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Boy Scout Troop 23, which is sponsored by St. Genevieve's Church of Elizabeth, recently held their annual summer camp at Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, New Jersey. Fifteen Scouts and six adult leaders spent a week in their traditional Delaware campsite.

The Scouts learned outdoor skills and worked on merit badges in camping, cooking, fishing, mammal study, basketry, kayaking, and chess to name a few. Scouts spent a lot of time fishing in Durham Pond.

Other activities included shooting at the archery, rifle and shotgun ranges,; riding a ¼-mile long zip line across the camp lake and back again; celebrating a birthday with the Order of the Oar; and singing and dancing at the Friday evening Italian dinner.

Troop 23 participated in two campwide campfires, took first place out of 10 troops in the campwide event and the triathlon, second place in the Water Carnival, and third place in the Cleanest Campsite Award.

Seven Scouts from Troop 23 were recognized at the Friday night campfire for earning the Acorn Award, which required completion of 5 separate activities.

Cub Scouting provides activities and training for boys and girls in the first through fifth grades. Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 11 years old or graduated from the fifth grade. New members are welcome at any time, all year round.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Scouts BSA Troop 23 have served the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for over six decades. These units have earned hundreds of awards on the local and national level, have produced 80 Eagle Scouts, and have leaders who are well-known and widely respected by other Scout leaders across the country.

For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at 908-451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.

Courtesy photos



(above) Ellis was one of several Scouts who earned their Firem' Chit privilege so they can safely build and tend a camp fire.



(above) Scouts of Troop 23 on the fishing dock during their annual week-long summer camp in July at Winnebago Scout Reservation.



(above) Scouts of Troop 23 are ready to ride the ¼-mile long zip line across Durham Pond.

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Get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant sights, sounds, and flavors of Greece at the 48th Annual Greek Festival, taking place at the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Union, NJ. This eagerly anticipated event, the largest and longest-running Greek Festival in Union County, will delight attendees from September 4th to September 7th, 2025, with a weekend of cultural immersion, culinary delights, and family-friendly entertainment.

- WHAT TO EXPECT:**
- **Authentic Greek Cuisine:** Indulge in a feast of traditional Greek dishes including souvlaki, moussaka, pastitsio, spanakopita, loukoumades, and baklava, all freshly prepared on premises with the finest ingredients reminiscent of your Greek Yia-yia's cooking.
 - **Live Music and Dance:** Experience the lively rhythms of Greece with live music and dance performances featuring traditional Greek folk music and dances such as syrtaki and kalamatiano.
 - **Artisan Marketplace:** Browse through a bustling marketplace offering handmade jewelry, clothing, and imported goods from Greece.
- EVENT DETAILS:**
- **Dates:** September 4th to September 7th, 2025
 - **Location:** St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Rahway Ave, Union, NJ 07083 (Free Parking in neighboring lots)

• Admission: \$2 general admission.”
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THE SHARK IS BROKEN AT CDC THEATRE IN OCTOBER

It has been fifty years since Jaws became a summer blockbuster and now you can dive back into the waters surrounding Amity Island with The Shark Is Broken, a behind the scenes comedy about the making of a classic.

Few films have cast a shadow as long or as deep over the cinematic landscape as Jaws. Released in 1975 and directed by a 27-year-old Steven Spielberg, the movie is widely hailed as the first true summer blockbuster. Jaws was adapted from Peter Benchley’s 1974 novel of the

same name, which quickly became a bestseller. Producers Richard Zanuck and David Brown purchased the film rights before the book was even published, sensing its cinematic potential. They took a gamble by hiring Spielberg, who had previously directed only one theatrical film (The Sugarland Express), but whose TV thriller Duel had demonstrated a knack for tension and suspense.

The blend of suspense, horror, and adventure in Jaws captivated audiences and transformed the way movies were made, marketed, and even watched. The film’s story of a seaside community terrorized by a rogue great white shark is now etched into the DNA of pop culture—its iconic score, menacing antagonist, and unforgettable lines are recognized the world over. But the story behind the making of Jaws is nearly as legendary as the film itself and has gone down in film history as one of Hollywood’s most harrowing shoots.

