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Michael D. Boll, Director NJVN

Everyday 22 veterans take their own lives, unfortunately this number hasn't changed over the years. Several groups and organizations have worked tirelessly to combat this horrible epidemic. The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) is one of those groups that strives to help veterans daily to live a better way of life.

NJVN is a mobile outreach team, that aggressively seeks out veterans in need and provides them life changing and saving resources. The NJVN is a 501c3 created in 2017 and has focused its mission by always putting our veterans first. Since the NJVN started thousands of veterans and National Guardsmen have been fed, clothed, and provided with various personal items. Also, we were able to get 30 veterans newer refurbished vehicles through the Recycled Rides program. However, the NJVN most important mission is that we save lives, just in the past first years alone our team has saved over a dozen lives.

Being a network, the NJVN works with other military, veteran, and first responder groups that share the same mission. We would never have succeeded without having the support and commitment from our partners and sponsors. This is vital for the NJVN to be able to help veterans in need

throughout New Jersey.

Most recently, the NJVN has stepped up recreational events and programs such as camping, hiking, movie nights, BBQs, and field trips. We are fortunate to have amazing partners and volunteers that will help transport our veterans to and from the hospitals and shelters. These events allow our veterans to feel like they are part of a unit again and are not forgotten or abandoned.

What makes the NJVN unique is its willingness to try different things and think outside the box. By asking the veterans what they want most, and how we can help them, has really made our program a huge success.

Our next initiative will be the launch of our veteran peer support/ mentoring program the "Uniformed Heroes Project". This initiative is a collaboration between the military-veteran-first responders groups and organizations. Also, it is backed by legislators and numerous charitable organizations. The NJVN is currently looking for volunteers and groups willing to help us provide our veterans with the best help possible.

If you are interested in filing the team, or would like to volunteer, please send us an email at NJVN1775@gmail.com or call directly (973)332-1556.



(above) The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club hosted a Veterans Appreciation lunch at their meeting held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. They honored veterans in the club as well as veterans in the local community. Pictured are the veterans who attended.

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ROTARY LUMINARY SALES

During the month of December, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary club will sell Luminaries at the Fanwood Department of Public Works on Manfra Way, off of North Avenue. The sale dates are December 9-10, December 16-17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and December 24 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The luminary kits cost \$1 per kit in all quantities and include paper bags, candles and sand. Customers are encouraged to bring buckets, boxes or plastic bags to transport the sand. Payments can be made by cash, check or Venmo. Contact-less pickup will be available; customers can call the number listed on the whiteboard to place orders or pick up orders.

Pre-orders placed prior to December 8th will be discounted to \$0.75 a kit. See the Rotary website for additional information regarding online purchases: fsprotary.org.

Luminaries are traditionally used to illuminate the streets on Christmas Eve. A candle is nestled in sand at the bottom of a paper bag and placed along sidewalks to create a beautiful walkway. The candles are then lit at dusk on Christmas Eve. Some neighborhoods in the area get together and buy hundreds of kits to create an amazing display.

All proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the various charitable and humanitarian

projects that Rotary supports, both locally and internationally.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. The club meets at 12:15 p.m. on the second and third Wednesdays of every month at the Stage House Restaurant. On the fourth Wednesday of the month, the club meets at Darby Road at 6:30 p.m. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary club, go to fsprotary.org or visit their Facebook page: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.



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(above) Joe Schott and Mayor Mahr

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Borough of Fanwood held its annual Veterans Day ceremony under a bright, blue sky at the North Avenue train station on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Two local veterans' groups, American Legion Post 209 and Veterans of Foreign Wars post 10122 sponsored the event. Army veteran Joe McCourt was the host and spoke of the enduring impact our veterans, alive and deceased, have had on the American way of life. Speakers also included Dennis Mayer of American Legion Post

209 and Mayor Colleen Mahr.

Wreaths were laid in memory of those veterans who are deceased followed by a gun salute. A small audience of residents gathered for the ceremony along with members of the Fanwood Fire Department and Fanwood Police Department. Council members Gina Berry, Kathy Mitchell and Trisha Walsh also attended.

