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*Jim Masterson, Executive Director / CEO*  
*Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce*

Julie was once a vibrant, active woman - a devoted wife and mother of two boys, 8 and 11 years old, always on the move, juggling work and family with energy and grace - but everything changed when she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ovarian cancer.

It began in her left ovary, which was surgically removed along with her fallopian tube. But the disease had already started to spread. After 12 rounds of intense chemotherapy, she underwent a major debulking surgery. For nine hours, surgeons fought to remove all visible traces of the cancer. The operation was extensive - they removed the rest of her reproductive organs, shaved the top of her liver, took out her appendix, and removed 40% of her colon, where the tumor had wrapped itself tightly around the exterior. The damage was so severe that separating the tumor from the colon was impossible, and she was left with a permanent ostomy.

Despite everything, she remained hopeful. For a short time, the cancer stabilized. But last year, it came back aggressively. Doctors tried four different chemotherapy drugs, but none could stop the progression.

In January, she experienced a life-threatening gastrointestinal bleed that kept her in the hospital for the entire month of February. Doctors discovered a tumor in her colon that was causing the bleeding. They attempted a second surgery, but after nearly three hours, they had to close her up - they could do nothing more. Her condition had become too complex.

Now on a regimen of aggressive chemotherapy, she faces each day with a quiet courage. Some days, getting out of bed is a challenge. Eating is difficult, and daily tasks she once handled with ease are now exhausting. On top of the cancer, she's developed further complications, each one adding another layer of pain and uncertainty.

The emotional toll has been profound, especially on her children. They remember a mother full of life -- now they watch her struggle with fatigue, discomfort, and the loss of normalcy.

She's been forced to take a leave of absence from work, which has placed a heavy financial burden on her family. The cost of ongoing treatments, medications, hospital visits, and basic living expenses continues to grow, making an already heartbreaking situation even more overwhelming.

Still, she fights. But now, she needs help and support from those who believe in compassion, in resilience, and in helping someone face the hardest battle of her life.

The Greater Union Chamber is determined to help Julie and her family as part of this year's Mayor's Day 5K Run. Please help us to help them! Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce mission is to unite, strengthen, represent and promote business growth for the members serving the chambers of Union/ Roselle Park/ Kenilworth/ Hillside. Located at 355 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor, Union, NJ 07083. They are just a phone call away! 908.688.2777



(above) Ribera Family

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# FIREFIGHTER ANDREA SPRIGGS RETIRES

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Congratulations to Andrea Spriggs on her recent retirement. For 25 years, Andrea has been an invaluable member of the Township of Union Fire Department, and notably, our first female firefighter. Her strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to keeping Union safe have been nothing short of extraordinary. We wish you all the best in this exciting new chapter, Andrea!



(above) Andrea Spriggs

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## OBITUARY GORDON R. LEMATTY - THE COACH. THE LEGEND.



(above) Gordon R LeMatty

Gordon LeMatty passed away peacefully at his home in Union, New Jersey, on July 18, 2025. He was 92 years old.

Born on May 15, 1933, in Newark, New Jersey, Gordon was the son of Irene and Charles LeMatty, step father Al Arensman.

After Weequahic High School graduation, he served two years in the United States Navy. He pursued his education at Seton Hall University and earned a master's degree in Chemical health counseling and administration.

Gordon dedicated 33 years of his life to Union High School, where he taught history and coached baseball, building one of New Jersey's most respected athletic programs. In 1991, he held the record for the most coaching wins in New Jersey with 641 victories, an incredible .703 winning percentage, and never had losing season.

### HIS ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE FIELD INCLUDED:

- 2 Greater Newark Tournament Championships
- 9 State Championships
- 7 County Championships
- 19 Conference Championships
- 5× Coach of the Year

One season he had two players go to the major league, Al Santorini and Elliott Maddox. He has also had a lot of other players go to the major leagues as well. 2009 Union dedicated the baseball field in his honor. Now it's known as Gordon R. LeMatty Field.

My mom Ruth wanted the R in the name. She often referred to it as, "the field that Ruth built!"

His favorite baseball team was the St. Louis Cardinals and his favorite player was Stan Musial. That's the reason my dad wore # 6. They both wore #6.

Beyond the diamond, Gordon changed lives through education and mentorship. In 1981, he founded the first chemical health and intervention program at Union High School, pioneering programs that were later adopted in schools across the country. His legacy wasn't just about wins—it was about guiding people toward better futures.

In 1954, Gordon married the love of his life, Ruth Curley, on a national television show known as the show "Bride and Groom Show" in New York City. They shared a lifetime of love, laughter, and commitment, raising a family rooted in compassion, humor, and resilience.

