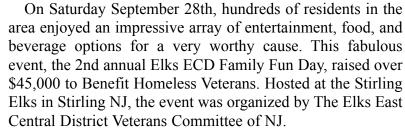


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# **ELKS FAMILY FUN DAY FOR HOMELESS VETERANS DELIVERS**



The organizing committee procured help from over 25 different in-kind donors enabling every dollar raised to go directly to the cause. This occasion truly had entertainment for everyone and a wide assortment of great food and beverages.

There was a fabulous Pig Roast courtesy of Dealaman's Enterprises, professionally grilled hamburgers and hot dogs from Applebee's-Union, salivating sausage & peppers, Assorted Trays from the Committed Pig, Sandwiches from Towne Deli-Summit. Assorted sides, corn & pies from Jonathan Sage, Tasticakes & pies from Tasticakes, scrumptious desserts from Baba's Bakery-Madison, Natale's-Summit and Bake-Summit. There were plentiful refreshing beverages: beer donated by Traprock-Berkeley Heights, Wine from Cambridge Wines, and San-Gria as well as water and soft drinks.

Guests of all ages enjoyed an amazing lineup of donated entertainment that included: the always energizing DJ Mr. Socks, dancing to a Live performance from New Jersey's AMP'D, a captivating opening ceremony that included: a stirring rendition of the national anthem by singing prodigy Sasha Capobianco, full military honor guard, Manville Fire Dept. hoisting the American Flag, and Bagpipers from the Essex County Emerald Society. There was a Silent Auction, a 50/50, a closest to the pin golf contest, Mgr. Tom Boehm on hand for Cornhole, Bocce Ball, a Dunk Tank from Paddy the Brush, Face Painting, Seeing Eye Puppies, Elroy the Elk, and other fun entertainment for the little ones.

This elaborate event was the culmination of hundreds of hours of planning and preparation by an Elks East Central District Committee of - 40 members spearheaded by Apollo Hrehorovich and Rocco DiPiano of the Summit Elks. The Team included members of Elks East Central District Lodges: Summit, Cranford, Mountainside, Rahway, Union, Springfield/Hillside, Stirling, and from the Short Hills Ski Club.

If you didn't get a chance to attend or contribute to the 'Family Fun Day' event and would like to help a veteran in need, please scan the attached QR code or send a check payable to: ECD Veterans Committee.

Mailing address: Attn: Doreen Duffy, Elks ECD Veterans Committee, 87 Harrison Ave., Colonia, NJ 07067. Any questions email Summit Elks member: apolloh99@yahoo.com.







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# **SHOP LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Communities (NJCFC) is excited to highlight the abundant offerings of local farmers' markets, where residents can access the freshest produce the Garden State has to offer.

Bv visiting jerseyfarmersmarket.com, consumers can easily locate farmers' markets in their area and explore a wide array of locallygrown fruits and vegetables, along with delicious recipes that enhance the farm-to-table experience. Look for the unmistakable Jersey Fresh sign, it insures the purchase of authentic New Jersey produce.

New Jersey boasts over 715,000 acres of dedicated farmland and is renowned for its diverse specialty crops, producing an impressive 1.2 billion pounds of tomatoes, 74 million pounds of blueberries, and 400 million pounds of sweet corn annually. With its unique climate and fertile soil, New Jersey's farmers are devoted to sustainable practices that not only elevate the flavor and quality of their crops but also support environmental stewardship. Specialty crops from New Jersey play a crucial role in both local consumption and national markets, significantly bolstering the state's economy.

The NJCFC supports numerous farmers' markets across the state, fostering community engagement and promoting sustainable living. "New Jersey's agricultural industry is thriving, and our specialty crops are among the best in the

The New Jersey Council of Farmers and nation," said Joseph Mikulewicz, President of NJCFC. "By choosing local produce, consumers invest in their health while supporting our dedicated farmers and strengthening their communities."

Buying local produce provides numerous advantages: it minimizes carbon footprints thanks to shorter transportation distances, stimulates local economies, and guarantees access to fresher, nutrient-rich food. Research shows that locally grown fruits and vegetables often have higher nutrient levels compared to those transported over long distances.

Farmers' markets, along with local restaurants and grocery stores throughout New Jersey, proudly feature locally sourced produce that encourages healthier eating habits while nurturing a sense of community connection. The state remains committed to upholding its leadership in specialty crop production through initiatives centered on education, sustainability, and making fresh food accessible to all residents.