Long time Fanwood resident and World War II Army veteran Joe Schott also attended with his daughter Mary. Joe will be 102 this coming February.



(above) Group shot of all veterans who attended the event

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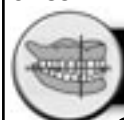
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The Fanwood Police Department joins departments across New Jersey in the Blue Envelope program which is geared towards fostering inclusivity and promoting safer interactions between law enforcement officers and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Blue Envelopes are available at our police headquarters.

The Blue Envelope Program introduces a simple yet effective tool that contains essential information for drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This includes a copy of their driver's license, vehicle registration, insurance details, and an emergency contact card. Additionally, the envelope provides clear instructions to drivers on how to navigate a traffic stop and interact with law enforcement officers in a manner that promotes clarity and safety.

Key features of the Blue Envelope Program include:

- **Specialized Training:** Every officer in Union County, including local officers in all 21 municipalities, will undergo specialized training to develop a deeper understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder and the best practices for engaging with individuals during traffic stops.
- **Communication Facilitation:** Drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder can present the blue envelope to the officer upon being stopped, allowing officers to quickly recognize the situation and adapt their

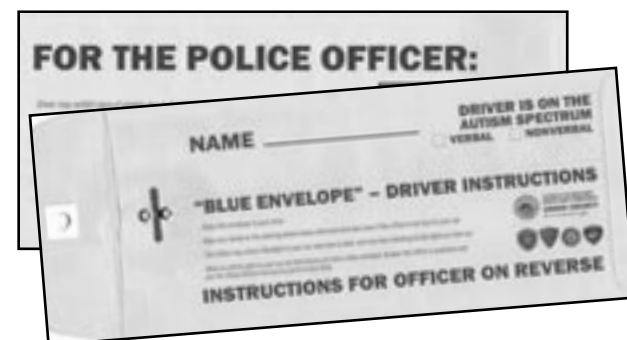
approach accordingly.

- **Essential Information:** The envelope includes guidance for officers to simplify requests and minimize the risk of misunderstandings or potential escalation. Additionally, officers are advised to contact the person listed on the emergency contact card for assistance if needed.

- **Verbal or Nonverbal Indication:** A checked-off box on the envelope indicates whether the driver is verbal or nonverbal, which aids officers in communicating effectively.

"Every single police department in Union County is proud to be a part of this initiative," said Elizabeth Police Chief Giacomo Sacca and President of the Union County Police Chief's Association. "Our officers have undergone thorough briefings and trainings to ensure they are well-versed in the proper protocols, and they are eager to put their training into action."

For information on this program in your town, contact your local Police Department's Community Outreach Unit.



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The show will take place on the main stage at the historic Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway as this talented cast sings and dances to your holiday favorites.

This year’s Christmas Spectacular marks the return of the Shining Stars to one of the most beautiful theaters in New Jersey and will feature 35 special needs cast members and their volunteer buddies from local high schools, who serve as mentors to the cast during rehearsals.

Two previous Shining Stars shows at UCPAC drew more than 1,000 audience members for each performance, and already, the buzz is building in the community.

“We’re so excited to ring in the holiday season,” noted Shining Stars Network founder and President Mike Curci. “Our stars are ready to share their smiles, energy and amazing talents with everyone. This will be a great way to cap off our 11th year.”

“We strongly believe in creating an inclusive environment for our cast, and our buddies are an integral part of the Shining Stars experience,” noted Shining Stars founder and show director Sally Curci. “We are so excited to bring a new show to the stage and cannot wait to connect with our incredible audience again to celebrate the

holiday season.”

Shining Stars Network is wrapping up their biggest year yet, which included their annual “Evening of Shining Stars” Spring Show, their Broadway debut at the Gershwin Theatre, and their impressive main stage debut at the iconic Paper Mill Playhouse.

The Shining Stars performed “This Is Me” on Broadway as part of the Arts for Autism concert and soon after, took the Paper Mill stage to present The Greatest Show, a history-making performance which was the first full production of performers with special needs in Paper Mill history.

