

GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place your ad in this space and be in 5,400 mailboxes



CALL FOR DETAILS 908-418-5586

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
BRIDGEPORT CT
PERMIT NO. 390

ECRWSS

ARTS ACADEMY "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS" MARCH 21 TO 23

Elizabeth Public Schools

The Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Liberty Players are proud to present the uproarious comedy "Once Upon a Mattress" on March 21, 22, and 23, 2024, at the Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy theater at 7:00 p.m. Audiences aged two to a hundred and two are sure to be delighted by this timeless classic.

Based on the beloved story of "The Princess and the Pea" by Hans Christian Andersen, "Once Upon a Mattress" revolves around a prince who is determined to marry a genuine princess. When a young woman arrives at his doorstep claiming to be a real princess, the prince's mother puts her to the test by placing a single pea under a towering stack of mattresses and then instructing the young woman to sleep on them. Unable to sleep due to the pea, the woman exceeds the test—proving herself to be a genuine princess, as only a delicate soul could be so affected by a single pea. Therefore she proves that she is a real princess.

This production promises to captivate audiences with its wit and charm.

Tickets for "Once Upon a Mattress" are on sale now at tjtheater.org.

They will also be available for purchase at the box office on each night of the performance.

For further information, please contact Mary Rivera at 908-436-6875 or email riverama@epsnj.org.

Don't miss out on this enchanting and comedic tale brought to life by the talented Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Liberty Players.



(above) Dory M. is a lady of the castle (above) Hailey A. is a princess



(above) Jaylen M., Lukas L., and Adam A. will play knights of the castle

*****ECRWSEDDM*****
POSTAL PATRON
ELIZABETH, NJ 07208

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

LARGE MENUS - PRINTING - \$85 PER THOUSAND

11"x17" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock / Includes folding

FLYERS / BROCHURES - \$45 PER THOUSAND

8.5" x 11" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock / Tri-fold add \$10 per thousand

INSERTED AND MAILED TO EVERY HOME AND BUSINESS

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

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295 - email: JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com





Renna Media LLC, Publishers
202 Walnut Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016

Elmora Hills Monthly is published by Renna Media. 5,400 newspapers are printed monthly and mailed to businesses and residents in and around the Elmora Hills section of Elizabeth, NJ. Although great care has been taken to ensure the information contained within is accurate, Renna Media assumes no liability for errors or omissions.

©2023 Contents of this newspaper cannot be reproduced without written consent from Renna Media LLC.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Do you have a community service that you need help publicizing? Did you or someone you know accomplish something amazing? We are interested in hearing about your latest achievement (honor, award, etc.), send us your news! **Email: editor@rennamedia.com**

ADVERTISING

Joe Renna: 908-447-1295
joerenna@rennamedia.com



Find us on online: rennamedia.com
[facebook.com/ Elmora Hills Monthly](https://facebook.com/ElmoraHillsMonthly)

THE WONDER BAND TO PLAY MARCH 9

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents The Wonder Band – a Tribute to Stevie Wonder’s Music, Saturday, March 9, 2024. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

The Wonder Band is made up of three extremely talented performers who are well known to the Metro NY/NJ area music scene. Ed Alstrom, leader, is the organist for Yankee Stadium, as well as keyboard player for many famous performers such as Bette Midler, Chuck Berry, Leonard Bernstein, Herbie Hancock and others. The list goes on and on.

Accompanying Ed will be guitarist Al Orlo. Al has recorded with the legendary Ben E. King and was his musical director for 25 years. Al also held the #1 chair at Broadway shows, such as Kinky Boots, Carol King Musical, Hairspray and Smokey Joe’s Café, to name a few.

Bobby Deitch on drums rounds out the trio. Bobby has performed on several recordings such as Richard Sorce’s Latin album “A Place I’ve Never Been” and Richie Hart’s “33 1/3” album.

States Ed Alstrom, “Obviously, Stevie’s music is even more fun to play than it is to listen to. This group does a mix of the hits and some lesser-known things, without the vocals, and it doesn’t hurt the music one bit not to have them, because they’ll be playing in your mind!

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It’s not “church music.” It’s music music. Folks who’ve come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it’s a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars.

