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# **COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, was held on Tuesday, August 5th at the Northside Train Lot. The free event featured giveaways, food, drinks, and entertainment. Members of the Westfield Police Department, and other town personnel, 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 info visit natw.org.

















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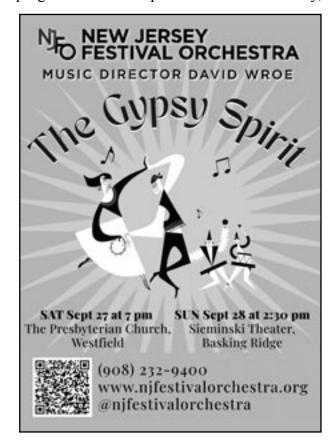
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### THE GYPSY SPIRIT - NJ FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Season-Opening Concert Features International Talent and Folk-Inspired Melodies

The New Jersey Festival Orchestra raises the curtain on its highly anticipated 2025–2026 season with The Gypsy Spirit, a vivid and exhilarating journey through folk traditions reimagined in symphonic splendor. Under the baton of Maestro David Wroe, this electrifying program will be performed on Saturday,





September 27 at 7:00 PM at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and Sunday, September 28 at 2:30 PM at the Sieminski Theater at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge.

Bringing together rich musical traditions of Eastern and Southern Europe, The Gypsy Spirit features works by Janáček, Bruch, and de Falla, performed by NJFO in collaboration with special guests Imperial Brass (Westfield performance only) and internationally acclaimed Armenian violinist Anush Nikoghosyan.

The evening begins with Janáček's Sinfonietta, a bold and ceremonial tribute to Czech national pride, featuring dazzling brass fanfares performed with Imperial Brass. This rousing work will be heard only at the Westfield concert.

"Imperial Brass is very excited to be partnering with our Westfield neighbors, the New Jersey Festival Orchestra, in our first collaboration with this exceptional ensemble," reports Imperial Brass. "[We] will be featured on Janáček's inspiring Sinfonietta, which opens with one of the great brass fanfares of the orchestral repertoire. Imperial Brass performs regularly at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield and throughout the state." For more information, please visit imperialbrass.org.

Next, Anush Nikoghosyan brings warmth, fire, and virtuosity to Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, a romantic masterwork beloved for its soaring melodies and emotional power.

The concert concludes with de Falla's Three-Cornered Hat Suites Nos. 1 & 2, an exuberant orchestral portrait bursting with Flamenco rhythm, Andalusian color, and theatrical flair.

"The music in The Gypsy Spirit is a perfect marriage between the popular and classical idioms," said NJFO Music Director David Wroe. "I'm also excited to be working with Imperial Brass; collaborating with the community is an essential part of our mission."

Concertgoers are invited to deepen their experience with a pre-concert lecture by Dr. Yifei Xu, NJFO's Operations Director and renowned pianist, at 6:00 PM in Westfield and 1:30 PM in Basking Ridge.







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## **SEPTEMBER AUDITION FOR NOVEMBER SHOW**

**Hickory Tree Chorus** 

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus will hold auditions on September 17, 2025, at the Shrine of Saint Joseph in Stirling, New Jersey, for participation in their November 15th 2:00 PM show, "Thank You for the Music: A Celebration in Song".

Auditions will take place from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Participants are asked to perform an a cappella song of their choice. Following the auditions, they are invited to stay for an additional hour to engage in vocal skill activities, observe chorus practices, and enjoy singing demonstrations.

The performance will be held at The Concert Hall at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Recognized for its beautiful design and exceptional acoustics, the 433-seat Concert Hall has been sought after by major artists for both recording and performance since its opening in 2005.

The Hickory Tree Chorus has consistently demonstrated its exceptional talent, winning first place in Division A at the Greater NY/NJ Sweet Adelines Region #15 competition in Albany, New York in both 2024 and 2025. Their top-scoring performance at the 2025 competition earned them a coveted spot in the Harmony Classic at the 78th Annual Sweet Adelines International Convention & Competition in October 2026, which will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Master Director Carolyn Schmidt, a member

of Hickory Tree Chorus since 1974 and musical the musical art form of four-part a cappella director since 1994, has been instrumental in the chorus's success. She is one of only five active Master Music Arrangers in Sweet Adelines International and arranges a significant portion of Hickory Tree's unique repertoire. In addition to her role as director, she serves as a Sweet Adelines International Approved Music Category Judge.

