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## PINEWOOD DERBY FUNDRAISER DRAWS ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD

Submitted by Cat McCoy

Boy Scout Troop 56's annual Pinewood Derby fundraiser took place on Saturday, June 8th at the West End Community Center, drawing an enthusiastic crowd of participants and spectators. This beloved annual event brought together families, scouts, and racing enthusiasts for a day filled with excitement, competition, and camaraderie.

The event kicked off at noon, with participants showcasing their meticulously crafted wooden cars. Each car, designed and built by the participants, reflected hours of dedication and creativity. The races were organized into multiple heats, ensuring everyone had a fair chance to compete.

Several participants stood out with their unique car designs and impressive racing skills. The top honors of the day went to:

First Place: Tom Norman with his car "Spruce Deuce"

Second Place: Dennis Salmanowicz with his car "Racing Rabbi"

Third Place: Lisa Coppola with her car "Gucci"  
The Pinewood Derby wasn't just about the races; it was also a community-building event. The West End Community Center contributed free barbecue and refreshments, which added to the festive atmosphere.

This year's Pinewood Derby was a resounding success, showcasing the talents and sportsmanship of all participants. The event strengthened community bonds and created lasting memories for everyone involved. We look forward to next year's derby and anticipate even more exciting races and creative designs.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers, sponsors, and participants who made this event possible. Your support and enthusiasm are what make the Pinewood Derby a new tradition in our community.

Stay tuned for updates and announcements for next year's event!



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*Michael D Boll, NJVN President*

For the last few years, the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has been helping veterans with resources and assistance with their mental health conditions. Over time we came to realize that the veteran's family was being affected by their struggles as well. Our team had to learn how to include their family members in our outreach efforts. We lose 22 veterans each day to suicide, and they leave behind grieving families. Recently, we decided to make sure all veteran family members can use the same resources that our team has available for veterans. Sometimes we forget about the sacrifices our veteran families have to make and this country should appreciate them for this.

One thing our team decided to do was to have Gold Star families meet disabled veterans at our events, so they can work together and form a bond. This effort was extremely affective and immediately brought joy to both the Gold Star families and to the disabled veterans. By adding veteran family members to the team, it allows us to work together on our peer support and recreational therapy programs. We are honored to have veteran family members to work alongside us and know they are just as committed with helping our veterans live a better way of life.

If you need assistance, or would like to join the team as a volunteer, please send us your name, email, and phone number to [NJVN1775@gmail.com](mailto:NJVN1775@gmail.com).

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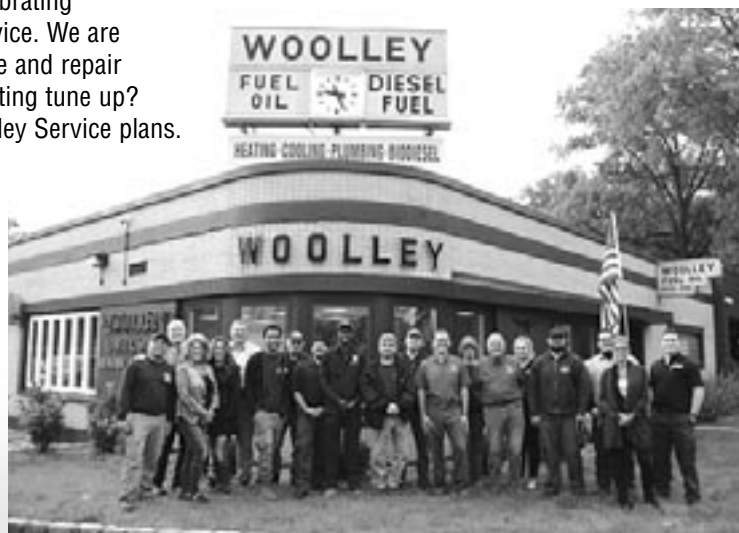
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*(above) Michael D Boll, NJVN President, with Dina and Tom Duffy who lost their son Tom Duffy, a Marine Corporal and Afghanistan War veteran.* Courtesy photo