Now in it’s 16th year of operation, the Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey - that’s why we’re located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That’s its social mission.

But the many musicians who’ve played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They say people here “really listen.”

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

KONANTIQUES
WE BUY ANTIQUES
FREE HOUSE CALLS
908-578-7593

WE BUY: Sterling Silver, Antique Jewelry, Costume Jewelry, Coins, Art, Watches & Clocks, Porcelain, Modern Items (50's, 60's, 70's), Antique Toys, Asian Decorative Arts, Judaica, Lighting, Military Items
Some Furniture, Hummel & Lladro Figurines

Over 20 years of Experience Located in Summit
Free on-site consultation at your home or business
info@konantiques.com

KENILWORTH GARDEN CENTER
kenilworthgarden.com

Complete line of

- Annuals • Easter Plants
- Mother’s Day Flowers,
- Hanging Baskets
- Small Plants • Shrubs
- Outdoor Garden Items
- Amish Made Woodwork
- Concrete Figurines and Religious Statues made in the USA.

Unique items at discounted prices.
491 Boulevard, Kenilworth
908-272-6659 HIC#13VH01254900
A&A Landscaping 908-276-4443
Shrub Installations and Privacy Planting

SAM'S LANDSCAPING
COMPLETE PROPERTY CARE

NOW ACCEPTING NEW CUSTOMERS

WEEKLY LAWN MAINTENANCE & SPRING CLEANUP

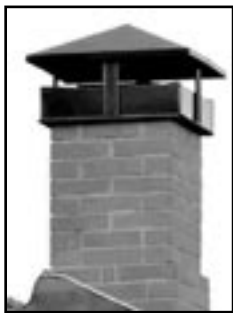
SAMSLANDSCAPING.COM
908-441-7302



100% Financing Available



FOUNDATION REPAIRS BEFORE & AFTER



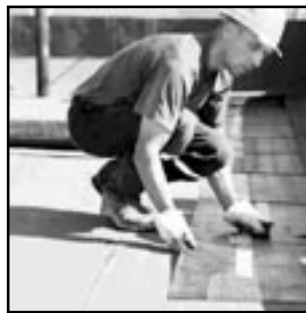
CHIMNEY LINERS



CHIMNEY REPAIRS



SHINGLE ROOF



FLAT TOP ROOF



SLATE ROOF



SPANISH STYLE ROOF



NEW STEPS

CHIMNEY CLEANING STARTING AT \$150

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

15% OFF SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

\$250-\$350 ANY CHIMNEY JOB

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

\$300 OFF ANY JOB of \$2,000 or more

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

\$800 OFF ANY NEW ROOF JOB

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

\$350-\$450 ANY ROOF REPAIR

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.



We offer
FINANCING

24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE

CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE 800-206-8529

A WEEKEND OF CANS, CREATIVITY, AND COMMUNITY

Submitted by Lucia Triolo WGS



Westfield Girl Scouts successfully hosted its first Canstruction Jr. event on Saturday, Feb. 10. Seven teams of Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Scouts took on the challenge of using canned goods to build various structures. The 4th-12th graders had up to six hours to complete the designs, with the goal of bringing attention to food insecurity in our area.

On Sunday, the same teams returned to the Presbyterian Church in Westfield to sort and distribute the near 2,500 shelf-stable items. Recipient organizations included:

- Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Westfield
- Church of the Immaculate Heart Food Pantry, Scotch Plains
- Valerie's Soup Kitchen, Plainfield
- Little Flower Church Food Pantry, Berkeley Heights

- David Brearley High School Care Closet, Kenilworth
- St. Anne's Food Pantry, Garwood
- St. Joseph's Social Services, Elizabeth
- Osceola Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, Clark
- El Centro Hispano Americano, Plainfield

Canstruction® is an international campaign that raises awareness about hunger while facilitating the donation of thousands of pounds of canned food to those in need. Participants incorporate engineering, visual arts, mathematics, project management, and 3D rendering principles all while learning the importance of community service.

Congratulations to the participating Girl Scouts on their hard work and creative approach to the design challenge.

