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# **STUDENTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY**

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

Students at Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center recognized Earth Day and Arbor Day with a week devoted to learning about how to care for the Earth through a variety of fun and educational activities.

In addition to classroom lessons about the significance of Earth Day and Arbor Day when teachers talked about and shared books about appreciating nature and the gifts that the

Earth gives to us as human beings, students also enjoyed learning in the outdoors by reading outside, engaging in a campus clean-up, and planting sunflowers.

A selection of 1st graders also participated in the school's annual tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day. This year the tree was a Red Bud Tree donated by Union County and planted in the playground area of school.

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# STUDENTS COMMIT TO COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Governor Livingston High School and the GLHS Athletic Department are proud to announce the following senior athletes who have committed to continue their academic and athletic pursuits at the collegiate level next year. Nicholas Angelos – Fencing - Drew Univ. Anthony DeNora - Baseball - Caldwell Univ. Matt Diskin - Baseball - Stetson Nate Faxon - Wrestling - NYU Taylor Fields - Lacrosse - Allegheny College Mia Firdman - Basketball - Rochester Tech Christian Gioa - Wrestling - NYU Reilly House - Lacrosse - Univ. of Scranton Sean Jaqua - Track & Field - Longwood Univ. Olivia Judicke - Fencing - Tufts Univ. Jake Kreisberg - Wrestling - Stevens Tech. Anna Kramarchuk - Track & FIeld - Amherst Andrew Nappi - Lacrosse - Moravian Univ. Brandon Rayack - Wresting - The Citadel Owen Riley - Fencing - Lafayette College

CJ Hendricks, Director of Athletics at Governor Livingston High School shared, "We are very proud of all of our student athletes who will be continuing their playing careers at the collegiate level. It is an exceptional accomplishment that a very small group of high school athletes get the opportunity to pursue. We hope to continue to provide our student athletes with a great experience that will help propel them as they move on to play at the collegiate levels.

# **CIVIL ENGINEERING CLUB WINS FIRST PLACE**

Berkeley Heights Public Schools

The GLHS Civil Engineering Club Wins First Place in the David Good 3D Printed Bridges Competition at NJIT. "The David Good 3D Printed Bridge Competition celebrates the power of creative thinking in engineering! It aims to inspire innovation that spans across generations, providing teams with opportunities to grow and push their skills to new heights." The team is made up of returning member and club cofounder Jake Couto (Junior), as well as new members Filip Golabek (Junior), Morrison (Junior), Adi Shesadri (Junior), and Aaron Kane (Freshman), Cassidy Ryan (Freshman).



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## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINNING JUNE 9**

The Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights will be hosting a free 8-week Journey through Bereavement support group on Mondays June 9 through July 28. Time is 10 - 11:30 a.m. Led by an experienced bereavement facilitator.

The meetings will be held in the Bernauer Parish Center, 290 Plainfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights. Registration is required.

For questions and to register, please contact Dan Grossano, pastoral associate, at 908-464-1585 or email bereavement.lf@gmail.com

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# **GLHS PERCUSSIONIST PERFORMS AT KEAN**

#### Berkeley Heights Public Schools

Sonya Mehta, a sophomore percussionist from Governor Livingston High School, was selected and performed with the Kean University Symphonic Wind Ensemble on May 1st, alongside college students, university faculty, and professional musicians from the region. Sonya was asked by the Director of Bands to perform with the ensemble after participating in the Kean University Honors Band weekend back in February. BHPS Music teachers, Josef Ellis and Joseph Laurino, also performed with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble that evening.



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Former clients who wish to collect their legal files or records must do so within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. After that time, the remaining files will be securely destroyed in accordance with the legal and ethical obligations of the State of New Jersey. To arrange collection or for further

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# A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE BERKELEY **HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**



(above) Virginie Delwart, Maggie Berry, Monica Poulos, and Alexandra Genua.

## **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

We would like to acknowledge and say thank you to the members of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad. In times of crisis, it's often the selfless acts of others that leave the deepest impression. Recently, we witnessed such an act of kindness, compassion, and service to others when the Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad came to the aid of a dear friend in need during a medical emergency. Their swift response, professional care, and unwavering dedication are a testament to the incredible work that these volunteers do each day.

