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SCHOOL HOSTS UNFORGETTABLE MULTICULTURAL BLOCK PARTY

Submitted by Linda Lampert

Franklin Elementary School in Rahway, held a phenomenal Multicultural Block Party on Friday, June 7, 2024, that captivated the community with several engaging and dynamic performances. The event showcased the diverse talents of students and local groups, creating an unforgettable evening for all attendees.

In addition to the captivating performances, the event offered a vibrant atmosphere with various food trucks and exhibits, providing delicious food options and interesting learning opportunities. There was also a fun and engaging multicultural scavenger hunt, encouraging attendees to learn about different countries' flags in a fun way.

The event concluded with heartfelt closing remarks at 7:00 p.m., leaving attendees with a sense of community pride and joy. The evening was a testament to the dedication and talent of the students, teachers, and community members of Rahway.

"We are thrilled by the incredible turnout and the amazing performances that made this evening so special," said Dr. Holness. "This event truly highlights the vibrant spirit and diverse talents within our community."

Franklin Elementary School extends its deepest gratitude to all the participants, volunteers, and attendees who made the event a resounding success. A special thank you goes to the following groups for their invaluable contributions:



The dedicated School Leadership Team for transforming the annual event into a vibrant block party.

Local community-based organizations like Bella Kind, the Rahway chapter of the NAACP, NCNW, and Dr. Miao and her husband for showcasing Chinese culture.

The Mayor's office, Rahway Public Schools Buildings and Grounds team, Rahway PD, Franklin PTA, the Superintendent's Office, and Rahway Board of Education members.

Franklin Elementary School looks forward to more such events that bring the community together in celebration of its rich diversity.



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The Rahway Chamber of Commerce awarded a total of \$3,600 to three graduating Rahway seniors. The scholarship presentation took place during the Chamber's May General Meeting, held at the Rahway Yacht Club in May.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 each were awarded to Juan Berrios, Rahway High School, who will pursue engineering at Rutgers University; Naomi Johnson, Rahway High School, who will study culinary arts at the Institute of Culinary Education; and Gabriella

Wetherell, Rahway High School, who will major in accounting at Penn State University.

The Chamber's scholarships are funded largely by major sponsors of the annual Rahway Day event. The Chamber thanks Columbia Bank, Merck, Northfield Bank, and PSE&G for their generous support of Rahway Day and this year's scholarship program.

For more information about the Rahway Chamber of Commerce and Rahway Day, please visit rahwaychamberofcommerce.com.







(above, l-r) Juan Berrios, Naomi Johnson, Gabriella Wetherell

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JUNIOR ELKS PROGRAM - ANTLERS #39 - ESTABLISHED

Submitted by Kristina Petti

The Rahway Antlers #39 was instituted into the Rahway Elks #1075 on Saturday, April 27th 2024. The Antlers is the junior Elks program. It is a chance for the young people of the community to become involved in the Elks and the projects which the Elks sponsor.

The Antlers began originally in the late 1930's and went well for many years. However, in the 1960's, interest had fallen and the program ended.

Since the mid 2000's, some lodges have begun to restart the program. 10 Antlers lodges have opened or reopened in the past 2 years in New Jersey! Our state leads the country in the number of active Antler lodges!

At 1pm in the great hall of the Rahway Elks, prospective Antlers, their family and friends, and members and officers of the Rahway Elks gathered to witness a ritual that included the institution of the charter, initiation of Antler members, and installation of Antler officers.

Dignitaries in attendance included Larry Mastronbernidino, Exalted Ruler of the Rahway Elks #1075, State Antlers Chairman, Shean Opie of the Red Bank Lodge #233, Hank Bedlivy East Central District V.P. from the Union Lodge #1583, Grand Lodge Committeeman Tom Zisa from the Hackensack Lodge #658, Daniel Kretchmer East Central District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler from the Springfield/Hillside Lodge #2004, Mike Veth PVP

Region 1 Antlers Co-Chairman from the Long Branch Lodge #742, and our State photographer, Pete Simone from the Ridgefield Park Lodge #1506.

