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JACKSON HYMAN EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Mountainside Scout Troop 177 is proud to announce Jackson Hyman as our 27th Eagle Falls Scout Reservation this summer, which is Scout. Jackson is the son of Jordan and Jeannine Hyman of Mountainside. His Eagle Project was beautifying the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, which included clearing and creating a dozen pathways to improve parking lot accessibility, laying a slate walkway, and building a new bench. Jackson has been scouting for nearly 10 years, including his time as a Cub Scout with Mountainside Pack 177. He was also a member of the Troop's first full Philmont crew this past summer, and serves as our new scout patrol leader. Please join us in congratulating Jackson for his achievement and thank his family for all their support.

We also had a successful week at Resica a camp in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, operated by the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America. There were abundant activities with a Greek Gods theme. Scouts enjoyed participating in Olympic style games, swimming in an outdoor pool, taking the polar bear plunge, and an escape room. The opening and closing campfires were very enjoyable. The scouts earned over 50 merit badges, making the troop very proud. We will have many more troop activities in the fall of 2024. If you have an interest in Scouting, please get in touch with Jeff Healy at jeffhealy8@gmail.com.



(above) Jackson Hyman

SCOUT TROOP SPENDS WEEK AT RESICA FALLS RESERVATION

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LEVI CORY HOUSE VILLAGE SHOP FALL DATES

Restoration Committee's Levi Cory House will open again after a summer break. Volunteers are looking forward to welcoming shoppers back. The Shop will be open on most Saturdays from 11am-3pm. Additional hours will be announced prior to the December holidays.

The circa 1818 Levi Cory House, which was moved to Constitution Plaza nine years ago, was originally located at the corner of New Providence Road and Mountain Avenue. The house was the location of the first Children's Country Home, during the 1890s, before

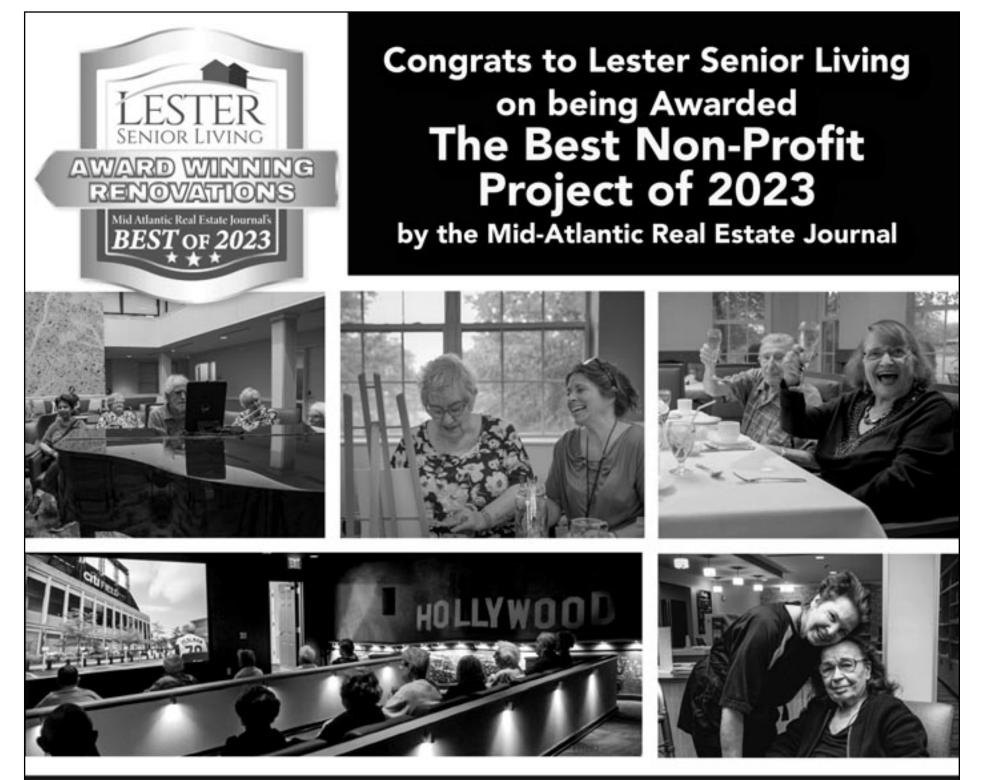


The Village Shop located in the Mountainside expanding to its current location as the Children's Specialized Hospital. After years of repair, renovation and restoration, the Levi Cory House now opens as a Museum for Children's Interests and the Village Shop. Recently, a second porch was added as there was one on the original house, and plumbing and a rest room have been added thanks, in part, to funds from the Watts Mountainside Community Foundation.