FREE ESTIMATES
All Phases of Electrical Work
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
 ELECTRICAL REPAIR • CONTROL WIRING • CIRCUIT BREAKERS
 ELECTRICAL PANELS • SMART HOME SERVICES • BOILERS
 EV CHARGER INSTALLATION • SMOKE DETECTORS
 SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT - 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
 Lic.# 888400 **201-600-3530** Bonded & Insured
Short Circuit Specialists

DENTURE WEARER HOTLINE
908-322-7800

ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN
 If you break or lose your dentures, call us for immediate service by our in-house laboratory technicians.
SEE US FOR NEW DENTURES

DENTALCARE ASSOCIATES
 PROVIDING HEALTHY SMILES FOR 65 YEARS

567 Park Ave • Scotch Plains
 njdentalcare.com

1-800-TEAM-LAW®
INJURED?
 TELL US YOUR STORY. THE CONSULTATION IS FREE.
 TOBIN • KESSLER • GREENSTEIN • CARUSO • WIENER • KONRAY

ONE OF NEW JERSEY'S TOP-RATED LAW FIRMS

\$10 MILLION Medical Malpractice
\$18 MILLION Construction Site Accident
\$1.9 MILLION Car Accident

• Personal Injury
 • Motor Vehicle Accidents
 • Medical Malpractice
 • Workers' Compensation

136 Central Avenue
 Clark, New Jersey
1-800-TEAM-LAW
 +12 Office Locations

www.teamlaw.com

CHIMNEY & ROOFING SPECIALISTS

MURSELI PRO CONSTRUCTION

908-361-6372

Family
Owned &
Operated For
20 Years

- All Work Guaranteed
- 24/7 Emergency Service
- 15% Senior Discount
- Major Credit Cards
- NJ Lic. 13VH08570100



**Save \$1,000
ON ROOF
REPLACEMENT**

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
Some restrictions apply. Expires 3/31/24.



COMPLETE SET OF STEPS

Up to 6 Feet, 5 Steps / Brick, Limestone & Concrete

Special **\$3,750**



FOUNDATION



- NEW FUNDATIONS
- REPAIRS
- WATERPROOFING



Carbon Monoxide is invisible, odorless, and can kill you!

MASONRY



- DRIVEWAYS
- STEPS
- BRICK & BLOCK
- SIDEWALKS
- REPAIR

**\$600 OFF
NEW SIDING JOB**

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
Some restrictions apply. Expires 3/31/24.

**\$400 OFF
ANY FOUNDATION JOB
OF \$2000 OR MORE**

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
Some restrictions apply. Expires 3/31/24.

ROOFING



- RE-ROOF
- NEW ROOF
- ROOF REPAIRS
- SHINGLES
- FLAT ROOF

**\$350 OFF
ANY ROOF REPAIR
of \$1,000 or more**

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

CHIMNEY



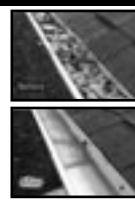
- CLEANING
- RE-LINE
- REPAIRS
- REBUILD
- CAPPING

**\$350 OFF
ANY CHIMNEY REPAIR
of \$800 or more**

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

GUTTERS

- CLEANING
- INSTALLATION
- SCREENING
- REPAIRS
- REPLACEMENTS



**\$150
GUTTERS CLEANING
(Any Average House)**

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/24.

CHIMNEY LINER

Special **\$1,300**

WHY SHOULD I USE A CHIMNEY LINING SYSTEM?

- Protect your house from heat transfer combustibles
- Protect the masonry from the corrosive by products of combustion
- Provide a correctly sized flue for optimum efficiency of appliance



Easy &
Effective
Cleaning



Long Term Preservation

With this ad. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires March 31, 2024.

MARCH PROGRAMS AT ELMORA BRANCH LIBRARY

740 W Grand St, Elizabeth, NJ 07202 • Phone: (908) 353-4820 • www.elizpl.org • The library will be closed on March 29 & 30
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. • Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. • Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. • Sunday: Closed

Toddlers World

Friday, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 11 am

An hour of fun songs to sing, music, and playtime!

Adult Chess Club

Friday, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 12:30 pm

Join the Adult Chess Club regardless of skill.

Matinee Movie

Friday, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 2 pm

This month's shows "Hidden Figure" on 3/1, "Little Women" on 3/8, "Queen of Katwe" on 3/15, & "He Named Me Malala" on 3/22.