Filming took place on location on Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts, from May to October 1974. Spielberg insisted on shooting at sea to capture realism, but this choice brought logistical nightmares. The mechanical shark nicknamed “Bruce,” malfunctioned so frequently that the crew had to work around it, often implying the shark’s presence rather than showing it. This heightened the suspense and forced Spielberg to rely on sound, suggestion, and clever editing. Rough weather routinely delayed filming,

causing tempers to fray and the schedule to spiral out of control. Budget overruns caused the original \$4 million budget to balloon to almost \$9 million by the time filming ended. Despite ,or because of, these challenges, Spielberg and his team persisted, capturing moments of genuine tension, humor, and camaraderie that give the film its enduring vitality.

Set adrift on the Atlantic in 1974, The Shark Is Broken plunges audiences into the hilarious and chaotic backstage world of the filming of Jaws. The play unfolds aboard the cramped, weather-beaten boat where the lead actors, theatre veteran Robert Shaw and young Hollywood hotshots Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider, are entirely at the mercy of foul weather and their faulty mechanical co-star. As tempers simmer and egos collide, secrets are spilled and the boundaries between fiction and reality blur revealing the real drama lurking beneath the surface. With sharp wit and affectionate satire, The Shark Is Broken offers a rare glimpse into the stormy process behind Hollywood’s original modern summer blockbuster.

The Shark Is Broken will be presented at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford, NJ on Fridays and Saturdays October 10,11,17 and 18 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday October 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets and additional information can be found by visiting cdctheatre.org.

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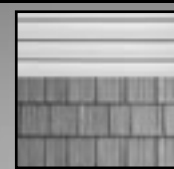
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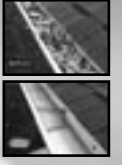
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SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ ANNOUNCES FOUR THE RECORD - SEPT 13

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents Four The Record, with a special opening performance by The Justin Jaworski/Luke Mattessich Guitar Duo on Saturday, September 13, 2025. The doors open at 7:00 p.m., the show starts at 7:30 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.

Opening performers Justin Jaworski/Luke Mattessich Guitar Duo indulge in fresh improvisational takes on jazz standards as well as rock/pop classics.

Like your vocal harmony with a side of music? Oh boy, are you in luck!

In a Roadhouse tradition of “not-quite-unplugged” performers, Four The Record has played to enthusiastic Roadhouse audiences many times as the group formerly named ZPCS. The group nails it with tight harmonies backed up by their light instrumentation — guitar, bass, and an eclectic assortment of rhythm instruments with unfamiliar but exotic names. Hear the words. Savor the lyrics. Enjoy the accompaniment. Sail away on the vocal harmonies. Four The Record focuses on long-time rock and pop favorites, originals, and vocals. Always the vocals. True music lovers will



appreciate their musical style in our excellent music “listening room”.

Original artwork by local tile artist Louise Wheeler will be on display at the Roadhouse Fine Arts Gallery. Inspired by quilts and fiber art, Louise assembles and stitches handmade tiles into traditional quilt patterns and motifs, creating 'Clay Quilts' that honor centuries of women's craftsmanship.

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 it's 18th 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, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, Groundwork Elizabeth, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

City of Elizabeth

National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, was held on Tuesday, August 5th at Carteret Park in Elizabeth. The free event was organized by the City of Elizabeth and featured giveaways, food, drinks, and entertainment. Members of the Police Department, along with community

partners, were on hand to interact with the community. National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information visit natw.org.

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YMCA CELEBRATES WELCOMING WEEK - SEPTEMBER 12-21

The Gateway Family YMCA will join Welcoming America, other organizations and YMCAs across the country to celebrate Welcoming Week, September 12-21. Welcoming Week is an annual celebration that encourages communities to come together, celebrate shared values and the integral part that welcoming plays in local neighborhoods.

At The Gateway Family YMCA, the community is invited to visit the YMCA for an Open House with details and schedules available at tgfymca.org/events including fun family programs, social events for all ages, a Community Health Fair, Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring and programs open to the community. In addition, the Y will be celebrating with events for program participants in Child Care, YMCA Residential Housing, Aquatics, Group Exercise and WISE Community Services programs.

