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# VINCENT MATTHEWS OBITUARY



(above) Vincent James Matthews, Jr.

Courtesy Photo

Vincent James Matthews, Jr., passed away peacefully on December 7, 2025, at Mira Vie Senior living facility in Brick Township, NJ. Vincent was born on September 10, 1939 at Bayonne Hospital to Josephine (Kruse) Matthews and Vincent J. Matthews, Sr.

Vince was a graduate of Roselle Park High School and Newark State College. He taught elementary education in the New Providence, NJ school system for 35 years. Vince resided in New Providence for more than 50 years. He was a Navy veteran and an avid recreational runner who completed 8 marathons in the 1970's.

Vince is survived by his brothers Gerry (Joanne) of Brielle NJ and Larry (Terry) of Lakewood, NJ and numerous nieces & nephews. You can leave a message for his family on: legacy.com

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"At NJYC, singing is just the beginning," said Trish Joyce, Founder and Director. "Through music, we cultivate connection, teamwork, and a deep sense of belonging, and our directors are excited to welcome new singers into our choral family."

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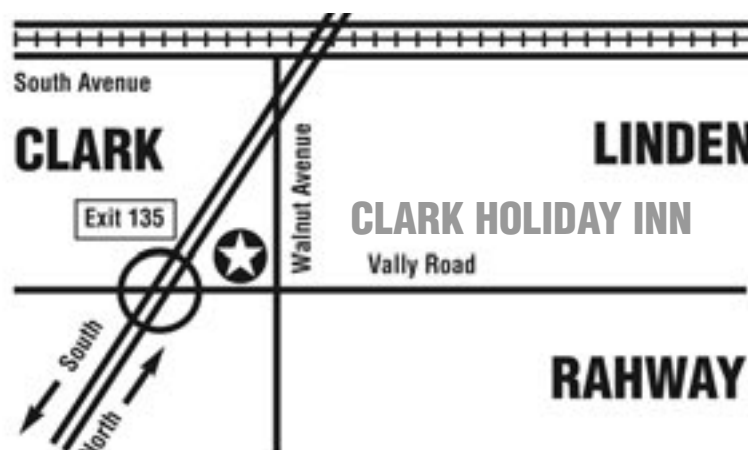
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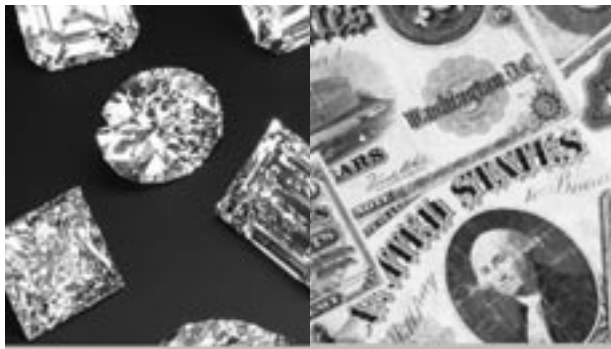
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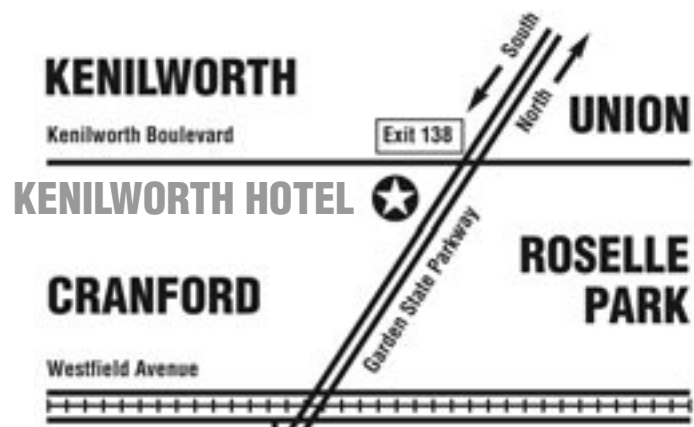
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## TRY DRY JANUARY

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.

## 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

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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](http://www.brookarts.org).

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

A vintage-style poster for the Brook Arts Center's 2nd Annual Speakeasy Soirée and Silent Auction Fundraiser. The poster features a black background with white geometric patterns on the sides. At the top, a small crest reads "BROOK ARTS CENTER". Below this, the text "CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR" is followed by "2ND ANNUAL SPEAKEASY SOIRÉE AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER" in large, bold, serif font. The date and time "DATE: JAN 23RD TIME: 7PM" are listed below. Ticket prices "TICKETS: \$50 P/P \$80 P/C" are shown, followed by "APPETIZERS, ENTERTAINMENT AND CASH BAR" and "COCKTAIL/BUSINESS ATTIRE". At the bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT BROOKARTS.ORG" with a QR code to the right.

