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BARTELL PARK GETS LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT DONATION



The Aliver Foundation

The Township of Clark along with the Clark Soccer Club, Clark Police Department, Clark Volunteer Fire Department, and Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, participated in a family friendly community event hosted by The Aliver Foundation to celebrate the donation of a lifesaving equipment bundle consisting of a CE TEK 4000 Outdoor AED Enclosure along with a Heartsine Samaritan 350P AED.

The evening featured a touch-a-truck featuring fire trucks and police vehicles, an interactive CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) demonstration by the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, and a stethoscope craft for children.

"Thanks to the generosity of The Aliver Foundation, Bartell Park is not only a place for recreation and sports but is now a safer place. This lifesaving equipment truly makes a difference and reflects the kind of community partnership that makes Clark stronger and more resilient," said Mayor Angel Albanese.

Each year, nearly 360,000 people in the United States will experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and fewer than 10% will survive. The best outcomes occur when CPR is started immediately and an AED is used within the first few minutes. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival drops by about 10%.

The hope is that nobody will ever have to use this equipment but knowing it is there and can remain outside and accessible no matter the weather is so important.

ABOUT THE ALIVER FOUNDATION

Founded in January 2024, The Aliver Foundation's mission is to raise awareness and funds to install all weather AEDs in outdoor recreation spaces while also providing crucial resources and educational opportunities to individuals and communities.

The goal is simple – to save lives and help hearts by:

- 1) Increasing the number of all weather, climate controlled AEDs that are in outdoor recreation spaces
- 2) Creating access to educational opportunities like CPR and AED training
- 3) Providing resources and support to sudden cardiac arrest survivors and their loved ones
- 4) Circulating messaging about the difference between SCA and heart attacks as well as CPR and AED usage *Learn more at: thealiverfoundation.org*



(above) Members of The Aliver Foundation, Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, Clark Volunteer Fire Department, Clark Police Department, and Township of Clark



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GIVE BLOOD THIS SUMMER

Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad

It is with great honor that The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad (CVES) received recognition for supporting the New York Blood Center blood drives. So far, 397 pints of blood have been collected since January at the squad house.

New Jersey is currently facing a blood emergency. According to the New York Blood Center, "This blood emergency is being declared due to less than a 1–2 day supply of critical blood types across the region. This puts patients at risk - from trauma victims and surgery patients to those undergoing cancer treatment or facing lifethreatening complications." Their statistics show that only 2% of people in the area donate.

Each pint can save three lives. Who doesn't want to save a life?

Genevieve Toscano is an Account Manager at New York Blood Center and works with CVES

in organizing the blood drives. She works tirelessly not only in scheduling drives but many other behind-the-scenes tasks. Ms. Toscano is scheduling blood drives every Tuesday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in July and August at the CVES squad house.

Blood donors can give every 56 days, and platelet donors can give twice per month. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently lifted several blood donor eligibility restrictions. To view current eligibility guidelines, visit nybc.org

CVES makes donating safe and easy. The Clark Squad House is located at 875 Raritan Road, Clark and offers private, off-street, lighted parking. Be sure to drink a lot of water before donating to make it easier.

Anyone with questions or if you want to join the squad can email us at CVES@ourclark.com.

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Clark Township

Please be advised that the Department of Public Works will be removing any signs placed within Township or County rights-of-way. These areas are not authorized for signage, and any signs found in these locations will be promptly removed.

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76 Harding Ave. 53 Stemmer Dr. 291 Willow Way 330 West Lane 139 Jupitor St. 458 Oak Ridge Rd. 307 West lane 93 Jupitor St. 166 Meadow Rd. 67 Lefferts Lane 41 Oleander Way 160 Riverside Dr. 45 Briarheath Lane 40 Emerald PI. 24 Hawthorne Dr. 45 Briarwood Path 21 St. Germain Dr. 532 Valley Rd. 21 Orchard Ter. 307 West Lane 64 Mildred Ter. 103 Amelia Dr. 1132 Westfield Ave. 22 Glenwood Ter. 344 West Lane

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^{18 Terhune Rd.} TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 292, 195 ARE IN CLARK

CLARK RECREATION GOLF CLINIC AT HYATT HILLS



(above) The 4-week clinic was taught by golf pros. Participants received medals at the conclusion.