Zumba Gold

Monday, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 and

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 9 am

Add fitness into your day through dance. Call to reserve your spot, walk-ins are welcome!

Crochet with Sol

Monday, March 4 & 11 and

Tuesday, March 5 & 12 at 12 pm

Ms. Sol will teach you everything you need to know to get started.

Mahjong

Monday, March 4, 11, 18, & 25

from 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come & play at the library. Ages: 18 & up

Junior Chess Club

Monday, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 4 pm

Don't miss out on our Chess Club for Kids!

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Monday, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 4:30 pm

and Wednesday, 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9 am

A gentle Chinese martial art that combines flowing movements with deep breathing. Call to reserve your spot on our website at elizpl.org

Dr. Seuss Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, March 5 (All Day)

Can you find the Dr. Seuss images hidden in the children's area at Elmora? Earn a prize from our treasure chest when you complete the list!

Grown-up Coloring

Tuesday, 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 1 am

Drop by for a relaxing coloring session while enjoying the company of others.

The Book Clubbing Club

Tuesday, March 5 at 11 am

Become a part of our Book Club and engage in lively discussions about the latest and most intriguing book news.

Lil' Bookworms

Wednesday, March 6 at 5 pm

Kids will share their love of reading, learn to talk about the books they're reading, and be motivated to read. Ages: 5-8

Port Authority Storytime

Thursday, March 7 at 4 pm

Bring your family to Elmora for a storytime with Port Authority!

Bubbles aRe Us

Saturday, March 9 at 1 pm

Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ
Join Ms. Martha for songs, stories, crafts, and oh-so-much fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish.

Bridge for Beginners

Tuesday, March 12 at 1 pm

All skill levels are welcome to join the library for Bridge - a challenging trick-taking card game played with a standard 52-card deck. Stop by with your own deck of cards!

Stitch & Chat

Tuesday, March 12 at 10 am

Come to Elmora to mend your clothing. Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.

Stitch & Chat

Wednesday, March 13 at 5 pm

Come to Elmora to mend your clothing. Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.

Drawing for Kids

Tuesday, March 19 at 3 pm

Join us for a delightful storytime where you will get to learn how to draw animals!

Easter Storytime & Craft

Saturday, March 23 at 11 am

Come and join Ms. Martha for a cute and sweet Easter storybook filled with crafts and fun!

All Age Lego Hour

Saturday, March 23 at 3 pm

Come build an enormous tower or make a race car; imagination is limitless!

Adult Spanish Book Club

Thursday, March 28 at 2PM

Come and join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!



NOW SHOWING!

East Meets West

Hand-Tinted Vintage Photographs
from Meiji Japan, 1880-1900

March 14 - May 4, 2024

Liberty Hall Academic Center Gallery | Kean University

1003 Morris Ave, Bldg. 2 | Union, New Jersey

Galleries.kean.edu | (908) 737-5301



FREE ADMISSION
Open to the Public



WILBER'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS



**PAINTING • CARPENTRY
ROOFING • LANDSCAPING**

INTERIOR / EXTERIOR

973-762-6333

Fully Insured: Workers' Comp & Liability
NJHIC# 13VH6449500

WILBER'S



CARPENTRY / GUTTERS

973-762-6332

Fully Insured: Workers' Comp & Liability
NJHIC# 13VH11964900

Our floor-to-ceiling renovating team...
is in the Neighborhood!



ROOFING

Roof Replacement
Gutter Installation



CEMENT/STONE

Masonry
Hardscaping



PAINTING

Interior & Exterior
Deck Refinishing
Floor Refinishing



RENOVATIONS

Additions
Attic & Basement Remodel
Kitchen & Bath Remodel



CARPENTRY

Deck Building
Millwork
Floor Installation
Cabinet Installation

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
& REQUEST A QUOTE




Scan Me




WilbersHomeImprovements.com

**Providing Energy.
Improving Lives.**


| BAYWAY REFINERY

Safety. Honor. Commitment.



© 2021 Phillips 66 Company. All rights reserved.



