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# **MEMORIAL DAY: A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND ACTION**

Michael Boll, New Jersey Veterans Network Every Memorial Day, millions of Americans attend parades, fire up their grills, and host large backyard BBQs for friends and family. As a veteran, I look forward to marching in a parade and attending a BBQ. However, before the festivities begin, I make it a point to check in on fellow veterans and ensure they are in a good place. For some veterans, Memorial Day is a difficult day, and they could use some reassurance from a friend or comrade.

For too long, our military members and veterans have been facing a heartbreaking crisis. A new study suggests that 44 veterans and servicemembers take their lives every day. This has become a nationwide epidemic, and countless families are struggling with this issue alone. Fortunately, there are many organizations working tirelessly to help our uniformed heroes get through these difficult times.

In 2017, the New Jersey Veterans Network (501(c)3) was created with a focus on the wellbeing of military members, veterans, and their families. The NJVN is a volunteer-driven mobile outreach team that actively seeks out veterans in need, providing them with free, life-saving resources and services. As a grassroots organization, we have a unique perspective on the needs of our uniformed heroes.

Our approach, combined with the ability to collaborate with other organizations that share our mission, has allowed us to save lives and help veterans live a better quality of life. Recently, the NJVN has ramped up our mentorship and peer



(above) NJVN Memorial Day parade march.

Courtesy photo

support programs. However, our recreational therapy events and functions have produced the most impactful results.

The NJVN has had great success hosting social events such as: movie nights, group hiking, paintball, professional sporting games, fishing trips, hunting, and other outdoor activities. Additionally, every year, the NJVN sends veterans to Camp Patriot (a PTSD retreat) for a week of healing.

Each week, the NJVN provides veterans with food, clothing, housing assistance, VA benefits information, and mental health support. By partnering with numerous other groups and organizations, we can offer our uniformed heroes a better way of life.

We are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance, or are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. For more information visit NJVN.org.

# **PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION – MAY 26TH**

The Township of Berkeley Heights proudly invites all community members to come together for our annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m. This cherished tradition is more than just a parade—it's a heartfelt tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

The parade will begin on Locust Avenue, march down Snyder Avenue, and make a left onto Springfield Avenue, concluding at Veteran's Memorial Park on Plainfield Avenue. After the parade, join us at Veteran's Memorial Park for a beautiful ceremony honoring our fallen heroes. Enjoy free food and refreshments as we come together in gratitude and remembrance.

This free community event is a wonderful opportunity to show our patriotism, honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and celebrate the unity of our town.

Want to participate? If you have a group interested in marching, sign up here: forms.gle/jyYUYvz2EQyhZi4DA.

We look forward to seeing you there as we honor and remember those who served!



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# **'HEART OF THE HIGHLANDER' WINTER AWARDEES**

#### Berkeley Heights Public Schools

The Winter Sports Team recipients of the Heart of the Highlander award were recently announced at the winter Varsity Awards ceremony. This award was created to recognize a Governor Livingston High School studentathlete from each sports team (each season) who exemplifies great character, leadership, sportsmanship, inclusion, and community service.

### THE HEART OF A HIGHLANDER AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR WINTER 2024-2025 ARE:

- Chelsea Kieswetter Girls Basketball
- Dominic Labisi Boys Basketball
- Christian Gioia Wrestling

- Olivia Judicke Girls Fencing
- Michael Cianci Boys Fencing
- Rylee Conover Girls Indoor Track
- Sean Jaqua Boys Indoor Track;
- Teddy Baum Ice Hockey
- Anna Frolov Girls Swimming
- Alexander Kasper Boys Swimming
- Leah Brogden Cheerleading

CJ Hendricks, Athletic Director shared, "The Governor Livingston High School Athletic Department is excited to recognize our next class of Heart of the Highlander award recipients for the 2024-2025 winter sports season. This group is an exceptional collective of student athletes that represent GLHS in the highest regard."



(above) The Winter Sports Team recipients of the Heart of the Highlander award.



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# FREE 'CAP YOUR PIPES' PROGRAM

your front yard with no cover? Maybe you ran over it with the lawnmower, or it got lost in the snow?

