

Scotch Plains NJ

WHAT'S HAPPENING MONTHLY

Published by Renna Media, LLC. On-line at RennaMedia.com

Issue 108 • September 2024

CB COLDWELL BANKER REALTY

THIS SEPTEMBER
Fall in love with your next home!



Mary DePaola
Broker Associate
Personal, Professional, Proven
Coldwell Banker Realty
Westfield West
Office: 908-233-0065
Cell: 908-963-8673
Mary.depaola@cbrealty.com

COMMUNITY THANKS VOLUNTEERS ON APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Scotch Plains community came together on Thursday, August 1st, 2024 to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Night. Crowds gathered at the Alan M. Augustine Village Green and beat the heat with ice cream, and live music performed by the Garden State Jazz Orchestra; on the last day of the township's Free Summer Concert Series.

Volunteer Appreciation Night serves as an opportunity to recognize the individuals who share a commitment to public service in Scotch Plains. Volunteers range from town organizations such as the Scotch Plains Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Environmental Commission, Recreation, and more, all working to support the municipal government.



Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Scotch Plains Monthly page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) Feel free to "Like," "Tag," "Comment," and "Share."

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

ECRWSS

*****ECRWSEDDM*****
POSTAL PATRON
SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ 07076

You've got a lot of living left. Make your money last.

Will your money last as long as it needs to? We can help make sure it does with solutions from respected companies such as Equitable, Lincoln Financial Group, Protective, and Prudential. Call us today.

Nelson C. Espeland, LUTCF
Agency Owner
908-233-6300
Scotch Plains / Farwood
nelson@allstate.com

Michael J. Jasuta
Personal Financial Representative
908-233-6300
Scotch Plains / Farwood
michaeljasuta@allstate.com

Have any other coverage needs? Call anytime!



Scotch Plains NJ

WHAT'S HAPPENING MONTHLY

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

Scotch Plains Monthly is published by Renna Media. 9,400 newspapers are printed monthly and mailed to every business and resident in Scotch Plains, 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/ Scotch Plains Monthly](https://facebook.com/ScotchPlainsMonthly)

SYDNEY MCLAUGHLIN-LEVRONE BREAKS WORLD RECORD, WINS GOLD AT PARIS OLYMPICS

Former Union Catholic High School track sensation and Dunellen native Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone has made history once again, setting a new world record in the 400-meter hurdles at the Paris Olympics.

In a stunning display of athletic prowess, McLaughlin-Levrone clinched the gold medal with a remarkable time of 50.37 seconds, surpassing her previous world record. With this

victory, she has cemented her status as the first female hurdler ever to win consecutive Olympic gold medals.

The race showcased McLaughlin-Levrone's exceptional speed and skill, reinforcing her dominance in the sport. Her groundbreaking achievement not only highlights her individual excellence but also sets a new benchmark for future competitors.



IMAGINE WHAT YOU WANT SPF TO LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE:

Modern learning environments. Space to accommodate a growing student population. A continued tradition of academic excellence. Pride in our school facilities.



VOTER APPROVAL ON SEPT. 17 MEANS:

Q1: LA GRANDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ▶ Purchase, renovation, and addition to 330 South Avenue in Fanwood to serve students in grades pre-K through 5
- ▶ A neighborhood schools' model to help ease overcrowding in SPF's other elementary and middle schools

Q2: AIR CONDITIONING & MORE

- ▶ Air conditioning across the entire district, as well as upgrades to heating and ventilation, electrical systems, and fire alarms

QUESTION 1 MUST PASS FOR QUESTION 2 TO PASS.

If both questions pass, an owner of a home assessed at the average in Scotch Plains would pay an estimated \$47 per month and the owner of a home assessed at the average in Fanwood would pay an estimated \$40 per month in school debt taxes.

VOTE SEPT. 17 POLLS OPEN 2-8 PM



LEARN: spfk12.org/future **QUESTIONS:** Future@spfk12.org



CURRENT: 330 South Avenue Property



PROPOSED: La Grande Elementary School

\$115 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS, STATE TO COVER NEARLY \$15 MILLION



Senior Living at Lantern Hill Gives You **MORE.**

- 1. MORE** for your money with our inclusive Monthly Service Package.
- 2. MORE** amenities, including a pool, fitness center, and restaurants.
- 3. MORE** peace of mind with additional on-site care should you need it.

“Moving was a great decision for me!

I feel confident in my future and I know that my needs will be taken care of.”

— Marge V., A community resident

Discover more great reasons to choose the premier community in New Providence. Call 1-877-288-7001 or visit us online for your FREE brochure.


Lantern Hill
BY ERICKSON SENIOR LIVING®

New Providence
LanternHill.com



THE SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Summit Area Old Guard

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet most Tuesdays at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our dues are minimal, and members manage all aspects of the operation. Our motto is “Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends.” The organization was founded in 1930.

In September, we will have four speakers:

On Tuesday, September 3rd, Summit Old Guard member, Larry Cunningham, will discuss some of the cultural differences that he observed between the U.S. and Russian personnel during the construction of the De-Kastri Crude Oil Export Terminal Project near Sakhalin Island, including standards of living, and differing approaches to project development between a capitalist-based society and a communist/socialist-based one. This project was completed in 2006 and is one of the largest oil terminals in the world.

On Tuesday, September 10th, our speaker will be Jack Willard, Sr. VP - Marketing & Sales at the Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial. The USS New Jersey is the most decorated battleship in U.S. Navy history. It earned distinction from 1938 until 1991 during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and conflicts in the Middle East. It has steamed more miles, fought in more battles, and fired more shells in combat than any other battleship in history. We will learn more about the “Mighty Mo’s” amazing history.

On September 17th, Steve Balboni will highlight the road taken to define his career in Major League Baseball, starting with his childhood in NH and his love of baseball from a very young age — the road from being a nine-year old not making the little league team — to being drafted by the NY Yankees. He will cover his experiences playing for the Yankees and the KC Royals, including some of the highlights of

his career and some of the people who helped him along the way. He will talk about the ups and downs of his career and how it eventually led him to coaching and then scouting.

Finally, on September 24th, we will learn about the turtles, frogs, and snakes found at the

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Our speaker will be Randi Emmer, a member of the Friends of the Great Swamp. Randi will give us an account of the types of amphibians that reside in the Great Swamp, which also was the first national wildlife refuge in the United States.



(above, l-r) Larry Cunningham, Jack Willard, Steve Balboni, and Randi Emmer

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

<h3>\$10</h3> <p>MILLION</p> <p>Medical Malpractice</p>	<h3>\$18</h3> <p>MILLION</p> <p>Construction Site Accident</p>	<h3>\$1.9</h3> <p>MILLION</p> <p>Car Accident</p>
---	--	---

- 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

DOUBLE D

CONSTRUCTION

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Proudly serving Middlesex, Somerset, Morris Union, & surrounding counties for over 30 years!

- ▶ Roofing
- ▶ Siding
- ▶ Gutters
- ▶ Windows

- ▶ Doors
- ▶ Decks
- ▶ Interior
- ▶ And More

EXPLORE 0% APR FINANCING FOR YOUR PROJECT
Up to 18 Months or promotional period only.

Follow us on Facebook
DoubleDConstructionNJ

\$250 OFF ANY JOB of \$5,000 or More

Call now for your free, no obligation estimate!