The Gateway Family YMCA is celebrating 125 years of serving the community in 2025, which will be a theme included in this year's

Welcoming Week events. This week-long celebration is an opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another and celebrate what unites us as a community.

In addition to a YMCA Open House September 12-21, The Gateway Family YMCA is offering a Membership Special with \$0 Joiner Fee on all memberships. Individuals and families are invited to tour and join at any YMCA branch in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, or online at tgfymca.org/join-the-Y with code WEL during Welcoming Week.

The Gateway Family YMCA, along with Shaping Eastern Union County, Shaping Elizabeth, Shaping Rahway and Shaping Union, celebrate Welcoming Week locally each year. The Gateway Family YMCA offers a complimentary Community Membership for access to select programs and events for every member of the community focused on chronic disease prevention and social opportunities for seniors and families.

Welcoming Week is an annual campaign and

celebration to showcase the movement of communities striving to be more welcoming places. Launched in 2012 by Welcoming America and its members, Welcoming Week provides individuals and communities the opportunity to proclaim welcoming values through events and local initiatives that foster mutual understanding between people and foster a deeper sense of belonging.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a leading 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization committed to strengthening community by connecting everyone to their potential, purpose and each other. Working locally, the Y focuses on empowering young people, improving health and well-being, and inspiring action in and across communities.

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



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(above) Welcoming Week Celebration takes place at the YMCA September 12-21



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MULTICULTURAL MUSIC FESTIVAL COMES TO ROSELLE PARK

The Multicultural and Heritage Music Festival will bring a wide range of ethnic entertainment to Roselle Park on Saturday, September 27. Presented by the Borough of Roselle Park, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Greg Johnson Civic Association, the festival will run from noon to 5 pm at Michael Mauri Park on Chestnut Street. It will feature food trucks, a CPR information station, local displays including an exhibit highlighting Roselle Park's historic railroad system and performers celebrating diverse styles of music from around the world.

3:45 PM -- Afro Dominicano. Headlining the festival is a Latin fusion band performing what is called AfroCaribbean soul. Its traditional folkloric roots music from the Dominican Republic incorporates Afro beats, reggae, calypso, samba, funk, punk rock and other Caribbean rhythms. In addition to original songs, they include covers such as Bill Withers' Just the Two of Us and Amy Winehouse's Valerie. The band, acclaimed worldwide, features vocal, guitar, bass, accordion, drum, conga, guira and tambora.

2:20 PM – Verdict. If you like to dance and love reggae and soca music, Verdict is the band for you. Verdict is fronted by vocalist and keyboardist Roland from Monserrat, whose enthusiasm is infectious as he leads the audience to dance along with him as he plays. Guitarist Raga comes from Trinidad-Tobago and bassist Marcellino from Panama. Johnny Youth is the band leader and drummer. Their story continues as does their unending quest to play the transcendent jam, to create the perfect moment, to revel in shared experience with their fans.

1:00 PM – Pradhanica. A contemporary Kathak dance production, Pradhanica, which means "female leader," is led by Kathak dancer, choreographer and percussionist Jin Won. Its compositions use Indian rhythms for the African djembe, Spanish cajon, with Indian sitar and tabla. Exploring emotions of anger, joy, compassion and peace, Pradhanica shows the pure rhythmic aspect and emotional resonance of the dance form.

12:00 PM – Chris Bolger

and the Jamesons Gang. This North Jersey-based quartet has been bringing Gaelic-flavored rock, folk and ballads to pubs, festivals and other events in New York and New Jersey for many years. In addition to guitar, bass and drums, they incorporate Irish music staples such as the bouzouki, mandolin and banjo to provide a crowd-pleasing mix of traditional and modern tunes.

Another highlight of the festival will be an exhibit showcasing the three railroads that nurtured Roselle Park's growth into a vibrant community. The Tristate Railway Historical



(above) Afro Dominicano



(above) Verdict



(above) Pradhanica



(above) Chris Bolger and the Jamesons Gang

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4 Units	3.25"x8" or 6.5"x4"	240	560	900	1000	1300	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100
6 Units	6.5"x6.25" or 10"x4"	320	760	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800
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Library Bingo - Month of September (All Day)

Join our bingo card challenge! Complete activities like “check out a book” or “attend a program.” Fill a row to win a prize and discover all the amazing things our library has to offer while having a blast!