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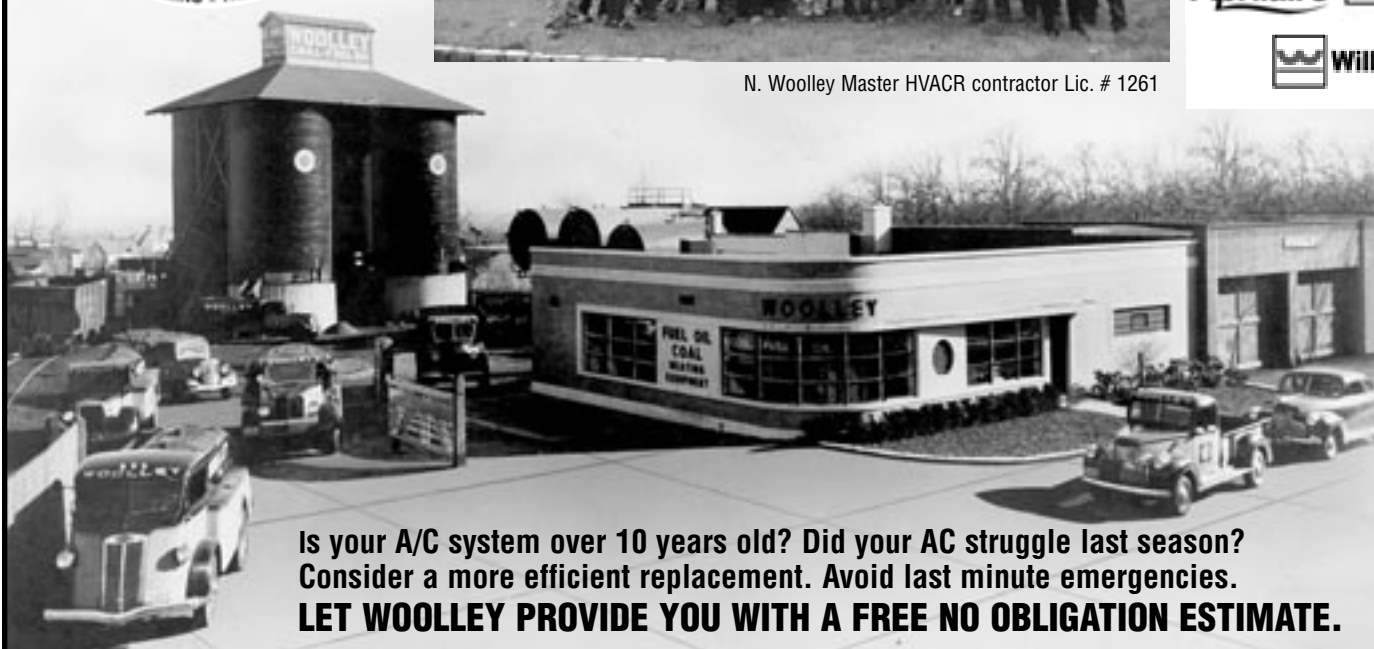
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# INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS - JULY 1

*Borough of Roselle Park*

Come mark America's birthday on Monday, July 1st, at Herm Shaw Field with the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Fireworks Celebration. Enjoy an evening packed with tasty food trucks, live music from The Purple Shadows, and much more! Gates open at 5:00 p.m. The annual flag-raising ceremony will occur at dusk followed by a spectacular fireworks display by Celebration Fireworks. In the event of inclement weather, the Borough will move the festivities to Friday, July 5th.

The Borough of Roselle Park extends its gratitude to the sponsors of this year's Independence Day Celebration: The County of Union, Neglia Group, Colliers Engineering & Design, Breakwater Treatment and Wellness and Suburban Disposal Inc.

Transportation for Roselle Park senior citizens will be available by signing up at the Casano Community Center, or by calling 908-245-0666. Nearby streets will be closed, with specific details to be announced later.

We hope all Roselle Park residents will join us at Herm Shaw Field for this event. For more information, please call the Casano Community Center at 908-245-0666.

# COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – JULY 6

The Borough of Roselle Park is proud to announce a Community Blood Drive, set to take place on Saturday, July 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Casano Community Center, located at 314 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204.

In addition to contributing to a vital cause, all donors will receive a special bonus: a Mets t-shirt and Mets tickets, while supplies last. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the community and enjoy some fantastic perks.