Hickory Tree Chorus is dedicated to advancing

harmony sung in the barbershop style. As a chapter of Sweet Adelines International Organization, it has been entertaining audiences in the New Jersey area since 1968. They believe every voice counts and encourage women singers of all ages, colors, ethnicities, and orientations to visit us and share our joy of music.

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(above) Hickory Tree Chorus, a women's a cappella group, announces September Auditions for a November Show. Courtesy photo



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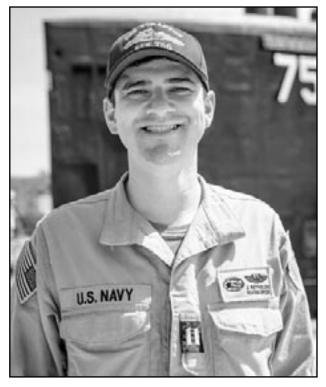




### LT. REYNOLDS DEFENDING AMERICA UNDER THE SEA

Submitted by Megan Lemly, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Lt. James Reynolds, a native of Westfield, New Jersey, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to USS Scranton, homeported at Naval Base Point Loma. As a submariner, Reynolds is part of a small percentage of Navy personnel continuing a 125-



(above) Lt. James Reynolds, from Westfield to defending America under the sea, one sailor's journey to USS Scranton

Courtesy Photo

year tradition of service under the sea to help ensure Americans' safety.

Reynolds graduated from Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City in 2013. Additionally, Reynolds earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a master's degree in cyber security, operations and leadership from the University of San Diego.

Reynolds joined the Navy eight years ago. Today, Reynolds serves as a weapons officer.

"I have two older siblings who served," Reynolds said. "I joined to follow the example they set of serving the country."

Known as America's "Apex Predators!," the Navy's submarine force operates a large fleet of technologically advanced vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world, in furtherance of U.S. national security.

USS Scranton (SSN 756) is the second U.S. Navy ship to be named for Scranton, Pennsylvania. Scranton is a Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine. Los Angeles-class submarines have been the backbone of the submarine force for the last 40 years, with approximately 23 now in commission. They are equipped with 12 Vertical Launch System tubes for firing Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Strategic deterrence is the nation's ultimate

insurance program, according to Navy officials. As a member of the submarine force, Reynolds serves aboard a platform capable of bringing the fight to enemies in defense of America and its allies.

The U.S. Navy is celebrating its 250th birthday this year.

According to Navy officials, "America is a maritime nation and for 250 years, America's Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom."

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Reynolds has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"My proudest accomplishment is serving as a weapons officer aboard USS Scranton," Reynolds said.

Reynolds serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"Serving in the Navy means honoring this country and its Constitution to promote freedom and democracy around the world," Reynolds added.

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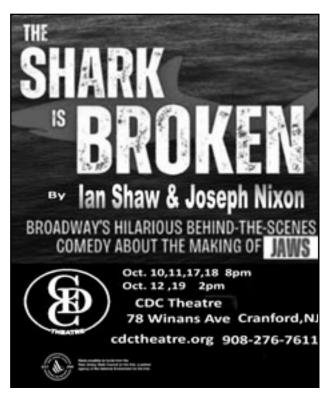
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### THE SHARK IS BROKEN AT CDC THEATRE IN OCT

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 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 cdetheatre.org.

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# **GREEK FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CULTURE, CUISINE, AND COMMUNITY**







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 longestrunning Greek Festival in Union County, will delight attendees from September 4th to September 7th, 2025, with a weekend of cultural immersion, culinary delights, and familyfriendly entertainment.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

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- 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 kalamatianó.
- 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

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• 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."