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During National Military Appreciation Month and beyond, SCORE mentors offer resources for veterans to start and grow their entrepreneurial enterprises.

Veterans' training, resolve and fortitude to overcome challenges make them the ideal entrepreneur. They soar as small business owners. According to research, 80 percent of the 1.7 million veteran-owned business owners consider themselves successful. The small business fiveyear survival rate for veterans is double that of the non-veteran population.



(above) Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 17 million entrepreneurs start, grow or successfully exit a business. SCORE's 10,000 volunteers provide free, expert mentoring, resources and education in all 50 U.S. states and territories. Visit SCORE at score.org.

Data from the U.S. Small Business Administration has shown that small business owners with an established mentor have twice the success rate - 70 percent versus 35 percent - as those who do not have a mentor.

In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national nonprofit organization that assists small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.

The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE's volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and workshops.

"Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed," said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman. "While I enjoy working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the

SCORE mission."

SCORE Central Jersey Chapter Chair Nancy Verduin said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

"Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business," said Verduin. "It's wonderful to have veterans' resources at our volunteers' fingertips to aid in mentoring our service men and women."

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE's client base. Veterans own 10 percent of small businesses and 14 percent of franchises. Since franchisors have a defined plan of what the business should entail, veterans represent the perfect franchisee given their ability to effectively execute plans as intended.

Nationally, veterans own nearly 2 million businesses, employing more than 5 million Americans, and generating more than \$1 trillion in annual income. Of those, 40 percent of veteran-owned businesses generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue.

To learn more about SCORE, request a mentor or volunteer to be one, visit score.org.

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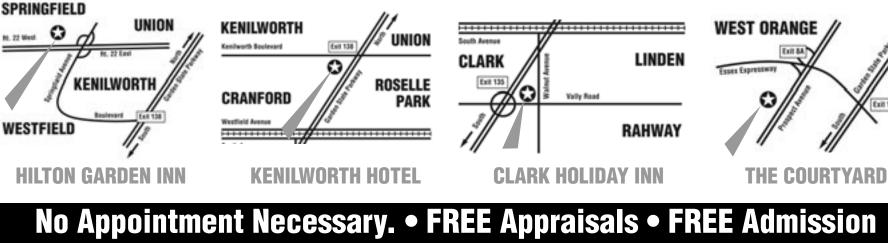
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Canine Companions

Mike Saverino was recently matched with his third Canine Companions service dog names Arbor. Mike is overjoyed about how Arbor has picked up right where his retiring service dog Webster left off, making a difference in Mike's daily life.

Arbor II is a two-year-old lab-golden retriever cross specially bred and trained by Canine Companions to serve people with disabilities. Arbor knows over 40 professional commands to assist Mike in his daily life. Arbor opens doors,

Mike to name just a few.

Mike enjoys sled hockey, weightlifting, and is heavily involved in the Canine Companions New Jersey Volunteer Chapter.

About Canine Companions: National nonprofit Canine Companions is celebrating 50 years of empowering people with disabilities to live with greater independence — and it all started with a service dog named Abdul. Canine Companions invented the concept of the modern at canine.org.

turns on lights, and picks up dropped items for service dog in 1975 and has since placed more than 8,200 expertly trained dogs at no cost to clients, entirely supported by donations. Today, as America's first and largest provider of service dogs, Canine Companions leverages seven locations across the country to serve adults, children and veterans with disabilities as well as professionals working in health care, law enforcement and educational settings in all 50 states. Volunteer, donate and learn more