The Village Shop serves as a fund raiser for the continued restoration and maintenance of the Levi Cory House and maintenance of the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House. The Shop has been restocked with many new items for the home and for gift-giving - home décor, jewelry, antique and vintage items, furniture pieces and many interesting items and curiosities. Stop by to browse and you may find something for yourself or for gift-giving. Purchases benefit the Mountainside Restoration Committee.

The Levi Cory House and Deacon Andrew Hetfield House are located at Constitution Plaza (Watchung Ave., off Birch Hill Rd.) adjacent to the Mountainside Library. The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a 501(c)(3) charity and a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, restore and maintain the Levi Cory House and collect and save historical Mountainside information and items from destruction. For further information, please call (908)233-3135; or visit mountainsidehistory.org.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE - FRI., OCT 11

The Mountainside Fire Department will welcome the public on Friday, October 11th to visit their Fire Headquarters at 210 New Providence Rd in Mountainside from 7-9 p.m.

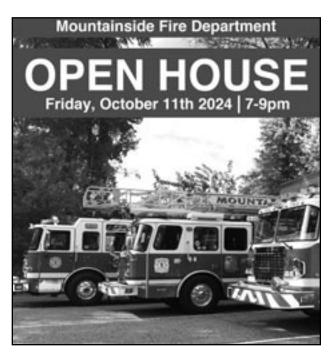
The Mountainside Fire Department opens their doors each October as part of their Fire Prevention Week activities, which also includes visits to each school in Mountainside during the week-long Fire Prevention initiative.

This year's FPW campaign, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent). Meanwhile, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

As part of their Open House, the Mountainside Fire Department will offer the opportunity for the public to see their apparatus and equipment up close and talk to local firefighters about how they work to keep the community safe. Additionally, the fire department will feature an actual demonstration of how they respond to motor vehicle accidents.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.





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OPEN HOUSE AT HETFIELD HOUSE

County's Four Centuries in a Weekend event. Each year, Union County celebrates its important place in history by featuring many historic sites throughout the County. Mountainside's historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House will be open for visitors on Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20 from 12-5 p.m.

During Saturday and Sunday, back by popular demand, there will be a miniature diorama simulation of the Battle of Yorktown. Generals Washington and Rochambeau marched their troops through Mountainside and other Union County towns in 1781 on their way to fight in this battle which was a turning point for the Revolution.

Mountainside's own, John Sileo, a member of the Tri-State Historical Education Simulations, Inc. will be present to engage in a lively discussion on regiments who fought in the Battle of Yorktown. The discussions will be augmented by a diorama of the military actions with hundreds of hand-painted soldiers.

Tours of the Hetfield House will be available throughout the weekend. The open house and activities are free to visitors and fans of Union County history. The adjacent circa 1812 Levi Cory House and Village Shop will also be open during the Four Centuries hours.

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House is located at Constitution Plaza (Watchung Ave., off Birch

The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield

The weekend of October 19-20 marks Union Hill Rd.) adjacent to the Mountainside Library. House and Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For further details, please call (908)233-3135; or, go to: mountainsidehistory.org.



(above) John Sileo discusses a miniature diorama of the Revolutionary War Battle of Yorktown which will be on display at Mountainside's Deacon Andrew Hetfield House during the Four Centuries in a Weekend Open House event on Sat., Oct. 19 and Sun., Oct. 20 (12-5 p.m.).



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LONG-TIME PUPPY RAISERS HONORED

The Seeing Eye

The Seeing Eye recently honored five longtime puppy raisers with induction to "The Seeing Eye 21 Club", a special honor for volunteers who have raised at least 21 Seeing Eye® puppies. The non-profit also honored the Seeing Eye puppy raising club volunteers with two awards, the Outstanding Leader Award and the 20-year Leader Award. Finally, 34 exceptional collegebound puppy raisers were awarded college scholarships totaling \$64,000.

"Each year, The Seeing Eye's Family Day is a celebration of all the hard work and dedication of our volunteer puppy raising families," said Seeing Eye director of canine development Peggy Gibbon. "An army of volunteers provides each Seeing Eye puppy with a loving home environment, socialization, and basic training that prepares them to become Seeing Eye dogs for people who are blind."

