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CUB SCOUT PACK 145 GIVES BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by Karen Koch Reilly

Cub Scout Pack 145 dedicated the month of November to community service, supporting two meaningful local initiatives: the annual Scouting for Food drive and the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

Pack 145 Scouts and their families participated in the annual Scouting for Food campaign, collecting and delivering non-perishable items to help restock the Osceola Food Pantry. Their efforts help ensure that local families receive support throughout the season. The Osceola Food Pantry provides monthly food distributions to 25+ families, in addition to supplying emergency food boxes to anyone who reaches out. The pantry is committed to never turning away a request.

The Osceola Food Pantry is located at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road or at osceolapresbyterianchurch.com/food-pantry.

Pack 145 also launched its annual Toys for Tots donation drive, partnering with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Six donation boxes were placed throughout Clark, with new, unwrapped toys being collected through December 12.

Special thanks to the Clark businesses and organizations hosting donation boxes: Clark



Police Department, Clark Public Library, Clark Recreation Center, Bubbakoo's Burritos, Jersey Mike's, and Manny's Diner. Pack 145 extends appreciation to Bear Den Leader Tom Telewiak for coordinating this year's Toys for Tots efforts.

During the Clark Township Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony, Pack 145 Scouts volunteered by staffing Toys for Tots collection stations. Each Den took a shift to gather donations and spread holiday cheer during the community event.

Cub Scout Pack 145 is based in Clark, NJ, and has members from in Clark, Garwood, Rahway, Linden, Colonia, and Roselle. To support the local Cub Scouts, learn more about Pack 145, or inquire about joining, please contact info@pack145.org.



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EMERGENCY SQUAD GETS INTO THE SPIRIT

Submitted by Susan Alacch

The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad joined the Township's Tree and Menorah Lighting festivities. A crew was on hand to help open the Holiday Season. The event was well attended. Assistant Captain Michael Hajkowski, President-Elect Michael Gennaro, Gary Wagner, and Emily Miekina were on the scene and in the spirit. The

four EMTs had a chance to visit Santa, Rudolph, and Frosty while making sure everyone was safe.

Anyone with questions or interested in joining the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad is invited to contact the squad at cves@ourclark.com for an application. For more information visit: ourclark.com/324/Clark-Volunteer-Emergency-Squad



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10 Washington St., Unit 03
47 Briarwood Path
39 King St.
56 Lexington Blvd.
13 Blake Dr.
213 East Lane
1168 Lake Ave., Unit 4
45 Wendell Pl.
501 Oak Ridge Rd.
309 Oak Ridge Rd.
29 Conger Way
13 Florence Dr.
303 West Ln.
1 Rose Ter.
187 Liberty St.
11 Harding Ave.
40 John St.
77 John St.
17 Hillside Ave.
11 Avon Rd.
81 New York Ave.
42 Kenneth Pl.
1 Kathryn St.
29 Hillside Ave.

9 Shetland Dr.
12 Yorktown Dr.
84 Wheatsheaf Rd.
12 Ascot Way
301 West Lane
1119 Maurice Ave.
1 Longfellow Lane
8 Wendell Place
13 Blake Dr.
42 School St.
29 Harvey Ct.
18 Yorktown Dr.
45 Starlite Dr.
1538 Franklin St.
40 Conger Way
15 Ayers Lane
72 Dorset Dr.
5 Schmidt Lane
269 Willow Way
18 Ginesi Dr.
7 Blake Dr.
43 Willow way
95 Briarheath Ln.
18 Terhune Rd.
1 Jarvais Ter.
39 Frances Dr.
28 Gibson Blvd.

41 Largo Lane
5 Tudor Dr.
111 Westfield Ave.
14 Washington St.
118 Jupitor St.
61 Sycamore Rd.
15 Briarheath Ln.
43 Kathryn St.
54 Harding Ave.
1 Plymouth Rd.
306 Parkway Dr.
75 Union County Pkwy
49 Briarwood Path
549 Valley Rd.
161 Meadow Rd.
16 Nassau St.
160 Meadow Rd.
415 Valley Rd.
49 Joseph St.
23 Ayers lane
110 Sweet Briar Dr.
30 Stanton St.
76 Harding Ave.
53 Stemmer Dr.
291 Willow Way
330 West Lane
139 Jupitor St.

