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(above) Township of Union police officers participated in the 42nd Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. Courtesy photos

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CUB SCOUTS VISIT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Township of Union Community Garden

The Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church and Scouting America charter Cub Scout Pack 68. Pack 68 is in its 71st year of scouting in Union. Cub Scout Pack 68 recently visited the Township of Union Community Garden located on Bancroft Street off Liberty Avenue. They

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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, turns on lights, and picks up dropped items for 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 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 at canine.org.



(above) Mike Saverino & service dog Arbor

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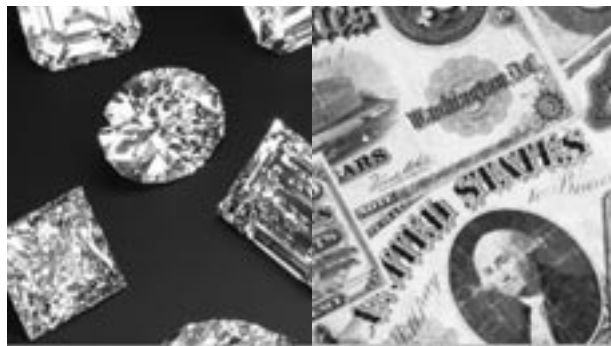
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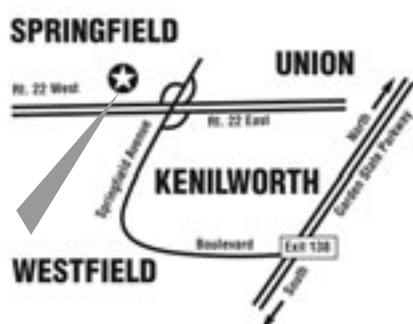
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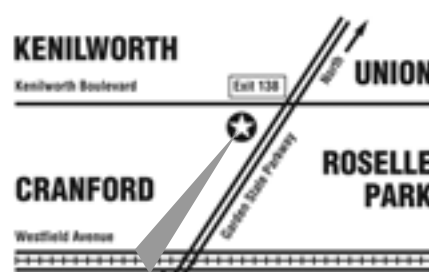
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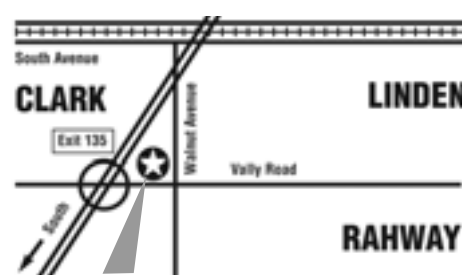
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SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ PRESENTS BRAZILIAN JAZZ QUARTET

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents Gerson Galante and his Brazilian Jazz Quartet, with special guest vocalist Melanie Mitrano and featuring students from the Community College of Morris on Saturday, July 12, 2025. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in Bailey Hall at Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Having performed together at the Salem Roadhouse Café before, Gerson and Melanie present the mystical sounds of Brazilian Jazz with a dynamic quartet of sax/flute, bass and keyboards. Melanie will provide vocals, as will various students from the Community College of Morris, where Melanie teaches music.

Original artwork will be on display at the Roadhouse Fine Arts Gallery, as presented by an artists collective of over a dozen local artists led by Dr. Francis Billups. Music and art definitely go together, and at the Roadhouse it's a perfect blend with a great atmosphere.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are 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.

Now in its 16th year of operation, the Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen 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, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, , and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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For the DeJesus family of Scotch Plains, 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 Room as "Fred's Room." The event happened on the fifth anniversary of Fred DeJesus' death at just 38 years old. Fred's wife Suzanne, and their 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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Mia spent most of her nine years in a home marked by instability and fear. Her parents' addiction left her hungry, alone, and unsure of what to expect each day. She eventually entered foster care. While her peers prepare for a fun-filled summer, Mia finds herself living with strangers. A judge assigned a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer to her — and now, although things still feel uncertain and scary, Mia has someone who listens, shows up, and stands up for her.

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orally and in writing, have computer skills, pass a background check, and complete the 36-hour training.