"We're actively recruiting puppy raisers and puppy sitters for our upcoming litters that are planned for the coming months. If you're interested in joining our community of dog lovers, now is a great time to reach out to us and learn what puppy raising is all about," said Gibbon. "We need homes and families of all shapes and sizes for our puppies because fully trained Seeing Eye dogs are placed in similarly diverse families and living situations with people who are blind."

A puppy raiser family is responsible for providing a loving and nurturing home environment for approximately one year. During

that time, the raiser is responsible for teaching basic obedience, house manners, bringing the puppy to Seeing Eye puppy club meetings and socialization trips in their area. The Seeing Eve puppy could be a German shepherd, Labrador retriever, golden retriever, or a Labrador/golden retriever cross.

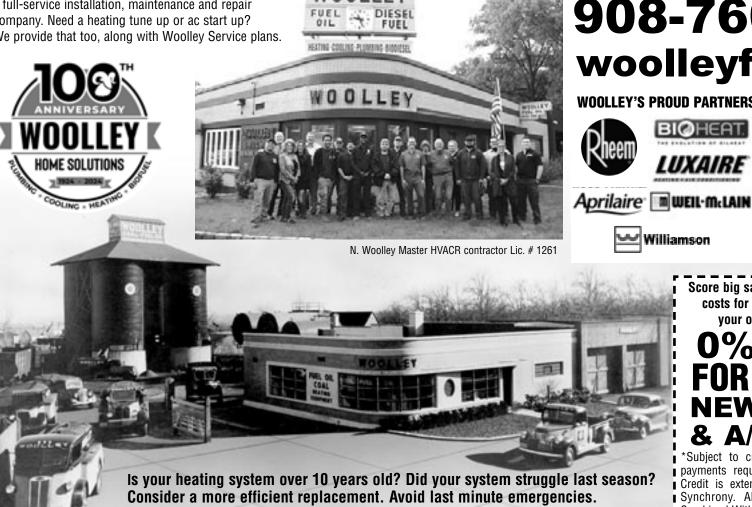
Puppy raisers must live within New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware or New York (Rockland or Orange Counties) so they can attend regular puppy club meetings where they will receive help and coaching with their puppies. All veterinary expenses are covered by The Seeing Eye and a stipend is provided to help cover the cost of dog food. If a Seeing Eye puppy does not graduate from the program, the family who raised the puppy is offered the first option to adopt the puppy they raised. For more information visit seeingeye.org/raise.

Established in 1929, The Seeing Eye provides specially bred and trained dogs to guide people who are blind. Seeing Eye dog handlers experience greatly enhanced mobility and independence, allowing them to retain their active lifestyles. The Seeing Eye is a 501(c)3 non-profit supported by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations, bequests, and other planned gifts.

The Seeing Eye is a trademarked name and can only be used to describe the dogs bred and trained at the school's facilities in Morristown, N.J. If you would like more information on The Seeing Eye, please visit the website at SeeingEye.org, call 973-539-4425, or email info@seeingeye.org.

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CENTER FOR HOPE 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.







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BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP FOSTER YOUTH

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Child Focus, the nonprofit organization that runs Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties, proudly recognizes the extraordinary efforts of Advocacy Supervisors Tiffany Mendoza and Wendy Monterrosa. Amid a significant shortage of bilingual volunteers, each has embraced the role of primary advocate on five cases with Spanish-speaking children, biological parents or resource parents, showcasing their commitment to making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