Residents are encouraged to participate in this life-saving event, helping to ensure a stable blood supply for those in need. To schedule an appointment or for further inquiries, please contact Genevieve at 732-672-5281. Participants can also sign up online at [nybc.org/sponsor](http://nybc.org/sponsor) using code 72463.

"New York Blood Center is declaring a blood emergency due to a significant drop in blood donations that occurred around Memorial Day," said Genevieve Toscano of the NYBC. "This in turn resulted in a shortfall of 2,100 units needed to meet hospital demand. This shortage places a strain on the region's blood supply as we head into summer, a season typically marked by a spike in traumas."

Attendees are reminded to eat, drink, and bring a photo ID. While appointments are preferred, walk-ins will be accommodated if space permits. For COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](http://nybc.org/coronavirus).

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## THREE COMMUNITY COOLDOVNS PLANNED

### Borough of Roselle Park

Roselle Park will be holding three Community Cooldown events in July. This series of family friendly events is sponsored by the Roselle Park Fire Department and Councilman Jay Robaina of the 5th Ward. Community Coolsdowns will take place on Tuesday July 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. near 180 W. Webster Avenue.

During firefighters' pump and water hose drills, children of all ages will be able to run through the water showers to get sprayed down. Fire Chief Steven A. Thompson is looking forward to residents rejoining the team. "The cooldowns give kids a glimpse of how our firefighters train and prepare for an emergency," he said. "I hope all of the kids will attend this summer event, meet our firefighters, and have some fun while cooling down throughout the month of July!"

In case of emergency or inclement weather, this event may be canceled. For more information, please call the Casano Community Center at 908-245-0666.

## EVENT RAISES FUNDS TO HELP GRIEVING CHILDREN

### Experience Camps

Hundreds of people attended the "Day of Champions" event held on June 2, 2024, in Warren, NJ for a day of family-friendly fun and fierce competition. It was all tied into one glorious morning of camp-inspired challenges and activities to benefit Experience Camps.

Experience Camps is an award-winning national nonprofit that transforms the lives of grieving children through free, weeklong, summer-camp programs, and innovative, year-round initiatives. There are six million young people in the U.S. who will experience the death of a parent or sibling, and Experience Camps aims to provide as many young people as possible joy, hope and strategies for learning how to navigate their grief journey.

The "Day of Champions" event started in 2018 in Westport, CT. It grew out of the desire to host a different type of fundraiser for Experience Camps, and the idea to do a massive "Color War" (think camp Olympics) was formed. This was the second annual Day of Champions at Camp Riverbend in Warren, NJ.

For the event, 20 teams sign up for an amazing day of fun. They are each assigned a spirit color which they are encouraged to fully embrace (including tie dye, spray paint, body/hair paint, tutus...the wilder, the better). They competed in five activities to earn points. Along the way they were also tasked with fundraising for Experience Camps. A minimum of \$2,500 is expected to be raised by each team.

The day kicked off with Opening Ceremonies, which includes some words from the Event Chair and a camper speaker. The games then ran for


about an hour and a half, before finishing the day with Closing Ceremonies, which included the awarding of trophies. Then everyone celebrated with treats, and there was much to celebrate!

"It was incredible to see so many families of Summit join together where the joy of friendly competition met the power of philanthropy, creating a kaleidoscope of fun and goodwill for everyone who participated," said Justine Lechuk, Day of Champions Team Captain and Summit Resident. Added Ari Landau, Day of Champion Team Captain and Summit Resident, "Bereavement can be a difficult topic to talk about but I felt uplifted knowing so many of us came together to support grieving children and raise critical dollars for much needed bereavement programming."

"The "Day of Champions" is a unique opportunity for friends and families of all ages to come together for an incredible cause," says Hillary Irwin, Westfield resident and event co-chair. "I was truly amazed and inspired by all of the people who showed up."

Jenni Hetrick, Assistant Director & Division Head of Camp Riverbend, where the event took place said, "Camp Riverbend has always believed in the magic of camp and is proud to partner with Experience Camps and other organizations that support grieving children."

