

CLARK SENIORS TREATED TO A BBQ

Over 300 Clark Seniors attended the annual Senior BBQ at the Deutscher Club of Clark. Mayor Angel Albanese introduced Council President Bill Smith and Jess Hoff. The seniors enjoyed good food, good company, dancing and dessert. Dr. Tasharofi was also on hand to administer Flu shots. A great time was had by all.



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The Township of Clark came together on September 11 to remember and honor the lives lost in the tragic attacks of 2001. This year's memorial service at Nelson Park featured moments of reflection, prayer, and community participation, including a moving timeline of the events of that day read aloud by members of the Township Council.

As flags were placed around the monument

by police, firefighters, emergency personnel, and residents, the ceremony reminded us of the courage, sacrifice, and unity that define our nation in the face of tragedy. Special recognition was given to the late Port Authority Officer and Clark resident James Nelson, for whom the park is named, and to all first responders who continue to serve with bravery and dedication.



(above) Clark UNICO were one of the participating groups in the annual 911 Ceremony held in James Nelson Park. Members placed a wreath in front of the monument. In attendance were Clark Unicans Carmen Brocato, Bill Smith, Jimmy Minnitti, Pres. Joe Arancio, Jackie Venezio, VP Ralph Bernardo.

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40 Ivy St.	12 Yorktown Dr.	5 Tudor Dr.	307 West lane	902 Raritan Rd.
15 Tudor Dr.	84 Wheatsheaf Rd.	111 Westfield Ave.	93 Jupiter St.	357 Willow Way
10 Washington St., Unit 03	12 Ascot Way	14 Washington St.	166 Meadow Rd.	47 Briarwood Path
47 Briarwood Path	301 West Lane	118 Jupiter St.	67 Lefferts Lane	114 Stemmer Dr.
39 King St.	1119 Maurice Ave.	61 Sycamore Rd.	41 Oleander Way	30 Haliday St.
56 Lexington Blvd.	1 Longfellow Lane	15 Briarheath Ln.	160 Riverside Dr.	312 New York Ave
13 Blake Dr.	8 Wendell Place	43 Kathryn St.	45 Briarheath Lane	30 Haliday St.
213 East Lane	13 Blake Dr.	54 Harding Ave.	40 Emerald Pl.	349 Willow Way
1168 Lake Ave., Unit 4	42 School St.	1 Plymouth Rd.	24 Hawthorne Dr.	18 Janie Ln.
45 Wendell Pl.	29 Harvey Ct.	306 Parkway Dr.	45 Briarwood Path	118 Delia Ter.
501 Oak Ridge Rd.	18 Yorktown Dr.	75 Union County Pkwy	21 St. Germain Dr.	131 Jupiter St.
309 Oak Ridge Rd.	45 Starlite Dr.	49 Briarwood Path	532 Valley Rd.	668 Raritan Rd.
29 Conger Way	1538 Franklin St.	549 Valley Rd.	21 Orchard Ter.	5 Sycamore Rd.
13 Florence Dr.	40 Conger Way	161 Meadow Rd.	307 West Lane	52 Skylark Pl.
303 West Ln.	15 Ayers Lane	16 Nassau St.	64 Mildred Ter.	17 Blake Dr.
1 Rose Ter.	72 Dorset Dr.	160 Meadow Rd.	103 Amelia Dr.	902 Raritan Dr.
187 Liberty St.	5 Schmidt Lane	415 Valley Rd.	1132 Westfield Ave.	9 Sunset Dr.
11 Harding Ave.	269 Willow Way	49 Joseph St.	22 Glenwood Ter.	10 Lionel St.
40 John St.	18 Ginesi Dr.	23 Ayers lane	344 West Lane	223 East Ln,
77 John St.	7 Blake Dr.	110 Sweet Briar Dr.	30 Haliday St.	74 Malvern Dr,
17 Hillside Ave.	43 Willow way	30 Stanton St.	30 Coldevin Dr.	293 Oak Ridge Rd.
11 Avon Rd.	95 Briarheath Ln.	76 Harding Ave.	30 Stanton St.	31 Shetland Dr.
81 New York Ave.	18 Terhune Rd.	53 Stemmer Dr.	131 Jupiter St.	UNDER CONTRACT
42 Kenneth Pl.	1 Jarvais Ter.	291 Willow Way	63 Liberty St.	86 St. Laurent Dr.
1 Kathryn St.	39 Frances Dr.	330 West Lane	31 Ross St.	74 Hall Dr.
29 Hillside Ave.	28 Gibson Blvd.	139 Jupiter St.		