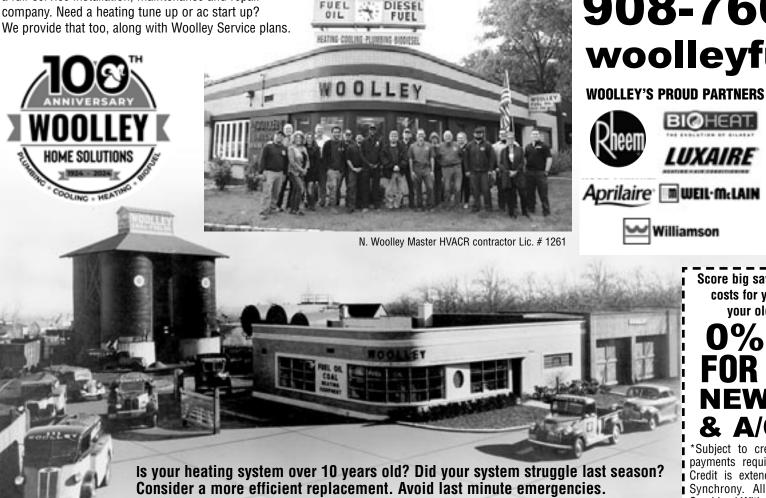
For more information on New Jersey's specialty crops and the benefits of purchasing local produce, please visit

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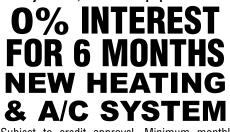
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# **NAVIGATING A FIVE-GENERATION WORKFORCE - CHAMBER EVENT – NOV 13**

generations are still working. All are different, having been shaped by their experiences in the formative years. The youngest generation never knew a world without a cell phone. The oldest generation was raised by parents who served in a world war. They buy and sell differently, spend, and save their money differently and have varied expectations as employees and vendors.

Understanding and embracing these generational differences is the theme of the Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce's November Networking Event, Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at Titan Union, 2003 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ. The event is from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"It is fascinating to learn how each generation perceives the other. This affects how well they work together," said Chamber CEO James

# **EDUCATION WALKWAY OF HONOR CEREMONY**

The Township of Union Education Foundation invites the community to attend our Walkway of Honor Ceremony on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Union High School, North Third Street, Union, NJ. The ceremony will be held adjacent to the main entrance on North Third Street to honor members of our community who have had bricks donated to honor them.

Honorees include Oscar Alvarado, Cannon Staff of 1966, Marisa Caruso, Angela DaSilva, Irene Goldie-Petras, Msg. Ulysses Green, Patricia Guerra-Frazier, Jean Jackson Harris, Joe and Alma Lauer, Pat Mc Cutcheon, Colleen Noonan, Mr. Patton, Nancy Slack, Ltc. Henry Touhey, Dawn Tyson, Joanne Walters, Susan Figueiredo, Barry Walsh, and Milan Patel.

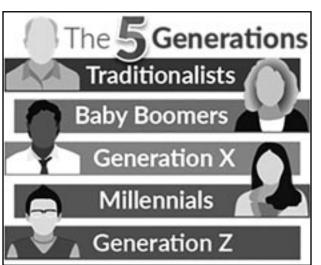
All members of the community are invited to attend. For further information or to RSVP, please contact sjlipstein@aol.com or 908-851-9869.

All proceeds from the sale of bricks in the Walkway go to fund grants for teachers in the district for creative and innovative educational programs. The Township of Union Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

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these differences as employers will certainly affect our success."

Leading the session is Laurel Bernstein, Founder and President of Executive Coaching, a



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> Admission to this event is free to members, but pre-registration is required. Register online at unionchamber.com, or by emailing at executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

> The Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association organized to unite, strengthen, represent and promote the growth and success of its member businesses. It comprises chambers of Union, Roselle Park, Kenilworth, and Hillside, but also has members throughout the county and state.