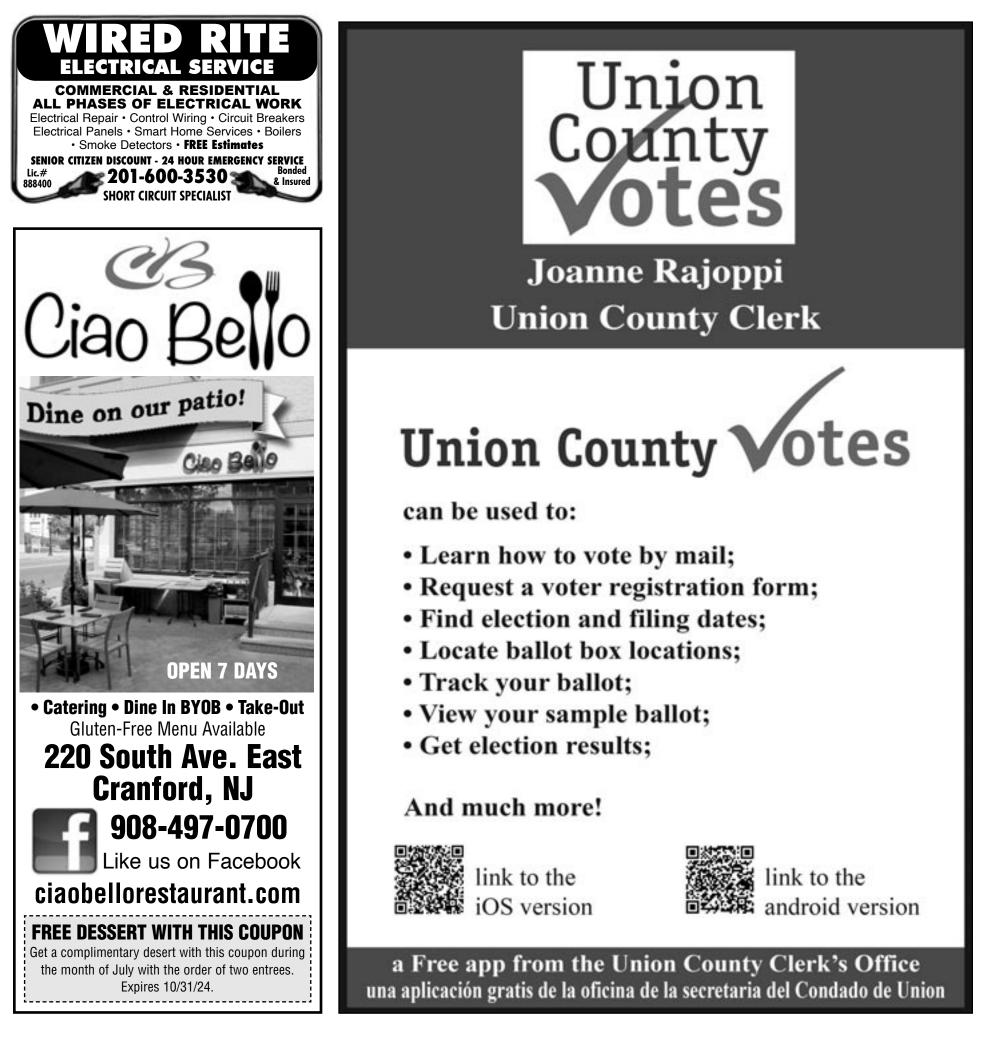
Tiffany and Wendy have stepped up to bridge

this gap, in addition to their work supervising a undergo comprehensive training to become team of volunteer advocates. Their efforts in taking on these additional 10 cases total, navigating complex situations where language barriers could impede access to essential services and support for children and their families, underscore the urgent need for bilingual community members to join CASA of Passaic and Union Counties as volunteer advocates.

The need for bilingual Spanish-English CASA volunteers is more pressing than ever. Child Focus is actively seeking community members fluent in both English and Spanish to join CASA of Passaic and Union Counties. Volunteers will

effective advocates for children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. This training equips volunteers with the skills needed to navigate court proceedings, build trust with children, and collaborate with caseworkers and attorneys.

For those interested in making a difference, the first step is to attend an information session in Union County: Wed., Oct. 9th or 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Colleen Fraser Building at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield; Wed., Oct. 16 at noon in the Elizabeth office at 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd FL.



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GLHS ANNOUNCES AP CAPSTONE STUDENT SUCCESS

The Berkeley Heights Public School District is proud to announce that following the Spring 2024 exam cycle, 11 Governor Livingston High School students have earned the AP Capstone DiplomaTM. Additionally, 4 students have earned the AP Seminar and Research CertificateTM during the 2023-24 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop critical research. collaboration, thinking, and presentation skills that are essential to academic success. The AP Capstone Diploma program is a project based learning experience valued by colleges and universities across the U.S. and around the world offered at approximately 2,500 schools. In partnership with the higher education



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To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP® Exams of their choice. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research (AP Capstone is a two-year program consisting of AP Seminar and AP Research). Student participation in the AP Capstone program has been steadily increasing, with over 100,000 students in over 2,500 schools worldwide taking part during the 2023-24 academic year.

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: Students are encouraged to create research projects based on topics of personal interest. Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects.