After retiring from coaching, Gordon worked for Continental Airlines (formerly Czech Air) as a customer service representative for ten years. Even after leaving the baseball field, he continued coaching: first his daughter's softball

games, then playing softball himself in 50-60-and-over leagues—proving that legends never truly retire.

Gordon is survived by his daughter, Denise LeMatty, grandchildren Christopher and Tyler LeMatty, and great-grandchildren Odaxis Gordon and Eloise Sophia LeMatty. He also leaves behind his cousins: Milan Kubik, Gary Huska, Amy and husband Peter Norris, Marc, Debbie and Bob Slifer, and Jeannie and Jerry Coviello, & many other cousins.

He is now reunited in heaven with his beloved wife, Ruth LeMatty, his sons Scott and Marc LeMatty, and his grandson Calvin LeMatty.

Friends and family were invited to gather for a visitation at the Galante Funeral Home, 2800 Morris Avenue, Union.

On Saturday morning a funeral procession stopped at the Gordon R. LeMatty Field, where there will be a bagpiper performing a rendition of Amazing Grace. Interment followed at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

The family is establishing the Gordon R. LeMatty Baseball Fund, to support future baseball athletes who share his love for the game and for life.

Checks can be made out to Union High School Athletic Association. In the memo of the check write: Gordon R. LeMatty Memorial Scholarship. Mail to: Union High School Athletic Association, 2350 North Third Street, Union, NJ 070830

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## Welcoming Week

YMCA Open House September 12-21

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The Jefferson Summer Scholar Program is a fun-filled academic enrichment experience designed to help rising fifth graders to stay engaged during the summer break.

Through hands-on activities, creative projects and focused learning, students build confidence and prepare for the school year ahead. Our Union High School students played a vital role in the program's success acting as mentors, tutors and activity leaders. HS volunteers worked with the Jefferson summer participants while constructing a water slide during the STEM class and working with small groups during a Reading Skills Task Card activity challenge.

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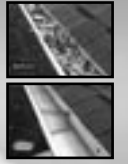
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(above) Ellis was one of several Scouts who earned their Firem' Chit privilege so they can safely build and tend a camp fire.



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

## SCOUT TROOP 23 ATTENDS SUMMER CAMP

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.

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

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

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## “LIVING” ARTWORK FEATURED IN UNION CENTER

The incredible "Reflections of Ordinary Life" exhibition, featuring sculptures by Seward Johnson, was delivered and installed throughout Union Center in August. These vibrant new public art installations will be a captivating presence for the next six months, merging the essence of everyday life with incredible realism and intricate detail. Johnson's unique artworks are extremely famous and have been shown throughout cities within the United States and worldwide. Don't miss the opportunity to experience them in Union Center!

Seward Johnson was a New Brunswick native, visionary, artist, and philanthropist that established an international community of artists

with The Seward Johnson Atelier in Hamilton, NJ, later going on to create Grounds For Sculpture, a 42-acre nonprofit sculpture park, museum, and arboretum on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds.

Seward was awarded the International Sculpture Center's 2019 Lifetime Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award and in the same year he and his wife Cecelia Joyce Johnson received the Thomas H. Kean Arts Advocacy Award from the George Street Playhouse. Seward passed away at the age of 89 in March of 2020, but the Atelier continues his legacy, preserving works of art while creating cultural experiences and expanding artistic possibility.



Courtesy Photos

## GREEK FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CULTURE

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; a portion of admission proceeds benefit local Union Township/Union County charities "We are thrilled to invite the community to join us for our 47th Annual Greek Festival," said Betty Spiropoulos, Festival Committee Co-Chair "This event is a celebration of our Greek heritage and a wonderful opportunity for everyone to experience the warmth and hospitality of our culture."

### ABOUT THE ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH:

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### SOCIAL MEDIA:

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and behind-the-scenes looks at the festival: @stdemetriosunion

Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration of Greek culture and community! Join us at the 48th Annual Greek Festival in Union, NJ, for a weekend filled with delicious food, vibrant music, and family-friendly fun.

