families, survivor registration, ways to get involved, future events, or to make a tax-deductible donation.

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Carol Mullen, "Monarch," collage, 18x3x5 in.  
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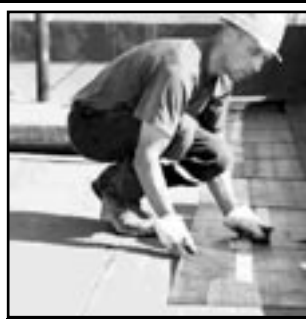
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM GRADUATION

*Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program*

On Wednesday, June 7, 2023 a unique Linden High School Program... EMAP/Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program, graduated colleagues (EMAP students) at AMICI's Ristorante, Linden, NJ where they were awarded their diplomas by Program Founder & CEO, Sy Mayerson and Program Co-Founder & President, Dianne Blazier-Jiosi.

Over 100 guests, including Parents and Family of Graduates; EMAP Alumni; Linden Mayor Derek Armstead; LHS Principal, Charles Koonce; Linden Board of Education President, Dr. Marlene Berghammer; Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rocco Tomazic; Linden Town Council President Michelle Yamakaitis; Linden Chief of Police David Hart; Executive Confidential Assistant to Mayor Armstead, Rebecca Tattoli; Linden Mayor's Youth Commission Executive Vice President, Sue Paulino and Cutting Edge Industries, executives, a Linden company that is a supporter and contributor to the EMAP program. All were there to congratulate the students for the successful completion of the program and to receive their diplomas.

Mayor Armstead, EMAP Founder & CEO, Sy Mayerson and EMAP Co-Founder & President, Dianne Blazier-Jiosi presented Linden Mayoral Proclamations to companies that are very supportive of the program. Cutting Edge Industries' to Tom Hazel, General Manage;

Patrick Chimento, Product Engineering Design; Dan Saporito, Manager, Lite Tops Shade Division for their all day manufacturing facility tour, executive seminars and hands-on creation of product... (missing were Jean Claude Etienne and Eric Tamburro). A proclamation was awarded to The Stage House Restaurant, Somerset, NJ, to Donald "Junior" Erickson, General Manager for

all day onsite seminars for EMAP; to Linden Police Chief David Hart for their community support; Philips 66 Bayway for their financial support and to Giovanni Lavorato, owner of AMICI's Ristorante for hosting very successful EMAP Graduation Events over the years.

This Graduation was the 16th since EMAP was created in Linden.



(above, l-r) EMAP/Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program Graduation June 7, 2023 at AMICI'S Ristorante, Linden NJ: EMAP Alumni Jannice Quevedo, Yuliia Sul, Diana Baginski, Mark Jaeger; EMAP Co-Founder and President Dianne Blazier-Jiosi; Current Linden Board of Education President, Dr. Marlene Berghammer; EMAP Alumni, Angelo Monaco; Linden Mayor, Derek Armstead; EMAP Alumni Mohammed Hossain, Alex Cerna, Angelo McNeill, Alison "Sky" Benitez; Interim Superintendent of Linden Schools, Dr. Rocco Tomazic; EMAP Program founder and CEO, Sy Mayerson.

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This Welcoming Week, September 8 -17, The Gateway Family YMCA will join Welcoming America, other YMCAs and organizations nationwide to celebrate immigrants' contributions to communities and bring together all residents in a spirit of unity. The Gateway Family YMCA invites the community to visit the YMCA Open House inclusive of all, with details and schedules available at [tgfymca.org/events/welcome23](https://tgfymca.org/events/welcome23) including a Community Health Fair with vaccination information, fun family programs, social events for all ages, blood pressure self-monitoring and programs open to the community.

In addition to a YMCA Open House for all September 8-17, The Gateway Family YMCA is offering a Membership Special with \$0 Joiner Fee. Individuals and families are invited to tour and join at any YMCA branch in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, and can join online at [tgfymca.org/join-the-Y](https://tgfymca.org/join-the-Y) with code WEL3 during Welcoming Week.

The Gateway Family YMCA celebrates Welcoming Week with the local communities each year, as part of a commitment to the mission of serving all. Every day, The Gateway Family

YMCA offers a complimentary Community Membership for access to select programs and events for every member of the community focused on chronic disease prevention and social opportunities for seniors and families.

As part of the YMCA commitment for inclusive access, the Welcoming Week Open House also includes a digital and virtual program and social component. Community members are encouraged to visit the Y's website and social media channels to participate in Welcoming Week 2023. For individuals who are unable to visit the Y in person, the YMCA will be providing a Digital Community Health Fair and Community Conversation Prompts throughout the week on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatewayFamilyYMCA](https://facebook.com/GatewayFamilyYMCA) and YMCA Virtual programs are available from home.