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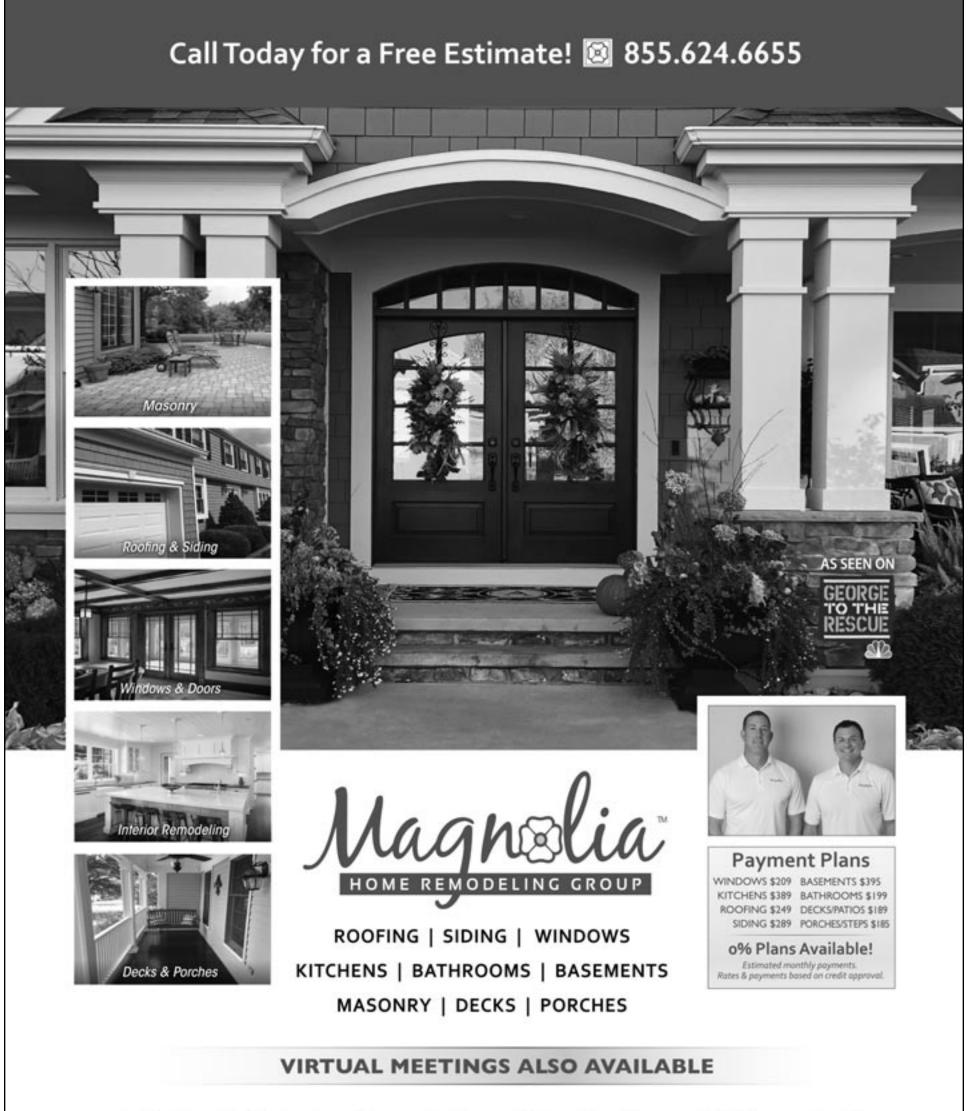
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DEUTSCHER CLUB HAD ROOTS IN RAHWAY

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

The 1937 City Directory gave Rahway's population as 17,500 and noted that the predominating nationalities of foreign born residents were Irish and German. This is not surprising, as from the earliest days in Rahway, going back to colonial times, newcomers from various countries including Germany were settling here. As the numbers of these groups increased and as time passed, their progeny became vibrant additions to the community and by the late 1800s nearly every ethnic group had established religious, business, and social institutions of their own. The Deutscher Club was started by Rahway citizens of German-American ancestry in 1935 and records indicate that another German club was actually organized 40 years earlier in 1895.