732-981-0800

DoubleDConstructionNJ.com

Lic#13VH00483900

Attention Men & Women Over 40 HOW TO LOSE 10-30 LBS. IN 6 WEEKS... AND KEEP IT OFF!

Give a little Berkeley Heights Personal Training Gym 6 weeks to help you feel stronger, leaner, healthier and filled with energy!

“I NEVER LIKED GOING TO THE GYM... BUT NOW I'M HOOKED!”



TRISH - I never liked going to the gym...until I joined Gabriele Fitness! The very knowledgeable and professional trainers make sure that every person receives personalized attention and feedback in class. I never expected to achieve such great results and it's all due to Gabriele Fitness. But now I'm hooked! They are the best!

“I WAS WORRIED ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO KEEP UP”



STEVE - My results were both amazing and motivating! It's such a welcoming space. I was worried about not being able to keep up. But that's never been an issue at all. I've never felt rushed even if my pace was slower than those around me. I really love this aspect of the experience. I'm so glad to be part of this community.

“LIFE CHANGING FOR ME.”



DENNIS - Life changing for me. Great and entertaining trainers. Can't say enough positive things about GFP. Even now, in 2024, the experience at GFP continues to get better. The trainers do a great job helping each and everyone achieve their goals and consistently improve. The gym members support each other. I look forward to every session.

“I AM STRONGER THAN I HAVE BEEN IN 30 YEARS.”



DEBBIE - Been working out at Gabriele for a few years and absolutely LOVE the training. Coaches are extremely knowledgeable and correct any form issues and continuously challenge us. If I experience any pain, they will alter exercise to keep me safe. I am stronger than I have been in 30 years. They are fun, motivating and have built a great community at GFP.

GET BACK TO A FITNESS ROUTINE STARTING SEPT. 23RD! (ONLY 20 SPOTS AVAILABLE)

Here is what you get in this Challenge:

- **Personal Training:** 20 small group personal training sessions so you can work out with a coach to guide you every step of the way, which means you're essentially guaranteed to feel fit, strong and healthy.
- **Extreme Accountability:** Get helicopter-like attention from your GFP Coaches so you can never fall off track, which means you'll finally get the energy and health you've been missing.
- **Personalized and Simple Nutrition Help:** Our coaches are going to sit down with you to map out everything so you know exactly what to eat and when to eat it, which means you'll start making progress immediately.
- **Unlimited Cardio Sessions:** You'll get Unlimited Access to our 'Fat Blast' Sessions that will help get your body buzzing and your blood flowing to help shed those calories and fat!
- **Free Nutrition Guide:** We are going to give you a ton of references and guides including recipes and guidelines to help you along the way which means you'll get lean and love your food at the same time!

TO INQUIRE ABOUT COST & AVAILABILITY SCAN HERE!



ABOUT GABRIELE FITNESS: Gabriele Fitness is a personal training gym that helps people lose weight, gain energy, and live a more active life without the use of fad diets or workouts that beat up their body. They've helped thousands of men and women in the Berkeley Heights Area to transform their health and life for the past 17 years. As leaders in the fitness industry they present their methods to trainers and gyms around the world.

OVER \$229,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DISTRIBUTED

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation has continued to fulfill its mission of helping local students achieve their goals of a higher education by distributing over \$229,000 in scholarship aid to 126 deserving students at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Throughout the year, members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community generously contributed to the Foundation's "Dollars for Students Campaign," which distributed \$22,500

to various high school and college students who are residents of Scotch Plains or Fanwood and have demonstrated both impressive academic achievement and financial need.

"The dedication of our community and donors to supporting our mission is so inspiring," said Michelle Wyrwa, Foundation President. "The annual awards night is one of my favorite nights of the year and I am so impressed by the graduating seniors and college students who receive awards."

For a full list of recipients, please visit our website at:

SPFScholarshipFoundation.org/Recipients

Congratulations to these outstanding scholars and our deepest thanks to all of our partners who have stood by us for over a half a century.

For further information, please visit our website SPFScholarshipFoundation.org or contact the Foundation's president, Michelle Wyrwa at spfscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com.

BOOK SALE

Friends of the Fanwood Public Library

Get your donations ready! Donations will be accepted from Sept. 20-23 at the Forest Road Park building. The sale starts with "Friends Night" on Thursday, Sept. 26, when Friends members get first choice of thousands of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs and more. The sale will be open to all on Sept. 27, 28 and 29, with Sunday the 29th being "Bag Day," when shoppers can fill up a bag for one low price. If you're not yet a Friends member, you can sign up online fanwoodlibrary.org/join-the-friends/join or join at the door on Sept. 26. The book sale is the Friends' biggest annual fundraiser, with proceeds used to support popular library events. If you have any questions, please email the Friends at FMLBooksales@gmail.com.

FANWOOD RECREATION FALL PROGRAMS

Registration is now open for a variety of Fall programs for kids, including Mad Science's STEM Odyssey, Fashion Design, Hip Hop Dance, Junior Tennis Lessons, Foundation Basketball, Soccer Squirts, Senior Soccer Squirts, Squirts Multi Sports, Parent & Me T-Ball Squirts, T-Ball Squirts, Parent & Me Soccer, NFL Football Camp, Parent & Me Multi Sports, SAT Boot Camp and more!

For adults, Fanwood Recreation offers Pickleball Lessons and Women's Chorus.

For Seniors, Fanwood Recreation offers Zumba Gold, Gentle Yoga and Aerobics.

For more information about all these programs and to register, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org.



Greenlight
+

The Atlantic

Federal Credit Union

Get Greenlight on us,
when you bank at
The Atlantic
Federal Credit Union!

Greenlight is the debit card
and money app for kids and
teens serving over six
million parents and kids
nationwide.

Scan to learn more about banking at The Atlantic
and claiming your subscription to Greenlight,
or visit us at TheAtlanticFCU.com/greenlight-join

The Greenlight card is issued by Community Federal Savings Bank, member FDIC, pursuant to license by Mastercard International. Card images shown are illustrative and may vary from the card you receive.

The Atlantic Federal Credit Union Members are eligible for the Greenlight SELECT plan at no cost when they connect their The Atlantic Federal Credit Union account as the Greenlight funding source for the entirety of the promotion. Subject to minimum balance requirements and identity verification. Upgrades will result in additional fees. Upon termination of promotion, members will be responsible for associated monthly fees. See Greenlight's terms for details. Offer ends 07/03/2026. Offer subject to change and partner participation. The Atlantic Federal Credit Union is Federally Insured by NCUA.



Experience the high life with best-in-class, locally-sourced and carefully curated cannabis products.

2077 US-1, Rahway, NJ

FREE RAFFLE
WIN AN OUNCE OF FLOWER!
Get One Raffle Ticket with the Purchase of any Eight of Flower for the Month of September 2024.



TOPICALS



FLOWER



PRE-ROLLS



CONCENTRATES



EDIBLES



TINCTURES



VAPES

732.481.0002

PLANTABIS.COM

Stalk us on



Facebook and



Instagram



DOWNLOAD APP AND GET REWARDED!