To the dedicated volunteers of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad, we would like to say thank you. We would like to especially acknowledge and thank Virginie Delwart, Maggie Berry, Monica Poulos, and Alexandra Genua. They are four exceptional women, and the residents of Berkeley Heights are lucky to have them volunteer their time and skills to the community. Your efforts may often go unnoticed, but they are never unappreciated.

Thank you again to the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad, for everything you do. Sincerely,

Jerry and Marie Giordano

# **SENIOR DAY TRIP MONDAY, JUNE 16**

The Berkeley Heights Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Monday, June 16.

The bus leaves the parking lot at Town Hall, 29 Park Avenue, at 8:30 a.m. And returns at approximately 7:15 p.m.

The cost is \$40, which includes bus transportation, and a \$20 voucher for slot play. For more information or reservations, call Ramona at 908-647-3295.

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# **BERKELEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY JUNE PROGRAMS**

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#### FOR ALL AGES:

Summer Reading Program Kickoff: Saturday, June 7, 12pm Storytime; 1pm Craft & Kona Ice Cream Truck; 2pm Foam Party

Saturday, June 21, 11am-1pm Edible Books Contest Fundraiser:

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Storytime Mondays, June 9,16, 23, and 30 at 10am Crafts for ages 4-7 with caregiver: Mondays, June 9 (garden snake), June 16 (sponge painted lady bug), June 23 (watermelon sun catcher), June 30 (paper chain caterpillar) at 3:30pm

#### Toddler Explorations

for toddlers with caregiver: Science Discoverers Tuesdays at 10 am - June 10 (Magnets), June 17 (Bubbles), June 24 (Colors)

**Science Explorers** Thursdays June 12 and 26 at 3:30pm

**Toddler Playtime** 

Tuesday, June 3 (Groceries) Wednesday, June 4 at 10 am (Dolls) Toddler Storytime

Wednesday, June 11, 18, and 25 at 10am Tummy Time

Wednesdays, June 11, 18, and 25 at 2:00pm Block Party: (Build & play with blocks) Thursdays, June 5, 12, and 26 at 10am Play Pals

Fridays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10am Saturday Hangouts at 10am Saturdays, June 14 (Play) June 28 (Games) at 10am



(above) In partnership with the Friends of the Library, Berkeley Heights Public Library is hosting an Edible Book Contest on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m Courtesy photo



#### **CHILDREN'S MONTHLY EVENTS**

Lego Play Friday, June 13 at 3:30pm Family Origami Sunday, June 8 at 3pm Family Movie Matinee Sunday, June 15 at 2:30pm - Lilo and Stitch Read to a Dog Wednesday, June 25 at 3:30pm

Family Fun Friday Friday, June 20 - 3:30pm - I Spy Sensory Jar

#### **TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

(For ages 10 and up) **Teen Book Club** Every Day June 10 at 6:30pm Tea & Teens: Thursday, June 26 at 6:30pm Teen Craft: Thursday, June 12 at 6:30pm - Decorative Patches

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

Tinker Tuesday Crafts June 10 at 7pm (grow your own microgreens) June 17 at 7pm (make a beaded plant) Pins and Needles: Sunday, June 8 at 2pm Wood Pallet Painting: Mon, June 23 at 7pm Flower Arranging: Tue, June 24 at 6:30pm

Movie Matinee: Friday, June 27 at 1pm - A Complete Unknown

#### **BOOK GROUPS**

Morning Book Group: Friday, June 6 at 10:30am - The Art Thief Mayor's Book Club: Thursday, June 12 at 7pm - The Anxious Generation Evening Book Group: Tuesday, June 10 at 7pm - Georgia Books Speak Volumes:

Thursday, June 26 at 7 pm - The Sisterhood Joy of Cookbooking:

Monday, June 16 at 6:30pm - Salads Virtual Author Talks

register at https://libraryc.org/bhplnj/: Extinctopedia

Wednesday, June 4 at 2pm: A Discovery of What We Have Lost, What is at Risk, and What To Do About it with

Smithsonian Scientists

#### Author Lisa Jewell

Tuesday, June 10 at 2pm: Explore Unexpected Twists and Turns with Bestselling Author Lisa Jewell

Living the Otter Life

Tuesday, June 24 at 4pm: Living the Otter Life with Katherine Applegate (3rd-6th Grade)

# HAVE YOU EATEN ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Join the Berkeley Heights Public Library and the Friends of BHPL for A Delicious and Punny Event for Book Lovers

In partnership with the Friends of the Library, Berkeley Heights Public Library is hosting an Edible Book Contest on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This celebration of books, art, food, and culture will take place in the Highlander Room on the first floor of the Berkeley Heights Municipal Complex, located at 29 Park Ave., and is open to all.