DANCE

DEMOLITION & CLEANUP

License: 13VH01843500

WE CLEAN UP NOT YOUR POCKETS

Specializing in Attic Basement Garage Cleanouts
ALL PHASES OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DEMOLITION
Specializing in Bathroom & Kitchen demolition
Container Rentals 10 – 15 cu. yds

908-759-1463

dancedemolitionandcleanupnj.com

FISHING FLEA MARKET MAR 23RD

The Rahway Spring Fishing Flea Market will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Thomas Church Hall, 1400 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ. 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 information visit fishingfleamarkets.com or call 732-381-2165.

RAHWAY'S

FISHING FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

9 am to 2 pm

ST. THOMAS CHURCH HALL

1400 St. Georges Ave, Rahway NJ

Door Prizes Every Half Hour

Food and Refreshments, New-Used-Antique
Fishing and Boating Items



Tackle Store Blowouts

Admission: \$5, Kids under 12 - FREE

Info: 732-381-2165

Email: info@fishingfleamarkets.com

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Bayway Complex Community Advisory Panel

For the year 2024, the Bayway Complex Community Advisory Panel (CAP) is offering High School Seniors who are residents of Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island the opportunity to be awarded a CAP scholarship. Several one-year scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each, to students in these four municipalities represented by the CAP.

The winners will be selected by the CAP Scholarship Committee, who will be taking the following areas into consideration when reviewing the applications: The Applications must be Computer-Generated and All Sections Completed; Academics (transcript/SAT/ACT scores); Financial Need; Essay; Science/Math Teacher Recommendation Letter(s). This scholarship is open to candidates who will be pursuing a college, university, career or vocational school education in the Industrial,

Process Technology, or Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Mechanical, Environmental, Computer) fields. Please contact your high school guidance counselor for more information and the application forms. The deadline to submit applications is March 28, 2023.

The Bayway CAP is a committee of interested stakeholders including community representatives from Linden, Rahway, Elizabeth, and Staten Island representing various sectors of the community including neighbors, educators, retirees, public officials, emergency responders, and environmental organization representatives. The group meets quarterly for face-to-face dialogue between the community and company representatives from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Infineum USA L.P., Cogen Technologies Linden Venture, Veolia North America, Solutia, Linden VFT LLC, and Parkway Generation.

YMCA SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Gateway Family YMCA

It's never too early to begin thinking about Summer Camp and researching the best opportunities for your child to thrive. The Gateway Family YMCA understands the unique needs of children and families, providing transformational Summer Camp experiences for hundreds of children throughout Eastern Union County each year. Learn more about Summer Day Camp at The Gateway Family YMCA this Spring at YMCA Summer Camp Parent Information Sessions.

Hosted at The Gateway Family YMCA – Elizabeth Branch, 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, Five Points Branch, 201 Tucker Avenue, Union and Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, Summer Camp Parent Information Sessions are scheduled on March 21st 6:00-8:00 P.M., April 20 12:00-2:00 P.M. and May 16 5:00-7:00 p.m. Parents are invited to join YMCA Camp Directors for tips on getting the most out of your child's camp experience, transition from school to camp, summer safety and fun! Advance registration is optional, with



(above) The Gateway Family YMCA is offering Summer Camp Information Sessions

additional information available at tgfymca.org/events.

At Y Summer Day Camp, kids can develop skills and self-confidence, make new friendships, and gain a sense of belonging – all while having tons of fun. From games and sports to arts and crafts to outdoor adventures to STEAM and academic enrichment, a Y Summer Day Camp experience offers kids the chance to learn new things and enjoy new adventures.

Camp is available in one-week sessions for Pre-K Age 3 through Grade 6. Registration is first come, first serve and parents are reminded to register early.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a leading 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other. With a focus on empowering young people, improving health and well-being, and inspiring action in and across the local community, the Y brings together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, to ensure that all have access to the opportunities, relationships and resources necessary to learn, grow and thrive. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information on Summer Day Camp at The Gateway Family YMCA, visit tgfymca.org/day-camp or contact The Gateway Family YMCA Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622 or Rahway Branch 732-388-0057.

Membership Madness

YMCA Open House March 28-30

Open to the Community! Take a Swim, Shoot Some Hoops, Try a Class! Learn More at tgfymca.org/events



SO JOINER FEE

March 28-30

Join the Y & Use Code SP24 at tgfymca.org/join-the-Y



THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA tgfymca.org

FIND YOUR PASSION!