# **Spirit of UNION** • Page 6 • November 2024 **SHAKE IT UP WITH A HOLIDAY COCKTAIL FUNDRAISER**

### The Gateway Family YMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA announced reservations are available now for their Virtual Holiday Cocktail Fundraiser for Housing For All Financial Assistance that will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Cocktail Creation Kit reservations are available for purchase through November 12th at tgfymca.org/events or EventBrite and in Y branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union. Each Creation Kit includes a specially selected fullsize bottle of spirit & mini liquor, shaking tin + jigger and citrus for cocktails and mocktails, available for \$100 including a fun and educational virtual class. Kits can be picked up at The Gateway Family YMCA branches on November 20th 4:00-7:00 p.m., or November 21st 1:00-5:00 p.m., but must be reserved in advance. All participants must be age 21+ and provide photo identification.

The Virtual event, held on November 21st will be hosted by Christine Zubris, Owner, Versi Vino Wine Bar & Kitchen in Maple Shade, NJ. A recording will be available for participants unable to attend live. The virtual event is intended to

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provide educational and fun facts about select cocktails and mocktails. The Columbia Bank Foundation is the Grand Sponsor for the Virtual Holiday Cocktail Fundraiser. Additional sponsors include Statewide Sanitation Services, Elberon Development Group and the Northfield Bank Foundation.

"This fundraiser supports individuals, families and veterans in our community, providing necessary emergency assistance and Housing For All," stated Melynda A. Disla, President/CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "YMCA financial assistance provides the opportunity for everyone to be safe, secure and nourished. Our community partners, members and friends can join us for a fun and educational evening for a great cause."

The unique event combines individual or small-group social gatherings from home with speakers, socialization, engaging content and educational information online. Virtual Holiday Cocktail Fundraiser Sponsorships are available to local businesses and community organizations at tgfymca.org/sponsorships in further support of Housing For All Financial Assistance.

The Gateway Family YMCA has served the

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community since 1900, and provided over \$339,000 in financial assistance in 2023, ensuring that Y membership, housing, child care, WISE community services and senior socialization is available to all. As a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County, The Gateway Family YMCA served over 18,000 individuals, families, children and veterans last year.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3)non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services for all. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies - it strengthens families and communities.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or the Wellness Center and WISE Center Branch at 908-349-9622.

# **FISHING FLEA MARKET NOV. 23**

The Rahway Fall Fishing Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Thomas Church Hall, 1405 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ. A wide variety of salt and fresh water fishing tackle will be on display for anglers looking for great buys. New, used, antique, custom fishing and boating items will be available to all.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the day which include rods, reels, tackle and much more. Food and refreshments are sponsored by St. Thomas Holy Name Society. Admission price is \$5 per adult, children 12 and under are free.

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# SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ TO FEATURE ROBERT HILL BAND

Salem Roadhouse Café presents Robert Hill Band on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is in Bailey Hall at Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Robert Hill, originally from North Little Rock Arkansas, has been living in the NY/NJ area for the past 30 years. He was inducted into the New York Blues Hall of Fame in 2014. An awardwinning artist, not only for his slide guitar work, but also for his songwriting, has won in numerous songwriting competitions including Billboard, Unisong, and the ISC. His latest release, "Revelation", made the 2023 Grammy ballot for Best Traditional Blues Album, and has been charting on the RMR, NACC, UK IBBA, and Australian Blues & Roots charts since its release in September 2022. He has shared the stage with Levon Helm, (The Band) John McEuen,(Nitty Gritty Dirt Band), Kim Simmonds, (Savoy Brown), Rick Danko, (The Band), Rory Block, Debbie Davies, and numerous others.

On lead vocals is Rae Simone who brings a background rooted in Blues, Motown, Jazz, R&B and Soul, with Aretha Franklin and Ray Charles

as major influences. Her vocals have been intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are featured in Rolling Stone article, Weed Mike, a conversation with Mike Tyson. Her single, "All I've Got " has been receiving critical acclaim since its release in 2022. She and Robert have a new single together, "Maybe You Will Someday." Rounding out the rhythm section are veterans, Frank Pagano on drums, Ed Alstrom on keys, and Steve Gelfand, bass. All have toured and recorded with some of the biggest names in music including, Donald Fagen, Al Green, Blondie, Levon Helm, Dr. John, Chuck Berry, Pete Seeger, Odetta, Al Cooper, Steven Van Zandt...the list goes on and on. The band adds their own unique interpretations to traditional blues classics, as well as performing many of their own compositions. With searing slide guitar, exceptional vocals, and a rhythm section of seasoned veterans, they are known for jawdropping, entertaining performances. Also adding to the show, are original, humorous, animated music videos produced by Robert, that are shown during the LIVE performance! Not to be missed!