Well, that pipe is a sewer cleanout pipe, and without a cover, you're risking excess water and/or debris (leaves, grass clippings, dirt, etc.) getting into your home's sewer system, and possibly causing a costly - and gross - backup in your home. By not having these pipes capped, it also allows deluges of stormwater and junk to get into our sewer system, so we are paying to treat clean water - a total waste of money and effort! In our town, the wastewater piping system should be separate from stormwater; the more stormwater that gets into our sanitary sewer system, the more our sanitary sewer system is overwhelmed, causing water to gush out of sewer manholes into the streets, tank overflows and pump failures at the treatment plant.

So, we are giving away for free sewer cleanout caps, as part of a new "Cap Your Pipes" program! You can pick them up at Town Hall, in the Administration office, 2nd floor, between 8:30 a.m. -4 p.m. Please measure the diameter of your pipe and let us know the size when you stop by; measure the width of the inside of the pipe. We can accommodate pipes 3"-4.5". You just have to install it.

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# PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS - MAY 6

**Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission** All Berkeley Heights senior homeowners and renters aged 65 and over are invited to attend a free session on various New Jersey property tax relief programs in effect. Organized by the Berkeley Heights Recreation Department, a representative from the State of New Jersey will come and conduct an informational session on Tuesday, May 6 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Highlander Room (off the main lobby) of Town Hall, 29 Park Avenue. All three property tax relief programs - Anchor, Senior Freeze, and NJ Stay - are now included in one application for residents. Please see details below on the information session. Free pizza following the meeting.

## SENIOR INFORMATION FAIR – MAY 3RD

The Senior Affairs Committee of Berkeley Heights is sponsoring its fourth Senior Information Fair to be held on Saturday May 3 from 11am-1pm at Town Hall (29 Park Ave.) in the Highlander Room. All Mature Adults ,Seniors and their families are invited to join us at this event.

Last year 25 organizations participated including health providers; representatives from NJ government; Union County Division on Aging; Union County Veteran's Affairs; churches; realtors; YMCA; FYZICA; Cognitive and Research Center of New Jersey; Sage Eldercare; and Berkeley Heights Library, Rescue Squad, Police and Recreation Department; Rotary Club; and Senior organizations.

Each organization will provide information on their agency and the services they provide for the benefit of our Seniors and their families.

Refreshments will be provided. For any additional information please contact Chris Bjornstad, chairwoman, at 908-334-1947 or chrisbjorn46@gmail.com.

# **READ ACROSS AMERICA MONTH CELEBRATED**

**Berkeley Heights Public Schools** 

March was 'Read Across America Month' and throughout Berkeley Heights Public School District our students and staff have been participating in a variety of exciting and creative activities to commemorate this important event.

At William Woodruff Elementary School students had a blast celebrating. Families got in on the fun when they were invited to read with their child during classroom reading workshop time, community visitors came in as guest readers, and students completed Reading BINGO boards for fun ways to read at home.

The BINGO activity challenged students to complete BINGO boards at home by accomplishing different types of reading activities like reading on Facetime or in an empty bathtub or shower. Students who completed BINGO boards at home sent them back to school to be entered in the running to win a prize (a new book).

A school-wide assembly was then held to wrap-up Read Across America Month with all students and staff meeting up in the auditorium to participate in the 'Masked Readers' event. Teachers dressed in costumes to be "Masked Readers" and read stories and poems aloud to the school during the assembly. When they were done, the students took guesses on who the famous 'masked reader' might be!

Mrs. Rachel Shanagher, Reading Specialist at William Woodruff Elementary School commented, "Read Across America Month is a great opportunity to challenge our students to create reading goals with fun incentives and



(above) The 'Masked Reader' idea was a collaborative effort inspired by our love for costumes, creativity and fun and the kids loved hearing stories from a mystery guest and trying to figure out who it might be.

Photo by Berkeley Heights Public Schools

exciting events. We celebrated how reading can bring us together by making us happy, teaching us things, and making us laugh. The 'Masked Reader' idea was a collaborative effort inspired by our love for costumes, creativity and fun and the kids loved hearing stories from a mystery guest and trying to figure out who it might be."

What an exciting and clever way to make reading even more enjoyable for our students!