458 Oak Ridge Rd.
307 West lane
93 Jupitor St.
166 Meadow Rd.
67 Lefferts Lane
41 Oleander Way
160 Riverside Dr.
45 Briarheath Lane
40 Emerald Pl.
24 Hawthorne Dr.
45 Briarwood Path
21 St. Germain Dr.
532 Valley Rd.
21 Orchard Ter.
307 West Lane
64 Mildred Ter.
103 Amelia Dr.
1132 Westfield Ave.
22 Glenwood Ter.
344 West Lane
30 Haliday St.
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30 Stanton St.
131 Jupitor St.
63 Liberty St.
31 Ross St.

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902 Raritan Rd.
357 Willow Way
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312 New York Ave
30 Haliday St.
349 Willow Way
18 Janie Ln.
118 Delia Ter.
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668 Raritan Rd.
5 Sycamore Rd.
52 Skylark Pl.
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9 Sunset Dr.
10 Lionel St.
223 East Ln,
74 Malvern Dr,
293 Oak Ridge Rd.
31 Shetland Dr.
86 St. Laurent Dr.
92 Meadow Rd.
74 Hall Dr.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS = 309. 205 ARE IN CLARK

21ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE & MENORAH LIGHTING



Clark's 21st Annual Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting was held on Saturday, November 29th 2025. It was hosted by the Township of Clark and the Clark Recreation Department. Santa was there, and families had the



opportunity to visit with him and take photos. Other highlights included the AJJ Marching Band, and the Winter Wonderland Band. There was a mechanical reindeer, a "Candy Land" Play Center, Trackless Train Ride, Buggy Rides, Ice Sculpting, Petting Zoo, Horse Drawn Hay Rides, Snow Globe, Ice Rink, Strolling Dickens Carolers, Popcorn, Home Baked Cookies, Cider Donuts, Philly Pretzels, Hot Chocolate & More! "We try to think of everything," said Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo. "We just want this to be a winter extravaganza that our community loves, and our children will always remember as part of their youth growing up in Clark." The fun continued for families attending the annual Breakfast with Santa, on Sunday, December 1st. Children and their families were treated to breakfast while waiting to take a photo with Santa and check whether they are on the naughty or nice list this year.

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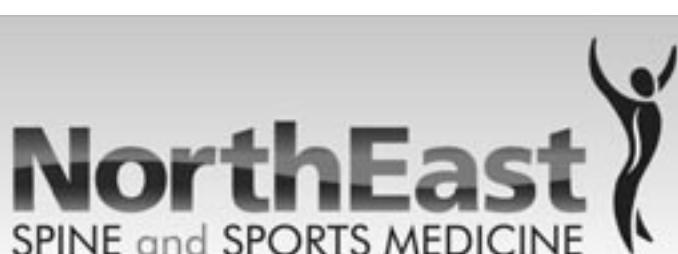
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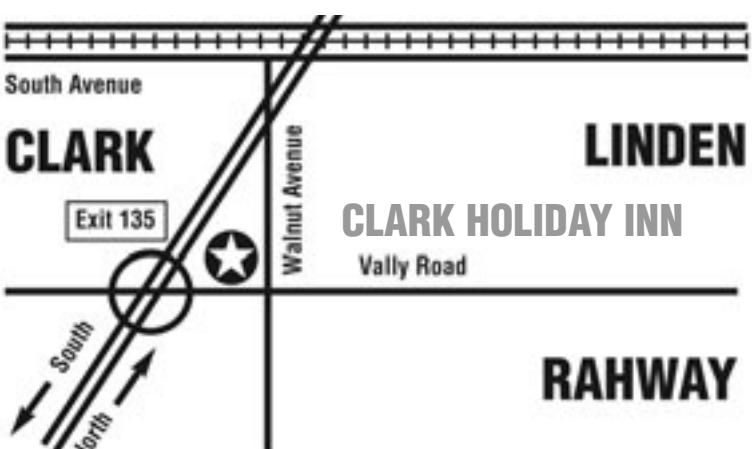
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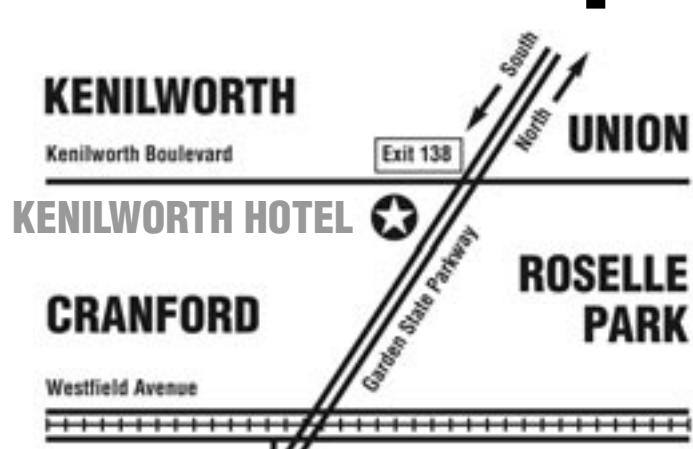
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- "Together We Sing" Festival for Primo Coro
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JANUARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMIT AREA OLD GUARD