Original award winning watercolor artwork by Roadhouse director Bruce Tangowski will be on display along with homespun yarns and knittings by Cynthia Manno. Together they will grace the walls of the Roadhouse Art Gallery.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live,

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 operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many 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 Programs, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, Gateway YMCA and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

# FULFILL WISH LISTS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE - CHILD FOCUS

As the holiday season approaches, Child Focus, the nonprofit child advocacy organization that runs Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties, is thrilled to announce the launch of its annual Holiday Wish List Drive. This initiative aims to bring joy and personalized gifts to more than 400 children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, honoring their unique interests and wishes this holiday season. The holidays can be especially difficult for those involved in the child welfare system, and this drive seeks to ensure each child feels seen, valued, and celebrated.

Child Focus invites community members, organizations, and businesses to support the drive by purchasing items directly from its Amazon Wish List, donating gift cards to popular retailers such as Target, Amazon, Walmart, Macy's, Old Navy, and Sephora, or contacting Child Focus directly to learn what specific items are needed this year. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, and delivered to the Child Focus offices in Wayne or Elizabeth by Monday, December 9.

"The holiday wish list drive is always a bright spot in our programming, as our community comes together to make wishes come true for these children who have experienced so much turmoil in their young lives," stated Child Focus Executive Director, Erica Fischer-Kaslander. "It is an important reminder that a small act of kindness can have an incredible impact in a young person's life. We are grateful for our community partners who have stepped up year after year, including those who have been willing

to scour the internet and pound the pavement to **ABOUT CHILD FOCUS**: locate some of those special gifts, injecting some much-needed holiday magic into the lives of these deserving children."

Child Focus thanks the community partners who continually step up to make wishes come true for hundreds of children in foster care.

For more information on the Holiday Wish List Drive, including a link to the Amazon Wish List, or to learn how you can become a CASA volunteer, please visit childfocusnj.org or call (973) 832-4002.

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



# **UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY NOVEMBER EVENTS**

Registration is required for all events. To register and for more infos, please call Adult Services at 908-851-5450, extension 3, or check out our website at uplnj.org or visit us at the Main Library at 1060 Stuyvesant Ave. and the Vauxhall Branch at 123 Hilton Ave.

# Resume and Interview Workshop (Main Library).

Mon. 11/4 @ 5:30 pm

Join an HR Executive Recruiter for a one-hour session to level up your resume and interview game. Bring your resume for a personal review, get clear on the dos and don'ts of resume writing, and pick up some great interviewing tips. Get everything you need to help you feel confident and ready to land your next job!

### Vauxhall Negro League Baseball Club (Vauxhall Library)

Wed. 11/6 @ 6:00 pm

Are you a baseball fan and love history? Perhaps you are a fan of Satchel Paige or the Kansas City Monarchs? Come join us for our inaugural meeting where our goal is to preserve the history of Negro League Baseball. Our meetings will consist of presentations, discussions, film viewings, book talks, and much more. November's meeting will consist of guest speaker Rick Feingold who will discuss American Baseball in Cuba.

## Friends of the Library Meeting (Main Library)

Thurs. 11/7 @ 6:00 pm Join the Friends of the Library at their monthly meeting. New members are always welcome. Come and support your local library.

#### An Afternoon with the James Gibbs Trio (Vauxhall Library) Sat. 11/9 @ 1:00 pm

James Gibbs III is an Urban Soul, Smooth Jazz, Billboard top charting artist from Newark, NJ who is also known for being a world class trumpeter. Gibbs has performed and toured with the Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars, TS Monk, legendary R&B vocal sensation Joe Thomas, John Lee, and many others. With his unique style of playing and entertainment, Gibbs is guaranteed to keep the audience's attention and have the whole room singing, dancing, and vibing to his music.

### Build Up Your Balance (Main Library)

Wed. 11/13 @ 10:30 am Through gentle exercises and stepping strategies, learn to keep your body balanced in different situations. Give this popular class from the YMCA a try!

### Adult Crochet for Beginners (Vauxhall Library)

Wed. 11/13 @ 6:00 pm

Please join us as Ms. Lisa Roberts teaches attendees the basics of learning how to crochet. Attendees can bring their own crochet hooks and yarn, but supplies will be provided!

