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### **CHARITY GLOW RUN FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Submitted by Carl H. Kumpf PTA

It was a glorious night for a walk amongst friends of Carl H. Kumpf Middle School on Thursday, October 12. The kids held a charity event in honor of St. Jude's Children's Hospital and donations of more than \$850 were collected.

Over 85 participants enjoyed dancing to the beat of music around the Arthur L. Johnson High School track; special thanks to the High School Cross Country team that came out to support the charity. Also, a big thank you to the four 8th-grade students who volunteered their time to set up for the event: James Drivas, Mason Immella, Gianfranco Miraldo, and Vincent Motsay.

Everyone enjoyed the night as the lights went out and they all donned light-up glasses and bracelets sponsored by Chris Ragueso of the Clark Education Association.

We couldn't have had everyone dancing around the track without the help from Glenn Robinson (who donated his DJ equipment) and Mr. Joseph Sortino (Kumpf's very own Guidance Counselor) who entertained us all as Master of Ceremony for the evening.

We thank everyone for their donations! It was a wonderful sight to see the community pulling together to help a great organization such as St. Jude's Cancer Research Center for Children.



(above, l-r) Carl H. Kumpf 8th grade volunteers, Mason Immella, Vincent Motsay, Brais Santos, and Gianfranco Miraldo, helped to set up the event.



(above) The Arthur L. Johnson High School Cross Country Team supported the event and ran the track for charity.



(above) Participants for St. Jude's Charity Glow Event enjoy a night of walking and running at the ALJ Track.

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### READING INCENTIVE AT VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL

Clark Public Schools

Medina's Kindergarten class celebrated Valley Road School's Reading Incentive Kick Off Assembly as all of Dr. Seuss's Things! The celebration included a story by fifth grade teacher

Mrs. Jessica Zerella and a schoolwide parade of Mrs. Valerie LaManna and Mrs. Jessica students dressed as their favorite storybook characters. Ms. LaManna stated, "The students had a great time at the Reading Incentive Kick-Off Celebration. We are excited to begin another year sharing our love of reading in kindergarten!"



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**TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 216, 150 ARE IN CLARK** 

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### **GREATER WESTFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES DIRECTOR**

said "The GWACC Board of Directors is excited

to hire Lew Kimble for our Executive Director

position. Throughout his illustrious career, Lew

has demonstrated his high-caliber commitment to success. He is a leader in our community and is

dedicated to growing the Chamber."

The GWACC Chamber of Commerce Board of 15, 2023. Jim Mooney, GWACC Board President created by Gene Janotti over his term as Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Lewis P. Kimble as Executive Director of the Chamber. He stated in this position on October



(above) Lewis P. Kimble

Lew's experience and expertise were built through his career in retail that spanned over forty plus years which included twenty years living and working abroad. Mr. Kimble retired in 2020 from Foot Locker where his role at the time was the EVP&CEO of Foot Locker International, a multi-billion-dollar responsibility stretching across over thirty-five Countries and multiple continents. Lew believes strongly in his organization empowering individuals in an environment that values both diversity and

inclusion. "I am excited about the opportunity to join the Chamber and to build on the foundation

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Executive Director. As an Organization the GWACC serves our membership that stretches across multiple Municipalities which creates a wonderful growth opportunity for us to add value for the existing Members while attracting new Members to our Organization" stated Lew.

Established over 75 years ago, the GWACC is the primary business organization in Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, and Westfield. The chamber promotes business opportunities, economic development, and community growth. GWACC includes 460 member businesses and nonprofit organizations.

For more information about GWACC, visit gwaccnj.com or call the office at 908-233-3021 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The office is located at 212 Lenox Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090.

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### "WHAT AN OWL **KNOWS" LECTURE** AT THE RAPTOR TRUST **NOV. 12TH**

New York Times Best-selling author Jennifer Ackerman joins The Raptor Trust on Sunday. November 12th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. for a discussion of her latest book, What an Owl Knows.