Throughout the history of our nation, emigrants came to this country looking for a better life. The German population in Rahway grew in the early and mid-1800s as emigrants came to the city to work in the carriage industry taking on jobs as carpenters, painters, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, and upholsterers. In the later years of the 1800s, at the height of emigration to America during the industrial revolution, large groups of German artisans came to the city to work in its many factories. Most of the workers at Gustave Brachausen's Regina Music Box factory were from Germany.

Once here, these new arrivals would seek family or friends whose backgrounds were similar. People have an affinity towards keeping together where they can feel a part of something and can share the traditions that make up their very beings. As the number of countrymen increased, it was natural that institutions were established to serve their needs. In 1852, German-Americans organized a Lutheran Church. St. Mark's Church, built in 1870, was a parish established for German Catholics. A German Presbyterian congregation was also formed. German owned shops became common throughout the city where families could feel more comfortable doing business. Hedeman's Bakery, Baumgartner's Deli, Feitz' Barber shop, Schupman's Market, and Kessling's Saloon were a sample of the names seen on signs that hung from store fronts.

After a long day toiling in factories and stores, it would not be surprising to find workers stopping in at a local tavern for a bit of libation before heading home. German workers might have frequented the tavern of fellow countryman August Giebelhaus located on the corner of Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue. Perhaps it was there that discussions about forming a German social club might have begun.

Newspaper accounts covering 1895-1905 indicate that a group of men of German ancestry organized Club Unter Uns in the fall of 1895 which had elected officers, regular scheduled meetings, and a program of social activities. The name loosely means "Our Club" or "Among Us" or "Between you and me and the gatepost." The club hosted picnics, masquerade balls, clambakes, and Christmas parties. Their larger



(above) The Eagles Building home of the Deutcher Club for 10 years, was located on Grand Avenue at the end of Irving Street.

Courtesy photos

social gatherings were held at Turn Hall located on the SE corner of Milton Avenue and Fulton Street. For whatever reason, Club Unter Uns must have disbanded as there are no articles that mention meetings or activities after 1905.

Interest in organizing another German club was growing by the 1930s, perhaps again as men gathered in establishments like Gruenwald's Deli on Irving Street where they could reminisce about their lives back in the old country. The sense of kinship that grew out of these impromptu gatherings led to the formation of the Rahway Deutscher Club. The first meeting was held at Greven's Hotel on West Cherry Street on Friday, September 27, 1935. The 25 men in attendance, elected Karl Kummer as their first president. The club's mission was to foster and provide cultural and social endeavors for German-American citizens both old and young.

By 1940, now with a membership of over 150, the club moved from Greven's into the larger Eagles Hall on Grand Avenue where they would meet for the next ten years. Like club Unter Uns, the Deutscher Club hosted all manner of social events including picnics, bus trips, song fests, card parties, movie nights, dances, and Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. Their biggest and most popular event was the annual vintage festival which was modeled after the Grape Harvest Festivals held in the Rhine wine land section of Germany. The festival offered a full



(above) Early meetings of the Deutcher Club were held in Grevens Hotel. Older Rahway residents remember the building as the Cross Keys Hotel.



(above) An invitation notice f or a social event hosted by Club Unter Uns.

day of singing German folk songs, dancing, and entertainment.

Membership in the club continued to grow and with a membership of 350 they once again had to look for larger quarters. They would find a home of their own in November 1950 when they purchased a 3 ¹/₂ acre site in Clark. Members who surveyed the property felt the rural expanse covered with beautiful trees and tall bushes reminded them of their homeland. They called it their "Waldeslust," their "Forest of Joy."

The club, which became the Deutscher Club of Clark after the move, reaches its 90th anniversary in 2025.





Our floor-to-ceiling renovating team... is in the Neighbolthood?



JULY EVENTS AT CLARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please register for any programs through the online events calendar on our website at clarklibrary.org, in person, or by phone at 732-388-

Summer Reading Challenge

All ages are invited to register for our annual summer reading challenge. Participants track their reading and earn raffle tickets for prizes! Earn more tickets by attending events!

Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10am Join us for stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and movement activities. Geared toward the under 2 crowd with caregiver. 30 minutes of open play.

Patches & Stitches

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 12pm-2pm Bring your quilt or other crafty project and visit

with the members of the quilting club. Drop in Patriotic Craft for Kids

Tuesday, July 1 from 2:30pm-4:00pm

Stop by the library and make a patriotic "stained glass" suncatcher.

Totally New Tuesdays

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 22 & 29 at 6:30pm Enjoy a new movie for adults. Please check our online calendar or visit the library to check the movies being shown.

Color Our World Crafts

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 3pm Bring your imagination and creativity to our weekly summer craft activity! Registration is required. Geared for elementary students.

July 2 - 3D Paper Planets

July 9 - Decorate a pillowcase July 16 - Fairy Door July 23 - CD Weaving July 30 - Color Spinner Adult Craft: Summertime Button Art

Tuesday, July 1 at 7pm

Create a unique piece of summertime decor using colorful buttons.

Chess Club

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 11am-3pm

New members and all levels are welcome! **Thursday Afternoon Movies**

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 1pm Enjoy a movie for adults. Please check our online calendar or visit the library to check the movies being shown.

Colorful STEAM

Thursday, July 3, Tuesday, July 8 & Tuesday, July 22 at 3pm Elementary aged children are invited to experiment with colorful STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, Engineering, and Math)

activities.

Thursday, July 3 - LED flowers Tuesday, July 8 - Color-changing UV bead bracelets

Tuesday, July 22 - Colorful acid & base experiments Needlework Club

Saturday, July 5 from 10am - 2pm Come when you can and stay as long as you like. Bring what you are working on to sit, stitch, and chat with others .

Tales for Tots

Mondays, July 7,14, 21 & 28 at 10am Stories and songs for active listeners. Geared toward ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Older children are welcome!

Teen Super Smash Tournament *Monday, July 7 at 2pm* We will be running a double elimination

tournament with a prize for the winner! Snacks provided. Open to teens entering grades 7-12.

Tech Tutor: Digital Literacy Tutoring July 8 & 22 at 6:30pm

Meet with our tech tutor for assistance on topics including Google Drive, Microsoft, and Email. Registration is required as sessions are limited

to 4 students at a time.

Adult Stress-Less: Coloring Program

Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00pm Join us to color, relax, and help each other de-stress.

Tech Tutor: Digital Literacy Tutoring July 9 & 23 at 1:00pm

Meet with our tech tutor for assistance on topics including Google Drive, Microsoft, and Email. Registration is required as sessions are limited to 4 students at a time.

Adult Craft: Paint a 3D Printed Lion Wednesday, July 9 at 11am

Did you know the library owns a 3D printer? Learn how our printer works and get creative while painting a 3D printed lion.

Color Our World - LEGO Building Challenge Thursday, July 10 at 6:30pm

We will show a Lego movie while building your creation!

In person judging by a panel will be the night of and online voting for fan favorites will take place beginning Friday morning through 1 pm

on Monday, 7/14. Stories and More

Fridays, July 11, 18 & 25 at 10am Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes followed

by a simple craft. This program is Designed for children ages 3 and up. Registration requested.

Friday Family Flicks

Fridays, July 11, 18 & 25 at 2pm Beat the heat Friday afternoons while watching a family friendly movie and munching on popcorn! Check at the library or our online

calendar for movie titles. Seniors: Bagels and Chat

Thursday, July 10 at 10am Tell Us What You Think -We'll Bring the Ice Cream! Help Us Make Your Library Even Better. We will have a non-dairy option.

Books and Bagels

Friday, July 11 at 11am

Enjoy bagels and coffee while we chat about books you have been reading and learn what others in your community are reading as well.

Teens: Ice Cream Social and Chat

Monday, July 14 at 2pm Tell Us What You Think -We'll Bring the Ice Cream! Help Us Make Your Library Even Better. We will have a non-dairy option. For 7th grade and up. Must be a Clark Resident.