25% OFF
ENTIRE PURCHASE

With this coupon. Expiration Date 9/30/24

NJIO ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AND EXCITING 2024-2025 SEASON



(above) Vincent Novellino

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Vincent (Vinnie) Novellino as Concertmaster and Emily Kane as Orchestral Operations Manager. In addition to these key leadership appointments, NJIO is excited to unveil its dynamic 2024-2025 concert season, featuring four free public concerts.

Vincent Novellino has been a dedicated member of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) since 1997, starting as a freelance performer and officially joining as Principal Second Violinist and Coach in 2005. He holds degrees from Rutgers University and New Jersey City University and is the president of the Encore Orchestra of New Jersey. He will assume the position of Concertmaster under NJIO's Artistic Director, Warren Cohen.

Emily Kane joins the NJIO team as the inaugural Orchestral Operations Manager. Previously a member of NJIO as a teen. Her

musical journeys have taken her all over the world, including Carnegie Hall, the Schola Cantorum in Paris, and three NFL stadiums. She holds a degree in applied mathematics and honors clarinet performance from the University of Notre Dame.

The NJIO 2024-2025 season promises a diverse and exciting lineup, featuring several collaborations and soloists. The year kicks off with a showcase of young talent as the co-winners of the NJIO Young Artist Concerto Competition take center stage on November 10th at the historic Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, performing Tchaikovsky and Dvorak masterpieces. The festive spirit of the holidays fills the air on December 8th with a family-friendly concert followed by an instrument petting zoo at Summit High School.

On February 23rd 2025, the NJIO Symphony delves into the world of ballet with Ronaldo Hahn's "Le Fete Chez Therese". The season culminates on April 27th with a performance of Schubert's Symphony No. 7.

All of NJIO's concerts are free and open to the public.

NJIO is open to amateur musicians of all ages and experience levels. They currently have openings for string bass players, French horn players, violinists, and violists. No audition is required.

More information at: njio.org/registration

LAWRENCE
LAW
DIVORCE & FAMILY LAWYERS



Watchung • Red Bank
908-645-1000
lawlawfirm.com

Jeralyn Lawrence, Esq.

Reiki for All

Energy healing
for people, pets
and homes.


Anna Herstatt
Usui Reiki Master
908-380-5073
annaherstatt@gmail.com



Wigstock


BEAUTY IN DIVERSITY
BY PIERRE DALPÉ

August 27 - December 6, 2024
Open to the Public
Human Rights Institute Gallery
Nancy Thompson Learning Commons • Kean University




Silence Breaking:
Gail Winbury


August 27 - December 6, 2024
Open to the Public
Karl and Helen Burger Gallery
Center for Academic Success • Kean University




1000 Morris Avenue • Union, New Jersey | galleries.kean.edu | (908) 737-5301



GALLERIES
KEAN UNIVERSITY





Tickets available at galleries.kean.edu Complimentary reserved ticket required
Guest parking is available in the Visitor's Lot next to Kean Hall

Call Today for a Free Estimate! ☎ 855.624.6655



Masonry



Roofing & Siding



Windows & Doors



Interior Remodeling



Decks & Porches

AS SEEN ON

GEORGE TO THE RESCUE



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.

Magnolia™

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

ELKS EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT
FAMILY FUN DAY
PICNIC
TO BENEFIT HOMELESS VETERANS
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28
2024
12:00 - 6:00PM
STIRLING ELKS LODGE
1138 VALLEY RD, STIRLING
BBQ ★ BREW ★ GAMES
DJ MR. SOCKS ★ DUNK TANK
★ CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT ★
AND SO MUCH MORE!

\$25
KIDS 12 &
UNDER FREE!

SCAN THIS QR CODE FOR
 TICKET SALES,
 BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP, AND
 TO SEND A VETERAN TO THE PICNIC

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO
 ENTER THE
 CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
 INCLUDES FOOD AND DRINKS!
 CASH PRIZES TO WINNERS!

Media Sponsor
PEAPACK PRIVATE
Wealth Management
 www.peackprivate.com

ELKS FAMILY FUN DAY TO HELP HOMELESS VETS

The NJ Elks East Central District is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Family Fun Day event on September 28, 2024 from noon to 6pm at the Stirling Elks Lodge at 1138 Valley Road in Stirling. This event aims to bring the community together for a day of food, fun, and entertainment for all ages to help support a crucial cause.

Included with entry, all attendees will enjoy a delicious pig roast, grilled burgers, hotdogs, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, sandwiches, sides, desserts, water, soda, beer, wine, sangria, and more. Kids' activities will include DJ Mr. Socks, contests, games, a bounce house, magic performances, a fire truck, and more. Adults and teens can participate in a professionally run cornhole tournament, a golf pitching contest, volleyball, and bocce ball. Additionally, the event will feature a special rendition of the National Anthem, a NJ State Police helicopter, World War II vehicles, bagpipers, a dunk tank, 50/50s, a Silent Auction, and a paratrooper parachuting the American Flag into the event.

Admission is \$25 (donation) for adults. Children under 12 are free.

There are thousands of homeless veterans in New Jersey which is a tragic reality that the NJ Elks are determined to change. Over the past five years, the New Jersey Elks have successfully helped to move over 2,400 homeless veterans into homes, providing them with a fresh start and

a sense of stability.

The Elks National Veterans Service Committee operates on a 100% volunteer basis, ensuring that all proceeds from this event will go directly towards improving the lives of our American heroes who have fallen on tough times. In addition, they are actively seeking sponsors and donors to support their efforts and their public relations committee will work hard to acknowledge them through several sponsorship packages.

Donations and advanced ticket purchases can be made at: <http://donate.njelks-ecd.org> or mailed to Elks ECD Veterans Committee, 87 Harrison Ave., Colonia, NJ 07067. Checks should be made payable to: ECD Veterans Committee, with 'homeless vets' in the memo. (If a 501(c)(3) receipt is needed, please make checks payable to: NJSEA, with 'homeless vets' in the memo).

For sponsorship interest or more information about this event, please contact Apollo Hrehorovich at funday@njelks-ecd.org, call or text 732-540-0062, or visit <http://funday.njelks-ecd.org>.

Elks pledge "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

For more information about the Elks and how to join, please visit <http://elks.org> today.

REPAIR AND REMODEL SERVICES

Mr. Handyman
 HOME IMPROVEMENT PROFESSIONALS
HandymanTM
 a neighborly company



- Windows
- Doors
- Flooring
- Drywall
- Masonry
- Aging In Place Certified
- Interior and Exterior Carpentry
- Friendly/Helpful Office Staff

***On Time. Done right.
 Guaranteed.***

2,500+ Positive Online Reviews

Fully Insured

License number: 13VH09897400

908-251-9441
Mrhandyman.com

10% OFF LABOR

On labor only, materials not included. Cannot be combined with other offers. Exp. 9/30/24.

MURSELI PRO CONSTRUCTION

908-361-6372

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

Family
Owned &
Operated For
20 Years



FOUNDATION

- NEW FOUNDATIONS
- REPAIRS
- WATERPROOFING

MASONRY

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

ROOFING

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

CHIMNEY

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

GUTTERS

- CLEANING
- INSTALLATION
- SCREENING
- REPAIRS
- REPLACEMENTS

COMPLETE SET OF STEPS
Up to 6 Feet, 5 Steps / Brick, Limestone & Concrete
Special \$4,300

BEFORE **AFTER**

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.