In addition to a lot of smiles and community bonding, the teams raised \$125,000 that will support Experience Camps' programming and help heal thousands of grieving teens. For those who want to get involved with Experience Camps or make use of their free grief resources, visit [experiencecamps.org](http://experiencecamps.org).



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## SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ ANNOUNCES MARK ADAMY BAND

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the Mark Adamy Band, Saturday, July 13th, 2024. The doors open at 7:30 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 Bailey Hall, below Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Mark Adamy is a multitalented keyboardist and vocalist who works with artists around the globe as a live performer and recording artist. This includes his own band: The Mark Adamy Band, which is a group of accomplished musicians that has thrilled listeners with its original stylings fusing pop, rock, jazz, R&B, world, and spiritual music.

Mark has enjoyed popularity as a sought-after talent for special events, productions, and performances. He has won honors including Entertainer of the Year and Boston Music award nominations. Sharing the stage with greats like Chaka Khan, James Brown, The Four Tops, John-Lee Hooker, Pieces of a Dream, Howard Hewitt, Phil Driscoll, Phil Keaggy, Roger Humphries, and many others, Mark has established himself as the consummate professional in the Metro NYC area. Mark has played in many Broadway productions as well as music directing off-Broadway productions in NYC. Mark's concert credentials are extensive with acts such as the Coasters, the Cadillacs, Ink Spots, Jive Five, Silhouettes, Marvellettes, the Charells, and guitarist Billy Davis. He has jammed with jazz artists such as Warren Hill, Makoto Ozone, Darren Lyons Group, and Lee Robinson at venues ranging from New York's Russian Tea Room and Knitting Factory to Boston's Symphony Hall.

Local artist/photographer Robert Cleary will have his works on display at the Roadhouse Gallery of Fine Art for all to enjoy.

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. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

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 love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

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.



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Bring your favorite stuffed animal, wear your pajamas, and join library staff for a cozy bedtime story and craft.

### LEGO CLUB

**MONDAY 07/15 3:00-4:00PM**

Use the library's LEGO bricks to build your own creations. Check the calendar for dates.

### SUMMER MOVIE MATINEE

**MONDAY 07/01 2PM**

Beat the heat and come in and enjoy a funny sunny movie inside our program room! Snacks provided.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**MONDAY 07/08 5:00PM**

Bring the whole family and play against one another!

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM AGES 6-ADULT

Adventure Begins At Your Library! Sign up for our summer reading program and begin your adventure. Get your reading log, log your minutes/books and collect your prizes. Sign ups begin Monday, June 10th. Our program begins Monday June 17th, just drop in and sign up at the circulation desk. Roselle Park Residents.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### KNITTING CLUB

**WEDNESDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Knit and crochet winter hats and scarves to donate to charities.

### QUILTING CLUB

**2nd + 4th THURSDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Try out new quilting patterns with friends.

PROGRAMS MARKED \*\*\* HAVE

LIMITED SPOTS! Online Registration required for children's programs.

## TECH HELP

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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
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# SOCIAL IMPACT FUND SUPPORTS SWIM PROGRAMS

The Phillips 66 Social Impact Fund, on behalf of the Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, is providing a \$46,000 grant to The Gateway Family YMCA to offer swim safety programming through Summer and Fall Swimming Lessons to 209 low and moderate-income youth.

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

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."

Our support of this program demonstrates how Phillips 66 continues to strive to be a trusted community partner. At Phillips 66, we understand that we share our communities and take responsibility for our neighbors' safety and well-being.

At Phillips 66, we believe actions speak louder than words. Together, we are #GivingGoodEnergy!



(above) A \$46,000 grant from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery provides swim safety for local youth just in time for summer.

Courtesy photo

## POOL SAFETY TIPS CAN HELP SAVE A LIFE

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children ages 1 through 4, and data released by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) shows that more than 375 children drown in pools and spas each year. Children younger than 5 years old account for 75 percent of these drownings, 56 percent of which are attributed to a gap in adult supervision. Most child drownings (71 percent) happen at home.

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.
- Ensure any pool and spa you use has drain covers that comply with federal safety standards and if you do not know, ask your pool service provider about safer drain covers.

Families can visit [poolsafely.gov](http://poolsafely.gov) for additional water safety tips to prepare for a summer that is safer and more fun.

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**YMCA Annual Support Campaign**

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