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 300, 201 ARE IN CLARK

NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY® ON OCTOBER 29TH

The Gateway Family YMCA will join over 1,000 local groups nationwide to celebrate the 32nd Annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day (NSHFD) on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. As an official host site, The Gateway Family YMCA is providing a Community Open House with activities like Swimming, Group Exercise, Water Exercise, Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring, Health Screenings and Information at Y branches

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The Gateway Family YMCA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community.

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During National Senior Health and Fitness Day, participants will join with an estimated 100,000 older adults across the country participating in local events to help promote active, healthy lifestyles through physical activity, good nutrition and preventative care. The Gateway Family YMCA, Shaping Elizabeth and Shaping Union County will be hosting this year's event, along with local community partners to participate in a YMCA Community Open House with information and activities provided free of charge.

A Virtual Open House is also available for individuals who cannot easily access the YMCA for Senior Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, October 29th with a schedule of group exercise programs available through Zoom.

"Older adults at all levels of physical fitness are encouraged to participate in National Senior Health & Fitness Day," says Patricia Henze, National Senior Health & Fitness Day program manager. "Our event goals are to increase awareness of the benefits of regular exercise, and to encourage all older adults to take advantage of the many health and fitness activities offered in their communities, as well as online."

The Gateway Family YMCA also provides

chronic disease self-management programs open to the local community. Interested participants can register for the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program (BPSM), Group Lifestyle Balance Diabetes Program, Diabetes Management Program, LiveSTRONG at the YMCA or the Veterans Wellness Initiative at tgfymca.org or contact 908-349-9622 or bpsm@tgfymca.org for additional information.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility.

Shaping Eastern Union County is committed to improving the health and well-being of county residents and creating strategies to support improved health, nutrition and physical activity for all. Shaping Elizabeth, Shaping Rahway and Shaping Union are also sponsoring this event.

National Senior Health & Fitness Day is the largest event of its kind, organized by the Mature Market Resource Center, a national clearinghouse for professionals who work with older adults. For more information about National Senior Health & Fitness Day, visit fitnessday.com.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA visit tgfymca.org or contact the Y at 908-349-9622.

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American Repertory Ballet (ARB) opens its 2025/26 season at the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center (NBPAC) with the highly anticipated return of Ethan Stiefel and Johan Kobborg's acclaimed adaptation of the classic ballet Giselle. Presented Friday, October 10, 2025 through Sunday, October 12, 2025, Giselle tells the story of a young woman who dies of a broken heart—only to confront, and eventually forgive, her beloved from beyond the grave.

Originally choreographed in 2012 for the Royal New Zealand Ballet under Stiefel's artistic leadership, Giselle was initially restaged and partially redesigned specifically for ARB at NBPAC in 2022 by the award-winning team of Howard Jones (Scenic Designer), Natalia Stewart (Costume Designer), and Joseph R. Walls (Lighting Designer). Giselle is celebrated as being "[s]uperbly coached, curated, and danced," says The Ballet Herald's Nadia Vostrikov. "ARB's Giselle is everything the original had and more."

Featuring emotionally powerful and technically stunning performances, this moving production will no doubt get audiences in the Halloween spirit via this haunting tale of love, betrayal, and the supernatural.