CHIMNERY 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 coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.

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

Save \$1,000 ON ROOF REPLACEMENT

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.

\$600 OFF
NEW SIDING JOB

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.

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

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.

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

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.

\$400 OFF
ANY FOUNDATION JOB
of \$2,000 or more

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.

\$150
GUTTERS CLEANING
(any Average House)

With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions apply. Expires 9/30/24.



cachet
BOUTIQUE

Upscale Missy Boutique
Casual - Cocktail - & Accessories
908-285-0554 ✨ cachetnj.com
112 Central Avenue, Westfield, NJ
f cachetboutique i cachetwestfield

CUSTOM MATTRESSES MADE TO ORDER!
Any Size • Natural • Double Sided • Affordable Mattresses

A Family Business Since 1902.
ORANGE MATTRESS
— CUSTOM BEDDING —
800-761-1100
mycustombedding.com




• Mattresses • Mattress Toppers
• Box Springs • Pillows
• Round Beds • Hybrid Mattresses
• Adjustable Beds • Custom Sheets

Call Today or Visit Our Showroom in Clark, NJ.
1049 Raritan Road

Will beat any competitor price for same or similar product.

Blindworks
CUSTOM INTERIORS

We Have Everything to Decorate Your Home
FREE In-Home Consultation
FREE Measurement and Installation
844 South Avenue W. Westfield, N.J. 07090
908-654-9555
blindworksny.com

- Blinds
- Shades
- Shutters
- Drapery
- Wallpaper
- Reupholstery
- Carpet
- Stair Runners
- Area Rugs

“WHAT DO YOU SEEK?”

Are you tired of running after what the world has to offer: money, fame, fortune? Are you seeking peace of mind, heart, and soul?

Explore answers to the ancient question, the first question that Jesus asked his followers, “What do you seek?”

Come to the 7-part Zoom series, “Beta: The Search,” hosted by Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish of Scotch Plains, NJ.

This series is free to all. It runs 7 consecutive Wednesday evenings on Zoom, from Wednesday October 2, 2024, until November 13, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

You will gather with other seekers, watch a 30-minute video on life’s big questions, and then engage in small group discussion. This series is for all seekers; young, old, single, married, faithful, atheist, and agnostic.

There is no cost to participate but spots are limited so please register early. Just bring yourself and a desire for frank discussion, a willingness to participate and a commitment to attend. You will need a computer or smartphone capable of Zoom sessions.

To register go onto IHMparish.net, scan the QR code or call Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at 908-889-2100 with any questions you may have.

Beta: The Search returns on **Wednesday October 2, 2024.**

7 Episode Series on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM on ZOOM from

October 2 until November 13.

Please sign-up at

www.ihmparish.net/beta

or call the office if you need

help 908-889-2100



CLEAN UP AND START SAVING...

Family owned and operated for over

25 years!

- Dumpster rentals starting at \$250
- Residential, Construction and Industrial Service available
- We also pick up Dumpster Bags



WWW.GRANDSANITATION.COM (908) 222-1566

ROOFING & MASONRY EXPERTS



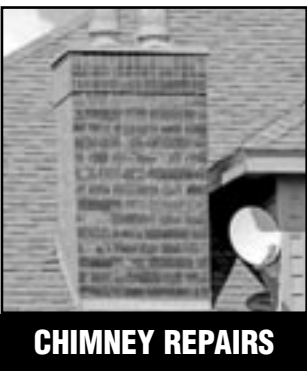
100% Financing Available



FOUNDATION REPAIRS BEFORE & AFTER



CHIMNEY LINERS



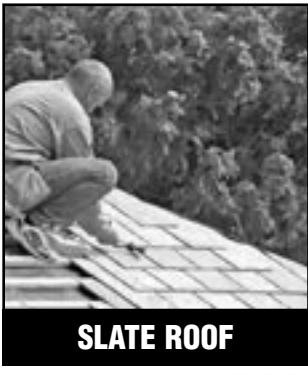
CHIMNEY REPAIRS



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 8/30/24.

15% OFF SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 9/30/24.

\$250-\$350 ANY CHIMNEY JOB

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 9/30/24.

\$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 9/30/24.

\$800 OFF ANY NEW ROOF JOB

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 9/30/24.

\$350-\$450 ANY ROOF REPAIR

MAGIC IMPROVEMENTS (800) 206-8529
With this coupon. May not be combined with any other offer.
Expires 9/30/24.



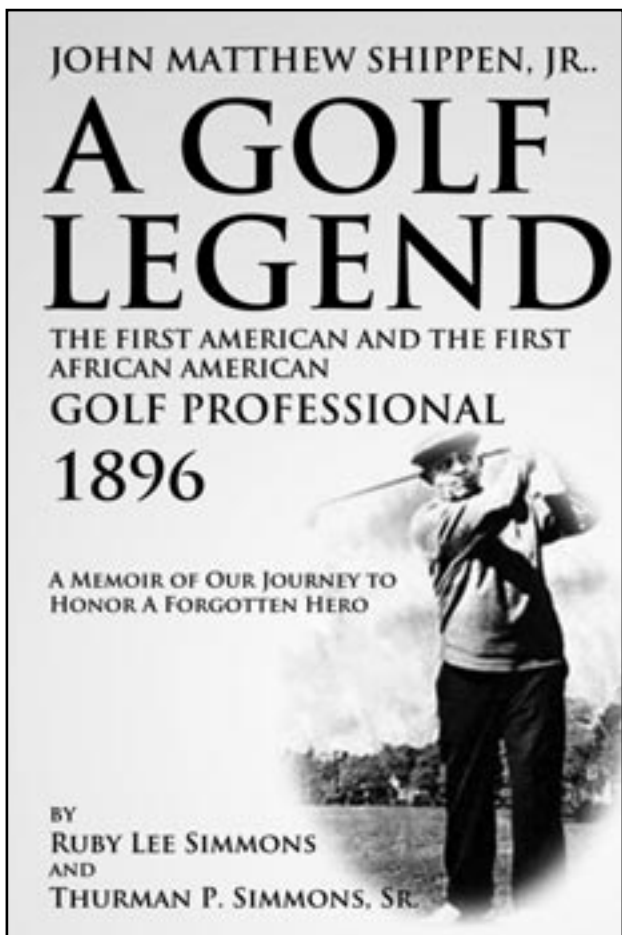
Fully Licensed and Insured License # 13VH09057400



WE OFFER 0% INTEREST FINANCING

**Call or Text Ray 24/7 for Emergencies 973-718-0020
CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE 800-206-8529**

BOOK HONORS A FORGOTTEN HERO



Two Scotch Plains residents - Ruby and Thurman Simmons - have written a book about John Shippen, titled "1896: John Matthew Shippen, Jr." According to Amazon the book is a captivating journey chronicling the life and legacy of John Shippen, a trailblazing figure in golf history. This book delves into Shippen's remarkable journey from obscurity to recognition as the first African American and American to play in a USGA professional golf tournament. Beginning with Shippen's early talent recognition and association with the pioneering Shinnecock Golf and Country Club, Long Island, New York, the book delves into his achievements amidst societal prejudices. It explores efforts to honor Shippen, uncover his heritage, and establish a foundation providing scholarships and youth golf

programs. From organizing memorial tournaments to addressing historical inaccuracies, the book highlights Shippen's legacy, culminating in national recognition and opportunities for aspiring African American golfers. Through meticulous research and personal dedication, Simmons and Simmons bring to light a pivotal figure in golf history, inspiring readers with Shippen's enduring impact and contributions to the sport. Through engaging chapters, readers discover the Simmons' resilience, their efforts to honor his legacy, and the impact on future generations of golfers. The book celebrates a groundbreaking figure, offering a compelling blend of history, passion, and dedication in the world of golf.