The ceremony was followed with lunch provided by Michellinos. Everyone was so excited to be a part of this historic event. It was a beautiful day.

The Antlers wasted no time in getting started. They held their first meeting on Wednesday, May 8th and initiated 5 more candidates. They discussed ideas for fundraising and helping our community. We celebrated our first meeting with pizza and snacks. All of the pizzas were donated by Michellinos in Rahway.

The Rahway Antlers had a table at the Rahway Academy PTO vendor fair and during the Hot Rods and Harleys event in front of the lodge. They passed out free custom water bottles, snacks, drinks, and drug awareness information.

Elroy the Elk, the Elks drug awareness mascot, even made an appearance at Hot Rods and Harleys. He reminded kids to say no to drugs!

If you are interested in joining our Antlers please email kristinarahwayelks@gmail.com. Antlers are a group of 12-20 year olds who do community service, volunteer, and learn about civics.

If you are interested in learning more about our organization or becoming a member, please visit our website rahwayelks.org and follow us on Facebook: Rahway Elks #1075. To become a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks you must be 21 or over, an American citizen, and believe in God.



(above) Members of the Rahway Antlers after their first regular meeting.



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Rahway Public Schools

Franklin Elementary School underwent a remarkable transformation, thanks to the collaborative efforts of Jersey Cares and NFL New York in partnership with NFL Films Mt. Laurel. Over 75 dedicated volunteers descended upon the school to complete a series of impactful projects to enhance the learning environment for students and staff.

The ambitious undertaking included a range of initiatives, from revitalizing teachers' lounges to installing vibrant murals and creating engaging recreational spaces. Among the highlights were:

Teachers' Lounges Makeover: The lounges received a much-needed facelift, complete with fresh paint, new furniture, and inspiring quotes adorning the walls.

Murals Galore: Colorful murals now adorn the hallways of Franklin Elementary, injecting creativity and vibrancy into the learning spaces.

Community Pride on Display: The installation of fence cups bearing the school's name in the district's signature colors represents community pride.

Playground Revitalization: The playground transformed with freshly painted lines for basketball and soccer, along with the assembly of benches for added comfort.

Green Oasis: The inner courtyard has been transformed into a tranquil oasis with the addition of planter boxes filled with lush plants and mulch

Fit and Fun Program: Students in grades 3-5 participated in a Fit and Fun program, engaging in stimulating fitness activities and calming meditation exercises led by NFL volunteers. Additionally, two Franklin staff members led Yoga classes for fifth-grade students.

Dr. Holness and the entire Franklin Elementary School staff and student body are deeply grateful to Jersey Cares, NFL New York, NFL Films Mt. Laurel, and all the volunteers who made this transformation possible. Their unwavering commitment and selfless generosity created a lasting positive impact on the school community, instilling a profound sense of pride and belonging among students and staff.



(above) Volunteers transformed Franklin Elementary School by an ambitious undertaking which included a range of initiatives, from revitalizing teachers' lounges to installing vibrant murals and creating engaging recreational spaces. Photos by Rahway Public Schools



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URGENT NEED FOR ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

Child Focus

The latest class of CASA volunteers were sworn in to advocate for youth in foster care on June 11, 2024.

Union County Superior Court Judge Rosalba Comas presided over the swearing-in of the newly trained volunteers, and each can now be assigned to work with children living in foster care through no fault of their own, advocating for their best interests and ensuring their needs are met while in the child welfare system.

The nonprofit organization Child Focus operates CASA of Passaic and Union Counties. and its goal is to provide a CASA volunteer for each of the more than 250 child-victims in Union County foster care. Currently, just 30 percent of these vulnerable infants, children, and teens have the continuity and support of a CASA volunteer serving as extra eyes and ears for judges hearing their cases. The need is critical for additional volunteers to step up and serve waiting children.