#### Catch Up Before the Holidays: How to Organize for the Season with Jamie Novak (Virtual on Zoom)

#### (VIIIuai UII 200111) Thur. 11/14 @ 7:00 pm

Feeling behind already? If your to-do list is too long and you are feeling overwhelmed, join author and organizer Jamie Novak online, when she shows you how to catchup on your tasks. Declutter your home, mind, to-do list and more! Plus, during this online program get a

jumpstart with a live tidy-up.

### Theater Project Sings for Union (Vauxhall Library) Mon. 11/18 @ 6:30 pm

Three veterans of the Theater Project company offer a little jazz, a little folk, a little soul, and some Broadway tunes to entertain the community.

## **Meditation (Virtual on Zoom)**

Thurs. 11/21 @ 11:30 am Join Bindu Bhatt for virtual meditation sessions. No prior experience is necessary. Bindu has practiced meditation for over 30 years. Off the Shelf Book Club (Main Library)

Thurs. 11/21 @ 6:30 pm This month the club will be reading Yellowface by RF Kuang. Pick up your copy at the Main Library or download on Hoopla. Great way to make new friends!

### Monday Night Trivia: Food & Drink (Vauxhall Library)

Mon. 11/25 @ 6:00 pm

Are you a foodie who has exquisite tastebuds? Perhaps you are a sommelier of different types of drinks? Please join us and test your knowledge on food and drink trivia for some fun and prizes

### Hilton Readers Book Discussion Group (Vauxhall Library)

Wed. 11/27 @ 6:00 pm

November's selection is The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri. Join a regularly scheduled group, make new friends, and enjoy a great selection of books.

### Animal Crossing Open Hours (Virtual on Nintendo Switch)

Fri. 11/29 @ 3:00 - 5:00 pm Come explore UPL Island! Check out our inclusive virtual library building that serves children, teens, and

adults. Discover our Mario-themed maze, shake fruit/money trees, shop at Nooks & Abels, help craft DIYs, and leave a message on the bulletin board. As a thank you for visiting, there will be freebies! You must add us as a friend before entering the island. Our UPL Nintendo friend code is SW-4027-1837-6212. All ages are welcome. No registration is necessary. If you have any questions, please get in touch with

jcarvajal@uplnj.org.

Going Going Gone

#### (Vauxhall Library) Sat. 11/30 @ 1:00 pm

Please join us at the Vauxhall Branch Library as Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta takes attendees through a nostalgic look at products and technologies that have

become obsolete or are on their way out. In this interactive lecture, she discusses items like VHS tapes, phone booths, travel agents, and more. It's a fun way to reminisce about the past and see how much has changed

over the years. Chair Yoga (Main Library)

Tues. @ 9:00 am on 11/12, 11/19, 11/26 Take a deep breath with friends and stretch! A popular class for beginners or professionals. Presented by the Gateway Family YMCA.

### Walk-in Wednesdays: One-on-One Library Technology Assistance (Vauxhall Library)

Weds. @ 12:30 – 2:00 pm on 11/6, 11/13, 11/20 Get help with library resources, including downloading e-books from Libby and Hoopla, using the library catalog and resources, using mobile print, and using the photocopier and scanner. Reservations are not required.

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Homemade Apple Cranberry Sauce Wed., 11/13 @ 7:00 pm

Join us to add a delicious twist to classic cranberry sauce and make your Thanksgiving table stand out!

### **Thanksgiving Leftovers**

Tues., 11/19 @ 6:00 PM Come chat about how to use your leftovers for more than just a sandwich!

> Library Speakers Consortium [Virtual on LSC website]

A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained: In Conversation with Stanley Milford, Jr. Thurs. 11/7 @ 7:00 pm

> Sobre la migración infantil desde Centroamérica--

En conversación con Javier Zamora Sat. 11/9 @ 2:00 pm (Spanish)

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# **BIG NEWS: RENNA MEDIA IS LAUCHING SIX MORE NEWSPAPERS IN DECEMBER**

Renna Media will be launching six new newspapers in December 2024. The new towns joining Renna Media's family of newspapers are Livingston, Roseland, Hanover, East Hanover, Morristown, and Morris Township. The newspapers are Every Door Direct Mailing (EDDM) to every home and business in town.