PERFORMANCE SERIES FALL SEASON

The fall season of the Fanwood Performance Series opens on Sept. 14 with a double bill of singer-songwriters blending country, folk and contemporary styles.

Craig Bickhardt brings his guitar and the "eloquent, often bittersweet songs that have become his trademark" to Fanwood's historic Carriage House. Bickhardt's music reflects a life lived as a rock-band lead singer, a solo troubadour, a dedicated songwriter, a husband and father. Longtime series fans will remember his 2014 appearance on the same stage.

Lynne Hanson performs her "porch music with a little red dirt," which has earned her the nickname "Canada's own Queen of Americana." Her poetic lyrics are delivered in a bluesy croon that has drawn comparisons to Lucinda Williams and Gillian Welch. Hanson's 10th album, "Just a Poet," was released in May.

Showtime is 7 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, a.k.a. the Carriage House, at 135 Watson Road, just west of Martine Avenue. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors - cash at the door. Reservations are strongly suggested, as seating is limited. Music fans are urged to RSVP by

emailing fanwoodperformance@gmail.com.

Coming later this fall, Canadian folk artists Scott Cook and Pamela Mae will perform on Oct. 19, along with Marc Douglas Berardo from Rhode Island. The season will conclude Nov. 9 with performances by Danni Nichols, from the U.K. via Nashville, and New Jersey's own Matt Cook & The Heard.

More information and updates are available at the series website

fanwoodperformanceseries.org and on Facebook page [FanwoodPerformanceSeries](https://www.facebook.com/FanwoodPerformanceSeries).



(above, -r) Lynne Hanson, Craig Bickhardt

Courtesy photos

LAWNGEVITY
LANDSCAPING

908.247.3790

lawngevityllc.com

Cranford, NJ
PEST LIC #99920A • HIC #13VH06846400
Commercial • Residential • Fully Insured

Weekly Maintenance
Spring/Fall Clean Ups
Mulch/Stone
Planting/Installations
Shrub/Hedge Trimming
Top Soil/Seed/Sod
Fertilization/Weed Control
Landscape Design
Drainage and Grading
Pavers (Walkways/Patios)
Retaining Walls

Free Estimates • Affordable Rates

NEW CUSTOMER DISCOUNT
10% OFF
ANY SERVICE

With this coupon presented at time of estimates of up to \$10,000.
Offer Valid for the 2024 season for new customers only.
One coupon per customer cannot be combined with other offers.

Come dance with us!

The Yvette Dance Studio

Currently registering for classes ages 3 years old to adult!



Celebrating our 71st season!

**In person registration will be
September 3 & 4 from 4 - 7 pm**

**Classes include • Ballet • Pointe • Tap • Jazz
• Musical Theater • Modern • Variations • Hip-Hop**

**Email yvettedance118@gmail.com
or call 908-276-3539 today
to schedule your visit to the studio!**
118 Walnut Ave. Cranford, NJ

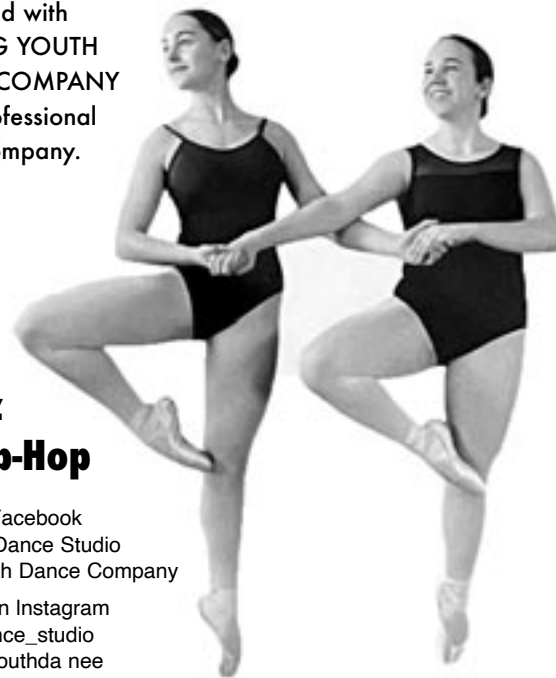


Like us on Facebook
The Yvette Dance Studio
Moving Youth Dance Company



Follow us on Instagram
[@yvettedance_studio](https://www.instagram.com/yvettedance_studio)
[@movingyouthda](https://www.instagram.com/movingyouthda)

We are also associated with MOVING YOUTH DANCE COMPANY a pre-professional dance company.



MY HANDYMAN & PAINTER



QUALITY HOME IMPROVEMENTS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

- Bathroom & Kitchen Remodeling.
- Sheetrock, Install & Repair.
- Painting, Electric & Plumbing.
- Windows, Siding & Roofing.
- Basement Waterproofing

732-331-9572

*General
Handyman
Services*

www.MyHandymanAndPainter.com

View our Google Reviews.



Licensed & Insured

License #13VH11554200

FREE ESTIMATES!

END OF SUMMER SPECIAL

DECKS: Designed • Built • Repaired • Stained



*Duke says
"Adopt,
Don't
Shop."*



*Pet friendly
- We support
animal rescues*



MY HANDYMAN & PAINTER LLC. 100 WALNUT AVE, SUITE 210. CLARK NJ 07066

WE'LL BUY YOUR HOME FOR TOP DOLLAR & NEVER TEAR IT DOWN



We are the Gerckens Family, lifelong local residents. We love our towns' older homes and where others see "tear downs," we see "diamonds in the rough." We offer:

- Attractive Cash Deals
- No home prep, decluttering or repairs
- No open house or looky-loos
- Sell on your schedule - quick or slow
- Leave some things behind if you wish
- Save a bundle on commission

We are buying now and we only buy one at a time, so...

Call or Text Our Rep Now!

Scott Gleason,
Sales Associate, Coldwell Banker Realty

Direct 908-698-2630

Office 908-233-5555

BECOME A LITERACY NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Literacy New Jersey-Union County announces its September Tutor Training Program. The Tutor Training Program consists of 6 sessions starting on Tuesday, September 10 and will provide tutor trainees with the tools and strategies necessary for working with adult students in one of three categories: English as a Second Language (ESL), Job Readiness Skills or Basic Skills.

Five training sessions will be conducted online via Zoom. The five required sessions will take place on September 10, September 17, September 24, October 1 and October 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The 6th training session will be at the Elizabeth Public Library on Tuesday October 15 at 6 p.m.

After completing the training sessions, tutors are matched with a small group of adult students from the growing waiting list of students who need to improve their literacy skills. Tutors meet with their students for 2 hours per week. After meeting your students, tutor trainees may be matched with a tutor mentor to guide them

through their first lesson plans. New tutor volunteers are asked to make a commitment of at least 50 hours of instruction with students.