Fall trainings start soon; Union County's begins Sept. 16 in Linden and Passaic County's begins Nov. 3 in Wayne; county of residence does not matter. View the training dates at casapassaicunion.org/casa-training.

The first step to becoming a CASA volunteer is to attend an information session. Register now at casapassaicunion.org/info-session for any of the following:

Union County – Wednesday, July 9 at 12pm, Child Focus office in Elizabeth, 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd Floor; Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30pm, Colleen Fraser Building in Westfield; Wednesdays July 16 and July 23 at 12pm, Child Focus office in Elizabeth, 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd Floor; and Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30pm, Rahway Library.

CASA of Passaic and Union Counties is a program of Child Focus, which prioritizes the needs and well-being of infants, children, and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect. For details about CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, call 973-832-4002,

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Nina Simone: Film and Community Discussion (Vauxhall Branch Library)

Mon. 7/7 @ 6:00 pm

Also known as the High Priestess of Soul, Nina Simone was a singer, songwriter, and civil rights activist. Join us as we watch Nina Simone: Legend, an up close and personal portrait of her life as a musician and activist. The film is based on her autobiography, I Put A Spell On You. A community discussion will follow the film.

Adult Summer Gel Printing with Joy (Main Library)

Mon. 7/7 @ 6:00 pm

Join us at the Union Public Library and learn the basics of a new painting technique Gel Printing with Joy Ann Cabanos. She will lead you through learning and using this new painting technique. All materials will be provided. Seats are limited so register today!

Wednesday Night Trivia: Out to the Movies! (Vauxhall Branch Library)

Wed. 7/9 @ 6:00 pm

Do you love going to the movie theatre? Are you a fan of Spike Lee or Martin Scorsese? Please join us for a night full of fun and prizes.

90 Years of Sonia Sanchez: A Film Viewing & Community Discussion (Vauxhall Library)

Mon. 7/14 @ 5:45 pm

Celebrate 90 years of the life, work and mesmerizing performances of renowned poet and activist Sonia Sanchez. A documentary viewing and community discussion on this leading figure in the Black Arts Movement.

Adult Crochet for Beginners (Vauxhall Branch Library)

Wed. 7/16 @ 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!

Off the Shelf Book Club (Main Library)

Thur. 7/17 @ 6:30 pm

This month the club will be reading The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Download it on Hoopla today with your library card!

Animal Crossing Open Hours (Virtual on Switch)

Fri. 7/18 @ 3:00 pm - 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. 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 welcome. No registration necessary.

(In Person Library Chef) Homemade Tortillas & Mexican Corn Salad (Main Library)

Mon. 7/21 @ 6:00 pm

Join Chef TEEY of Library Chef and the Union Public Library for a hands-on class where you'll learn to make warm, homemade flour tortillas and fresh mexican corn salad! Chef Teey will demo each step, from mixing and rolling the tortillas to chopping the Mexican corn salad ingredients. Then, roll up your sleeves and try it yourself, making your tortillas and bringing them home to finish. Chef Teey will cook up a few tortillas and have a tasting right in class. Perfect for beginners and food lovers, this session promises delicious flavors and new skills to take home to master! Patrons are required to bring their own of the following:

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Vauxhall Negro League Baseball Club (Vauxhall Branch Library)

Mon. 7/21 @ 6:00 pm

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Adult Dance Fitness (Vauxhall Branch Library)

Mon. 7/28 @ 6:00 pm

Get your exercise in with a fun cardio workout featuring hip-hop inspired dance moves, presented by Tiffany Taylor!

Vauxhall Outside Summer BBQ (Vauxhall Branch Library)

Wed. 7/30 @ 6:00 pm

Chef Jesse Jones returns to the Vauxhall Branch Library for an outside cooking demonstration of his award winning pulled pork bbq.