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# HIGHLANDER ATHLETICS GOLF OUTING - JULY 18

Berkeley Heights public Schools

Save the Date for the Governor Livingston High School Athletics Highlander Golf Outing to be held on July 18th in support GL Highlander Athletics. Funds raised will provide essential resources to enhance the experience and opportunities for student-athletes. Golfers and Non-Golfers Welcome! Registration for this exciting event can be found here: glathletics.afrogs.org/#/index



# ASTRONOMY DAY MAY 17, 2025

North Jersey Astronomical Group, two amateur astronomy clubs located in New Jersey, are once again holding their annual Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event will be held in 2 locations: Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside in the afternoon and at William Miller Sperry Observatory on the campus of Union College in Cranford in the evening. The theme is "Solar Max, Unlocking the Secrets of the Sun." This is a family friendly event that focuses on learning about our Sun and its impact on us, and also about astronomy and related sciences in a fun and easy to understand atmosphere. This event appeals to both children and adults. The event is free and open to the public and does not require preregistration. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17, 2025, and come out to learn more about the Sun and our universe!

### 75 YEARS NIGHT SKY GAZING

Amateur Astronomers, Inc (AAI) of Cranford, NJ celebrated their 75th Anniversary on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at The Westwood Caterers of Garwood, NJ. In attendance were 53 past and current members who range from teenagers to seniors.

AAI has always interested anyone who loves looking and learning about the night sky. Housed in the William Miller Sperry Observatory on the Union College campus in Cranford, the observatory is open to the public every Friday

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Youth lectures are presented by the club at 7:00 p.m. to preregistered scout groups to help them earn their patches in science. If you are interested in preregistering a scout group, please contact info@asterism.org.

The club also celebrates celestial events such as eclipses by opening the Observatory and having numerous telescopes outside the building. For more information about AAI email, membership@asterism.org or visit asterism.org.



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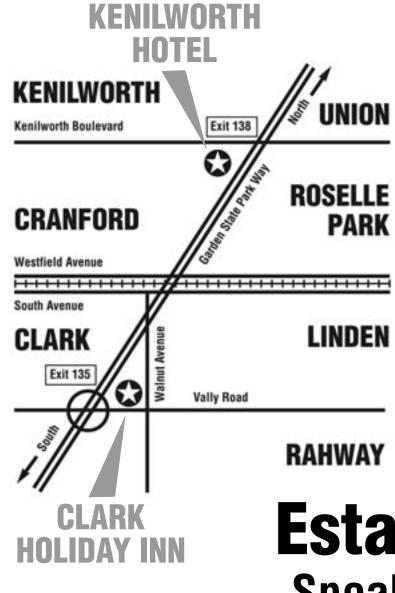
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# **'ANIMAL-CENTRIC' LUNCH AND LEARN**

#### **Berkeley Heights Public Schools**

Middle School Outreach Elective Class hosted a Lunch and Learn event for 25 students, staff and board members in March.

marking period has been on animals in our A group of students from the Columbia community so this Lunch and Learn featured friends: Beau, Lulu, Alinta and Lyraa. presenters who could speak about animals.

Presenters included volunteers from Creature Comfort Pet Therapy, as well as Mrs. The focus of the Outreach classes for this Emily Forer from Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter.

The stars of the show were our four-legged

Students had the opportunity to listen to presenters talk about the work that they do, ask questions, and then mingle with the animals.



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# **BIKE AND SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION FOR P4P - JUNE 7**

### Faith Lutheran Church

Do you have bikes or sewing machines needlessly taking up room in your home or garage? Give them a new home by bringing them to Faith Lutheran Church's bike and sewing machine collection for Pedals for Progress (P4P) and Sewing Peace on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adult and children's bicycles in rideable or repairable condition will be shipped overseas by P4P and distributed to those who rely on them for transportation to jobs, markets, medical care, and





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schools. Donations of working sewing machines underneath the sheltered alcove by the red doors also provide income opportunities for those living in developing countries.

If you are unable to drop by on June 7th, you may still leave your bicycle(s) in Faith Lutheran's lower lot next to the utility shed. If you are donating a sewing machine, please leave it



(above) Donate your unused bikes and sewing machines to Pedals for Progress (P4P), and Sewing Peace, on Saturday, June 7th.

at the bottom of the parking lot. Faith will make sure these items get to P4P for this collection or will hold them until the next one. Please note that "bikes for parts" or disassembled bicycles will not be accepted.

On average, it costs \$52 to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary for P4P's continued success and \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine. All monetary donations (cash or check) and material donations are fully deductible, and a receipt will be provided on site on June 7th. Donations can also be made directly via p4p.org.