Literacy New Jersey provides ongoing supervision and support to tutors in the form of free Professional Development workshops on specific topics such as Digital Literacy, ESL Conversation, and Citizenship.

To volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old, able to speak English and willing to tutor in Union County. You do not need to have any teaching experience, and you do not need to speak a foreign language. The training will provide volunteers with techniques and strategies for working with adult learners, as well as sample instructional materials and activities. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover the cost of books and materials. Literacy New Jersey is a non-profit organization.

For more information or to register, please call Literacy New Jersey at 908-486-1777 or email Barbara Bagger, Program Director at bbagger@literacynj.org.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop at The Presbyterian Church in Fanwood will reopen for the Fall season on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Freshly stocked with many new and gently used items, the shop offers lots of bargains. Opening day sales include a large assortment of sleeveless ladies' tops and shorts, and men's walking shorts for \$1.00 each. We also have seasonal accessories to decorate your home.

Please come by and check out our merchandise. The shop is located in the building behind the church, with our entrance on

Macdermott Place. Shop hours are Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from the shop are given to local service and volunteer organizations. Donations are accepted during shop hours. Clean, new and gently used clothing, shoes, linens, small appliances in working condition, books and decorative items are accepted.

Please no textbooks, technical manuals, cookbooks or medical books, broken items, or items with missing parts. We can't sell them, and we have to dispose of them.

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

Edward Jones > edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

Make the most of your education and retirement savings plan.

Learn how to plan for retirement while also putting money aside for your child's education. A savings plan can help.

Contact me today to get started.

Jose H Monroy Jr
CFP®
Financial Advisor
2277 South Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
908-518-0788

ED5-5422-A AECSPAD 2206176

KENZA ROOFING & CHIMNEY

908-627-9696

FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS.
#13VH11991300



Why chose us? Guaranteed there is no GIMMICKS or price changes from beginning to finish! At Kenza Roofing&Chimney; LLC. we make dreams come true.

With years of experience, in ROOFING, CHIMNEY & MASONRY, this phrase has become more than a catchy slogan. It's simply the way we do business. We offer quality, professionalism and competitive pricing for every job, regardless of project size. Customer satisfaction is our primary goal.

Kenza Roofing&Chimney LLC. looks forward to making your dream a reality. Call us Today For Your FREE Estimate! 908 627-9696

**24/7
EMERGENCY
SERVICE**

Google



FIVE STAR CUSTOMER RATING



**15% OFF
SENIOR
DISCOUNT**

**\$300 OFF
ANY
CHIMNEY
REPAIR**

Before After



With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 9/30/24.

**\$175
GUTTER CLEANING**



Average house size. With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 9/30/24.

**\$1,300
CHIMNEY
LINER**



With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 9/30/24.

**\$300 OFF
ANY ROOF
REPAIR**



With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 9/30/24.

**\$400 OFF
NEW STEPS**



With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 9/30/24.

**\$800 OFF
ANY NEW
ROOF JOB**



With coupon. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 9/30/24.

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.

THE BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM



The blue envelope brings together law enforcement and motorists with autism and other sensory disorders. It's a resealable and convenient place to keep all driver documents, and contains instruction for both the driver and the interacting officer in the event of a traffic stop.

The tool will help bridge gaps in communication and build empathy in our community.

GET YOURS NOW!

by visiting your local police station in any one of Union County's 21 municipalities, Union County Sheriff's office, Union County Police Department, or Union County Prosecutor's office

Residential **BLUESTREAK** Commercial

POWERWASHING

(732) 596-7525

ROOF WASHING
POWER WASHING
GUTTER CLEANING

Colonia, NJ BlueStreakNJ.com



**Serving All
Union County**

SUBURBAN PAVING COMPANY

Specializing in Asphalt Driveways, Parking Lots, Belgium Block Curbing, Sidewalks, Seal Coating

908-925-0444
908-928-0031

PARKING PRODUCTIONS
JOHN DENT INC.

NOW HIRING



\$17/hour Plus Tips

Parking Productions is seeking Valet Parkers for Special Events and local accounts.

- Flexible schedule!
- Great for Students or those seeking extra income!
- Fun, exciting work!

732-574-9300 Option 2
jobs@parkingproductions.com

MAIN OFFICE LOCATED IN CLARK, NJ

DESIGNER HANDBAG EVENT SHOWCASED – SEPT. 3

Thrift Shop Fall Re-Opening

After a two-week end-of-summer closing, the non-profit Thrift Shop operated by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League (FSPSL) re-opens on Tuesday, September 3, with the annual, always exceptional, designer handbag event.

Featured are gently-used handbags generously donated throughout the year and purposely kept “off the shelf” until this occasion. Devotees of Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke and other famous brands can choose from a great selection of handbags to round out their wardrobes. Wallets for men and women and a variety of evening bags will be part of the event.

Upon the shop’s reopening customers will also find store shelves re-stocked with fall merchandise, including cool-weather clothing and autumn-themed décor. Drop by the store early in the month for the best selection of handbags and to shop a wide selection of constantly replenished clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, household goods, toys, games, and books. Children are always welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult.

The all-volunteer Service League is proud of its record of giving back to the community, as all store proceeds outside of operating expenses are plowed back to the community. Due to our donors and customer sales, \$60,000 in grants to

local organizations and student scholarships were made in 2024. A huge thank you to all community members who consistently donate goods they no longer need, providing those items with a second, useful life rather than landing in a landfill.

The Thrift Shop is located at 1741 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. Store hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., and Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Please call 908-322-5420 during business hours for more information about store donations and how to join our volunteer ranks. You can also find us at <https://scotchplains thriftshop.weebly.com/directions.html> or follow us on Facebook.



I BUY OLD MOTORCYCLES
All Types - Running or Not
 Call or Text Glenn
732-556-7636
Same Day Pick-up
We Pay Cash



(above) Look for high-end handbags at low-end prices offered during the annual Designer Handbag Event at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop.

GET THE BEST DEAL ON A HEATING SYSTEM BEFORE THE WINTER MONTHS ARRIVE!!!

We are a family-owned company celebrating 100 years of honest, high quality service. We are a full-service installation, maintenance and repair company. Need a heating start up or AC tune up? We provide that too, along with Woolley Service plans.