YMCA ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Your Support is Greatly Needed to Support Our Community!



We're Hiring!



The Gateway Family YMCA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community.

SCOUTS ENJOYED WINTER FUN WEEKEND

Nine Scouts and 9 adult leaders participated in Boy Scout Troop 23's Winter Weekend on January 19-21. This annual event has been a tradition for over 50 years.

The Scouts stayed in the Wink Dousa Cabin at Winnebago Scout Reservation, located in Rockaway Township, NJ. With the cabin heated by a furnace and the troop leaders preparing four hearty meals, the Scouts were able to concentrate on just having fun!

On Saturday morning, the Scouts had fun in the newly fallen snow. After lunch, they visited the camp Trading Post, then spent some time practicing their firebuilding skills in preparation

for the upcoming Pinewood Derby.

During their free time, the Scouts played chess, checkers, Battleship and Jenga, and built a 1,000-piece round puzzle that illustrated knots.

One former Scout made his annual trip from Maryland with his father and son to participate in the Winter Weekend.

Boy Scout Troop 23 meets on Wednesday nights in the hall under St. Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth. New members are welcome at any time, all year round. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfootroop@gmail.com.



(above) The Boy Scouts of Troop 23 built a 1,000-piece round puzzle during their annual Winter Weekend.



(above) Boy Scout Troop 23 had a fun and enjoyable Winter Weekend at Winnebago Scout Reservation in January, during which the Scouts practiced their firebuilding skills.

BOY SCOUTS EARN GOLD NUGGETS

Many years ago, men raced by means of dogs and sleds across the frozen wastes of Alaska in search of gold. The Scouts BSA program capitalized on this theme and developed the Klondike Derby as an exciting annual event. Scouts pull a sled full of equipment over a field course in the Watchung Reservation to simulated towns, where the Scouts are challenged to solve problems using Scouting skills, such as firebuilding, first aid, and orienteering.

On February 3, the Red Eye Crow Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 23, sponsored by St. Genevieve's Church of Elizabeth, competed against 38 other sled teams in the Pioneer District Klondike Derby. Under the direction of Patrol Leader Alex Banic, the Scouts earned 73 gold nuggets by solving 7 problems.

Boy Scout Troop 23 welcomes any boys who are at least 11 years old or graduated from the fifth grade to join them on upcoming camping trips and hikes, a 4-day trip to Gettysburg on Memorial Day weekend, and a week-long summer camp in July. Contact Scoutmaster Dan Bernier at 908-451-1948 or webfootroop@gmail.com for more details.

Meeting every Thursday night starting at 8:00 pm

KENILWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER AND RECREATION BUILDING

575 Boulevard in Kenilworth, NJ at corner of 24th Street

Visitors are always welcome, beginner to master. Membership is not required to play.



www.kenilworthchessclub.org



CHESS IN MILLBURN

CHESS ACADEMY

Individual and group lessons

- In-person and Online Lessons
- Regular classes at
27 Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ
- Rated Chess Tournaments
- Search us on YouTube: Chess Party

908-416-1695

Visit our website for details and placement test!

ChessInMillburn.com

chessinmillburn@gmail.com

Marketing Toolbox

Renna Media offers a full range of marketing services, in print and online, hyper-local to regional, for every budget and market size.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTS

We mail 160,000 newspapers to every home and business in 24 towns. You can advertise in any number of towns. Ads start at \$60.

FULL COLOR PRINTING

We print flyers and menus, full color, two sided, on coated stock for only \$45 per thousand.

DIRECT MAIL

Insert your flyer into the newspapers and get it mailed to every home and business for \$60 per thousand and as low as \$30 per thousand for higher quantities.

ONLINE MARKETING

Online ads and press releases designed and placed to drive traffic to your website and get your phone ringing.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We can design and/or manage your social media campaign from passive to aggressive plans customized to work within your budget.

WEBSITE AND SEO SERVICES

Start with an audit/analysis of your website giving you a report and recommendations for \$250.

It is highly recommended to have a marketing plan and budget before spending.

CALL JOE RENNA FOR A FREE CONSULTATION.
908-447-1295

RENNA MEDIA NEWSPAPER RATE SHEET

WE MAIL 160,000 NEWSPAPERS MONTHLY!