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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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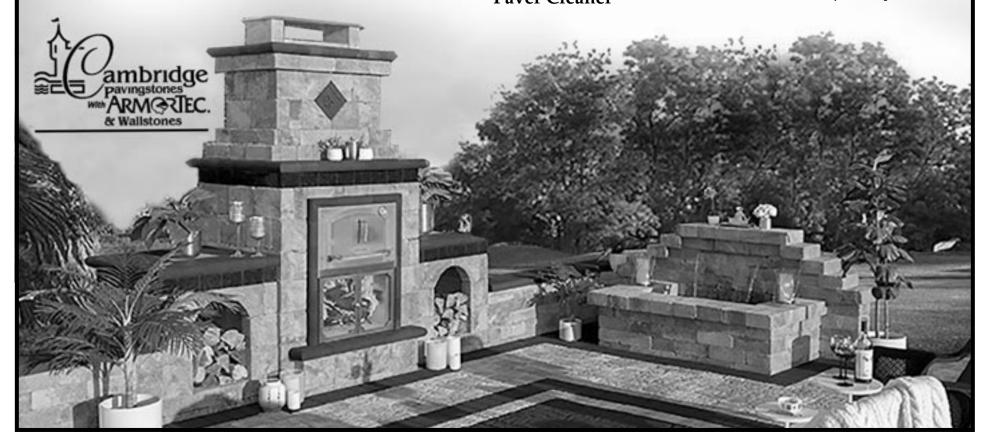
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### **GARDEN CLUB SPRUCES UP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Members of the Garden Club of Westfield weeded and mulched at the Kathleen Young recently planted sedum and liriope there. Westfield Historical Society on August 1. In addition, club member

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(above, l-r) Cary Prisch, Margaret Allen, Kathleen Young, Marion Bavolar and Jane Manniello.

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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-quiteunplugged" 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 lyrics. Enjoy words. Savor the accompaniment. Sail away on the vocal harmonies. Four The Record focuses on longtime 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.

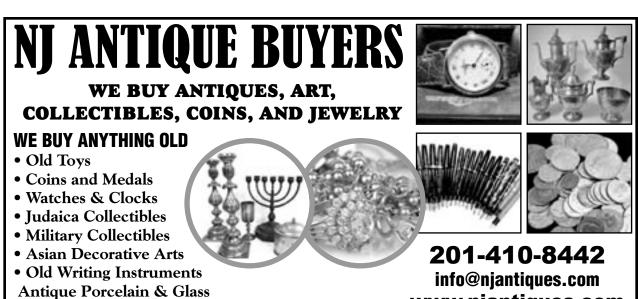
#### **ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ**

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 nonprofit 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.



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### FIBER ARTIST KELLY RENEE ARTE BEGINS LIBRARY RESIDENCY



(above) Kelly Renee Arte, a Local Fiber Artist, is at the library on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Thursdays, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., to demonstrate her knotting technique. Courtesv Photo

# **KENIWORTH LIBRARY FEATURES PAINTINGS BY DARRIN OWENS**

The Gallery-on-the-Boulevard, located in the Kenilworth Public Library, will present "Variations" by artist Darrin Owens of Westfield. The work contains variations of representational art in various mediums, including graphite pencil drawings on paper, oil paint on canvas paper, oil paint on canvas, and acrylic paint on canvas. It will demonstrate examples of still life, fan art, master copies, and stylization. He is currently President of the Westfield Art Association.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours. Artwork may be purchased by contacting the artist.

For more information or to inquire about exhibiting at Gallery on the Boulevard, please call 908-276-2451.



(above) Stewards of the Earth

Courtesy Photo

The Westfield Memorial Library and the Westfield Art Association are pleased to announce that the fourth Artist-in-Residence began her residency at the library in early August. The program brings Westfield's talented local artists to the library for the entire community to enjoy through talks, hands-on workshops, live demonstrations and exhibitions.

Kelly Renee Arte, whose residency runs through November 30, is a fiber artist who blends intricate macrame knotting techniques with a contemporary aesthetic. With over 20 years of experience as a fashion designer specializing in knitwear, she sees macrame knots much like sweater stitches-each interwoven to create form and texture.

Kelly is at the library on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Thursdays, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., to demonstrate her knotting technique. The public is invited to watch her and ask questions. Upcoming workshops for children and adults will be posted on the library website

in the fall.

On Friday, September 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the library will hold a facilitated conversation with Renee and Darrin Owens, President of the Westfield Art Association. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

The Westfield Art Association is a non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1922 that provides public art education and public exhibitions with work from its member artists.