Kids Create Like...

Monday, July 14 and July 28 at 3:30pm Elementary aged children are invited to learn about a famous artist and create a work of art. *July 14 - Piet Mondrian*

July 28 - Henri Matisse Families: Ice Cream Social and Chat

Monday, July 14 at 6:30pm Tell Us What You Think -We'll Bring the Ice

Cream! Help Us Make Your Library Even Better. We will have a non-dairy option.

Adults: Ice Cream Social and Chat

Tuesday, July 15 at 7pm Tell Us What You Think -We'll Bring the Ice Cream! Help Us Make Your Library Even Better. We will have a non-dairy option. **Adult Craft: Laser Cut Wood Earrings**

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July 16 at 11am Paint your own pair of wood earrings created with the library's new Glowforge laser printer.

Tinker Tots

Thursday, July 17 at 10:30am Come join us for a morning of fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities. Play is station based. For children ages 18 months through pre-k.

NJ Bubble Man Show

Thursday, July 17 at 6:30pm The Bubble Show is a captivating combination of magic, storytelling, and bubble artistry.

Designed to entertain children and adults! Teen Cooking: Summer Rolls

Monday, July 21 at 2pm

Teens entering grades 7-12 are invited to join us and make their own summer rolls. Teens will also learn how to create a tasty dipping sauce.

Zoophoria Animal Show

Thursday, July 24 at 6:30pm Everyone will have the opportunity to truly connect with the animals in this program as you may safely touch the animals when instructed

by the handler. **Teen Board Games**

Monday, July 28 at 2pm

Teens join us for a Friday afternoon board game meetup up. Come play the games available at the library or bring your own! Open to students entering grades 7-12. Snacks provided.

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, July 29 at 1:30pm Join us for our next afternoon book club meeting. We will be discussing "Belgravia" by Julian Fellowes. Please speak with a librarian if you need a copy of the book.

Kumpf Middle School Summer Reading Book Discussion

July 30 at 2pm

Join us to discuss the required summer reading title "Refugee" by Alan Gratz. Share your thoughts and questions about the book and learn what your classmates think as well.

Bluey Family Trivia

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and big feelings need a safe place to be expressed. That's why we created the Volcano Room, a dedicated space where children can Room as "Fred's Room." The event happened on release their emotions in a healthy way. Recently redecorated with characters from the Inside Out just 38 years old. Fred's wife Suzanne, and their film series, the room features cushioned walls, soft basketballs, and big pillow piles to jump in where children can process their grief in their own time.



For the DeJesus family of Scotch Plains, At Imagine, we know that grief is complex, Imagine has been a source of comfort for the past five years. To honor their beloved husband, son, and father, they chose to dedicate the Volcano the fifth anniversary of Fred DeJesus' death at daughters led the family in a heartfelt dedication ceremony.

"We know that Fred is watching over us, front row for every dance recital, Girl Scout event, and school performance," Suzanne shared. "He's still cheering us on, asking, 'How did it go, kiddo? I know you hit it out of the park.""

Spaces like Fred's Room are made possible by families who want to create a lasting tribute to their loved ones. As Imagine continues to grow, we are honored to help families find meaningful ways to celebrate the lives of those they hold dear.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers grief and loss education and training to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and caregivers of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imaginenj.org or visit their website at imaginenj.org.

(above) The DeJesus family gathers in Imagine's "Volcano Room" recently dedicated in memory of Scotch Plains resident Fred DeJesus.