TICKET AND VENUE INFORMATION

- New Brunswick Performing Art Center
New Brunswick, NJ
- Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM*
- Saturday, October 11, 2025
at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM**

Tickets for Giselle range from \$42 to \$72, not including additional 4% NBPAC Ticket Fee.

***Post-Show Reception** (\$50 add-on to ticket purchase) with ARB Dancers, artistic leadership, and VIPs immediately following the performance. Light bites and beverages will be served.

****Come to the performance dressed in costume for a festive Halloween season kickoff!**

Tall/wide hats, light up accessories, and weapons will not be permitted.

The New Brunswick Performing Arts Center is located at 11 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

The venue can be reached by car or New Jersey Transit and has ample parking in its attached parking deck.

For more information, contact Grant Jacoby, Director of Marketing, at gjacoby@arballet.org, or by calling 609-921-7758 x34.

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Heidi Loder-Rosal, RCC President/Rahway Day Chair

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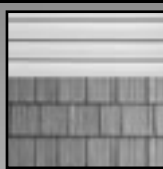
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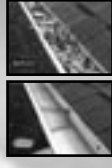
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Sharing the spotlight will be 80 gifted artists and designers including several nationally recognized for their award winning accomplishments; many traveling from across the U.S., from as far as California and Florida. Guests will enjoy work never before seen on the East Coast. The fair could be called a weekend "Off-Broadway production" - with a great cast, many stars, with several booths designed like stage sets.

HALLOWEEN EVE KICKOFF: ALL WEEKEND PASS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS FOR FREE.

The show opens Friday, October 31, with a family-friendly Trick-or-Treat Party. Kids can:

- Collect their treats while meeting the artists
- Create their own art on the famous Art Wall

Join a weekend-long Treasure Hunt. Great prizes made by the artists. And throughout the weekend, visitors can win original art prizes donated by An American Craftsman Gallery.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Westfield Armory is Just 5 minutes from Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway
- Free parking at the Armory or across the street at the High School.
- \$12 weekend pass covers all three days. SENIORS \$10. Under 10 Free