We are excited to bring the 2023 lecture back in an in-person format after several years of virtual presentation! We look forward to welcoming attendees just down the road from The Raptor Trust at the Environmental Education Center (190 Lord Stirling Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920).

General Admission tickets are \$10 (\$5 for Senior Citizens). VIP tickets are \$75 include a copy of What an Owl Knows, preferred seating, and an invitation to the Opening Reception where you will be able to meet Jennifer Ackerman (to occur immediately before the event).

We hope you join us for this Owl-tastic event! more information For visit: theraptortrust.org/ldsmf-annual-lecture

The Raptor Trust is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization. We are dedicated to the fulfillment of three primary missions: To provide free care and assistance to injured, sick, or orphaned wild birds. To educate people about wild birds, especially birds of prey. To provide a humane example for others.





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Westfield Avenue, right next to Dunkin Donuts.



### ALJ FALL PLAY MARVIN'S ROOM

The Arthur L. Johnson Theatre Project will present Scott McPherson's play Marvin's Room this month in the ALJ auditorium, 36 Westfield Ave., Clark NJ.

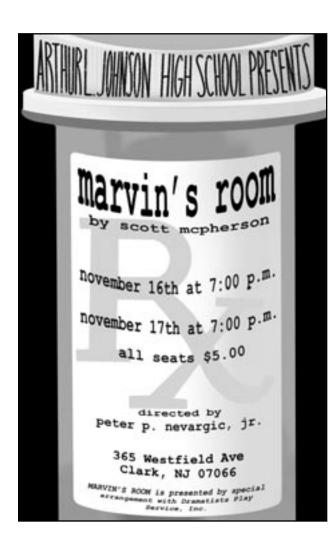
Performances are Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th at 7 p.m. All seats are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door.

This dark comedy tells the story of two estranged sisters who come together after a 20-year separation and realize that there is nothing more important than family. The play made it to the silver screen in 1996 and starred Diane Keaton, Meryl Streep and Leonardo DiCaprio.

The story revolves around Bessie, played by ALJ senior Isabel Cortese, who while taking care of her ailing father and crazy aunt, becomes ill herself and must call on her sister along with her sons in the hopes of their being a match for a life-saving bone marrow transplant. Their reunion does not go smoothly, and in the midst of all the illness and chaos, comedy ensues.

Director Peter Nevargic says about his production, "Many of us have lived through the failing health of a loved one, and through the day-to-day grind of it, there also is a lot of laughter. That is the essence of Marvin's Room. Even in the bleakest of situations, sometimes you just gotta laugh!"

So come see these very talented students, among who are seniors, Maya Soares as Bessie's sister Lee, along with Jason Conrad & Taylor Normann in what promises to be a very enjoyable evening of theatre that will make you laugh, cry, and send you out of the theater with a new appreciation for family.



### RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN

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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. 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

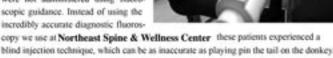
living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- 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 fluoros-



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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Scot Paris MD, FACS

### Here's what our patients have to say

"I'm dancing without pain. I can more with no problem whatwover. I can go up and down steps with no pain."

- Patricia G.

"Over 85% relief for the first time in 15 years, suffering with knee pain. My life is getting back to normal." - Perry O.

"After only four visits, i have absolutely no pain! The staff is "top-notch."