Ms. Lindsey Gismonde shared, "Like many AP courses, AP Capstone courses foster critical thinking skills. However, AP Seminar and AP Research are unique in that they allow students to develop strong research and analytical skills while deeply exploring an area of interest through meaningful independent inquiry. It's because of this that alumni of the program tell us that it has prepared them for college and beyond." According to current AP Capstone student,

Senior Victoria Stambaugh, "The AP Capstone program has been the most rewarding academic experience I have had at GL. In AP Seminar I learned so many skills that are going to be important to me in college and beyond that. We learned how to work well in groups, manage our own time, and most importantly, how to enhance our writing and presentation skills. Last year going into AP Seminar, I thought my writing was pretty good, but it has improved so much already. In Seminar I was able to refine my vocabulary and overall communicate my ideas more effectively and analyze data and information a lot better. Now that I am in Research, I am excited to begin using all of the skills I have learned and expand upon them, especially since research is something I am interested in doing in college. I know that AP Capstone is perfect for that and will help prepare me well."

Ms. Laurie Scott, Supervisor of English, Music, FCS, Media Centers, TV Production, & Drama, commented, "It can be argued that no program better prepares students for college research than AP Capstone. The research and writing in which students engage is so beneficial, and truly sets them up for a successful college experience. Students who complete both courses will undoubtedly find themselves ahead of their college peers."

College Board's Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. Earning a score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including earning college credit, advanced placement in college courses, or both, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in college, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams align with their high standards.

In addition, GLHS proudly recognized 48 AP Scholars, 80 AP Scholars with Distinction, 27 AP Scholars with Honors, and one student earned an International Diploma during this exam cycle.





LIBRARY'S OCTOBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

1 Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, NJ • 908-233-0115 • www.mountainsidelibrary.org Monday, Thursday: 9:30am - 8:00pm; Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30am - 6:00pm; Saturday: 9:30am-5:00pm; Sunday: closed Closed on Monday, October 14th in observation of Columbus Day. There will be no afternoon movie on October 11th.

No registration required unless indicated. **Cuddle Story Time** Oct. 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Tuesdays, 10am-10:30am Nursery rhymes, simple stories and songs for children up to 2 with their caregivers.

> Preschool Story Time Oct. 8th, 15th & 22nd

Tuesdays, 1:45pm-2:30am For those ages 3, 4 & 5 and their caregivers.

Family Story Time Oct 9th, 16th 23rd & 30th Wednesdays,10am-10:45am Stories and acraft for preschool children.

Yoga Story Time Oct. 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st Thursdays, 10am-10:30am With Jennifer from Little Pathfinders. For preschoolers and a caregiver.

Friday Afternoon Movie

Oct. 4th,a t 1pm "American Fiction". Monthly Documentary

Oct. 7th, at 1pm "I Am Ali".

Monthly Book Club Meeting

Oct. 7th, at 6:30pm "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Telescope Night Oct. 7th, at7pm-8pm

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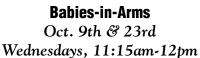
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by an adult. Free. Medication Management with Cranford Park Care

Oct. 11th, at 12pm Caregivers and older adults can improve medicine use safety, gain awareness of common issues using medicine, and learn the difference between prescription and non-prescription medicine. Free. Registration recommended.

Call the library to register. **Read to a Therapy Dog**

Oct. 17th, from 4pm-5pm Come cuddle up and read for 15-20 minutes. Bring three of your own books when you come. Register and reserve your spot by emailing Ms. Elizabeth at eperrin@mountainsidelibrary.org. Please include your reader's name, age and

contact phone number.

Cliff's Cooking Prep:

Theory Behind Cooking Techniques Oct. 17th, from 6pm-7pm

Self-taught home cook Cliff will discuss theory

behind cooking techniques such as the difference between braising and boiling, best ways to cook fish, checking meat without cutting it, sweating vegetables and many others. Free. Email spicaro@mountainsidelibrary.org

or call the library to register. **Friday Afternoon Movie**

Oct. 18th, at 1pm "One Life"

Diwali Event presented by Enjoy Explore India

Oct. 19th, from 1pm-3pm Join us for a cultural experience of a lifetime and find out how your friends celebrate this special festival! Listen to stories and enjoy traditional music and dancing. Make unique holiday decorations and learn to cook delicious mouth-watering desserts. Register by calling the

library.

AARP Speakers: Medicare 101 Oct. 24th, at 4pm

Speaker Richard Satyavan will go over the different parts of Medicare: coverage, costs and plan choices. Free- no registration required.

Friday Afternoon Movie

Oct. 25th, at 1pm "Fall Guy".

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