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave – we encourage visitation, and all are welcome. Our motto is “Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends.” The organization was founded in 1930. Our website address is summitoldguard.org.

In January, we will have four speakers:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH: RICHARD LANDER

Shares a deep, personal connection to the Civil War as the great-grandson of John R. Lander, a Union soldier. John emigrated from Germany and enlisted with an Illinois regiment at the remarkably early age of fourteen, serving for the entire duration of the war. This military service instilled a generational interest: members of the Lander family have continuously studied the Civil War and maintained membership in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). In his presentation, Richard will detail the complex tapestry of events that led to the conflict, covering the cultural, political, economic, and military factors at play. Attendees are encouraged to note the striking parallels between these historical forces and current events.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH: DR. DEAN EPPLER

Though the Apollo Program was a revolutionary 20th-century achievement, many of its difficulties and successes have faded into

historical obscurity. Dr. Dean Eppler, a retired NASA scientist with over 35 years in human spaceflight, possesses the breadth of experience to bring the mission into focus. His background includes Apollo Program history, advanced space suit engineering, ISS facility development, and training/selecting astronauts (1990, 1996, and 1998 selections). Dr. Eppler will identify the key areas of the mission's success and discuss Apollo's enduring contributions to human spaceflight.

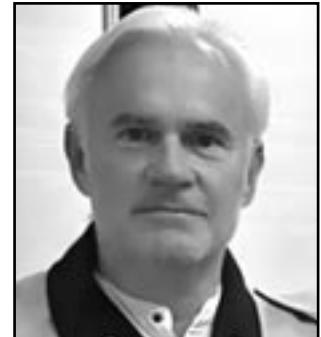
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH: HOWARD MEYER

A long-time leader in New Jersey volunteer EMS. He is the past president of the EMS Council of New Jersey, the country's largest volunteer squad association, and served as its volunteer legislative director for over 20 years. Since 1971, he has served in leadership roles, including president and chief, across all types of New Jersey environments—rural, suburban, and urban. Howard will detail the history and

evolution of the volunteer EMS system, highlighting its critical importance to the state. His talk will cover key events and the major challenges volunteer squads face moving forward.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH: BOB GULA

The Forgotten Victory Trail explores one of America's most overlooked Revolutionary chapters in the brutal campaigns of 1780 in NJ, when burning towns, secret networks, and fierce local resistance helped turn the tide of the war. The Battles of Springfield and Connecticut Farms in June 1780 were critical in the defense of New Jersey (and Washington's forces in Morristown) and in the weakening of the British Forces ahead of the Battle of Yorktown. Our speaker will be Bob Gula, Education Officer –West Fields Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Patriotic Instructor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Member and General Society of Mayflower Descendants.