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Ages 0-11)

### BOOKS & BADGES

**TUESDAYS @ 11:00 AM**

Children will have a chance to enjoy a book and craft with our officers from the RPPD. Children up to age 9 with a caregiver welcome.

### STORY TIME PLAY GROUP

**WEDNESDAYS @ 11:00AM**

Join Miss Faith for fun stories and songs, then enjoy free play with friends in our playgroup!

Ages 0-5

### LEGO CLUB

**WEDNESDAYS @ 3:00 PM**

**& SELECT SATURDAYS @ 11:00 AM**

Ready, set, build! With our bricks and your imagination, the possibilities are endless! Bring a friend (or two!) and get ready to create something amazing. Ages: 3-12

### JR CHEF\*\*\*

**MONDAY 1/5 @ 3:30 PM**

Build and decorate your own tasty English Muffin snowman pizzas! Spread, top, and create your snowy masterpiece with English muffins, cheese, and fun toppings. Perfect for little chefs ages 5-11. Registration required.

### KIDS CRAFTERNOON\*\*\*

**MONDAY 1/12 @ 3:30 PM**

Bring the winter sky to life! Create the northern lights on black paper using chalk and blending techniques. All supplies provided. Ages 5-11.

Registration required.

### STEAM SQUAD\*\*\*

**MONDAY 1/26 @ 3:30 PM**

Build your own igloo with marshmallows and toothpicks! Kids can explore winter engineering in a fun, hands-on way. Ages 5-12.

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

(Ages 12-17)

### TWEEN BINGO\*\*\*

**THURSDAY 1/8 AFTER SCHOOL**

Join us at the library for a Winter BINGO Event! Registration is encouraged.

### TWEEN Craft

**WEDNESDAY 1/14 AFTER SCHOOL**

Join us at the library for a Winter Craft event!

### Tween Cozy Corner

**TUESDAY 1/20 After school**

Join us at the library for a sweet hot chocolate treat! While supplies last.

## FAMILY EVENTS

### PAJAMA STORY TIME

**THURSDAYS @ 6:30 PM**

Bring your favorite stuffed animal, wear your pajamas and join our library staff for a cozy bedtime story and craft.

### RETRO-SATURDAY MORNING\*\*\*

**SATURDAY, 1/10 @ 11:00 AM**

Come in your pajamas for a retro 80s cartoon morning! Enjoy classic cereals, donuts, and OJ while watching cartoons, making crafts & playing games.. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

### YARN PAINTING\*\*\*

**SATURDAY, 1/31 11:00 AM**

Get creative with yarn! Inspired by the Huichol people of Mexico, kids ages 7+ can make colorful art by filling in pre-drawn images with yarn. Learn new techniques, and create your masterpiece. All supplies included—just bring your imagination! Ages 7 and up, registration required.

### 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

(AGES 0-5)

Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Read books and collect prizes! Sign ups are ongoing, drop in any time to sign up. Roselle Park residents only.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ESL (Ms. Faith Beginner level)

**MONDAYS 5:00PM-6:30PM**

This class is for beginner ESL students looking to advance their skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

### ESL (Ms. Lisa Intermediate level)

**THURSDAYS 5:00PM-6:30PM**

This class is for intermediate ESL students looking to advance their skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

### DIGITAL LITERACY\*\*\*

**THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM**

Build your confidence studying essential computer skills, software skills, and using everyday technology. This program takes place every other Thursday and is appointment based.

Please call or visit the library to inquire.

### HISTORY OF SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINAR\*\*\*

**SATURDAY, 1/17 @ 10:30AM**

Presenter: Rafael Simancas, Licensed Health Insurance Broker This educational seminar will review the history of social security, what the programs are, and how they work for everyday Americans who are either disabled or retired.

Registration is encouraged.

### KNITTING CLUB

**WEDNESDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Knit and crochet winter hats and scarves to donate to charities.

### QUILTING CLUB

**2nd + 4th THURSDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Try out new quilting patterns with friends.

### CAFFEINE & CHAPTERS ADULT BOOK CLUB\*\*\*

**THURSDAY 1/22 6:00PM**

Review our book of the month. Call/visit the circulation desk to reserve a spot.