The new monthly publications will add over 40,000 new postal patrons for a new total of over 200,000 newspapers mailed to 30 towns in Union, Somerset and Morris Counties.

The publications are "hyperlocal" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town and are direct mailed within those towns. The newspaper's goal is to have a positive influence on the economic development and overall well-being of the town. Our publications exist to share community service news and the good things that are happening in the community.

The concept of being hyper-local is to give local businesses a venue to promote services. Reaching local customers gives you the highest return for your advertising dollars. The black and white newspapers are designed to keep the cost of an advertisement to a minimum. Ads in one town start at \$100. Regional businesses can take advantage of discounted rates for advertising in multiple towns.

Renna Media also prints full-color flyers and tri-fold menus that get mailed along with the newspapers. A cost effective alternative to mailing postcards.

Renna Media is a Cranford, NJ based business

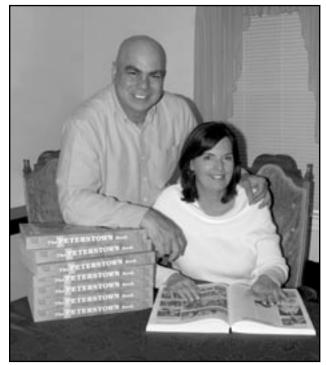
owned and operated by husband-and-wife team of Joe and Tina Renna. They are celebrating 40 years in business.

For more information about Renna Media publications, please visit RennaMedia.com.

Press releases with community service news can be emailed to editor@rennamedia.com.

Businesses interested in advertising can call Joe Renna at 908-447-1295,

or email joerenna@rennamedia.com.



(above, l-r) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, are celebrating 40 years in business.

# **FUNDRAISER GALA FEATURES ONLINE AUCTION**

Hearts for Emma a 501©3 in Cranford, NJ is having a gala fundraising evening featuring cocktails, dinner, live music, sensational raffles, & a silent auction featuring original artwork on November 23, 2024, at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Hearts for Emma was founded by Cranford residents Nancie & Emma Rothman after Emma received a lifesaving heart transplant at the age of 12. Hearts for Emma provides assistance to families with children in crisis due to cardiac illness and creates and distributes educational materials in support or organ and tissue donation.

Co-founder Nancie Rothman states, "When Emma received her heart transplant, we were and continue to be so grateful to have the support of our family and community to help us through what was the most difficult time in our lives. Hearts for Emma was founded to help us live every day with purpose and to give back. Our gala fundraiser will be a wonderful evening and a way to support a great cause. We invite anyone interested in attending, donating, and purchasing raffle tickets as well as bidding online for the below painting & other exciting items to do so."

For further information, visit: heartsforemma.org





**ARTWORK: \$300** Custom illustration, photography available. Mail Prep/Shipping/Postage Rates based on customer supplied PDFs.

**STAND-ALONE EDDM** Artwork/Printing All inclusive price: \$400 per thousand

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Minimum of 10,000 Inserted in Renna Media Newspapers. 8.5" x 11" / full color 2 sided

60lb gloss coated stock Printing only = 60 per kInserting only = 60 per kTri-folding add \$15 per k Large Size Printing / Inserting:

\$160 per thousand ' x 17" / full color / 2 sided

60lb gloss coated stock Printing only = 100 per kInserting only = 60 per k1/2, 1/4, Tri-Folding included with or without coupons tab.

Rates effective November 1, 2024. Subject to change. See RennaMedia.com for most up to date pricing. JoeRenna@RennaMedia.com



(above) Joe Renna holds an original 36" x 24' oil painting of the 18th Hole at Galloping Hill he created for Hearts for Emma 2024 Auction.

#### SOME OF THE ITEMS BEING AUCTIONED

As of this printing 11/1/24

- 10 days in Steamboat Colorado (September 19th-29th, 2025,
- Oura Ring
- · Shackamaxon Round of Golf, pickle ball lesson, Hold Now gift certificate
- Pet Art -unique rendering of your pet
- Bonnie-Leigh Jones painting: Beach Scene
- Original oil painting of the 18th Hole at Galloping Hill



Purchase Tickets to the Gala

- Bid on an Auction Item
- Enter Our Raffle
- Purchase Merchandise
- Make a Donation

**RENNAMEDIA.COM** Joe Renna 908-447-1295

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