(above, l-r) Richard Lander, Dr. Eppler, Howard Meyer, Robert Gula

LYDIA MASTERSON CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AS A LITERACY VOLUNTEER

Speaking with a teacher at a parent-teacher conference. Scheduling a medical appointment over the phone. Writing an invitation to a baby shower. If you speak English, these tasks are probably easy for you. But if English is not your native language, these tasks can be monumentally challenging.

That's where Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County (LVSC) comes in. LVSC promotes literacy throughout the community by providing student-centered tutoring and literacy programs for adults who struggle with English as a Second Language (ESL). The organization matches students with trained volunteer tutors, tutors like Watchung resident Lydia Masterson.

Noting that the “winter doldrums” were starting to take effect, Masterson signed up to become a volunteer tutor in January of 2015. “I had recently retired from teaching high school history and jumped at the opportunity to learn how to teach literacy. The training provided eased all fears,” said Masterson. She has since tutored students from Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, South Korea, China and India.

Commenting on her LVSC experience Masterson said: “I've gained a deeper

appreciation for cultures other than my own and truly respect the motivation and determination of my students. To talk with others about life enriches my own journey.”

LVSC is actively recruiting volunteers, like Masterson, to help meet the needs of the local community. An hour or two a week is all it takes to make a difference, and you don't have to be a teacher to be a tutor.

For more info, visit literacysomerset.org, email info@literacysomerset.org,

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(above, l-r) Lydia Masterson, right, and student Catherine.

HICKORY TREE CHORUS INVITES ACAPPELLA SINGERS TO OPEN AUDITIONS

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus is calling singers in the soprano, alto, and contralto ranges to join their harmonious sisterhood!

Performing in communities throughout northern and central New Jersey, the chorus enjoys singing recognizable popular songs - arranged in rich four-part harmony.

Fresh off their top-scoring performance at the 2025 Sweet Adelines Region 15 competition, the

chorus has earned a coveted spot in the Harmony Classic at the 78th Annual Sweet Adelines International Competition in Columbus, Ohio, October 2026. Now, they're building their sound for the world stage.

Open auditions will be held in Stirling between 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in January 2026 and take less than 10 minutes (flexible scheduling is available). Singers are

asked to perform a brief acappella song of their choice. No experience required, just a love of singing and a desire to grow.

This is more than a chorus—it's a sisterhood, a mission, and a moment. Will your voice be part of it?

For details and to schedule your audition, email us at info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399.



(above) The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus invites you to join the sisterhood. For details and to schedule your audition, email us at info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399.

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CAFE FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

Christ Church, Summit, NJ

Too often, those living with memory loss can suffer from social stigma and isolation. A Memory Cafe is a social gathering for those living with cognitive loss, together with their care-partners. It's a welcoming community where all feel safe, accepted, and understood.

"The Gathering Place" is a monthly Memory Cafe hosted by volunteers at Christ Church in Summit. They meet the first Wednesday of every month, from 12 - 2 p.m.

Guests socialize over a light, nutritious lunch

and share friendship, information, and often a few laughs. It is non-sectarian and all are welcome. From guests: "It was enjoyable, uplifting, and worthwhile," and "I wish my mother had something like this to participate in while she was able."

A suggested donation is \$5 per person.

RSVP is requested for menu-planning. Contact Brenda Dodds 908 273-5549 or brenda@ccsnj.org.

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The CDC defines drinking in moderation by limiting intake to 2 drinks or less in a day for men or 1 drink or less in a day for women. Heavier drinking and long-term drinking can increase physical and mental problems. The concept of Dry January, wishing to cut down on your alcohol intake, or simply wanting to begin the new year with a clean slate by choosing not to drink beer, wine, or spirits for one month, appeals to someone who may have noticed a pattern that they're drinking a little bit more than they should, especially during the holidays.

THERE ARE BENEFITS TO DRY JANUARY:

- You'll get a mood boost.
- You'll sleep more soundly.
- You might feel less bloated or even drop a few pounds.
- You'll save money.
- Your skin might look brighter.
- You'll have a stronger immune system.
- You'll feel better in the morning.
- You'll have a new relationship with alcohol.