"We are proud to welcome this new group of volunteers to the CASA family," said Erica Fischer-Kaslander, Executive Director of Child Focus. "These individuals have taken concrete action to make a difference in the lives of children who have experienced immense trauma, having been removed from home through no fault of their own, often due to abuse or neglect. We look forward to working with our new advocates as they serve these vulnerable youth and urge more community members to follow their example by volunteering to support children in need."

Judge Comas expressed her gratitude for the CASA program and the volunteers' commitment to the children they serve. "If I really want to

know what's happening with a child I listen to the CASA worker, because they are 100% in tune with everything that the child needs, and everything that's happening in the child's life." she shared. "Their job is to look out for the kids, represent the children's interest, and make sure that all of their needs are being addressed. It's not just whether they need clothes or whether they need toys, it's the bond. It's what they need emotionally, it's someone they can count on."

Since caseworkers, attorneys, and foster homes are ever-changing, the CASA volunteer – or advocate - is a much-needed constant in a child's life, committing to work with the child until they reach permanency in a stable home and the case closes. Children assigned a CASA volunteer are more likely to receive services, spend less time in the foster system, and experience significantly better outcomes than those without an advocate.

BECOMING A CASA - TRAINING SCHEDULED IN JULY

Becoming a CASA requires no special skills or background in child welfare. Child Focus provides thorough training on the ins and outs of advocating for abused and neglected children, and volunteers are fully supported by CASA program staff. Volunteers visit the children at least monthly and get to know the people in the child's life, such as foster parents, biological parents, teachers, therapists, and attorneys in

order to make unbiased recommendations to the family court judge that support the child's best interests.

The first step to becoming an advocate is to attend an information session. Upcoming sessions will be held Monday, July 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Public Library (Elmora Branch), 740 W Grand St, Elizabeth, NJ 07202; Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza in Rahway; Thursday July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Union County Colleen Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue E. in Westfield; or Monday July 1 at 10 a.m., Monday July 15 at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday July 24 at 12 p.m., and Wednesday July 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Child Focus office, 415 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite D2. Register: casapassaicunion.org/info-session.

ABOUT CHILD FOCUS:

Child Focus prioritizes the needs and wellbeing of infants, children and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect by amplifying their voices and working toward lasting, permanent solutions that address their unique situations and provide support needed to thrive. This critical work is accomplished through three distinct but complementary programs: CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, NJ Safe Babies Court Team, and the Open Door Store. For more information about Child Focus, visit childfocusni.org.



(above) The latest class of CASA volunteers were sworn in to advocate for youth in foster care on June 11, 2024. To learn more about becoming an advocate, info sessions are scheduled for July. For more information visit: casapassaicunion.org/info-session Courtesy photo