To date, Pedals for Progress has shipped over 167,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines to partner agencies in Central America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. Find out more at famfaith.org. Worship is on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available via website, Facebook, and YouTube. The church phone number is 908-464-5177 and the pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready.

# **DERBY FUNDRAISER – MAY 3RD**

The Summit Lions Club will be holding their annual Derby Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Carmel Event Hall located in Berkeley Heights.

It is the Club's main event held every year on the day of the Kentucky Derby. The gathering will offer a buffet dinner, wine, desert, live streaming, auction items, DJ, photo booth, and dancing. Our annual 50/50 cash raffle drawing will also take place resulting in a cash prize to 3 winners. Entry tickets are \$45 can be purchased at the door or online at

summitlionsclub.org/donate.

The Summit Lions club currently has 32 members and holds meetings once a month. "It's great to be a Lion!" Come join us, one and all, for the fun, auction, raffles, food and best hats at the

great Derby Event! To learn more about the Summit Lions visit summitlionsclub.org or call 908-565-1694.

The Summit Lions Club is celebrating their 99th year serving the Summit area community with eye exams and eyeglasses for school children, eyeglass collections for global needs, youth projects, diabetes education, and hunger and environmental projects. All funds raised go directly to a variety of service projects throughout our community. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind" in the Crusade against Blindness. Lions Clubs International is made up of 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs worldwide serving those in need.





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# **HEADACHE AND MIGRAINE ESSENTIALS:** WORKSHOP – MAY 21

Join us via the Scotch Plains Public Library on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for an engaging and informative virtual program on common types of headache disorders, with a special focus on migraines. This program is designed to educate and support individuals and care partners living with headache or migraine.

This online 60-minute event will feature:

An introductory overview covering the basics of primary/secondary headache, and common contributing factors/triggers, and symptoms of migraine.

A look at what to expect in a headache evaluation, including identifying potential "Red Flags" that may indicate a more serious condition.

An overview of available treatment options and strategies for acute and preventive care to help manage migraine attacks effectively.

Q&A to address participants' questions (note: speaker cannot provide personal medical advice)

The event partner for this program is the National Headache Foundation, which has been focused on elevating the awareness of headache and migraine as legitimate neurologic diseases for over fifty years. Their mission is to create a future where everyone in the world with headache can thrive in optimal, functional and connected lives. To learn more about their work, visit headaches.org.

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# **EVENTS AT DREW UNIVERSITY'S CONCERT HALL!**

The Concert Hall at Drew offers an exciting lineup of performances showcasing music, comedy, and exclusive experiences!

#### **MAY 31 AT 8 PM** COMEDY NIGHT FEATURING JULIA SCOTTI, **DENA BLIZZARD & STEVE TREVELISE**

Enjoy a night of nonstop laughter as Julia Scotti, Dena Blizzard, and Steve Trevelise bring their comedic brilliance to the stage. Julia Scotti, an America's Got Talent finalist, combines fearless humor with heartfelt honesty and has wowed audiences nationwide. Dena Blizzard, known as the "One Funny Mother," charms her audiences with relatable and viral parenting comedy and boundless energy. Steve Trevelise, a seasoned comedian and radio personality, delivers quick wit and humor that have earned him spots alongside legends like Pat Cooper and Gilbert Gottfried. Together, this trio guarantees a memorable night filled with hilarity and charm. **JUNE 5 AT 7:30 PM** 

### 'TIL DEATH DO US PART...YOU FIRST!

Buckle up for a hilarious rollercoaster ride with 'Til Death Do Us Part...You First!. Directed by Academy Award-nominee Chazz Palminteri (A Bronx Tale) and starring the comedic genius Peter Fogel, this 90-minute show humorously explores the chaos of love and marriage. From quirky characters to laugh-out-loud moments, Fogel's quest for love, guided by his conscience, voiced by Palminteri, offers a relatable and sidesplitting experience perfect for singles, couples, or anyone needing comic relief.