Tina Renna 908-418-5586 • tinarena@rennamedia.com
Joe Renna 908-447-1295 • joerenna@rennamedia.com
202 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016

Online at RennaMedia.com
and NJLocalInfo.com

Call today for **FREE** consult on marketing and business plans.



Advertise in 1 or all 24 towns



Berkeley Heights COMMUNITY NEWS Qty: 4,700 Zip: 07922	THE CHATHAMS NJ Qty: 7,500 Zip: 07928	Clark Monthly Qty: 6,700 Zip: 07066	CRANFORD MONTHLY NJ Qty: 9,900 Zip: 07016	Elmora Hills ELIZABETH, NJ Qty: 5,400 Zip: 07208 <small>Section of Elizabeth, NJ</small>	Fanwood Post NJ Qty: 3,000 Zip: 07023
Florham Park Press NJ Qty: 5,500 Zip: 07932	Garwood Times NJ Qty: 2,500 Zip: 07027	Green Brook NJ Gazette Qty: 3,000 Zip: 08812	BUSINESS • LIFE KENILWORTH NJ Qty: 3,500 Zip: 07033	NJ LIFE in LINDEN Qty: 17,900 Zip: 07036	Long Hill LEADER NJ Qty: 3,500 Zips: 07933, 07946, 07980
MADISON MONTHLY NJ Qty: 6,300 Zip: 07940	MOUNTAINSIDE VIEW NJ Qty: 2,900 Zip: 07092	New Providence NEWS NJ Qty: 5,100 Zip: 07974	OUR TOWN <i>Rahway, NJ</i> Qty: 13,000 Zip: 07065	ROSELLE PARK MONTHLY Qty: 5,600 Zip: 07204	Scotch Plains NJ WHAT'S HAPPENING MONTHLY Qty: 9,400 Zip: 07076
Short Hills MILLBURN MONTHLY NJ Qty: 8,200 Zips: 07041, 07078	Summit & Times NJ Qty: 9,600 Zip: 07901	Spirit of UNION NJ Qty: 6,800 Zip: 07083 (partial)	WARREN MONTHLY NJ Qty: 6,200 Zip: 07059	Watchung Post NJ Qty: 2,700 Zip: 07069	Westfield MONTHLY NJ Qty: 11,800 Zip: 07090

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

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

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

Back cover, front page banner and front box reserved on first-come, first-served basis. Current advertiser has right of first refusal. Make Checks payable to Renna Media, 202 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016

BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM OPINION

Submitted by Simone Palermo

The Blue Envelope Program's purpose is to raise Union County's police departments' awareness of special needs (such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, dementia, and anxiety) and how to best communicate with a special needs driver. One point of interest for me in this news article is how all police officers in Union County's twenty-one municipalities will go through a specialized training course on special needs, as well as learning the best methods in engaging with special needs drivers during a traffic stop. These specialized training courses will be vital in not only developing a deeper understanding of special needs, but also on how to best approach special needs drivers to minimize potential misunderstandings and escalations in conflict when pulled over. They will also better communication to special needs drivers that are non-verbal to provide a safer, unprejudiced community that can ensure trust in its police force.

According to one source within the Clark Township's Police Department, the process of getting a blue envelope is very easy, as the special needs driver can simply call their local police department, press the number for their helpdesk, and ask to receive a blue envelope either directly from the local police station or having it delivered to them in their mailbox. A copy of their driver's license and vehicle registration, insurance details, and (if necessary) emergency contact card are

placed inside the envelope, which is then placed onto the dashboard of their vehicle so that officers do not make the driver even more nervous than normal under a traffic stop. However, it does concern me deeply how easily accessible these blue envelopes can be as there is a possibility of individuals not in the spectrum to abuse them for their own benefit.

According to the same source, there are other towns in Union County that have implemented the Blue Envelope Program in their police departments; said source however does not know if it has currently spread throughout the entire state of New Jersey. Regardless, my source said that the Clark Police Department has managed to hand out several of these blue envelopes to special needs drivers, which is a promising start for the program's progress. Upon further research, I have discovered on various websites – such as Crimewatch and the Montgomery County website – that it is being employed in police departments in California, Pennsylvania, Connecticut.