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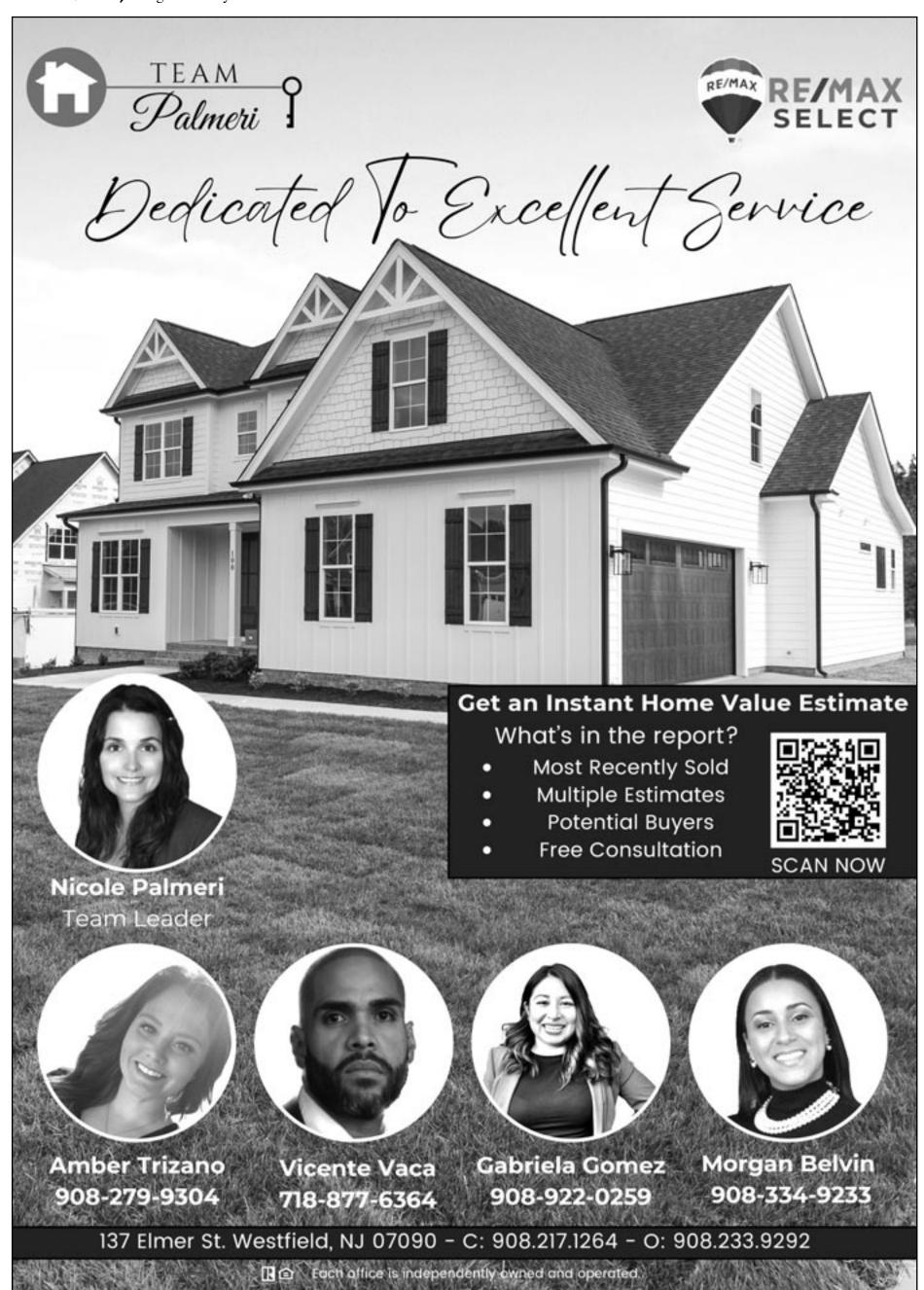
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GIRLS ON THE RUN SUCCESS!

Submitted by McMillen

The Grover Cleveland Elementary School community is thrilled to celebrate the success of its Girls on the Run program!

This impactful program, which kicked off in April, empowered young girls in grades 3-5 to develop self-confidence, healthy habits, and a strong sense of community through running. Led by the dedicated coaching team of Miss Young, Miss DiCataldo, and Ms. Suarez, the girls participated in weekly sessions that combined physical activity with fun and engaging lessons.

The Girls on the Run program at Grover Cleveland Elementary School went beyond improving physical fitness. Each week, the girls explored different topics that are important for young minds, such as:

Building self-esteem: The coaches helped the girls identify their strengths, develop positive self-talk, and celebrate their accomplishments.

Teamwork: Through running games and activities, the girls learned the importance of collaboration, communication, and supporting one another.

Goal setting: The program incorporated goalsetting exercises to help the girls develop a growth mindset and perseverance in achieving their goals, both on and off the running track.

The culmination of the program was a celebratory 5k run held on June 1st at Branchbook Park in Newark, NJ. The weeks of

training and team building culminated in this community spirit. We are grateful to the coaching exciting event. Parents, families, and friends team for their dedication, creativity, and positive cheered on the girls with enthusiasm as they energy, and to all the families who supported crossed the finish line, filled with pride and their daughters throughout the program." accomplishment.