Whether you're a regular library patron, a Berkeley Heights community member, or simply a book lover, join us for a lighthearted culinary, artistic, and literary event focused on edible creations inspired by literary works. Contest submissions must be made of edible materials that are cooked, baked, or created with assembled food items. Your creation can look like a book cover or character, evoke something from a book, be inspired by a character, or even be a play on words of a book title.

Crepes of Wrath? Game of Scones? The Handmaid's Tamale? Entries can be straightforward, or they can be fun, creative, and even a pun, so come on out and express yourself!

On contest day, creations will be displayed on tables for members of the public to peruse, sample, and vote for. Prize categories include most creative use of edible materials, most realistic, and most tasty, with prizes including donations from local businesses Entry is free for Friends of BHPL members, or \$5 for others. Local businesses can also enter for free. Viewing and tasting will be free to all, with patrons encouraged to consider donating to the Friends of the library. All funds raised will directly support library programs.

Asked about the upcoming event, Amy Steinbauer, Library Director of the BHPL replied "Join us for a fun and delicious event at the library and your entry fee will help support more of these and all our wonderful programs in the future. Put your culinary skills and humor to the test, and then challenge your neighbor, friends, and family to try to beat you!"

Submissions must be constructed of edible materials and be accompanied by the list of ingredients.

For more information, including contest details and instructions, please visit bhplnj.org/about-us/bhpl-friends/.

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.

Discover all the Berkeley Heights Public Library has to offer including Museum Passes, Library of Things, and programs for all ages. Check out the website atbhplnj.org and come sign up for a library card today! The library is located at 29 Park Avenue, Second Floor.

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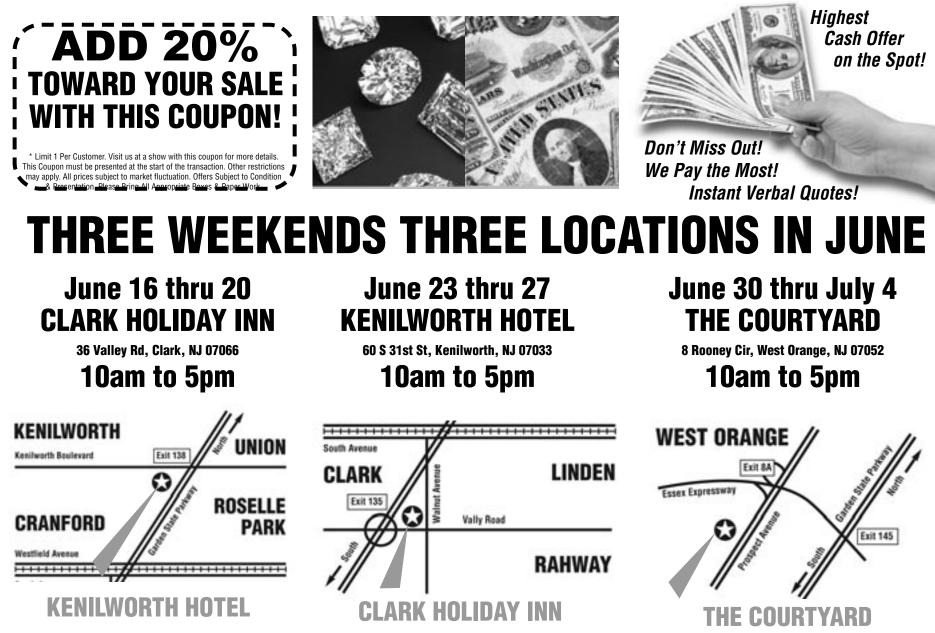


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## BIKE AND SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION FOR P4P - JUNE 7

#### 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 schools. Donations of working sewing machines 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 underneath the sheltered alcove by the red doors 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.