Overall, my opinion on the Blue Envelope Program is incredibly positive. I am advocating for the Blue Envelope Program for Union County's police departments and hope that it spreads beyond just Union County and the state of New Jersey.

Having lived most of my life with Autism Spectrum Disorder – specifically Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) – I was personally intrigued when I came across the Clark Monthly's "Blue Envelopes for Drivers with Autism" newspaper article. As someone who has lived with autism for years, I feel as though I have a voice in this matter, and I would like to let it be heard.

If you or a loved one are a special needs driver looking for more information regarding the Blue Envelope Program, contact your local police department and ask them how you can get started with your blue envelope today.



RENNA MEDIA LAUNCHES YOUTUBE PODCAST

Joe Renna

Renna Media has posted its first episode of "Mind Your Own Local Business," a podcast that gives advice on how to run a successful local business.

This is my 40th year in business and I draw from my experience and expertise to give advice. I have received so much help in my career from mentors and seasoned business owners, and this is a way to pay it forward.

I already offer free one-on-one consultation on putting together business plans and marketing plans. The show would be a way to reach many more people.

I started in business in 1984 as a graphic designer and grew into a full-service marketing and advertising company. Now, along with my wife Tina, we publish twenty-four community newspapers mailing out 160,000 to homes and businesses monthly.

Like the newspapers, the show will serve as a venue to support local community service organizations and events and production costs will be covered by advertisers. There are several marketing and advertising opportunities for businesses to be included with the freedom to be unique and creative.

I am looking forward to having a lot of fun doing the show. It is another application of my Do-What-You-Love mentality. The show is a free-form magazine format production that is flexible. I welcome business owners to join in the fun.

To learn more call me, 908-447-1295, or email joerenna@rennamedia.com.



ONLINE ADS & PRESS RELEASES DRIVE LOCAL TRAFFIC TO YOUR WEBSITE

- **GET UNLIMITED CLICKS**
An alternative to expensive pay-per-click programs
- **FREE AD DESIGN AND COPYWRITING**
Advertising webpage includes many features including write-up, images, video, Google map, etc.
- **POSTS ARE SHARED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA**
Posts shared on multiple Facebook pages and twitter.
- **PAID SEARCH ENGINE PROMOTIONS**
Posts are promoted by industry, key words and location.
- **TRACKABLE RESULTS**
All ads include a live view counter.

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295
email: JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com

\$10 PER POST
Block of 20 for \$200
Single post is \$20



Scan for First Episode of
Mind Your Own Local Business on YouTube.



It would be a tremendous help if viewers
Subscribe, Comment, Like & Share the shows.

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

FLYERS - \$45 PER THOUSAND
8.5" x 11" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock
Tri-fold add \$10 per thousand. Minimum order \$450

LARGE MENUS - PRINTING - \$85 PER THOUSAND
For quantities more than 50,000 cost is \$55 per thousand.
11"x17" / Full color / 2 sided / 60lb gloss coated stock. Min. order \$850
Includes folding (quarter fold or tri-fold, with or without coupons tab)

INSERTED AND MAILED TO EVERY HOME AND BUSINESS
\$60 per thousand. (as low as \$30 per thousand depending on quantity.)
Minimum order \$400

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295
email: JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com



FLYERS \$45 PER 1,000

MENUS \$85 PER 1,000

Call Today for a Free Estimate!  855.624.6655



Masonry



Roofing & Siding



Windows & Doors



Interior Remodeling



Decks & Porches



Payment Plans

WINDOWS \$209	BASEMENTS \$395
KITCHENS \$389	BATHROOMS \$199
ROOFING \$249	DECKS/PATIOS \$189
SIDING \$289	PORCHES/STEPS \$185

0% Plans Available!

Estimated monthly payments.
Rates & payments based on credit approval.

MagnoliaTM

HOME REMODELING GROUP

ROOFING | SIDING | WINDOWS
KITCHENS | BATHROOMS | BASEMENTS
MASONRY | DECKS | PORCHES

VIRTUAL MEETINGS ALSO AVAILABLE

Interior & Exterior Remodeling | Family Owned & Operated

100% FINANCING AVAILABLE | 30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

NJDCA 13VH07755300



MagnoliaHomeRemodeling.com