Mobility Club Workshop with Jon Leslie (Main Library)

All Tuesdays in July @ 10:00 am

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Mons. @ 6:30 pm

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

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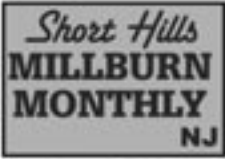
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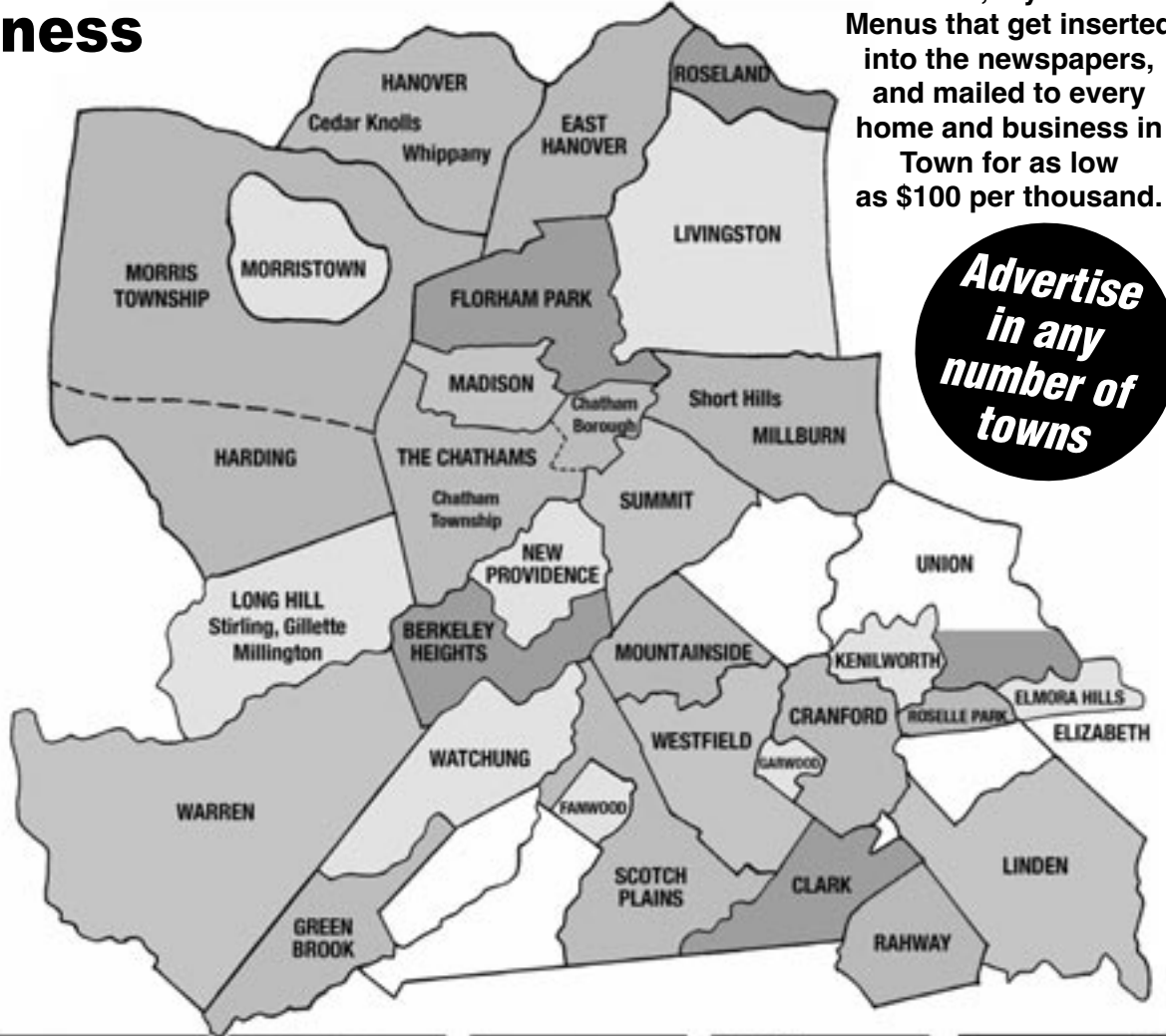
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In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national nonprofit organization that assists small

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"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."

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