Show Hours

Trick or Treat party

Friday Oct. 31 - 3 pm-7 pm

Saturday Nov.1. - 10 am-6 pm

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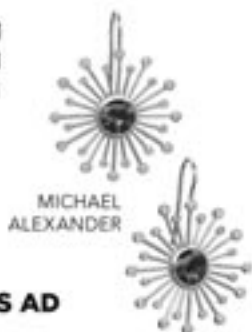
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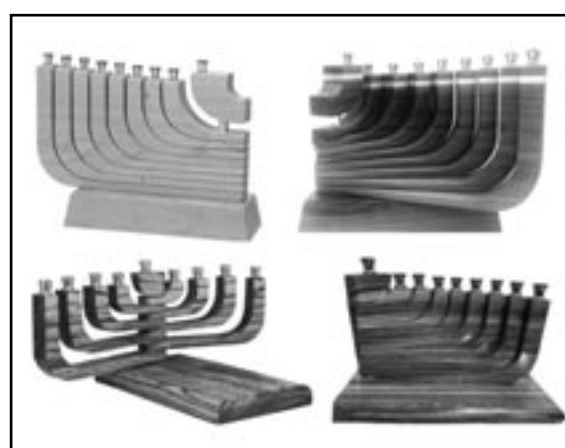
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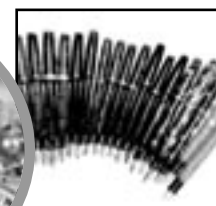
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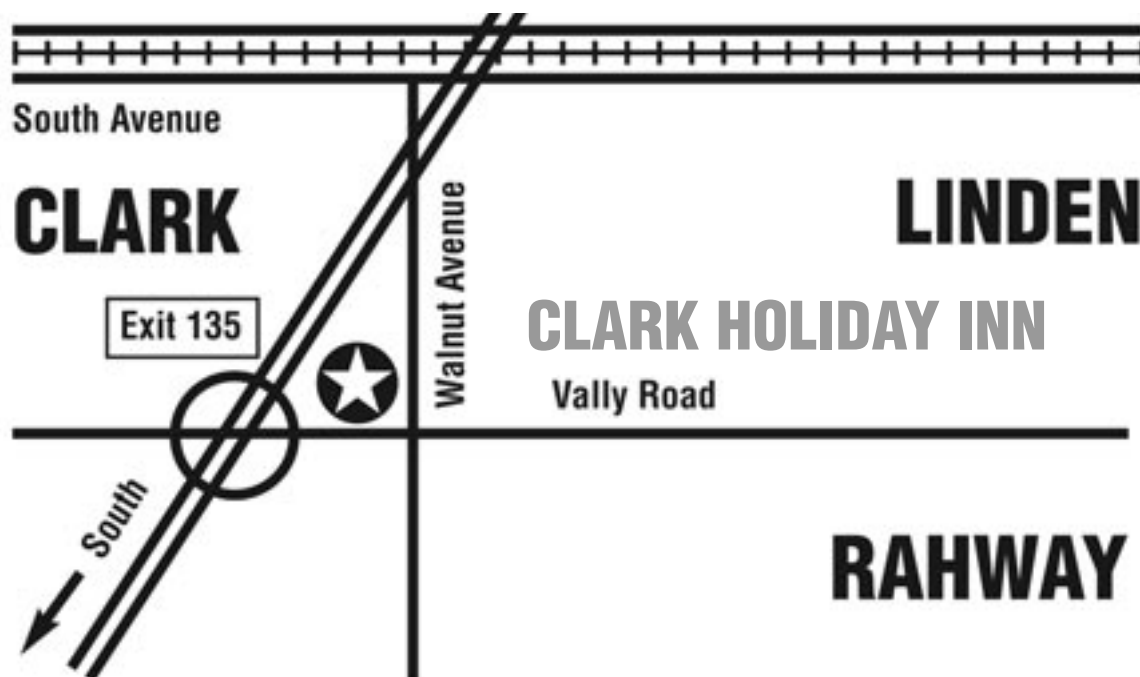
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Caring Contact extends heartfelt gratitude to the supporters, volunteers, donors, and staff - past and present—whose dedication has made

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MORRISTOWN PUP NABS SPOT IN 2025 BARK FOR LIFE CALENDAR

She’s got the ears of a supermodel, the zoomies of a champion sprinter, and a bark that says “treat, please.” Meet Josie, Morristown’s unofficial mayor of South Street — and now, one of the proud winners of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar Contest!

After a week-long voting frenzy, Josie galloped ahead of the competition to earn a coveted feature in this year’s 2025 Bark for Life calendar. And not just a cameo — a full-page glam spread, complete with her story, her signature side-eye, and plenty of reasons why she’s the queen of local hearts.

But Josie’s calendar win is more than just a photo op. It means she’ll be a VIP (Very Important Pup) at the Bark for Life of Central NJ celebration on October 12, 2025 at Bell Works in Holmdel, where she’ll be officially honored for her victory — likely with applause, belly rubs, and maybe a few snacks.

WHO IS JOSIE?

Josie is a 4-year-old Australian Cattle Dog (allegedly)— though some suspect she may also be part professional napper and part mayhem enthusiast, depending on the hour. She was rescued as a puppy and now lives her best life ruling the sidewalks and hearts of Morristown.

Known for her expressive ears, her suspiciously dramatic sighs, and a highly curated side-eye, Josie has become a local celebrity — both on leash and online.

Her favorite things include: Car rides (windows down, please), Sidewalk café people-watching (her favorite being the Lokl!), Chasing squirrels she has no intention of catching, Ignoring her toys to chew sticks instead, and Judging humans from the couch like it’s her full-time job.