Welcoming Week is an annual, non-partisan event that celebrates diversity and the community

benefits of welcoming everyone and their contributions to the social fabric of the country. The Y will be celebrating with themed events for program participants in Child Care, YMCA Residential Housing, Aquatics, Group Exercise and WISE Community Services programs.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a leading 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose, and each other. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y ensure that all have access to the opportunities, relationships, and resources necessary to learn, grow and thrive.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA or Welcoming Week, visit [tgfymca.org](https://tgfymca.org) or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or Wellness Center Branch 908-349-9622.

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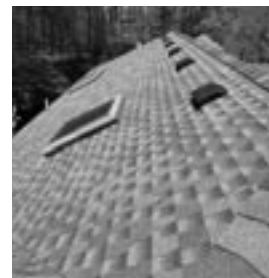
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Head Over Heels is an hilarious, exuberant celebration of love; the story of what happens when the royal court of Arcadia is threatened by the mystical Oracle of Delphi with the loss of its "Beat," the divine power that ensures the

kingdom's prosperity. King Basilius, whose own title is at stake, forces the members of the royal family and court on a journey to the woods in an attempt to escape the Oracle's seemingly unavoidable prophecies. Through a plot containing usurped kingship, unlikely lovers, and gender-fluid disguises, Head Over Heels preaches unconditional love and acceptance of yourself and everyone you know, and uses some of the greatest pop rock hits of the late 20th century.

The season will continue with a musical The Wizard of Oz in December, the farce The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 in March and The Producers in May.

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The Summit Old Guard was founded in Summit in 1930 and meets every Tuesday at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our motto is “Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends.” September speakers include heavyweight boxer Gerry Cooney, Journalist and author Mark Di Iunno, John Staunton EMT and Trustee of the Summit First Aid Squad, and a timely presentation by two local experts on the history of the rapidly approaching World Series. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we welcome you!

On Tuesday, September 5th, Mark Di Iunno 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 Iunno has also written on New Jersey’s Revolutionary War trails and history.’

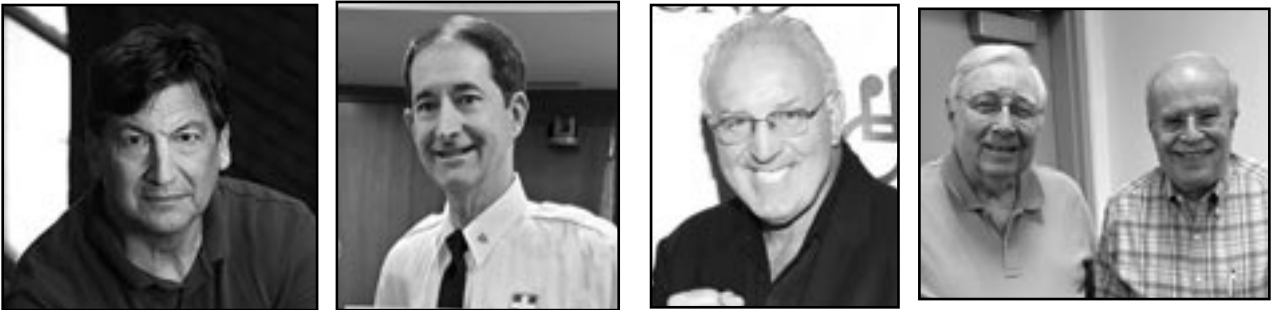
On September 12th, John Staunton will speak about his 38 years with the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, as an EMT and as trustee.

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 Iunno, (above) John Staunton, Gerry Cooney, John Cronin and John Nolan

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### If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

### Consider This Alternative To Surgery

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

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

### How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. 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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## SUMMER DAY CAMP FUN DAY

The Department of Parks and Recreation hosted Fun Day for all Summer Day campers on Friday, August 11th at Al Kalla Park. The purpose of Fun Day is to offer a break from the camp's regular routine and allow campers to engage in fun activities. These activities include games, water play, and special events. This kind of special day creates memorable moments, fosters camaraderie among campers, and contributes to an overall positive and enjoyable summer camp experience. Along with obstacle courses and a bounce house, the children enjoyed the food and ice cream. The vendors who took part in this successful event were Any Excuse For a Party! Inc., Child's Play Challenge, and So Delicious Ice Cream. This was another successful and enjoyable event hosted in the City of Linden.

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## LONGTIME COUNTY COLLEGE GOLF COACH INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Union College of Union County, New Jersey is proud to announce that longtime Golf Coach and Dean of STEM William Dunscombe was inducted into the National Junior Athletic Association (NJCAA) Golf Hall of Fame at this year's NJCAA Division III National Golf Championship held in June in Chautauqua, New York.