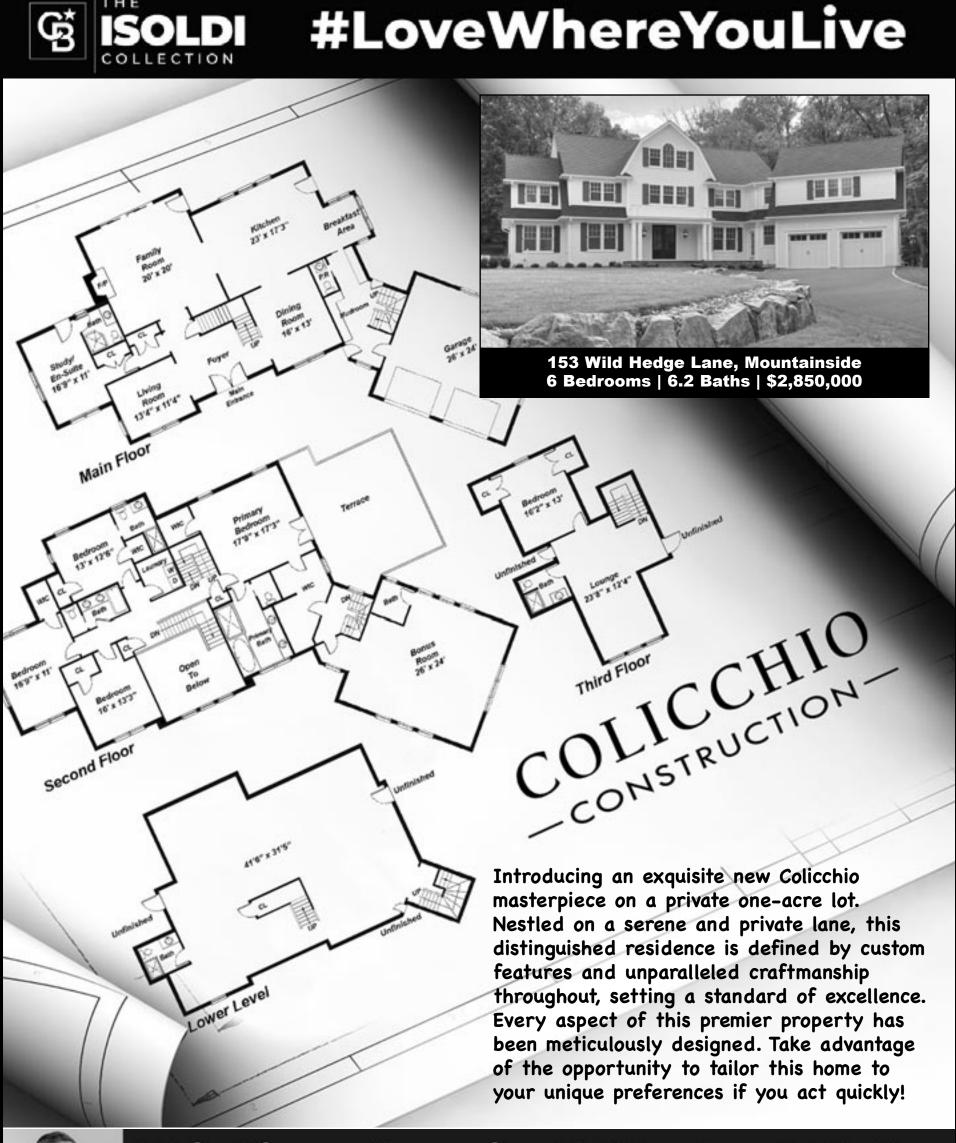
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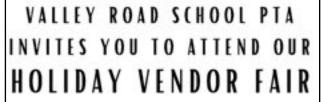
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### **UNICO'S 16TH ANNUAL ITALIAN AMERICAN FEST**

Clark UNICO held the 16th Annual Italian American Feast. Thousands of people swarmed the Clark municipal grounds to partake in great food – great entertainment – rides – games, etc. for the four-day festival. Despite cool temps and a rainy Saturday – residents and UNICANS enjoyed this Clark tradition.