Visit the library's website at wmlnj.org to register for the Friday night event, sign up for a library card or learn more about library programs and resources. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Library hours are Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m. the library will be closed Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1 for Labor Day weekend.

### **GIRL SCOUT DAISY ROUNDUP - SEPT. 17TH**

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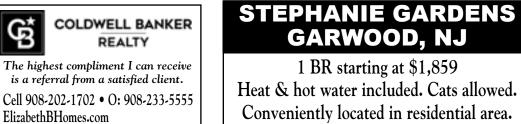
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# **WERE THERE PIRATES IN NEW JERSEY?**

Begin celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution by learning the littleknown history of New Jersey's Privateers and the part they played in the war.

The Sea Dogs, a group of privateer reenactors, will bare their cutlasses at historic Twin Maples in Summit on Saturday, October 4 in two shows at 2 and 3 p.m. History buffs and the whole family will enjoy a brief lecture, exhibits of privateer artifacts and musical renditions of old sea shanties. Will the British arrive to chase the brave privateers? Come and see!

available Tickets are online www.fortnightlyclub.org/ events-1/nj-privateersthe-american-revolution. Ticket prices are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child (3-12). Seating is limited. Free parking. No strollers, please.

The program takes place at Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Avenue, Summit, a site on both the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The Twin Maples estate was built in 1908 in the Colonial Revival style. Its facade is reminiscent of the White House. The estate is owned by the Fortnightly Club of New Jersey, a non-profit women's club founded in 1893.

Proceeds benefit Twin Maples' historic preservation.

Later, on October 4 at 5 p.m. the Fortnightly Club of Summit will host a Colonial Tavern Night fundraiser featuring authentic colonial drinks and music with a colonial inspired appetizer and dessert buffet, featuring the

Regimental Brewmeister and the Ministers of Apollo. Tickets for this event are available at fortnightlyclub.org for \$65 per person. Proceeds benefit masonry repairs of the Twin Maples terrace.

The Fortnightly Club has a full calendar planned for the coming year including a Designer Fashion ReSale event, a Twin Maples Ghost Hunt with New Jersey Paranormal, a Holiday Ceramics Workshop, breakfast or brunch with Santa at Twin Maples on December 6 and 7, the Battle of the Bubblies, Baking at Twin Maples and a Tranquility Workshop. For more information about upcoming events and to join the club go to fortnightlyclub.com.







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# EARTH, WIND AND FIRE TRIBUTE BAND - OCT 4

The Sieminski Theater continues Act 2 of their 2025 season with an incredible, high-energy tribute to the iconic band, Earth, Wind and Fire on Saturday October 4 at 7:30pm.

The iconic musical group EARTH, WIND & FIRE achieved significant commercial success and critical acclaim, becoming one of the best-selling music artists of all time with over 90 million records sold worldwide. They are also highly regarded for their innovative sound and lasting influence on popular music. They scored eight number-one hits and released over 23 albums, with several reaching double-platinum status. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Vocal Group Hall of Fame, and the NAACP Image Award Hall of Fame. They also received nine Grammy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

#### **EARTH, WIND AND FIRE**

The Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band share a great love and appreciation for the style and musicianship of the premier band of the 70's, 80's and 90's! This incredibly talented band is based in Maryland and tours the country as they pay homage to one of the greatest bands of its era, bringing to life the magical R&B, funk and jazz sounds that continue to inspire and influence even the contemporary entertainers of today.

From the funky and "earthy" grooves to the sophisticated and complex lyrics and orchestrations, the Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band continues to keep the music alive so that everyone will know the elements... Earth, Wind and Fire, will live forever! They will be performing all the hits including Got To Get You Into My Life, Sing a Song, Shinning Star, Boogie Wonderland, Let's Groove, That's The Way of the World, September, and many more! They will have you on your feet and singing along to all the iconic hits!

Don't miss this opportunity to relive the musical hits of the 70's, 80's and 90's with this incredible tribute.