In short: she’s a rescue with attitude, heart, and a whole lot of fans.

WHAT IS BARK FOR LIFE?

The Bark for Life event is part of the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life movement. It

honors the caregiving qualities of canine companions while raising critical funds for cancer research and support services — especially here in New Jersey.

Proceeds from calendar sales and fundraising events all go toward supporting programs like free rides to treatment, overnight stays near major cancer centers, and 24/7 access to cancer information and support for patients and families.

GET INVOLVED!

Missed your chance to vote for Josie? You can still be part of the tail-wagging fun. Donations are open at the Bark for Life of Central NJ

website, and registration is now live for the October 12 celebration at Bell Works.

Whether you’re walking in honor of a loved one, supporting a survivor, or just want to hang out with some adorable dogs (like Josie), this is your chance to do some good — and pet some pups.

Big paws up to Josie and all the calendar winners! Be sure to snag your copy of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar, come say hi to Morristown’s finest furry ambassador this fall, and follow @ispyjosie and @barkcentralnj to come along for this year’s adventure!



(above) Paws Up for Josie!

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A 2025 Hometown Hero Recognition Award was presented to Clark Police Officer Giovannina Prisco by Congressman Tom Kean, Jr.

Officer Prisco's law enforcement journey began in 2013 as a licensed EMT before she transitioned to dispatcher, special officer, and ultimately a full-time police officer. Today, she is widely recognized for her initiative, integrity, and expertise in emergency response—from earning her EMRTC certification in explosives to managing the entire department's medical supplies.

Known by her colleagues for her upbeat spirit, compassion, and tireless work ethic, Officer Prisco's character is truly inspiring. Beyond the department, Officer Prisco serves as a dedicated D.A.R.E. officer, connecting with Clark's youth and encouraging them to make positive life choices.

Officer Prisco, you embody the true spirit of public service. Thank you for your service to the Clark Township community!



(above) Officer Giovannina Prisco
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COURSE ON HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR LOVED ONE'S MENTAL HEALTH JOURNEY

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Course will be offered by the Union County Chapter of NAMI. The course will meet in person starting on Thursday evening October 9th and meet each Thursday from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. over a consecutive 8-week period in Scotch Plains. The course is free-of-charge, with all necessary materials furnished at no cost to participants.

The course is specifically for the parents, siblings, spouses/partners, teen-age and adult children, and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The program is not appropriate for individuals who, themselves, suffer from one of the major mental disorders. NAMI members who have completed intensive training will teach.

Curriculum topics include schizophrenia,

bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder etc., the clinical treatment of these illnesses and how caregivers can learn to cope more effectively. Attendees will learn about new research, medications, skills needed to successfully communicate with a relative and how to deal with critical periods.

Advance registration is required. To register or if you have questions contact Evelyn Nath at (908-377-4886) or email evelynodat@gmail.com

Family-to-Family education has been called one of the most valuable programs NAMI offers. Many graduates say it changed their lives and interactions with their loved ones for the better.

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Hardcover, paperback, and children’s books will be available, along with DVD’s and music CD’s. Fill a bag of adult books for just \$9.00. Fill a bag of children’s books for \$15. Cash is preferred, but credit cards are also accepted. No checks, Zelle, Venmo, etc.

The monthly costume jewelry sale will be held on September 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All items are only \$1.00. Necklaces, rings, bracelets, watches, etc. Cash only for jewelry.

ALJ ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME DINNER

The Arthur L. Johnson High School Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome its newest members during a dinner and induction ceremony on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road in Clark.