#### JUNE 29 AT 3 PM - BEATLES MAGIC: **RARE FOOTAGE & EXCLUSIVE INSIGHTS**

For Beatles fans, this unique event provides an extraordinary opportunity to experience rare. privately owned Beatles concert footage that has never been shown to the public. Hosted by Beatles aficionado Charles F. Rosenay!!! and expert archivist Erik Taros, this special program includes captivating stories and behind-thescenes insights about the Fab Four. From an interactive Q&A session to an after-show meet and greet, it's a once-in-a-lifetime event for Beatles enthusiasts.

#### TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT GDPRESENTS.SIMPLETIX.COM OR BY CALLING 917-567-5842.

Advance Order Discount Available. See the website for Promotions and Codes.

### **ALL SEASON AT DREW**

The fall season at Drew University's Concert Hall promises an exhilarating mix of live music, comedy, and nostalgia-packed performances.

September 13– Human Wheels: A Tribute to Mellencamp, September 19– Brothers Revival: Allman Brothers Tribute., September 26- Classic Skynyrd Live with Southern Steel, September 27- Comedian Rodney Norman., October 5 -Doo Wop Gold: A Celebration of Timeless Classics., October 18 - The Jersey4, November 1 - B Street Band: A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen, "The Boss." Stay tuned for more...

Tickets are available NOW. Be sure to secure your spot for this fantastic fall lineup.



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# **BERKELEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY PROGRAMS**

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### ADULT PROGRAMS

Sunday, May 11, Wednesday, May 21, and Friday - Monday, May 24 - 26.

The Library will be closed

### FOR ALL AGES:

Get Caught Reading in the Library this Month -Win a sticker/bookmark and be featured on our social media!

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

Saturday, May 17, 10am-4pm, Sunday, May 18, 2pm-5pm, and Monday, May 19, 10am-8pm Proceeds fund future library programs.

### **WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES AND PROGRAMS Baby Storytime**

Mondays, May 5 & May 12 at 10am Crafternoon: crafts for ages 4-7 with caregiver Mondays, May 5, 12, and 19 at 3:30pm

**Toddler Explorations** 

for toddlers with caregiver Tuesdays, May 6 (art), May 13 (music), and May 20 (sensory exploration) at 10am

**Baby Playtime** Wednesdays, May 7 and May 14 at 1:30pm **Toddler Storytime** 

Wednesday, May 7 and May 14 at 10am **Block Party** 

(Build & play with blocks) Thursdays, May 1, 18, 15, and 22 at 10am

**Play Pals** Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 10am

Saturday Hangouts at 10am Saturdays, May 10 (play) and May 17

(storytime and crafts)

### **SPECIAL MONTHLY CHILDREN'S** EVENTS:

Make a Lei Thursday, May 1 at 3:30pm Lego Play

Friday, May 2 at 3:30pm The Great Reading Adventure Magic Show Saturday, May 3 at 11am **Family Movie Matinee** Sunday, May 4 at 2:30pm Star Wars: A New Hope, **Mother's Day Card Craft** Friday, May 9 at 3:30pm **Good Tyme String Band** Tuesday, May 13 at 10:30am A fiddle and banjo sing-along

> **Read to a Dog** Wednesday, May 14 at 3:30pm **Family Fun Friday**

Friday, May 16 at 3:30pm Japanese Fans

### **TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

(For ages 10 and up) Love Your Self(ie) Wednesday, May 7 at 3:30pm (Create a self-portrait and journal) **Tea & Teens** Thursday, May 8 at 6:30pm **DIY Boba Tea** Thursday, May 15 at 6:30pm

**Tinker Tuesday Crafts** May 6 (floral sachets & scent jars) May 13

> (floral fabric bangle) at 7pm

### **Coffee & Conversation**

Wednesdays, May 14 & 28 at 1pm **Kimchi Workshop** Tuesday, May 20 at 7pm Watch & Make

Saturday, May 17 at 1:30pm

**Friday Movie Matinee** 

May 30 at 1pm

Wicked

Armchair Traveler Tuesday, May 27 at 7pm

Ireland Get Weird with Art

Wednesday, May 28 at 7pm

### **BOOK GROUPS**

**Morning Book Group** Friday, May 2 at 10:30am Tom Lake

Mayor's Book Club Thursday, May 8 at 7pm Burnout **Evening Book Group** Tuesday, May 13 at 7pm Horse **Books Speak Volumes** Thursday, May 15 at 7 pm A Pilgrimage to Eternity Joy of Cookbooking Mexican Cuisine Monday, May 19 at 6:30pm **Virtual Author Talks - register** at https://libraryc.org/bhplnj/: How to Use Anxiety to Thrive with Harvard Wednesday, May 7 at 2pm Psychologist David Rosmarin Wednesday, May 14 at 7pm On Writing a Dark & Diabolical Thriller with **Liann Zhang** Wednesday, May 21 at 2pm How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood with author Rachelle Bergstein

Please check the library's website bhplnj.org for more information and any program changes or additions.