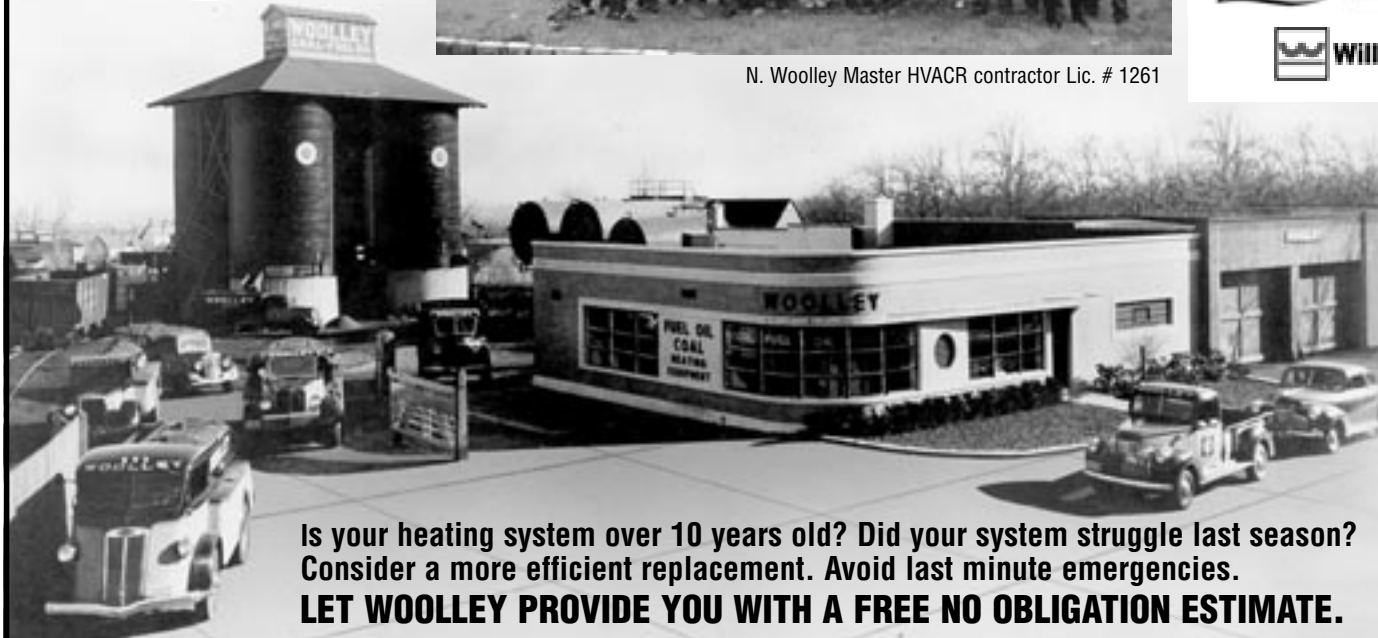
N. Woolley Master HVACR contractor Lic. # 1261

CALL TODAY FOR ALL YOUR HEATING, FUEL, AND AIR CONDITIONING, NEEDS

908-760-0583

woolleyfuel.com

WOOLLEY'S PROUD PARTNERS



Is your heating system over 10 years old? Did your system struggle last season? Consider a more efficient replacement. Avoid last minute emergencies. **LET WOOLLEY PROVIDE YOU WITH A FREE NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE.**

Score big savings on heating and cooling costs for years to come by replacing your old, outdated equipment.

0% INTEREST FOR 6 MONTHS NEW HEATING & A/C SYSTEM

*Subject to credit approval. Minimum monthly payments required. Ask the vendor for details. Credit is extended by Synchrony Bank. ©2024 Synchrony. All rights reserved. May Not Be Combined With Other Offers. Expires: 9/30/2024.

CENTER FOR HOPE AUXILIARY FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

Submitted by Dana Gillie

The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Auxiliary hosted its annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser recently. During the event Dolores Paruta, president of the Auxiliary, presented Frank Brady, president of the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care with a check for \$75,000. Our Auxiliary raises funds to support the Charity Care Program at the Center providing financing for patients who are unable to pay for the services of the Center. Last year alone the Auxiliary was able to donate well over \$100,000. These funds are raised through events sponsored by the Auxiliary such as the Wine Tasting in the spring and our Baskets of Hope

luncheon fundraiser in the fall. The Hope Chest thrift store, located on Prospect Street in Westfield, is manned fully by volunteers and is the auxiliary's major fundraiser.

The Auxiliary's next fundraiser will be the Baskets of Hope on October 6, 2024, at the Gran Centurions in Clark.

Please contact the Hope Chest, 908-233-9973, or the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, 908-889-7780, for further information regarding the event.

The Auxiliary is always happy to welcome new members and information on membership can be found at the above numbers or on the Center's website - cfhh.org.



(above) Auxiliary president, Dolores Paruta and Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care President Frank Brady.

Courtesy photo

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
47TH ANNUAL
GREEKO
FESTIVAL

FOOD • MUSIC • VENDORS • ENTERTAINMENT
SEPTEMBER 5-8, 2024

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5 6PM-10PM	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6 5PM-12AM
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7 12PM-12AM	SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 12PM-7PM

721 RAHWAY AVE. UNION, NJ 07083
LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT

Westfield, NJ
GREEKFEST24
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 GALLOWS HILL ROAD, WESTFIELD

September 27, 28, 29

Friday 3 pm - 11pm	Saturday 11 am - 11 pm	Sunday noon - 5 pm
-----------------------	---------------------------	-----------------------

Greek Food & Pastries - Music & Dancing
Marketplace - Kids Zone - Mega 50/50

www.njgreekfest.com

Admission \$2. Children under 12 free!
Free shuttle from Union County College parking lot to the Greekfest

DUN-RITE
SIDING
ROOFING

- Roofing
- 1 Day Completion
- Vinyl Siding
- Gutters & Leaders
- Replacement Windows
- Decks

Fully Insured
Free Estimates
908-709-0101

FANNYWOOD DAY STREET FAIR

75+ EXHIBITORS | KIDS ZONE | GREAT FOOD | LIVE MUSIC | Wrestle PRO

SUN. SEPT. 15

Hosted by: Borough of Fanwood NJ
230 South Ave, Fanwood, NJ 10-5PM

www.jcpromotions.info 201.998.1144

the **VINTAGE and Antique marketplace**

GOOD EATS

GOURMET FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE music
on site APPRAISALS
50+ VENDORS

Weekends R fun at JC events

Sunday, Sept. 29 9-4pm Free Admission
La Grande Park 204 La Grande Ave. Fanwood NJ

JC Promotions.Info

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR COMING TO CRANFORD

The 106th season at CDC Theatre in Cranford will open with the seminal rock musical, Jesus Christ Superstar which will run from October 11 through the 27th.

The legendary score, which includes 'I Don't Know How to Love Him', 'Gethsemane' and 'Superstar', began life as a groundbreaking rock double-album, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber who, at the ages of 25

and 21 respectively, were just embarking on what would become extraordinarily long and successful careers. Though originally conceived as a theatre piece, no one was interested in producing it on stage, so the pair created a concept album instead. Jesus Christ Superstar is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final week in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas

Iscariot, one of his twelve apostles.

Released in 1970, the album's popularity rocketed with thousands of plays on FM radio. It became a #1 hit on the USA Billboard album charts 4 months after its release. It went on to be the biggest-selling album of 1971 beating the likes of such masterpieces as 'Sticky Fingers' by the Rolling Stones, 'Santana III' and John Lennon's 'Imagine'. Jesus Christ Superstar also received a 1972 Grammy nomination for Album of the Year, but lost to Carole King's Tapestry. On October 12th, 1971, Jesus Christ Superstar opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Broadway with Tom O'Horgan, who had previously directed the original production of Hair, directing.

The cast is led by Jared Milian as Jesus, Blaze Levario as Judas, Melissa Calicchio as Mary, Corey Chichizola as Caiaphas, Shane Long as Herod, Robbie Stevens as Peter, Michael Fleischer as Pilate and Danielle Bouie as Simon. Joining them as Apostles, Priests and Ensemble will be Asher Cerreto, Arielle Dance, Alex Foreman, James Hahn, Ranai Jones, Gene Juanich, Kaite Kane, Alexandra Marcinak, Erica Vieira, Edgar Hidalgo, Joe Rodriguez, Michelle Sblendorio, Christina Cruz, Haley Deluna and Nikki Scavone.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting cdtheatre.org. Jesus Christ Superstar is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Really Useful Group - concordtheatricals.com.