The 2025 induction class, just the second in the history of the ALJ Athletic Hall of Fame, will include coaches Katrina Poskay and Robert Taylor, the 1995 Undefeated State Championship Football Team, and student-athletes Billy Wilson ’65, Warren Brown ’75, Patti Jaworski ’78, Ken Petren ’81, Lynn Krohn ’83, Jim Bodner ’88, Jason Pressman ’90, Ray Megill ’03, Aleks Ochocki ’08, Scott Klimchak ’09, Brian Megill ’09, Jessica Rusin’09, and Emily Vargas ’10.

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(above) Volunteers and Donations are Needed to Help Clark Community Cats.

AMERICAN LEGION GOLF OUTING - OCT. 6

Clark American Legion Post #328 announces the Bernie Yarusavage Children and Youth Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing will be held at Ash Brook Golf Course on October 6, 2025, 9 a.m. shotgun start in Scotch Plains, NJ. Proceeds go directly into the scholarship fund of the Post for the benefit of our Veteran’s children attending

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**The Natural Spirit November 2, 2025 at 3pm
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• FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT:

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ABOUT NJIO

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) brings together musicians of all ages and skill levels through four non-audition orchestras and educational programs. Its mission is to open the world of orchestral music to diverse audiences and to foster human connection through education and performance.

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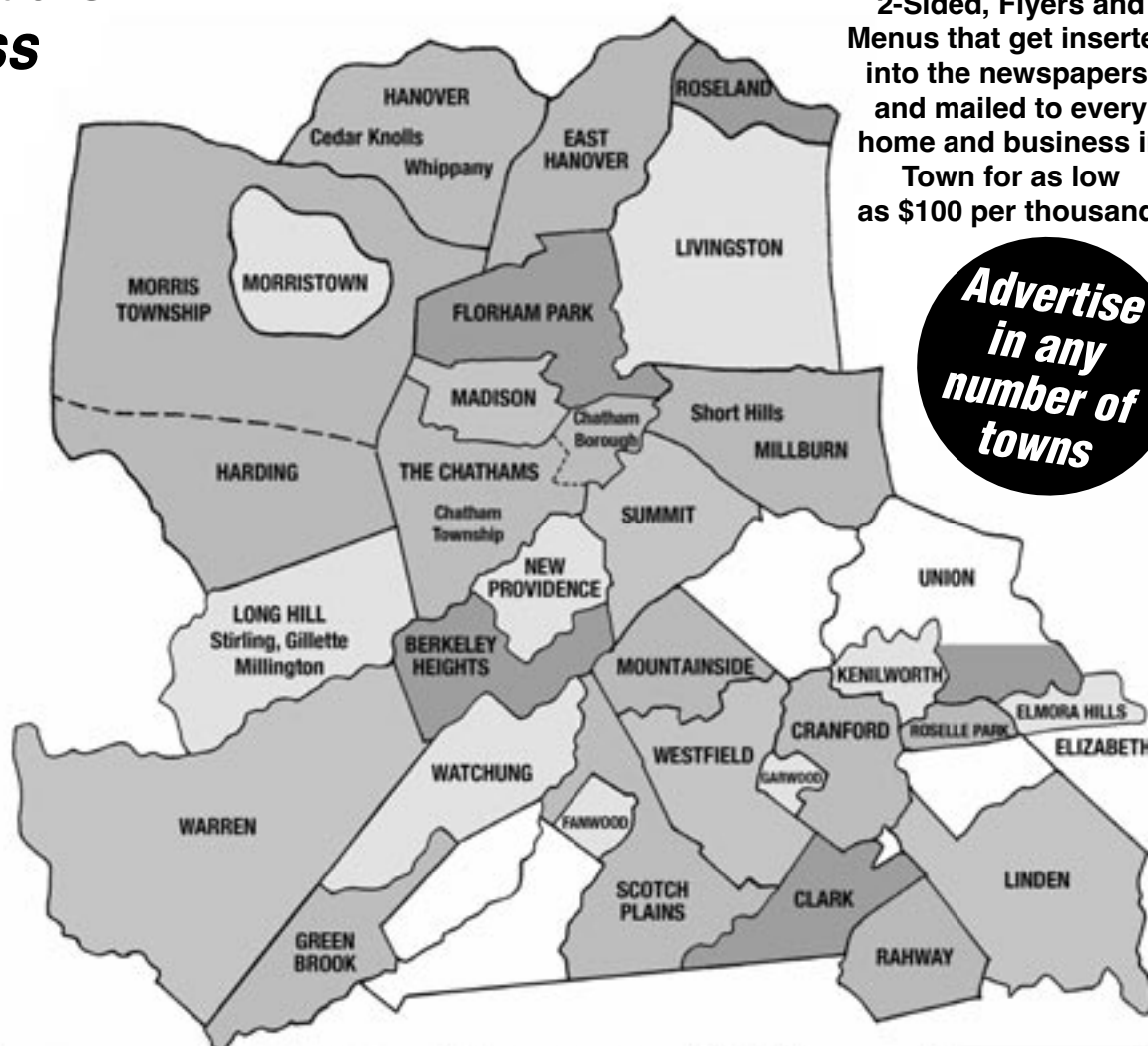
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Register for any programs through the online events calendar on our website at clarklibrary.org, in person, or by phone at 732-388-5999.