A month may seem like a long time, but most people can be successful. Here are some tips for a successful Dry January:

Find a substitute non-alcoholic drink. For social situations, or when you crave a cocktail after a long day, reach for alcohol-free beverages like sparkling water, soda, or virgin beverages (non-alcoholic versions of alcoholic drinks.)

Non-alcoholic beer or wine also is an option, but some brands still contain up to 0.5% alcohol by volume, so check the label.

Avoid temptations. Keep alcohol out of your house. When you are invited to someone's home, bring your non-alcoholic drinks with you.

Create a support group. Let friends and family know about your intentions and encourage them to keep you accountable. Better yet, enlist someone to do the challenge with you.

Use the Try Dry app. This free app helps you track your drinking, set personal goals, and offers motivational information like calories and money saved from not drinking. It's aimed at cutting back on or cutting out alcohol, depending on your choices.

Don't give up. If you slip up, don't feel guilty. Just begin again the next day.

If you found Dry January to be a positive experience, why not consider extending it a little longer or gradually decreasing your alcohol consumption? Embracing these small changes could lead to lasting improvements in overall health and well-being.

Written by Amy Lewis, MPH, MCHES, Health Educator, Westfield Regional Health Department, on behalf of the Mayors Wellness Campaign.

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BROOK ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES IT 2ND SPEAKEASY SOIREE AND SILENT AUCTION.

The historic Brook Arts Center is proud to announce its Second Annual Speakeasy Soirée & Silent Auction, Friday, January 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM. This Roaring '20s-themed evening promises an unforgettable night of glitz, glamour, entertainment, and support for one of Somerset County New Jersey's, historic landmarks.

Guests will be transported back to the golden age as they enjoy live music, period-inspired entertainment, and a lavish buffet.

The evening's highlight is a silent auction featuring more than 100 exclusive items, including a cruise getaway, a Bradford Portraits gift certificate with a private photo session, a 20-inch framed wall portrait and luxury hotel stay, four VIP tickets to Meadowlands Racing with dinner and winner's circle photos, designer handbags, sports memorabilia, dining and spa packages and so much more.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple and include buffet dining, live music, live

entertainment, and a cash bar.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 1920s-inspired attire to fully embrace the spirit of the evening.

The Speakeasy Soirée is the Brook Arts Center's largest fundraiser of the year.

As a fully volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Brook Arts Center relies on community support to continue with the preservation and restoration of the facility and its mission of providing high-quality entertainment, inspiring creativity, fostering community partnerships, and nurturing education and growth through the arts.

Tickets are on sale now through January 16, 2026.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit www.brookarts.org.

Reserve your tickets today and be part of a glamorous night that helps keep the arts alive in our community.



CLARK PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY EVENTS

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Reading Challenge for all ages

It's not too late to sign up for our annual Winter Reading Challenge for all ages. Register at clarklibrary.beanstack.org or use the free Beanstack Tracker app!

Open Play for Little Ones

Fridays, January 2 & 16;

Mondays, January 5 & 12;

and Tuesday, January 13 from 10am-11am

There's no story time today, but please feel free to drop in for open play with the library's toys!

Needlework Club

Saturday, January 3 from 10am-2pm

Are you interested in sharing your needlework craft or learning a new one? 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 with others who enjoy needlework! The club will meet one Saturday per month.

Duplo Bingo

Tuesday, January 6 at 10am

Duplo Animal Bingo is a new twist on a fun, classic game. Preschoolers pick a building card enabling them to construct their animal by collecting the corresponding bricks as they are drawn. As they build the colorful and simple models, they engage in shape and color recognition and matching. Preschoolers will explore collaborative play as they communicate and work with other children, follow game rules and take turns.

Patches & Stitches

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 - 12pm-2pm
Bring your quilt or other crafty project and visit with the members of the quilting club.

Totally New Tuesdays

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 6:30pm
Enjoy a new movie for adults. Please check our online calendar or visit the library to check the movies being shown.

Krafty Kids

Wednesday, January 7 at 3:30pm

Don't forget to bring your imagination and creativity to our monthly craft activity geared toward elementary aged children!

Chess Club

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 - 11am-3pm
New members and all levels are welcome!