### TAI-CHI

**TUESDAYS 6:30PM-7:30PM**

Build strength, flexibility, and balance through this gentle form of exercise for ages teens through adults. Space is limited. Roselle Park residents given priority.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### TECH HELP

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(above) Mrs. Claus recently visited the Library from the North Pole with stories, cookies, and decorating fun! We are so grateful for our wonderful community that makes moments like these possible.

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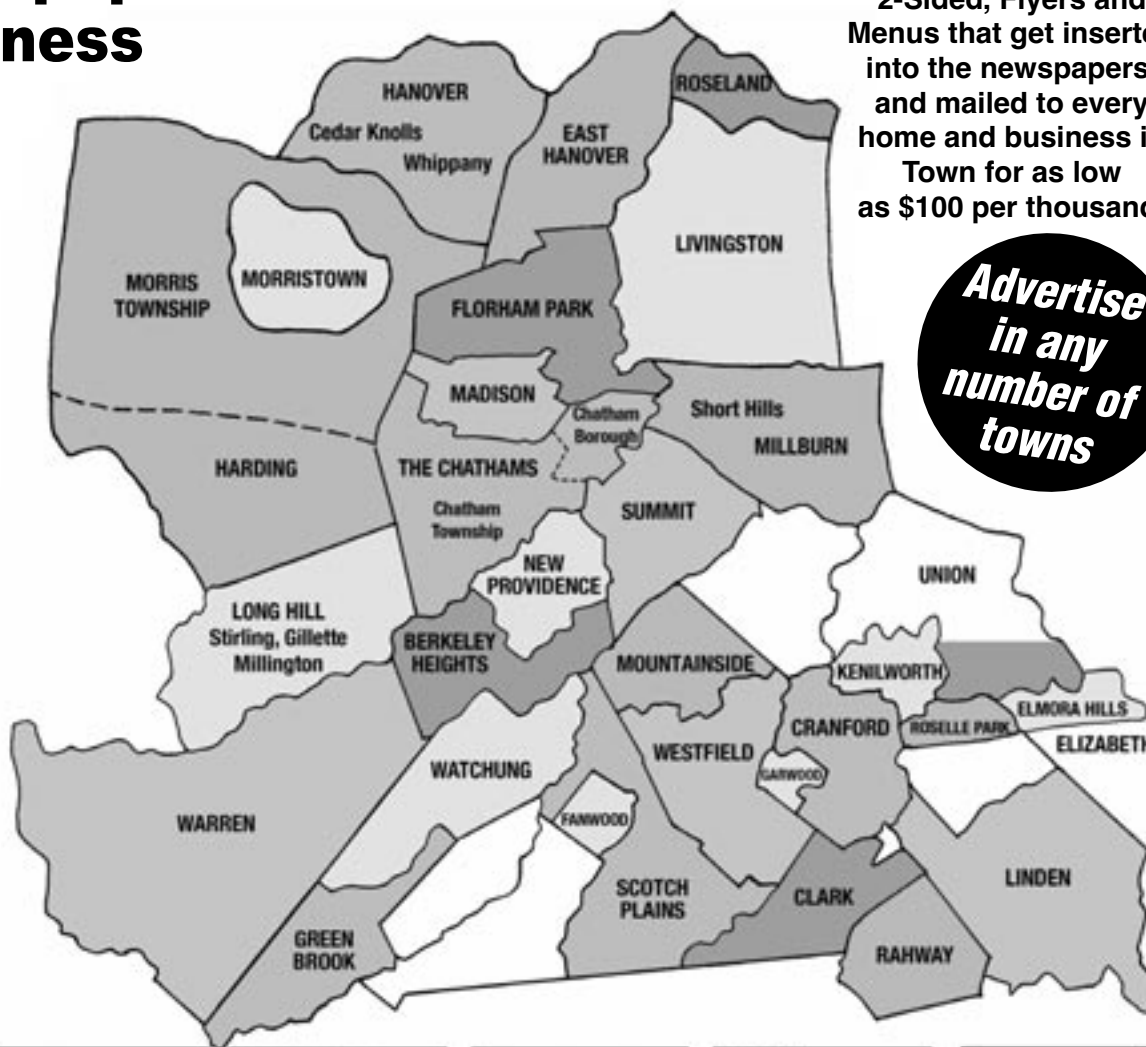
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In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

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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