Chess Club on Thursdays

October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11am-3pm

New members and all levels are welcome!

Thursday Afternoon Movies on Thursdays

October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 1pm

Enjoy a movie for adults. Please check our online calendar to check the movies shown.

Stories and More on Fridays

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10am

Stories, songs, and rhymes followed by a simple craft. Designed for children ages 3 and up. Registration is requested.

Needlework Club

Saturday, October 4 from 10am - 2pm

Needlework includes counted cross stitch, needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, etc. Come when you can and stay as long as you like. Bring what you are working on to sit, stitch, and chat.

Tales for Tots

Mondays, October 6, 20 & 27 at 10am

Stories and songs for active listeners. Geared toward ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Older children are welcome!

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, October 6 at 3:15pm

Calling all teens in grades 6-12! We need your help for the first meeting of our Teen Advisory Board for the school year. Great opportunity for service hours and resume builder!

The Ghost of Hannah Caldwell

Monday, October 6 at 7pm

In June of 1780 a vital, but often forgotten, battle of the American Revolution took place in Union, New Jersey. During this battle a woman named Hannah Caldwell was shot and killed.

Was it an accident? Was it on purpose? Join Liberty Hall as they separate the myth from the truth. Discover the history and significance of the battle, Hannah Caldwell.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, October 6 at 7pm

Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 10am

Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and movement activities. Geared toward the under 2 crowd with caregiver. 30 minutes of open play.

Patches & Stitches

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28

12pm-2pm

Bring your quilt or other crafty project and visit with the members of the quilting club.

Unraveled - Teens and Adults:

Knitting and Crochet Night

Tuesday, October 7 at 7pm

Knit or crochet (or even cross-stitch or embroider!) for a night of friendship and community. Bring your project to show off or get advice. Teaching is available for beginning.

Totally New Tuesdays

Tuesdays, October 7 & 21 at 6:30pm

Enjoy a new movie for adults. Please check our online calendar or visit the library to check the movies being shown.

Sewing Basics: Patchwork Pillow Covers

Wednesday, October 8 at 10am

Learn how to sew basic patchwork and quilting lines in this beginner friendly class. We will be creating one pillow cover (pillow not included) which will show basic quilting techniques.

Little Scientist

Thursday, October 9 at 3:30pm

Learn how to build and create with our Science Experiments! Each session will be a different experiment. Kindergarten - 5th graders.

Halloween Family Storytime

Thursday, October 9 at 6:30pm

Join us for a special evening family storytime celebrating Halloween! Simple craft follows.

Resume Building Workshop

Thursday, October 9 at 6pm-8pm

During this in-person workshop you will learn what elements to include in a resume, how to create and format utilizing AI as well as how to store and transfer your resume.