“Shining Stars Network is not only about performing, but more importantly we’re about building self-confidence and self-esteem,” said

Shining Stars co-director Nicole Greene. “Our cast members are not only talented, but inspire us every day, and we are all very excited about seeing our cast take the stage again to share another magical night with the audience.”

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org. For groups of 10 or more, email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com.

The night will also feature a Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffle. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

Shining Stars Network is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. that offers opportunities in the performing arts for the special needs community.

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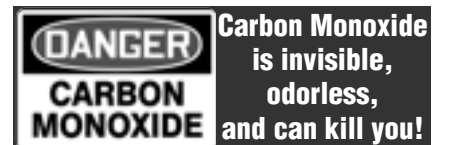
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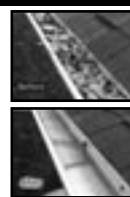
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



(above) November 28th starts the annual Holiday Boutique at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! COME ONE! COME ALL!

Fanwood/Scotch Plains Historical Society

You are invited to the Osborn Cannonball House for the annual open house and Christmas party on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 2 – 4 p.m. Located at 1840 Front St in Scotch Plains. Join us for hot mulled cider along with goodies to eat. Featured is our Victorian Christmas tree and 1800s winter clothing display. Join us for caroling around our restored 1885 Mason and Hamlin reed pump organ. Costumed guides will conduct tours. The museum will be closed for January and February. It will reopen Sunday, March 3rd in the New Year.



Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop

Looking for brand new items at a very reasonable price point to round out your holiday gift list, or to use as stocking stuffers? Mark Tuesday, November 28 for the start of the annual Holiday Boutique at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop. That's when shelves are stocked with new items generously donated to the shop all year and set aside for just for this purpose.

From clothing to crafts to candles and more, the Holiday Boutique is a great opportunity to find presents for under the tree, to stuff in stockings, to mark Hanukkah or Kwanza, or even to re-donate to your favorite charities. You can also find a wide assortment of new and gently used holiday décor along with the regularly replenished clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, household goods, toys, games, books and DVDs that are consistently displayed.

The Thrift Shop is located at 1741 East Second Street in Scotch Plains and is open Tuesday

through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children are welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult. Bringing a child to the store to have them pick out presents for their family or friends is a great way to teach them the value of money while encouraging them to take pride in picking out presents on their own.

Also note that a gift bought at the Thrift Shop has twice the impact—one to your recipient and another to our community. All store proceeds outside of operating expenses are donated by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League to local non-profit organizations or used for student scholarships. What a great way to spread holiday cheer and to support the spirit of giving!

To learn more about the Service League, volunteer opportunities and types of donations accepted call the store during Thrift Shop business hours: 908-322-5420. You can also visit on-line scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com.

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THE TINY TIM FUND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

The Tiny Tim Fund is a registered NJ non-profit Corporation 501 (c)(3) that raises funds to provide financial assistance to help families pay for the medical expenses of children in Fanwood and Scotch Plains including doctors, dentists, and psychological testing. The organization has been assisting local families since 1983.

This year there are two ways that volunteers can help the members of the Tiny Tim Fund Board raise funds to be able to continue our mission.

This year the Tiny Tim Fund Board is inviting

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members of the community who have enjoyed the tradition of caroling on Tiny Tim Carol Night and spreading holiday cheer while soliciting donations, to form a group and commit to caroling on December 7th. A carol group can be made up of family members, neighbors, co-workers, scout groups, church organizations etc. A group can also select a date to carol that is more convenient if needed.

Since carol groups will not be able to reach all neighborhoods in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, volunteers are needed to help distribute letters requesting financial support to homes during November and December. Carol Night in combination with the letter campaign will be the organization's sole fundraiser. Donations for this year's fundraiser are being requested during the holiday season and are also greatly appreciated at any time during the year.

To register a carol group and receive more information about Carol Night or to volunteer to deliver solicitation letters, please contact

Barbara at 732-259-6348 or Mari at 908-917-5979.