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

# **RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMERTIME FUN**

#### **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Each concert begins at 7:00 PM The Recreation Department is excited to bring back the free Recreation Summer Concert Series - a community favorite featuring live music, food trucks, airbrush tattoos, a bounce house, sponsor tables, free water, and plenty of family fun. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening under the stars with neighbors, friends, and fantastic entertainment. and is open to all - no registration required.

> **CONCERT LINEUP:** Veteran's Memorial Park

Mission Dance Wednesday, June 25 Lost In Place Wednesday, July 2 Austin City Nights Wednesday, July 9 The Grove at Connell Park Audio Riot – Wednesday, July 23

The Nines (First Responders Night) Wednesday, July 30 Don't miss this summer tradition fun, free, RECREATION FITNESS CENTER:

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#### **SEASONAL PROGRAMS:**

**2025 Summer Playground Camp** At Summer Playground Camp, kids are free to explore, play, and make new friends in a relaxed, fun-filled environment. With daily



sports, crafts, and camper-led activities, no two days are the same! Plus, enjoy Water Slide Wednesdays and optional lunch offerings.

#### 2025 Summer Pre-K Camp

Designed for our youngest campers, Berkeley Heights Pre-K Camp offers a fun and nurturing environment where kids engage in imaginative play, obstacle courses, and hands-on activities. Each day includes time in the playroom, mat room, and gym, plus an outdoor snack/lunch

#### (weather permitting). 2025 Teen Scene Travel Camp

With five weeks to choose from, each day brings a new adventure. Admission, transportation, and chaperones are all included just sign up and enjoy the ride!

#### Additional Summer Camps

Looking for more ways for your child to stay active and engaged? We're also offering a Python Coding Bootcamp, Table Tennis Camp, and Tennis Camp this summer! Whether you're interested in sharpening your tech skills or enjoying some friendly competition, we have something for everyone.

#### FREE SENIOR PROGRAMS: Weekly Programs

Berkeley Heights Recreation offers many fun and free activities for our seniors! We invite you to try them out – Mahjong, Exercise, Yoga, and more!

#### Go Grocery Shopping with the Recreation Every WEDNESDAY!

Pickleball/Tennis Permits – 2025 Season from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026. Permits (or guest fees) are required for play.

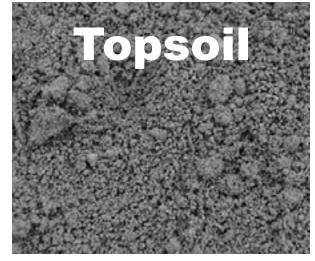












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(above) GlamourGals chapter members visited a Union County senior home.



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#### GlamourGals

Students at Union County Vocational Technical Schools are making a meaningful mark on their community through their growing involvement with GlamourGals—a nonprofit dedicated to ending senior isolation through teenled makeovers and intergenerational connection. Since launching their chapter, these students have brightened the days of local seniors through complimentary manicures, heartfelt conversations, and simple moments of shared joy.

Their very first event laid the foundation for something much bigger: a movement of compassion and connection. For Ivy L., now attending her second GlamourGals visit, the experience has been deeply personal. "We connected over our childhood memories of painting our nails—she used to do her own all the time, and I talked about how my mom would paint pictures and designs on mine," Ivy recalled. "Today's visit was another beautiful, memorable experience. I already can't wait for the next one." For fellow volunteer Gayatri S., each visit is a reminder of the deeper mission behind the glitter and polish. "When I think about why we do this, I'm reminded that GlamourGals exists to fight senior isolation," she said. "Hearing her story helped me realize how much joy and comfort our presence brings. Every time we visit, we're taking another step toward that goal—and that means everything."

The Union County Vocational Technical Schools' GlamourGals chapter is more than a student group—it's a team of young changemakers leading with empathy. Through their commitment, seniors are reminded that they are valued, seen, and never alone. And for these students, the journey is just beginning.

#### ABOUT GLAMOURGALS:

GlamourGals, a 501(c)(3) founded in 2000, reduces social isolation by empowering beautiful connections across generations. Our signature beauty makeovers are led by teen-led chapters nationwide that bring honor and companionship to seniors in aged care.



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