The induction took place at the National Golf Coaches Annual meeting, held in conjunction with the NJCAA Division Golf Championships. Dean Dunscombe started his golf career at Union in 1975, serving as Head Golf Coach until 2019. Over the course of his coaching career, Dean Dunscombe had 18 NJCAA National Tournament appearances (both individual and teams), more than 500 career wins, one Region XIX Championship, seven Garden State Athletic Conference Champions, and coached one All-American player. Four of his athletes went on to play professionally. Dean Dunscombe was inducted into Union's own Hall of Fame in 1981.

"The Union community is incredibly proud of Dean Dunscombe and thanks the NJCAA for their recognition of his vast contributions over the past 40 plus years," stated Union's President Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin. "It is the support of coaches, like Dean Dunscombe, that help our

athletes to grow and develop their skills. Dean Dunscombe has inspired many student-athletes during his time coaching, and he should be proud of the mark he has made on them. This is a tremendous recognition."



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

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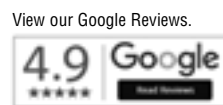
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Hundreds of items at great prices! The Gift & Thrift Boutique is found in The Episcopal Church of St. John The Baptist, 2018 Dewitt Terrace in Linden, NJ. Customers enter the main doors on Dewitt Terrace and follow the stairs to the store. The space is not handicap accessible.

For more information, friend the Gift and Thrift Boutique on Facebook, email giftandthriftboutique@gmail.com or call the church office at 908-925-1535.

## SENIOR BBQ LUAU

City of Linden

The Department of Parks and Recreation hosted a Senior BBQ Luau in August for all their senior citizen members. The event was held at the JTG Center, where the staff was extremely delighted to serve their senior citizens. This was an indoor and outdoor festivity to celebrate the summer season. The great eats that were served included bites from Cadillac Grill and dessert from So Delicious Ice Cream. Along with celebrating the warm summer season, this was a way to have all seniors socialize and create unforgettable memories with the Linden Parks and Recreation Department staff.



(above) Seniors socialized and created unforgettable memories with each other and the Linden Parks and Recreation Department staff.

## AMERICAN LEGION & VFW POST BREAKFASTS

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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 Steinhart, 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 *Imperfect Phil 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](http://newprovidencebookfestival.com)

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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.


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## LIBRARY BOOK SALE SEPT 27TH - 30TH

The Friends of the Linden Library will be holding a book sale from September 27th through September 30th at the library, located at 31 East Henry Street in Linden. Refreshments will also be available for purchase to benefit the Friends of the Linden Library. Donations of books will be accepted through Thursday, September 21st at the Circulation Desk of the library. Encyclopedias, dictionaries, travel guides, text books, Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines and VHS tapes, CD's & DVD's will not be accepted.

The sale will begin with a special preview only for Members of the Friends on Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Others may join the Friends at the door. The general

public may enter on Thursday and Friday (September 28th and 29th) from 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out on Saturday, September 30th between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. when we we'll feature "Bag Day" when a bag of books of your choosing can be purchased for \$5.00 a bag.

The Friends of the Linden Library is established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization and serves as the fundraising group for the Linden Public Library. By statute, it is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with federal and New Jersey state law. For more information about the sale, please check out the library's web page at [lindenlibrary-nj.gov](http://lindenlibrary-nj.gov).

## ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Linden Public Library is excited to announce their lineup of programs for the month of September. We will continue to show movies every Tuesday at 1 p.m. as well as continue our monthly programs such as De-Stress Fest and Adult Craft Club. A full listing of programs can be seen below:

All programs are presented free of charge. Advance registration is appreciated, but not usually required.

Located at 31 East Henry Street, the Linden Public Library has been at the center of social, educational, civic, and cultural life within the City of Linden since its founding in 1928. If you have any questions regarding these or other events at the library, please call us at 908-298-3830 or check out our website at [LindenLibrary-NJ.gov](http://LindenLibrary-NJ.gov). Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

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**De-Stress Fest**

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Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$26.99
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Malibu	1.75L	\$31.99

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Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$37.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$46.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$89.99
Cantera Negra Coffee Tequila	750ml	\$29.99

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Becks (12oz) 24pk	24pk	\$29.99
Blue Moon	24pk	\$36.49
Bud and Bud Lite cans	30pk	\$25.99
Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$22.99
Coors Lite (24oz) cans	12pk	\$18.99
Coors Lite/Miller Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$23.99
Coors Lite/Miller Lite	30pk	\$26.99
Corona/Corona Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$32.99
Dab (16oz) cans	24pk	\$26.99
Founders All Day IPA	15pk	\$17.49
Heineken/Heineken Lite bottles	24pk	\$32.99
Land Shark	24pk	\$29.99
Lech (500ml)	20pk	\$32.99
Modelo Especial cans	24pk	\$29.99
Pabst Blue Ribbon cans	30pk	\$20.99
Pilsner Urquell	24pk	\$30.99
Sam Adams Boston Lager	24pk	\$34.99
Stella Artois loose bottles	24pk	\$32.99
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