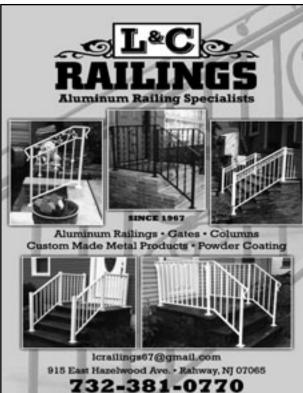
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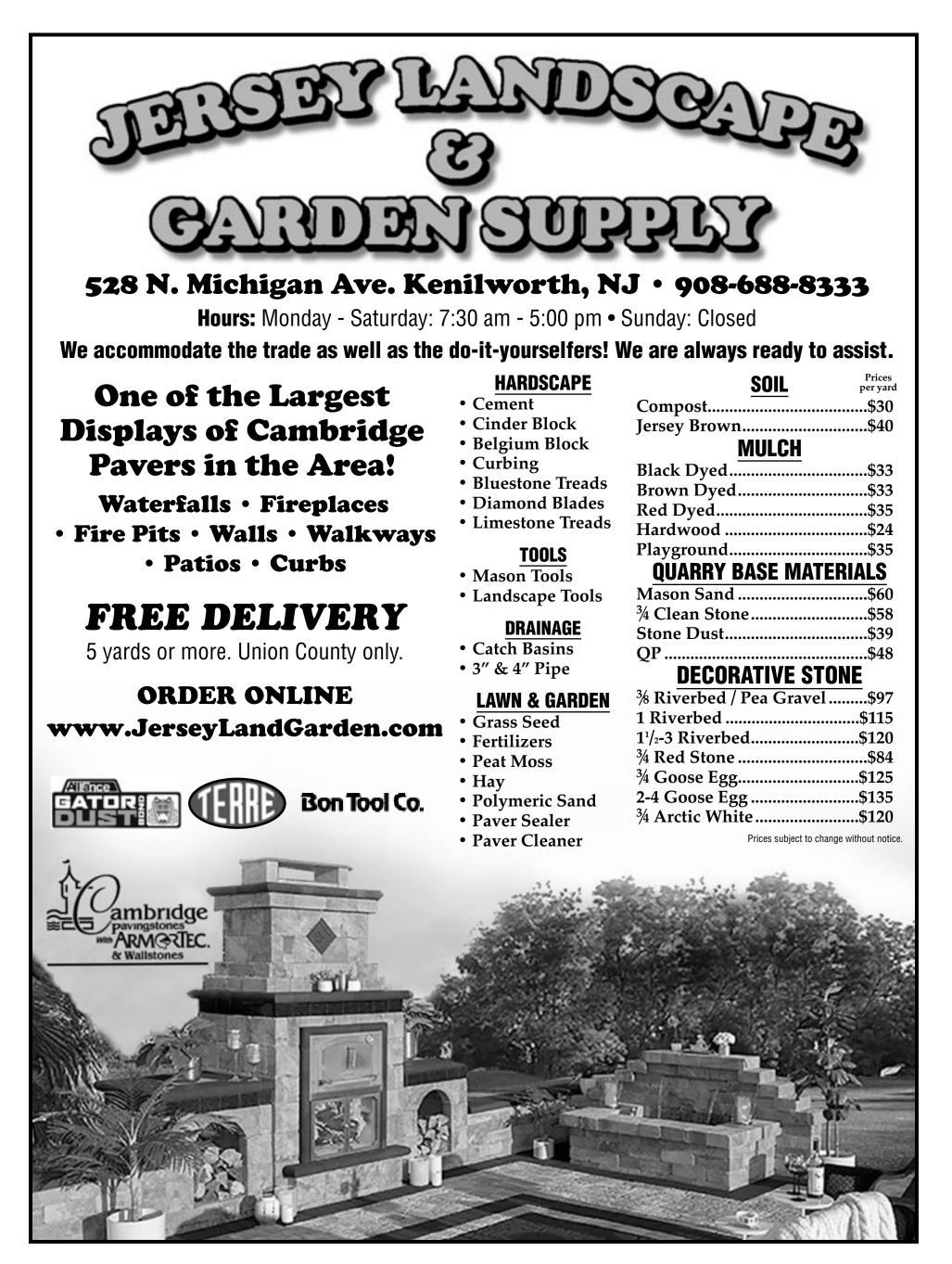
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