CDC Theatre's
community theatre production of

Fri/Sat-Oct. 11-26/8pm
Sun-Oct. 20,27/2pm

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics by Tim Rice

78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ cdtheatre.org

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Really Useful Group. www.concordtheatricals.com

SAM'S LANDSCAPING
COMPLETE PROPERTY CARE

YOUR LOCAL HARDSCAPE & LANDSCAPE EXPERTS

**SEPTEMBER SUGGESTIONS:
AERATION & OVERSEEDING**

OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:

- MULCH
- TRIMMING
- PLANTING
- PAVERS
- ALL HARDSCAPING

FREE ESTIMATES

TEXT OR CALL 908-441-7302

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL OF OUR SERVICES

SAMSLANDSCAPING.COM

CUSTOMER SERVICE - OUR BUSINESS; LANDSCAPING - OUR SPECIALTY!

LUIGI'S MASONRY

ALL TYPES OF MASONRY

CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE

908-801-4631

- STEPS / PORCHES
- SIDEWALKS
- BRICKWORK
- BRICK PAVERS
- PATIOS
- BELGIAN CURBING
- FOUNDATIONS
- DRIVEWAYS
- FRENCH DRAINS
- STONEMWORK
- CHIMNEYS
- REPAIR WORK
- PAVER RESTORATION

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF A NEWLY RENOVATED HOME.

Give your family the home they deserve with our expert renovation services.

Our Services:

- Remodeling
- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Renovations
- Additions
- New Construction

BRINK'S GROUP Call Today!
CONTRACTING SERVICES 844-959-3418

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 Rahway, NJ 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

NEWSPAPER AD RATES

Units	Size	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
1 Unit (Business card)	3.25" x 2"	\$60	\$150	\$250	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600
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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AT THE SCOTCH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

1927 Bartle Ave, Scotch Plains • 908-322-5007 • www.scotlib.org
Monday, September 2 - Library Closed

Last Day for Adult Summer Reading

Tuesday, September 3

Wednesday Movies

Wednesdays at 12pm

Enjoy a movie in our downstairs meeting room.

Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek

Fridays at 10am

a gentle but effective approach to moving confidently throughout the lifespan.

Registration is required for this virtual class.

Hypertension Clinic

Friday, September 6, 10am to Noon

in the Adult Room with a public health nurse from Union County.

Walk-ins welcome.

The 1950's Experience concert with Kevin Grace

Saturday, September 7 at 2pm

Bring Your Own Book

Monday, September 9 at 10am

Informal discussion of what participants have recently read and enjoyed.

Registration is required.

Introduction to Crochet

Tuesday, September 10 at 10am

Learn how to finish a project; registration is required.

Origami

Thursday, September 12 at 7pm

first of two sessions. Second session will take place on Thursday, September 26.

Houseplant Swap

Saturday, September 14 at 2pm

Bring up to two seedlings or cuttings and find a new plant friend to bring home. We'll meet outside the Library.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, September 16 at 7:15pm

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, September 17 at 1pm

will discuss The Women by Kristin Hannah

Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm

Evening Book Club

Thursday, September 19 at 7pm

will discuss The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Friends of the Library Puzzle Sale

Monday, September 23 at 6pm

Drawing with Sandra

Monday, September 30 at 10am

registration is required.

More information about library news and events can be found at scotlib.org.

REYNOLDS PLUMBING



(908) 276-5367

(201) 666-0003

358 North Avenue East
Cranford, NJ

www.reynolds-plumbing.net

Lou DiFabio
Lic. #4237

Dan DiFabio
Lic. #11749

Residential / Commercial / Industrial

JK's Painting & Wallpapering

Wallpaper Installation
Sheetrock / Plaster Repair
Power Washing / Deck Staining

10% OFF WITH THIS AD!

NJ Lic # 13VH07664400

INTERIOR PAINTING

CALL JOE 908-472-6894



WIRED RITE
ELECTRICAL SERVICE

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
ALL PHASES OF ELECTRICAL WORK

Electrical Repair • Control Wiring • Circuit Breakers
Electrical Panels • Smart Home Services • Boilers
• Smoke Detectors • **FREE Estimates**

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT - 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Lic.# 888400 **201-600-3530** Bonded & Insured


SHORT CIRCUIT SPECIALIST

Al's Carpentry Home Improvements **25 Years in Business**

Bathrooms - Basements - Decks - Tile
Additions- Doors/Windows - Molding - Drywall
Kitchens - Roofing - Siding - Plumbing - Electrical
Int. & Ext. Painting - Household Cleanouts

Call: 908.451.2230   

aalscarpentry11@aol.com
Electrical Lic. # 14616 & Plumbing w #8660

 **J. W. Shuster & Son, Inc.**

GARAGE DOORS & ELECTRIC OPENERS

Serving the Trade since 1938

908-756-8541

www.shusterdoors.com

NJ Lic #13VH07727000 BBB Accredited Business

Needleman Roofing

SLATE - TILE - ASPHALT SHINGLES
SLATE ROOF WASHING

908-389-0200

FULLY INSURED Lic. #13VH06601300 **FREE ESTIMATES**

Colorscapes Tree & Landscape Service



FALL IS FOR PLANTING!!!
Hand pruning and restoration of overgrown trees and shrubs

Specializing in preservation of old trees.
Experts at proper pruning techniques.
Landscape designs "Second to None!"

- Large Tree Planting
- Drainage & Rain Gardens
- Unique Landscape design
- Repair & Maintenance of damaged and stressed Trees and shrubs.

Go Green with Colorscapes

Take a tour of local examples of beautiful designs. Call Gene Gregory
See our work first at **Colorscapes Inc** on **Facebook** or our **Website**.

908-322-0253 • www.DesignByColorscapes.com

DO YOU NEED A DUMPSTER?

Professional Delivery & Pickup Affordable

Call to Reserve One Today

We take (but not limited to)... **Logs & Stumps**
General Construction **Demolition Debris**
Household Waste **Bulky Waste**
Concrete & Asphalt



NJ DEP# S27236

908-234-2382

Fast, Friendly, Reliable Service

**Marano & Sons Auto Sales:
Not only do we sell late model pre-owned vehicles,
but we will buy your car!**

Any car no matter how old. We will buyout your lease,
payoff your loan, pick it up at your house.

MARANO & SONS



AUTO SALES INC.

Keeping your car?

Did you know you can purchase an
extended warranty for your vehicle?

- coverage up to 120,000 miles - even if
you did not buy it from Marano & Sons.

Visit our website to value your car
MaranoSonsAuto.com



Buying & Selling Used Cars & Trucks Since 1955

**Two locations
In Garwood, NJ**

**507-13 South Avenue
150 South Avenue**

**908-789-1551
908-789-0555
Fax 908-789-1792**

LOOKING FOR A CAR, TRUCK OR SUV?

Visit our lots or shop at home. Search over 135 vehicles
by Make / Model/ Year/ Color / Body type / Engine specs / etc.



**Like us on
Facebook!!!**

Credit problems? Call us to get you approved!