Please email training@plainfieldlibrarynj.org or call 908-757-1111 x 1331 to register.

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, October 14 at 1:30pm

Join us for our next afternoon book club meeting. We will be discussing "Miss Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce. Please speak with a librarian or email librarians@clarklibrary.org if you need a copy of the book.

Adrienne et Gilbert - Communion of Hearts

Tuesday, October 14 at 7pm

Play in one act written by Alisa Dupuy.

Krafty Kids

Wednesday, October 15 at 3:30pm

Bring your imagination and creativity to our monthly craft activity! Registration is required. Geared for elementary students.

Teen Craft Break

Wednesday, October 15 at 3:30pm

Come take a break and craft with us! This month we will be creating moon shaped dream catchers. Open to students in grades 6-12.

Tinker Tots

Thursday, October 16 at 10:30am

Come join us for a morning of fun STEAM activities perfect for little ones. For children ages 18 months through pre-k. Please register.

Halloween Escape Room

Thursday, October 16 from 7pm-8:30pm

Join us for our Halloween-themed escape room. Find clues and solve a series of puzzles to escape before time runs out! Registration required. Time slots available every 15 minutes.

LEGO Club

Thursday, October 16 at 6:30pm

Create your own structures to be displayed in the Children's area of the library! LEGO® are provided by the library. For children entering grades K - 5. Light snacks will be served.

Say BOO to Bone Loss! Clark Township Health Department: Bone Density screening

Monday, October 20 at 10am-1:00pm

Check out your risk and celebrate World Osteoporosis Day with a quick, free ultrasound of your forearm (radial bone). Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred!

Paint a Pumpkin for Kids

Session 1: Wednesday October 22 at 3:30pm

Session 2: Thursday, October 23 at 6:30pm

Paint a Pumpkin event. Listen to a story about pumpkins and then paint a pumpkin to take home with you. This program is for ages 3 - grade 5. Registration is required. Please wear old clothes, as we will be working with paint.

Romance Book Club

Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00pm

If you're a fan of contemporary romance novels, this is the perfect group for you. Our October meeting will be discussing *The Dead Romantics* by Ashley Poston.

Teen Gaming

Nintendo Switch and Board Games Afternoon

Friday, October 24 at 3:15pm

Join us for an afternoon of board games and the nintendo switch. We will have board games and switch games available, but you are welcome to bring your own! Open to students grades 6-12.

Books & Bagels

Friday, October 24 at 10am

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

Rock-tober

Saturday, October 25 at 11am

Learn about rocks, minerals, the rock cycle and then build a volcano and erupt it outside! For ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

Spooky Family Movie Matinee

Sunday, October 26 at 2pm

Halloween themed movie and popcorn!

Teen Cooking

Monday, October 27 at 3:30pm

Teens will learn how to make delicious fruit salsa and cinnamon chips. Come learn how to create this dish and enjoy eating what you've created! Open to students grades 6-12.

Halloween Magic Show

Monday, October 27 at 6:30pm

Halloween Magic Show is packed with Halloween fun including routines with silly and cute monsters, ghosts, pumpkins, candy, and more but nothing scary. It's the perfect combination of MAGIC, Halloween, and FUN!

Evening Book Club

Monday, October 27 at 7pm

We will be discussing "A Well-Behaved Woman" by Therese Anne Fowler.

NJ Paranormal

Tuesday, October 28 at 7pm

Join us as they share their experiences as paranormal investigators. A questions & answer period will follow the presentation.

Sewing Basics for Adults and Teens:

Sew A Penguin

Thursday, October 30 at 6:30pm

Come sew your own penguin plush! No sewing experience is required.

ASK (Aging Services Kiosk)

Thursday, October 30 from 10am-12pm

Do you have questions about services available in Union County for seniors or their caregivers? Come visit the Union County Aging Services Kiosk, speak to our specialist.



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