Thursday Afternoon Movies

January 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 1pm

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

Fingerpainting Friday

Friday, January 9 at 10:00am

No childhood is complete without some good, old-fashioned, messy finger painting.

We will read a story and then make some squishy creations. Wear some old clothes!

Family Play

Saturday, January 10 from 10a-12p

and Saturday, January 17 from 2p-4p

Families are invited to drop in for open play with the library's toys and board games for a variety of ages!

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, January 12 at 3:15pm

Calling all teens in grades 6-12! We need your help for our Teen Advisory Board for the school year. This year we will be planning events for children, coming up with teen program ideas, and any other ideas you have to make the library better. Great opportunity for service hours and resume builder! Snacks provided!

Evening Book Club

Monday, January 12 at 7:00pm

Join us for our next evening book club meeting. We will be discussing "The Art Forger" by B.A. Shapiro. Please speak with a librarian or email librarians@clarklibrary.org if you need a copy of the book.

Exploration Stations - (Tinker Tots)

Thursday, January 15 at 10:30am

Come join us for a morning of fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities perfect for little ones. Play is station based. For children ages 18 months through pre-k. Please register.

All You Can Craft Buffet

Thursday, January 15 from 6:30pm-8pm

All ages are welcome to drop by to choose from a full buffet of supplies and create whatever you want—just have fun!

Romance Book Club

Thursday, January 15 at 7pm

Join us for our newest book club focusing on Romance books! If you're a fan of contemporary romance novels, this is the perfect group for you. Our January meeting will be discussing Maybe in Another Life by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Stop by the library to pick up your copy!

Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays, January 20 & 27 at 10am

Join us for stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and movement activities. Geared toward the under 2 crowd with caregiver. 30 minutes of open play follows.

Unraveled - Teens and Adults:

Knitting and Crochet Night

Tuesday, January 20 at 7pm

Join the Clark Library to knit or crochet (or even cross-stitch or embroider!) for a night of friendship and community. Bring your handwork project to show off or get advice. Teaching is available for beginning knitting or crochet.

Teen Crafting Break: Vision Board Collages

Wednesday, January 21 at 3:30pm

Kick off the new year by crafting your own vision board using magazines, art supplies, and personal photos to bring your future goals and manifestations to life! Open to grades 6-12.

Snacks will be provided.

LEGO® Club

Thursday, January 22 at 6:30pm

Create your own LEGO® 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.

Books & Bagels

Friday, January 23 at 11am

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

Stories and More

Fridays, January 23 & 30 at 10am

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes followed by a simple craft. This program is designed for children ages 3 and up.

Jewelry Bingo Fundraiser

Sunday, January 25 at 2pm

All Bingo players are also eligible to win door prizes – gift cards to local restaurants and businesses. 1:00pm - 2:00pm is Shopping Hour. For every \$50 spent, you'll receive 3 free Bingo boards. Bingo begins at 2:00pm. Register on or before January 24- \$20. Pay at door on January 25- \$25. Registration forms are available at the library or email clarklibraryfol@gmail.com. Adults only please. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clark Library

Tales for Tots

Monday, January 26 at 10am

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

Teen Cooking: Hot Cocoa Bar

Monday, January 26 at 3:30pm

Warm up this winter by learning how to make homemade hot chocolate! Create the perfect drink by adding your favorite toppings and decorating your cup! Open to grades 6-12. Registration required.

Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, January 27 at 1:30pm

Join us for our next afternoon book club meeting. We will be discussing "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner. Speak with a librarian or email librarians@clarklibrary.org if you need a copy of the book.

Little Scientist

Thursday, January 29 at 3:30pm

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We rarely ever hear about the government reducing taxes but it happened this year when New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy eliminated the mandate that legal notices must be printed in a newspaper.

The antiquated mandate is decades old and the cost for the advertising was paid for by public funds from municipalities, counties, school districts, and independent authorities. It was a lucrative business for the publications and more recently the majority of their revenue. Without the mandate the fear in the newspaper industry was that the publications relying on the legal advertising income will not survive.

In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

Local governments will now be required to publish their legal notices on their websites.