Run participants," said, Mr. Giambrone Principal of the school's commitment to fostering the wellof Cleveland Elementary School. "This program being of its students. By providing opportunities has not only helped them improve their physical for physical activity, social connection, personal fitness and develop important life skills, but it has growth, and goal setting, the program empowers also fostered a strong sense of self-belief and girls to reach their full potential.

The Grover Cleveland Elementary School "We are incredibly proud of our Girls on the Girls on the Run program is a shining example





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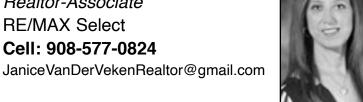


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A CARNIVAL DAY TO REMEMBER

Submitted by Lauren Battiato

The Rahway 7th & 8th Grade Academy buzzed with excitement on June 11th, as the school hosted an epic Carnival Day celebration. The festivities kicked off in the morning, with seventh graders taking the lead and enjoying a vibrant array of carnival attractions. From thrilling inflatables like a water slide and a trampoline bungee jump to classic favorites like face painting and temporary tattoos, there was something for everyone.

Meanwhile, the eighth graders embarked on a momentous walk to Rahway High School, participating in promotion practice, a significant milestone on their journey to becoming high schoolers. Upon their return to the Academy, they were welcomed back with open arms and the chance to join in on the carnival fun.

Students bounced on the inflatables, battled it out in laser tag, and faced off in the obstacle course, complete with swinging boulders! Sweet treats like cotton candy and ice cream from So Delicious kept everyone smiling, while upbeat music filled the air.

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Jones and the Academy staff for planning and organizing this wildly successful event. Their efforts ensured that Carnival Day was a roaring success, providing a safe, memorable, and enjoyable experience for all the Academy students and staff. It was a perfect way to celebrate the close of a successful school year and create lasting memories for the Academy's rising 8th graders.



Courtesy photos





CHAMBER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce has announced its 2024 Business Improvement Grant Program. Applications will be accepted through Saturday, August 31.

Each year, the Chamber offers member businesses and nonprofits the opportunity to apply for grant funding for physical business improvements or programming. Grants are funded by annual membership fees, the Chamber's annual Rahway Day event, and other fundraising activities. This year, up to \$4,000 is available for grants. Grants will be awarded at this year's Rahway Day, which will take place on Saturday, October 19 at the Rahway Recreation Center.

All applications must be received by Saturday, August 31.

For complete information and to apply, please visit rahwaychamberofcommerce.com/grant.



RAHWAY "PROJECTS" TO BE RAZED AND REPLACED

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

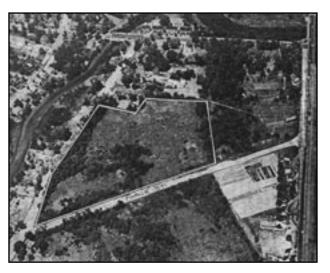
The complex of public housing buildings that cover the 6 ½ acre tract lying along Leesville Avenue and Capobianco Plaza, known to most in Rahway as the "Projects," is scheduled to be razed before the end of the year. Built between 1951 and 1952, with additional units built in 1964 and 1991, the apartments will be replaced by modern, fully equipped family units that will be designed to meet 21st Century standards. The plans are to construct 20 new buildings with a total of 112 units, the same number of units as in the former complex.

Following the end of World War II, the Federal Government created programs to help cities construct low rent housing, encourage redevelopment projects, and promote community development. The Housing Authority of the City of Rahway was organized on October 14, 1949, to apply for the available funding with a goal of constructing affordable family public housing apartments. The Authority would be responsible for finding a suitable location, choosing the type of dwellings to be constructed, and handling the application process. Once built and occupied, the units would be turned over to the city and the Authority would become the landlord.

The city was granted funds from the U.S. Department of HUD in February 1950 and ground was broken on donated property in the Fourth Ward on January 1, 1951. The plans called for an eleven building complex containing a total of 76 units. The units would contain 3 ½ or 6 ½ rooms with rents assessed according to tenant income. The Authority chose to name the apartments after PFC Warren A. Glendinning, a Rahway resident who was killed in Italy on October 6, 1944, while attacking an enemy machine gun nest.