For tickets visit sieminskitheater.org or call the box office at 908-850-3892



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# **SEPTEMBER LINEUP**Six Nights of Legends and Laughter

September 13

#### The Music of John Mellencamp

Human Wheels delivers a high-energy tribute featuring hits like "Pink Houses" and "Jack & Diane."

September 19

#### **An Allman Brothers Band Tribute**

A Brother's Revival, led by former bassist David "Rook" Goldflies, brings "Midnight Rider" and "Ramblin' Man" roaring back to life.

September 20

#### A True Stevie Nicks Experience

Gypsy, featuring Sabrina Staats, channels the haunting voice and mystical style of the rock icon in a spellbinding tribute.

September 26

#### Classic Lynyrd Skynyrd Live

Southern Steel relives the golden age of Southern rock with pitch-perfect renditions of Skynyrd classics.

September 27

#### **Rodney Norman Live**

Viral comedian and TikTok favorite brings his offbeat wisdom and deadpan hilarity to the stage.

September 28

#### The Music of the Beach Boys

Lights Out: The Jersey Beach Boys blend harmony-rich sunshine with Jersey swagger in a nostalgic mashup.

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October 5

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October 11

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### **ENTRIES FOR DEVLIN AWARDS DUE SEPT 15**

Historic Preservation Commission

The Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) seeks entries for the Harry Devlin Awards program honoring property owners for outstanding efforts in the restoration, expansion, and maintenance of older properties. Any project completed within the past five years that is visible to the public is eligible. Residential, commercial, professional and institutional buildings may be entered. Categories for nomination include:

- Addition or alteration sensitive to original architecture
- Restoration or repair of original or existing improvement
- Period-appropriate painting or residing
- Adaptive reuse of a property in a manner sensitive to the original architecture and/or neighborhood
- Persons, actions or events that promote preservation may also be considered

Nominations may be made by neighbors, architects, or builders and can be self-submitted by owners. Created in 1993 to encourage the use of established historic preservation standards, the

Devlin Commendations are named for Harry Devlin, a prominent local artist and architectural historian.

The deadline for entries is September 15, 2025. Criteria and entry forms can be found on the commission's website at westfieldnj.gov/historicpreservation. For additional information, please contact hpc@westfieldnj.gov.



(above) This 1911 Craftsman home at 121
Effingham Place received a 2023 Devlin Award
for outstanding restoration and addition.
Nominations are currently being sought for this
year's awards.
Courtesy Photo

# DINE & DISCOVER: 20 WAYS TO ENJOY RESTAURANT MONTH IN BERKELEY HEIGHTS

September is a very special time for food, friends and family in Berkeley Heights: It's Restaurant Month, which runs from September 1 - 30, 2025. Now is the time to make your plans to take advantage of special offers from 20 establishments. Options range from fine dining to casual and quick-serve restaurants. This event attracts diners of all ages for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It's your chance to:

- Try new dishes and special meals at your favorite eateries
- Make family dinnertime easy and delicious on busy weekdays
- Venture out to new places (some new restaurants have opened this year!)
- Encourage fun get-togethers with friends or co-workers as the summer ends
- Urge teens to head downtown after school and enjoy something new

"Berkeley Heights boasts a vibrant dining scene that draws visitors from near and far," said Julie Lloyd of the Downtown Beautification Committee. "From special nights out to BYOB deals, there's something delicious for everyone. We're grateful to our local restaurants for making this ninth annual Restaurant Month easy, affordable, and enjoyable."

Find the information you need to ensure you get the most value and fun out of Restaurant Month at www.experiencebh.com, including menus and specials. Follow the fun on social media at @ExperienceBerkeleyHeights on Facebook and experience\_berkeley\_heights on Instagram.

Please share your photos with the tag #experiencebh.







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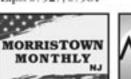
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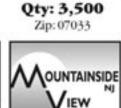


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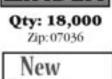


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### **MULTICULTURAL MUSIC FESTIVAL COMES TO ROSELLE PARK**

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 Jerseybased quartet has been bringing Gaelic-flavored rock, folk and ballads to pubs, festivals and other events in New York and New Jersey. 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 Society is the curator of this display.



(above) Afro Dominicano



(above) Verdict



(above) Pradhanica



(above) Chris Bolger and the Jamesons Gang

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