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Bushmill's Irish	1.75L	\$46.99
Chivas Regal	750 ml	\$31.99
Chivas Regal	1.75L	\$62.99
Chivas Regal 18 yrs old	750 ml	\$82.99
Crown Royal	750ml	\$29.99
Crown Royal	1.75L	\$50.99
Dewars 12 yrs old	750ml	\$26.99
Dewars 12 yrs old	1.75L	\$47.99
Dewars White Label	750 ml	\$20.99
Dewars White Label	1.75L	\$33.99
Gentleman Jack	750ml	\$29.99
Gentleman Jack	1.75L	\$52.99
Glenmorangie 12 yrs old	750ml	\$46.99
Glenlivet 12 yrs old	750 ml	\$56.99
Glenlivet 12 yrs old	1.75L	\$104.99
Grants	750ml	\$15.99
Grants	1.75L	\$25.99
Jack Daniels	750ml	\$27.99
Jack Daniels	1.75L	\$48.99
Jack Daniels Fire	750ml	\$27.99
Jack Daniels Fire	1.75L	\$48.99
Jameson	750ml	\$29.99
Jameson	1.75L	\$58.99
Jim Beam Whisky	1.75L	\$32.99
Johnnie Walker Blue	750ml	\$176.99
Johnnie Walker Blue	1.75L	\$419.99
Johnnie Walker Black	750ml	\$29.99
Johnnie Walker Black	1.75L	\$59.99
Johnnie Walker Double Black	750ml	\$35.99
Johnnie Walker Red	750ml	\$19.99
Johnnie Walker Red	1.75L	\$33.99
Macallan 12yrs old (double cask)	750ml	\$74.99
Makers Mark	750ml	\$29.99
Makers Mark	1.75L	\$56.99

GIN

Beefeater	1.75L	\$36.99
Bombay Saphire	1.75L	\$39.99
Seagram's gin	1.75L	\$24.99
Tanqueray	750ml	\$22.99
Tanqueray	1.75L	\$38.99

COGNAC & BRANDY

Courvoisier V.S.	750ml	\$30.99
Courvoisier V.S.	1.75L	\$59.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	750ml	\$44.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	1.75L	\$99.99

CORDIALS

Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$47.99
Duggan's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$32.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$45.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$20.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$28.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$45.99

VODKA

Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$17.99
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$29.99
Belvedere Organic Vodka	1L	\$39.99
Belvedere Organic Vodka	1.75L	\$46.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$29.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$57.99
Finlandia	750ml	\$16.99
Finlandia	1.75L	\$28.99
Grey Goose	750ml	\$25.99
Grey Goose	1.75L	\$39.99
Ketel One	750ml	\$19.99
Ketel One	1.75L	\$39.99
Luksusowa Vodka	1.75L	\$25.99
Pinnacle (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Pinnacle (80 proof)	1.75L	\$17.99
Sky	1.75L	\$21.99
Sobieski	750ml	\$12.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$19.99
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$30.99
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Tito's Vodka	1.75L	\$31.99

RUM

Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$13.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$20.99
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$27.99
Malibu	750ml	\$16.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.99

TEQUILA

Cantera Negra Coffee Tequila	750ml	\$29.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$37.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$44.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$81.99
Suave Lunar Tequila	750ml	\$117.99

BEER

Becks (12oz)	24pk	\$29.99
Blue Moon	24pk	\$36.49
Bud and Bud Lite cans	30pk	\$27.99
Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$24.99
Coors Lite (24oz) cans	12pk	\$19.99
Coors Lite/Miller Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$24.99
Coors Lite/Miller Lite	30pk	\$27.99
Corona/Corona Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$32.99
Dab (16oz) cans	24pk	\$28.99
Founders All Day IPA	15pk	\$17.49
Heineken/Heineken Lite	24pk	\$32.99
Land Shark	24pk	\$30.49
Modelo Especial cans	24pk	\$30.99
Pabst Blue Ribbon cans	30pk	\$24.99
Pilsner Urquell	24pk	\$35.99
Sam Adams Boston Lager	24pk	\$37.99
Stella Artois loose bottles	24pk	\$32.99
Super Bock	24pk	\$34.99
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