In June, 1952, the lease signing for the apartments began. During their meeting the previous March, the Authority resolved to follow a strict policy of nondiscrimination and non segregation with interracial integration as the standard for rental. The demand for housing was heavy. Sixteen applications were completed and accepted on the first day and 24 more applicants were notified to appear for interviews. Thirtynine of the initial 40 applicants were veterans. The waiting list quickly reached 170. A local resident with a wife and two children, who came back from the war a disabled veteran, was the first to register for a new home.

Tribute was given to a second war veteran in January 1953 when Force Street, the street connecting Leesville Avenue with Routes 1&9,



(above) Aerial view of the property of the federally funded project taken in 1950. Force Street would be renamed Capobianco Plaza in 1953.

Courtesy photos

was changed to Capobianco Plaza. 2nd Lt. Frank Capobianco was an Army Air Force B 57 bomber pilot whose plane was shot down over Germany on January 11, 1944.

In 1964, thirteen years after the original complex was built, the city of Rahway approved the construction of two additional buildings which would house 12 units. The new units were named in honor of President John F. Kennedy after his assassination on November 23, 1963.

A third and final addition to the site came in 1991 when four buildings containing 24 more apartments were constructed. The new apartments were named The Ruby Scott Gardens after Ms. Scott who served on the Housing Authority for many years and was an active advocate for the residents. By this point, the complex contained 17 buildings with 112 units.

The Housing Authority was also responsible for the acquisition of funds for senior citizen housing projects. The John F. Kennedy Senior Citizen Apartments at 224 West Grand Avenue (34 units) was built in 1964. Four years later, the JFK Annex (47 units) was constructed at 250 West Grand Avenue. In 1985, a 40-room senior



(above) Familiar sights along Leesville Avenue since 1951-52, the 17-building complex is scheduled to be razed and replaced by modern apartments.

apartment building was constructed at 165 East Grand Avenue called the Walter Schaffhauser Towers named after the Authority's Director who passed in 1983. The Authority's final senior project to date was the Clifford Case Memorial Apartments (40 units) built at 337 West Milton Avenue in 1986. Case was a Rahway resident who served as a city councilman, served 10 years in the United States House of Representatives, and was a U.S. Senator for 24 years.

In recent years, Mayor Raymond Giacobbi requested that the Authority redevelop the family complex to provide modern housing for the current tenants. Through the efforts of the Mayor, City Council members, and Housing Authority members, a Union County Community Development Block Grant in the amount of 3.2 million was applied for and awarded to support the project.

The Authority is presently working on the relocation of tenants so the existing buildings can be razed over the two-phase project. Demolition is expected to begin by the end of the year. It is projected that it will take 18 months to complete the new buildings.





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Melynda Disla, President/CEO of The Gateway Family YMCA, has expressed a pressing need for financial assistance. She states, "We can't provide additional swim lesson scholarships without the help of donors like Phillips 66. Low-moderate-income families can only afford these lessons with financial assistance despite how much they are needed."

Bayway Refinery Manager, Don Susanen, said, "We are proud to partner with The Gateway

The Phillips 66 Social Impact Fund, on behalf Family YMCA. The programs offer more than swim lessons. It provides a safe and healthy outdoor activity for youth, preventing them from being stuck indoors all summer. And remember, every life saved from receiving swimming lessons makes the investment well worth it."