**BOOK FAIR – MAY 17 - 19** 

The Friends of the Berkeley Heights Public Library invite community members and book lovers to its upcoming book fair, May 17 through May 19. Everyone is invited to come and discover new favorites from among the gently used books that are sure to delight browsers and collectors alike.

This first-ever, themed Friends of the BHPL book sale will focus on specific categories of gardening, nature, crafting, and interest: cookbooks.

Prices will range from \$1 to \$2, and cash, check, or credit cards will be accepted. All proceeds from the Friends book sale will be donated to the library to enhance services offered to BH residents and library patrons, including funding free museum passes and early literacy kits.

Located outside the library, at 29 Park Ave., on the second floor of the Berkeley Heights

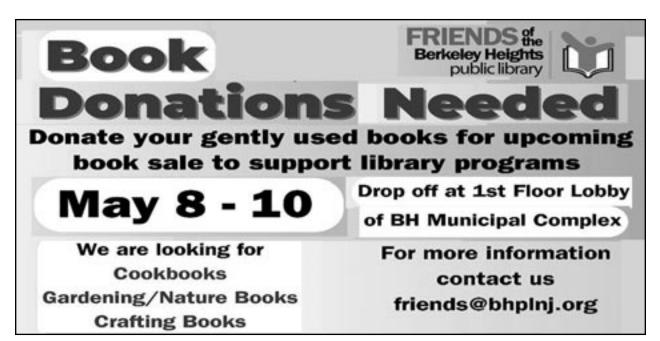
Municipal Complex, the book sale will be open on:

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sunday, May 18, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Monday, May 19, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

### WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

Area residents can also participate by donating new and gently used copies of hardcover and paperback books on the featured subjects. Drop off donations of cookbooks, gardening/nature and crafting books ONLY from May 8 through May 10 on the first floor of the Municipal Complex in designated bins in the lobby.

The Friends of the Berkeley Heights Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to supporting the Berkeley Heights Public Library and the community. The Friends support the library through direct financial assistance, event sponsorship, volunteer services, and promotion.





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# SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The West Fields Chapter of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) recently held its quarterly meeting at the Westfield Recreation Room located in the town hall. After a short business meeting and awards presentation, Steven Santucci gave a lecture on Jockey Hollow encampments.

The Sons of the American Revolution is the largest male lineage organization in the United States and consists of 50 state-level societies with more than 590 local chapters, several international societies including Canada, France, Germany, Spain, and an International Society, and over 37,000 members.

For more information on joining the NJSSAR email chrissands44@aol.com.

(right) West Fields member James Sanford is Presented with the SAR 250th Bronze Medal. Courtesy photo



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### **NEW JERSEY: POWERED BY SMALL BUSINESS**

It would not be a stretch to say that the New Jersey economy is built on the backs of the small businesses that call the state their home. Nearly one million SMB enterprises are registered in the state as of 2024, a sector of the economy that now accounts for half of all employment in the state. Things are competitive, to say the least. So, how do you, as a business owner, stand out?

### WHAT TO BOOST YOUR ONLINE VISIBILITY? VISIT NJLOCALINFO.COM

To answer that question, we need to first understand the shape of the problem facing many small business owners. There is one very critical thing putting many businesses at a massive disadvantage, not only when compared to other SMBs, but against larger competitors as well. That key ingredient? Digital marketing.

A recent Forbes report found that over half of all small business growth in 2025 comes from digital sources. Translation? Without a digital presence, you are leaving a huge chunk of your potential revenue on the table.

### NJLOCALINFO TO THE RESCUE

To help level the playing field, NJLocalInfo.com has developed a two-fold visibility solution that will allow your business to quickly and sustainably build organic traffic in your local market. They accomplish this both by establishing high-quality backlinks to build site authority, and by promoting your business directly to customers through their own directory. **PROVEN SYSTEM** 

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