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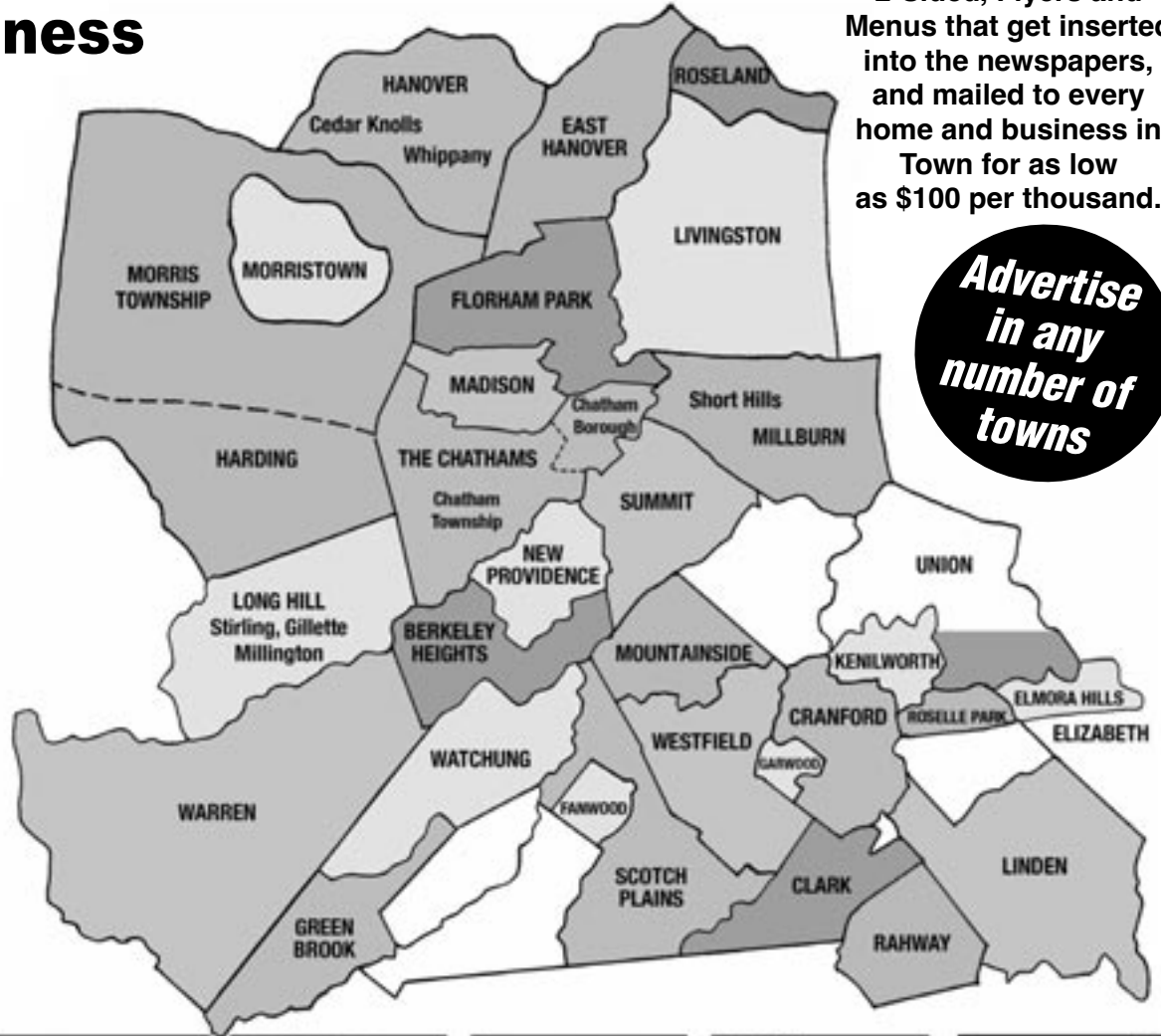
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We recommend everyone sign up for our to keep up with new programs, services, and updates about the library - visit [uplnj.org/newsletter](http://uplnj.org/newsletter). Registration is required for all events - visit [uplnj.org/events](http://uplnj.org/events).

## **Library Karaoke! (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Wed. 9/3 @ 6:00 pm*

Do you think you can sing better than Whitney or Taylor? Maybe you have better moves than the King of Pop? Join us for some fun and meet some new people as we sing some music hits.

## **Black Feminism: A Film & Community Discussion (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Sat. 9/6 @ 1:00 pm*

Please join us at the Vauxhall Branch Library as we watch and discuss a lively and illuminating documentary that explores the double-edged sword of racial and gender oppression that Black women face in America.

## **Driver Safety Conference (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Mon. 9/8 @ 6:00 pm*

Please join us as retired driving instructor, Mr. Robert Thomas does an interactive presentation that encourages, inspires & helps drivers, both new as well as seasoned, to look at what's really happening on our roads.

## **Wednesday Night Trivia: At the Movies (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Wed. 9/10 @ 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 as you test your movie knowledge!

## **George Washington, New Jersey, and the Revolutionary War (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Sat. 9/13 @ 1:00 pm*

George Washington was certainly central to The Revolutionary War. In many ways, so was New Jersey. This lecture will be done by Mr. Joel Farkas, who is a volunteer docent and tour guide for the National Park Service at Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, NJ.