Clark UNICO is an Italian-American organization that strives to incorporate our unique Italian heritage and culture into the lives of our members and surrounding communities. In accomplishing this, we organize and run countless community related and Italian-centered events throughout the year. Some of these events consist of but are not limited to our trips to Dyker Heights in Brooklyn, New York to view their Christmas light displays, Arthur Avenue in Bronx, New York, mozzarella and wine making

lessons, and of course our Annual Clark Unico Italian Festival. In addition to the heritage-based events, we also strive to give back within our local communities, which can be emphasized by our motto, "Service Above Self". In contributing towards the greater good, we as an organization volunteer for different causes and make much needed contributions to the local sporting clubs and leagues of Clark. Furthermore, we sponsor annual scholarships for well deserving high school seniors that reside in the town of Clark, have Italian lineage, and are seeking to continue their academic education. As an organization we have much to offer, which is more than what is written here. If you have any specific questions, we kindly welcome you to reach out to us. Email:CLARKUNICONJ@GMAIL.COM



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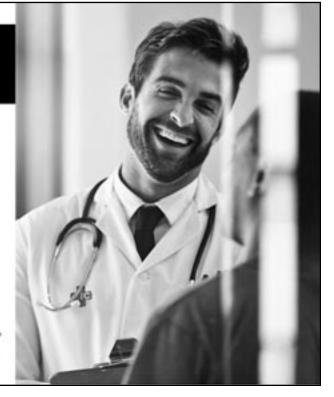






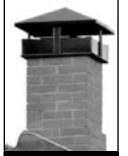




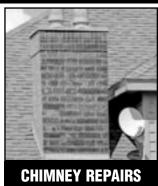


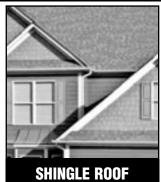






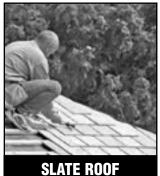
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### **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CASINO NIGHT 2023**

Association and the 1-102nd Cavalry Family Readiness Group will be hosting the 12th Annual Support Our Troops Casino Night on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Avenue in Westfield, NJ.

The night will benefit Bonds of Courage and the Family Readiness Groups of the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry Regiment, 44th Brigade Combat Team of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

The Headquarters (the 102nd's Forward Support Company) are the units that are assigned to the Westfield Armory. The soldiers. noncommissioned officers, and officers assigned there perform a variety of duties focused on the command and control, operations, administration, logistics, and communication of the squadron. The squadron also has three line units, A, B and C Troop, that are assigned to armories in Dover,

Bonds of Courage, the NJ Cavalry and Armor West, Orange, and Hackettstown, respectively. Cavalry units perform a variety of functions that include reconnaissance and security; they have a distinct culture and history that promote adaptability, flexibility and taking initiative. New Jersey's cavalry has a rich tradition of service to our state and nation.

> The squadron is preparing to deploy again, this time to Iraq and Syria. They are deploying in 2024 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), which includes a campaign in both of those countries.

> As we prepare for their absence, we hope to continue and even redouble our fundraising efforts. While Bonds of Courage's mission has been to support all Veterans and service members serving all branches of the military, we now turn our hearts and our effort toward the 102nd Cavalry Squadron. They are our hometown

Bonds of Courage is an all-volunteer organization that serves to support our troops, veterans, and their families. The Family Readiness Group assists the Commander in maintaining readiness for service members and families by promoting self-sufficiency, resiliency, and stability during peace and war.

Tickets are \$60 per person \$ 0 seniors and veterans. Special military ticket pricing available. Tickets include \$75 in gaming chips for casino, buffet dinner, beer and wine, and music.

Business owners, please join the community and consider a donation of product, service, program ad, or sponsorship to our event.

For ticket sales and further information. visit .bondsofcourage.org or contact Christine Bradley 703-407-0203, chrisb@bondsofcourage.org or Danielle Bracco 917-301-8751, danielle@bondsofcourage.org.

### **32 ALJ STUDENTS ARE AP SCHOLARS**

Clark Public Schools

Arthur L. Johnson High School is excited to announce that 32 of its students have been recognized by The College Board as AP Scholars. The awards recognize high school students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.