The Tiny Tim Fund is administered by a volunteer Board of Trustees which consists of Fanwood and Scotch Plains citizens from varied sections of the community. There are no administrative fees. All collected contributions are dispersed for children's needs.

Donations from local citizens as well as from civic and service organizations will enable the Tiny Tim Fund to continue supporting families in our local community. The trustees are hopeful that members of the community who have generously supported the Fund in the past, will make it possible for the Tiny Tim Fund to continue to provide assistance to current cases as well as to accept new requests for financial assistance during the coming year.

Donations can be sent directly to the Tiny Tim Fund. Checks made out to The Tiny Tim Fund can be mailed to: The Tiny Tim Fund, PO Box 181, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

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The Fanwood Presbyterian Church thrift shop is a good place to shop, and a great place to volunteer. It isn't just bags of use clothing. It's more than that. There are many one-of-a-kind items and new items there too. It's a comfortable place to browse, have a friendly conversation with volunteers and customers, and find some great bargains. All proceeds from the shop are donated to local nonprofit

organizations.

This little treasure is hidden at the back of the church's educational building with the entrance on McDermott Place. Their shop is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for shopping and donations. Come, find us! Fanwood Presbyterian Church is at 74 South Martine Ave., Fanwood. With side streets Marion Ave., LaGrande Ave. and Mac Dermott Place.



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The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its 24th joyous season with performances in New Jersey and New York this December. The holiday favorite opens on Saturday, December 17 at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) for two performances at 2 and 7PM. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 18 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ also with performances at 2 and 7PM.

For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular seasonal music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as, “Highland Cathedral,” “Joy to the World”, and “Amazing Grace”, all performed live on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, and organ and brass and more. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it inspires those of Celtic descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

According to producer Robert Currie, “We are absolutely delighted to be bringing our concert back to full force after two devastating years weathering the Covid pandemic. Supporting our GoFundMe campaign will continue to make these concerts possible.”

The 2022 production marks the NYC solo debut of soprano Sharon Lyons originally from Dublin, Ireland.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. In addition to Ms. Lyons, featured performers include James Robinson from the film “Braveheart,” New England fiddle champion Paul Woodiel, champion harpist Rachel Clemente, and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA among many more.

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Proceeds from the concert support an extensive music scholarship program, which include annual gifts to the National Piping Centre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (both located in Glasgow, Scotland) the Gaelic College of Nova Scotia and the Carol Hassert Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship at Summit (NJ) High School.

Proceeds also support the annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island celebration and the Society’s sponsorship of the US National Scottish Harp Championship, the Gaelic Literature Competition at Scotland’s Royal National Mod, and an academic research prize at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Scotland’s Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye.

Each year, concert highlights are webcast in hi-definition over the Christmas holiday to a global audience in cooperation with HomeTowne Television. In addition to winning multiple Telly Awards for broadcast production excellence, the 2020 virtual concert was a finalist for the coveted

MG Alba Trad Music Award presented annually in Scotland.

The concert is still accepting Title Sponsors as well as Program Ads. These gifts help offset production expenses and add help fund our scholarships.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Tickets may be purchased online exclusively through ShowTix4U at www.showtix4u.com (be certain you select the event name and date in the search engine). Reserved patron seats are available at both venues.

ABOUT “THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS”

Since making its debut in 1999, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing room only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family’s annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, “The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well-constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth. The Westfield Leader described the concert as “a unique sound of power and glory nowhere else to be found.”



(above) Soprano Sharon Lyons originally from Dublin, Ireland, made her NYC solo debut at the 2022 Pipes of Christmas concerts NJ.



(above) Pipers from the Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band are returning to join the company of the 24th annual “Pipes of Christmas” concerts.