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In response to these numbers, CPSC's Pool Safely campaign is sharing simple water safety steps that families can take to prevent drownings, especially while many families are spending more time around backyard and portable pools this season.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Pool Safely campaign urges parents and caregivers to follow the Pool Safely simple safety steps to prevent more drownings:

- Never leave a child unattended in or near water, and always designate an adult Water Watcher. This person should not be reading, texting, using a smartphone or be otherwise distracted. In addition to pools and spas, this warning includes bathtubs, buckets, decorative ponds, and fountains.
- If you own a pool or spa, be sure to install layers of protection, including a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults. Many communities offer online CPR training.
- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments.
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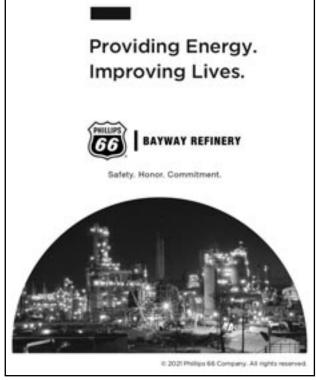
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THE SPOTTED LANTERN FLY UPDATE 2024

I first submitted a longer version of this article about Spotted Lantern Flies to Our Town in July 2021.

This, now recognizable insect was accidentally introduced from Asia into Pennsylvania and was confirmed in September 2014. At first it was only found in Bucks County, however, today it has spread throughout Pennsylvania and to neighboring states, including New Jersey. As of 2023 it has been reported as far west as Ohio and Virginia.

Over the past few years millions of folks in our area have joined together to stomp on these creatures. A few years ago I was entering a building in Bridgewater and the cement looked liked a mosaic artwork created by the colorful crushed bodies of thousands of adult Lantern flies.

One thing that we didn't know back then is SLF can't fly backwards to escape. Despite our best efforts millions were able to quickly escape their doom by quickly flying away forward. Lesson learned. From now on when you are about to stomp, do it from the front and they will fly into your shoe.

Adults feed in large congregations from August – October and are easily recognizable. Because they spend at least one month as adults before laying eggs, this is a critical time for management. Mating and egg laying is delayed, and egg laying does not occur until October. Egg masses are laid on smooth surfaces and appear like a patch of mud. They spend the winter in this stage and thus are very likely to be accidentally transported to a new location.

In August 2023, the spotted lantern fly (SLF) population in New Jersey was lower than in the previous two years. Some possible reasons for



(above) The Spotted Lantern Fly

this include Hot and dry weather in the summer, cold weather in January, warm weather throughout most of the winter, High populations damaging or killing host plants.

George Hamilton, a professor, entomologist (insect specialist) at Rutgers University–New Brunswick stated:

The spotted lantern fly may be running out of steam or simply experiencing an off year. Populations in 2023 have been lower than in each of the last two years.

During feeding, SLF excretes significant amounts of honey dew (or sugar water). Honey dew deposits provide a food source for a sooty mold fungus that can grow on plant surfaces and fruit leading to reduced photosynthesis and plant vigor. This lack of photosynthesis over time will lead to the slow death of many trees and plants. Adults feed in large congregations and are highly noticeable. Although there are no numbers or estimates on the economic impact of SLF, we are concerned about the impacts to our agricultural and homeowner communities.

The spotted lantern fly can feed on more than 70 plant species including cultivated and wild grape, fruit trees, and hardwood trees common in woodlots and as landscape plantings. As with all



(above) Past President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995. Visit 'Keane Gardener' blog at: keanegardener.blogspot.com

plant hoppers, SLF has sucking mouthparts that it inserts into plant tissues to remove the fluids it needs to survive.

SLF adults and nymphs are phloem feeders that feed in large congregations on woody tissue. Feeding primarily occurs on the trunk and limbs of plants, not on the fruit or leaf tissues although young nymphs may feed on the leaves, particularly along the leaf veins. Feeding and abundance on different hosts switches throughout the growing season, likely tied with sugar flow in the trees.

One tree that hosts large numbers of SLF is Ailanthus altissima (Tree of Heaven), which is an invasive tree abundant in New Jersey. Other key tree hosts include black walnut, red maple, river birch, willow, and agricultural crops such as grapes, apples, and peaches.

When looking for SLF, survey along the perimeters of fields and on tree of heaven, black walnut, red maple, willow, river birch, and wild grapevines at the edges of wood lines.

Information in this article is from Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and Mr. Hamilton's interview was in the Bergen Record.

Happy summer everyone,











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