20 students have been noted as AP Scholars receiving a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

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### **ALESSANDRA BONACCHI AWARDED \$20,000 IACE GRANT**

Clark Public Schools

Teacher Alessandra Bonacchi was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Italian American Committee on Education (IACE). The Italian Language Center is under supervision of the Consulate General of Italy in New York. The grant, designed to promote the study of Italian, was

Arthur L. Johnson High School Italian reviewed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the IACE Board of Directors. The grant will be used towards the enrichment of the Italian program at ALJ High School. Mrs. Bonacchi stated, "The Italian program in Clark means a great deal to me and I was thrilled to learn our grant was approved."



(above) Mrs. Bonacchi's Italian 4 Class





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### "MR. BOB THE GARDENER" HONORED

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) recently honored Mr. Bob's Garden Foundation for YMCA Campers with their prestigious Award of Excellence, the highest award presented by NGC to a non-member. The Award of Excellence honors an individual, organization, or institution that has made significant contributions toward the advancement of the goals and purposes of National Garden Clubs, Inc.



(above) Bob Markey (AKA Mr. Bob the Gardener)

### FISHING FLEA MARKET **NOV. 18TH**

The Rahway Fall Fishing Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Thomas Church Hall, 1400 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ. A wide variety of salt and fresh water fishing tackle will be on display for anglers looking for great buys. New, used, antique, custom fishing and boating items will be available to all. Door prizes will be given away every half hour which include rods, reels, tackle and much more. Food and refreshments are sponsored by St. Thomas Holy Name Society. Admission price is \$5 per adult, children 12 and under are free. For show or vendor info visit fishingfleamarkets.com or call 732-381-2165.



Master Gardener and Certified Square Foot labor. Garden Instructor Bob Markey started Mr. Bob's Garden Foundation for YMCA Campers in 2008 when he launched his YMCA Square Foot Gardening Summer Camp initiative at the Gateway YMCA in Rahway, New Jersey. In 2019, the program was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization and registered as Mr. Bob's Garden Foundation for YMCA Campers.

Bob Markey also provided oversight, for several years, for a Square Foot Gardening program for summer campers at Fanwood-Scotch Plains and East Orange YMCAs.

Square Foot Gardening is simple, easy to learn for all ages, and does not require lots of space or heavy tools. It involves the assemblage of an above-ground 3'x 3' box, a special organic soil mix, and a grid of nine squares and it is ready to plant. It is possible to grow nine different crops in that small space. Sixteen radishes fit in a square, nine bush beans fit in a square but only one tomato plant. Ultimately, Markey became known to the campers as "Mr. Bob the Gardener".

The Square Foot Garden Summer Camp Program supports the YMCA's Core Values of Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility. Along with learning the basics of Square Foot Gardening, the campers develop a deeper relationship with nature, a greater appreciation for the food they grow, and an expanded sense of community. The program's mission connects kids with nature by empowering them to grow, harvest, taste, and market the organic fruits and vegetables of their

The Square Foot Garden concept originated in 1976, when civil engineer Mel Bartholomew set out to solve world hunger one square foot at a time. He called his revolutionary approach to growing plants of all kinds called Square Foot Gardening. In 1981 his book, "Square Foot Gardening," became the largest selling gardening book of all time. That is when Markey, traveled to Eden, Utah, in 2008, to meet the author and where he became a Square Foot Gardening Instructor to teach the method to kids.

Since 2009, The Great Zucchini Race is the foundation's signature special event. The campers harvest zucchini squash, break into teams, and with bamboo skewers as axles they decorate their zucchini "racecars" with veggies. Add a 6-foot-tall wooden racetrack and it's "game on!" You can see the race on YouTube – search Great Zucchini Race!

Mel Bartholomew has said, "Mr. Bob's Square Foot Gardening for Kids has done an excellent job of bringing a summer program that will give a lifetime of memories for all of the children associated with the Y and all of their programs."