All Week Back to School Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, September 2 to

Saturday, September 6 (All Day)

Can you find all the images hidden in the Children’s area? Get a small prize from our treasure chest when you complete the hunt!

Zumba Gold

Tuesday, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursday, September 4, 11, 18, & 25

Monday, September 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 9 am

Add fitness to your daily routine through the joy of dance! Walk-ins are welcome.

Adult English Book Club

Tuesday, September 2 at 11 am

Join our Book Club meeting and engage in a lively discussion about our latest book.

Crochet with Sol

Tuesday, September 2, 9, & 16 at 12 pm

Learn the tips and tricks with Ms. Sol! She will teach you everything you need to know to get started, from fundamental stitches to understanding gauge.

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Wednesday, September 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 9 am

Monday, September 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 4 pm

Join Pete on Mondays and Wednesdays for Tai Chi, a gentle Chinese art that combines slow, flowing movements with deep breathing.

Experience the refreshing benefits of mindfulness!

Family Bingo

Wednesday, September 3 at 2 pm

Join us at the Elmora Branch Library for a fun-filled game of Bingo!

Mahjong

*Monday, September 8, 15, 22, & 29
from 12 pm - 2 pm*

Everyone who loves Mahjong is welcome to come & play at the library. Bring friends or come alone & find new partners. We'll provide the space for open play. A minimum of 4 players are required to play the game.

Ages: 18 & up

Junior Chess Club

Friday, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 4 pm

Don't miss out on our Chess Club for Kids! We welcome beginners.

Bubbles aRe Us

Saturday, September 6 at 1 pm

Located on 640 3rd Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ
Join Ms. Martha for songs, stories, and crafts with LOADS of fun! This storytime will feature stories in English and Spanish for the whole family. FREE PIZZA!!!

Monday Cinema at Elmora

Monday, September 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 1 pm

At 1pm, don't miss out on the fun! Join us for a Monday Cinema at Elmora Branch Library.

This month’s showtimes are

“Blue Beetle” on 9/8, “Rio” on 9/15

“Real Women Have Curves” on 9/22

“Under the Same Moon” on 9/29

CodeForward

*Monday, September 8, 15, 22, & 29
5 pm to 6:30 pm*

At CodeForward, we're opening doors to the future— offering free coding education to kids who are ready to create, build, and lead. Our team brings years of experience in Java, Python, and other programming languages, gained through rigorous coursework at the Academy for Information Technology.

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Adult Scrabble Club

Thursday, September 11 at 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Word lovers! Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other like-minded adults.

Toddlers World

Friday, September 12 & 26 at 11 am

An hour of fun songs, music, and playtime.

Bad Art: Dot Day

Saturday, September 13 at 11 am

Join us to spark creativity and collaboration with just a dot! We'll provide supplies—bring your imagination and have fun.

Stitch & Mending

Tuesday, September 16 at 10am

Wednesday, September 17 at 5pm

Come to Elmora to mend your clothing. Bring the article you need help with and assistance will be provided.

Adult Spanish Book Club

Thursday, September 18 at 2 pm

Join Martha as she hosts a monthly book discussion for Spanish-speaking adults!

Tech Confidence for Seniors

Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm

Where patrons will learn to use their devices with ease - tech support basics.

Hispanic Heritage Month Scavenger Hunt

Monday, September 22 to

Saturday, September 27 (All Day)

Can you find all the images hidden in the Children’s area? Get a small prize from our treasure chest when you complete the hunt!

The Rummikub Club

Tuesday, September 23

Thursday, September 25 at 10 am

Join us for a friendly game! Beginners are welcome!

Lil' Bookworms

Wednesday, September 24 at 5 pm

Encouraging kids to share their love of reading, engage in book discussions, and feel eager about reading.

El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera

Saturday, September 27 at 11 am

Join us for an exciting watch party of El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera! Relax, have fun, and create your own Luchador paper mask!

50TH REUNION FOR CLASS OF 1975

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in Elizabeth NJ

Saturday, October 11, 2025

from 6-11pm

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