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- ♥ **Saturday December 9: Memorial Tree Lighting** following 5PM Mass
- ♥ **Sunday December 10: Living Nativity** + Hot Chocolate with Santa and Holiday Gift Market (SPF PAL) starting at 11AM
- ♥ **Friday December 15: Christmas Concert** featuring Choirs from St. Helen's & IHM at 7pm @ St. Helen's Church, Westfield
- ♥ **Saturday December 16: Confessions** at 10AM
Mass of Anointing at 11AM
- ♥ **Monday December 18: Confessions** at 7PM
- ♥ **Sunday December 24: Children's Christmas Pageant** at 3:30PM

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SANTA PARADE 2023

The beloved Santa Parade returns to Fanwood this December 16th. To have Santa deliver a gift to your child during his trek through town, follow the directions below.

The Fanwood Fire Department will be collecting gifts between Monday November 27th through Friday December 1st between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. each night. Gifts will only be accepted at the Fanwood Firehouse. **LATE GIFTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

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All gifts should be clearly labeled with the child's name, your address and phone number.

As a precaution, Santa is requesting that large group pictures be avoided.

BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE

The Church of the Little Flower will be hosting a Blue Christmas prayer service on Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m. The service will be held in the Bernauer Parish Center, 290 Plainfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights.

Many of us feel down or depressed this time of year, whether due to stress, financial issues, broken relationships, death of a loved one, or may be looking for a brief respite from the hustle and bustle of the season.

The Bereavement Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower invites anyone from the parish or any faith community to attend our service where we can pray for renewed strength and hope and experience the presence of the Lord.

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"We cannot wait to return to The Presbyterian Church at this special time of year and are thrilled to welcome back The Three Holiday Tenors – each more talented than the next – to help us celebrate the Holiday season," said Wroe.

The concert features Metropolitan Opera's internationally acclaimed tenor Errin Brooks and award winning tenors Jeremy Brauner and Mackenzie Whitney to celebrate and captivate with a dazzling selection of renowned tenor arias. Traditional carols, signature versions of familiar fare and a host of wintertime curiosities are also sure to delight.

"We believe there is something for everyone in this performance. Our holiday concert is a vessel for children, parents, grandparents and friends – indeed the entire community – come together through festive music at this unique time of the year."

The concert will take place on Saturday, December 9th at 7pm at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave in Westfield.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH NJFO!

NJFO's quintessential New Year's celebration is also back on Sunday, December 31 in Westfield with "The Great American Songbook," a superb revue of American song and dance showstoppers.

Audiences are invited celebrate the New Year and revel in the musical genius of America's great composers, outstanding vocal performers, dazzling dance numbers and a world-class professional orchestra led by Maestro David Wroe.

A cabaret style event for the whole family, the concert promises a superb review of musical theatre classics presented in glorious symphonic splendor. The concert features renowned guest singers direct from the Broadway stage and dancers from Dance Theatre of Harlem who join NJFO to swing to favorites from Broadway and beyond.

The performance will take place on Sunday, December 31 at 7pm at Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, Westfield.

"There is much to celebrate this holiday season," continued Wroe. "So gather your friends and family for a series of merry musical programs of song and dance for audiences of all ages!"

This seasonal stroll of timeless classics and sentimental favorites, sure to bring us together with joy, smiles, and distinctive holiday memories, has been made possible in part by support from The Westfield Foundation, a Union County H.E.A.R.T grant and The NJ State Council on the Arts.

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Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss would like to offer support to those navigating the challenges of grieving during the holiday season and offer some coping strategies as well. On Thursday December 14th from 6:30-8 pm, Imagine will offer a workshop on Coping with Loss During the Holidays. The free workshop will be held at their center at 244 Sheffield Street in Mountainside and is open to adults and children grades 3 and older.

Imagine’s Grief Educator, Connie Palmer, LCSW will present the workshop in English and Training and Education Director, Veronica Ortiz, LPC and Bilingual Program Manager, Sonia Nuñez will present the workshop at the same time in Spanish. Pizza dinner is available prior to the session beginning at 6:15 for those who sign up. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served as well.

If you are looking for support as you cope with a loss this holiday season, the staff at Imagine would like to help, and hope to see you at the workshop on the 14th.

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

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(above) If you’re interested in attending the workshop presented in English, please scan the QR code or visit Imagine’s website at imagineenj.org/education-training/community-webinars/ to register. Registration is not required for the workshop presented in Spanish.

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