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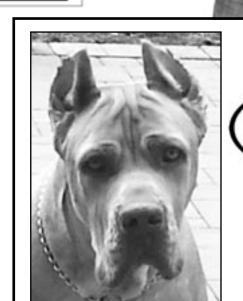
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Kumpf PTA

What a triumph! Over 400 bags of clothes, toys, and shoes collected during the recent Kumpf Clothing Drive. The 8th grade committee leaders, Jackie Sulikowski, Michelle O'Brien, and Andrea Don Diego did an outstanding job of putting this event together to make it a success.

We are most appreciative to everyone who donated the items and for your support to the committee.

A huge shout out to the parents who volunteered their time. And a special thank you, to the 8th grade students who helped organize the bags and load the truck:

Madison Alvarez, Sophie Blizniak, Christian Campbell, Carina DeDeo, Emma Don Diego, Mason Immella, MacKenzie Knob, Sean Lane, Tyler Nunes, Brias Santos, and Juliet Spond.





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(above) Volunteers and Students Load the 400+ bags, bikes, and strollers onto the truck.

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### CLARK STUDENTS HONORED AT UNICO FEAST CLARK MONTHLY • Page 19 • November 2023

Garwood Public Schools

Several students were honored at the Clark UNICO Italian-American Feast on October 8th. Columbus Day Essay Contest winners Winners included Jionni Jacobs a fifth grader at Frank K. Hehnly School, Trang Le a fifth at Valley Road School, Luca Fruzzetti a seventh grader at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, and Sienna Guarino a sophomore at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The contest, sponsored by UNICO, asked students to write an essay about Christopher

Columbus or any other prominent Italian or Italian-American who has made a worthwhile achievement. Students shared their essays and were presented with certificates as well as gift cards.

Superintendent Edward Grande stated, "These student authors are to be commended for a job very well done portraying their selected individuals. The attendees at the ceremony certainly seemed to enjoy getting to hear the essays."







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(above) Trang Le wrote about Christopher Columbus



(above) Luca Fruzzetti wrote about Moreno Fruzzetti

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### **LIBRARY BOOK AND JEWELRY SALE NOV. 4**

The Friends of the Clark Library will be hosting a book sale and costume jewelry sale at the Clark Library on November 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Paperback books are only 50 cents, paperback books are \$1.00. Audio books and DVD's will be available.

Fill a tote bag (no larger than 14" x 13") with books for just \$5.00.

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Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 at 11am - 3pm New members and all levels are welcome!

### **Stories & More**

Friday, November 3 at 10am Stories, movement, songs followed by a simple craft for active listeners ages 3 - 5 years old.

### **Friends of Library Book Sale**

Saturday, November 4 from 10am to 3pm

### **English as a Second Language Conversation Class**

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### **Tales for Tots**

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### **Cooks & Books Society**

Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30pm Each month we will pick a different theme. Library staff and patrons will cook different recipes and bring them in for others to try. November's theme is side-dishes.

### **Patches and Stitches**

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### **Totally New Tuesdays**

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### **Penguin Pointers**

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Monday, November 13 at 3pm

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### **Give Thanks Family Storytime**

Monday, November 13 at 6:30 pm Interactive stories, songs, and fun for children of all ages! A simple craft follows.

### **Friends of the Library Meeting**

Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm

### **Tinker Tots**

Thursday, November 16 at 10am Come join us for a morning of fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities. For children ages 1 through pre-k.

### **Thursday Afternoon Movies**

Thursdays, November 16 & 30 at 1pm Enjoy a movie for adults. Please check our online calendar to check the moviesshown.

### **Teen Stress-Less: Finger Painting**

Thursday, November 16 at 7pm

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### **Evening Book Club**

Monday, November 20 from 7pm-8pm Join us for our next evening book club meeting. We'll be discussing "Woman on Fire" by Lisa Barr. Please speak with a librarian if you need a copy of the book.

### **Evening LEGO® Club**

Monday, November 27 from 6:30pm - 7:45pm

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.

### **Baby Bookworms**

Tuesday, November 28 at 10am Babies and toddlers are invited to 30 minutes of open play follows.

### **Books & Bagels**

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