## **Foster & Adoption in New Jersey (Main Library)**

*Mon. 9/15 @ 6:00 pm*

Join us with Kimberly Geller of the New Jersey Division of Children and Families, who will be presenting on Fostering and Adoption in New Jersey. Discussion points will include requirements for becoming a foster parent, how the process can be started, and how to adopt those already in the public system. They will also be answering any questions attendees may have about the foster system in New Jersey.

## **Adult Dance Fitness (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Mon. 9/15 @ 6:00 pm*

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

## **Adult Crochet for Beginners (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Wed. 9/17 @ 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. 9/18 @ 6:00 pm*

This month the club will be reading The Library Book by Susan Orlean. Pick up your copy at the Main Library, or download it on the Libby app. Great way to make new friends!

## **Fall Hearty Cooking: Chef Jesse's Famous Shrimp & Grits (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Sat. 9/20 @ 1:00 pm*

Please join us as Chef Jesse Jones returns to the Vauxhall Branch Library for another informative and tasty cooking demonstration. For this program, Chef Jesse Jones will be preparing his famous shrimp & grits for the Fall. Chef Jesse Jones is a renowned chef and author known for his modern approach to southern cuisine.

## **Marcus Garvey: Film & Community Discussion (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Mon. 9/22 @ 6:00 pm*

Born in Jamaica in 1887, Marcus Garvey rose to become a towering figure of Pan-Africanism and one of the 20th century's greatest mass leaders. Bringing a powerful message of Black pride and empowerment to the U.S. during the Harlem Renaissance. Please join us for a film viewing and community discussion on this leading figure in the Black Nationalist Movement.

## **ESL Conversation Group (Main Library)**

*Tues. 9/23 @ 5:30 pm*

Join us at the Union Public Library for our English Conversation Group. English is a major barrier to health for many within our community. This ESL-adjacent program offers monthly, 2-hour group sessions to support English speaking, writing, and listening skills. While loosely structured, sessions are informal and use ESL books, games, audio lessons, and role play to build proficiency with the English language.

## **An evening of TRUST with Nancy Andino (Main Library)**

*Thurs. 9/25 @ 6:00 pm*

Program will take the attendees through one of the experiential exercises, focused on the meaning of trust, how they use it as a guide in their relationships, decision making, and how

the emotional responses and beliefs impact every aspect of themselves. This will be a program of connecting with others, sharing insights, and deepening trust.

## **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: PRAHD's Bomba Academy (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Sat. 9/27 @ 1:00 pm*

Bomba is an emblematic Puerto Rican musical genre that emerged 400 years ago from the colonial plantations where West African enslaved people and their descendants worked.

It remains one of the most popular forms of folk music on the island and serves as significant evidence of its rich African heritage. Please join us as PRAHD's Bomba Academy captivate us with a performance for Hispanic Heritage Month.

## **Vauxhall Negro League Baseball Club (Vauxhall Branch Library)**

*Mon. 9/29 @ 6:00 pm*

Are you a baseball fan and love history? Perhaps you are a fan of Satchel Paige or the Kansas City Monarchs? Come join us where our goal is to preserve the history of Negro League Baseball. Our meetings will consist of presentations, discussions, film viewings, book talks, and much more.

## **Meditation (Virtual on Zoom)**

*Mondays @ 6:30 pm*

Join Bindu Bhatt for a virtual evening meditation session. No prior experience is necessary. Bindu has practiced meditation for over 30 years and wants to share her insight.

## **Chair Yoga (Main Library)**

*All Tuesdays in September @ 9:15 am*

Take a deep breath with friends and stretch! From beginners to professionals, join this popular class as a weekly series. Presented by the Gateway Family YMCA. Space is limited, please register to secure your chair!

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

*Weds. @ 12:30 – 2:00 pm*

Get help with library resources, including downloading e-books from Libby and Hoopla, using the library catalog and resources, using mobile print, and using the photocopier and scanner. Registration is not required.

# COMMUNITY LIAISON/SOCIAL WORKER JOINS LIBRARY STAFF

The Union Public Library is excited to announce a new addition to our team! We now have a Community Liaison/Social Worker on staff to help connect patrons with a wide range of services and support resources.

Our Community Liaison/Social Worker, Jack Serzan, is available to assist with:

- Job applications and résumé reviews
- Applying for insurance through GetCoveredNJ, Medicaid, or Medicare
- Referrals for health care, mental health, and addiction services
- Support for aging adults and access to

childcare resources

- Legal service referrals and connections to organizations for chronic illnesses

All services are free of charge. Jack will hold regular Drop-In Hours, and appointments can also be scheduled by phone or email.

Please note: While Jack can provide guidance and referrals, clinical services such as therapy or case management are not offered.

We look forward to helping our community access the resources they need! To schedule an appointment or learn more, contact: Jack Serzan, [jserzan@uplnj.org](mailto:jserzan@uplnj.org), 908-851-5450 x3641

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