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Jefferson's Gifted & Talented (G&T) students recently took learning to the next level during an exciting trip to the Students 2 Science Technology Center for a hands-on, real-world STEM experience focused on renewable energy.

Students kicked things off by building anemometers to explore wind speed, then shifted into full engineer mode designing and testing their very own Sail Cars! Through guided challenges, hypothesis-building, and plenty of trial and error - alongside real-life scientists - students discovered firsthand how wind power works and why it matters.

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FREE RABIES CLINIC - APRIL 11

Township of Union

Keep your furry friends safe and healthy! The Township of Union Health Department is hosting a Free Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event will be held at 1050 Jeanette Ave., Union, NJ, directly across from the Boys & Girls Club.

For the safety of all attendees and staff, please

ensure that all dogs are kept on a leash and all cats are secured in carriers. This service is completely free to the public, so it is a great opportunity to stay up to date on your pet's vaccinations.

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The final production of the 107th season at CDC Theatre in Cranford will be the wonderful musical Fiddler On The Roof. The multi-award-winning tale of Tevye the Dairyman and his family's struggles in a changing Russia is a true musical theatre "tradition."

Premiering on Broadway in 1964, it became one of the longest-running shows of its time. Featuring memorable songs like "Tradition," "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset," this beloved work explores the universal human struggles of tradition and change, family love, generational conflict and displacement and migration. Using strong cultural storytelling to blend serious social issues with music and humor, Fiddler on the Roof is a poignant exploration of family, community, and the enduring human spirit in the face of adversity.

Director Emma Taylor Schwartz, a Cranford native, shared "This is my fifth production of Fiddler, and I only love it more and more each time. You could call me a superfan. What a gorgeous show that is both classic and contemporary, with nuance in every scene. It is a non-traditional love story, one that features romantic love, but also love of culture, love of community, love of family and love of identity. I've always resonated with the story and find that anyone of any background can find something to relate to. You don't have to be Jewish to connect with it on a deep level. If you have or had a parent, a child, a family, or a community,

you'll relate to these characters."

Continuing a new program at CDC Theatre, the final performance on May 17th will feature a talented quartet of ASL interpreters. ASL interpreters in theatre do more than translate dialogue; they bring the emotional and artistic essence of a performance to Deaf audiences, making live theatre a truly inclusive experience. While making the performance accessible to Deaf and hearing-impaired audiences they are also performers in their own right, contributing artistically to the performance and we are pleased to welcome them back to CDC Theatre.

The show will run from May 1st through the 17th with 8pm curtains on Fridays and Saturdays and 2pm matinees on Saturday the 9th and Sundays May 10th and 17th.

The company will be led by Larry Brustofski as Tevye and Elle Michaeli as his wife Golde. Their older daughters will be played by Gabrielle Traub (Tzeitel), Katherine Hope Stelma (Hodel), and Nina Randazzo (Chava). Mark Zebro Jr is Lazar Wolf, Bill Geltzeiler, Max Kopla and James Hahn will portray Motel, Perchik and Fyedka. Lori Travers and Rachel Love, Fruma Sarah and Grandma Tzeitel with Gloria Schnure taking the part of Yente.

Visit cdctheatre.org for more details and ticket information. These performances are made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



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NJIO's three orchestras (Prelude, Intermezzo, and Symphony) will present music by Mozart, Grieg, Vaughn Williams, and more, culminating in Sibelius's Symphony no.2.

NJIO concerts provide a relaxed concert atmosphere: no dress code, assigned seating, ticketing, or shushing. To ensure all audience members feel comfortable, NJIO offers a Concert Comfort Station in the concert lobby where attendees can borrow additional cushions, fidget toys, coloring pages and crayons, and large print program books.

This concert is the final performance for NJIO's 2025-2026 season. Information on NJIO's summer education programs is available now at www.njio.org/summer and an announcement about the 2026-2027 concert season will be available in July.

This free concert is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and our season sponsors: the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, the Plainfield Foundation, The Henry S. and Agnes M.

Truzack Foundation, Standish Foundation, and many other generous supporters. NJIO is a proud participating organization in the Families First Discovery Pass Program, a program of the NJ Departments of Health and Human Services.

EVENT DETAILS:
NJIO's Spring Concert: "The National Spirit"
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NJIO is committed to ensuring that its programs and concerts are accessible. For more information regarding the concert or to inquire about patron services, please contact NJIO at info@njio.org, or visit NJIO's website www.njio.org

ABOUT NJ INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA:

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, now in its 32nd season, creates accessible opportunities for people of all ages and stages of life to joyfully participate in classical music. Recognized nationally as an Intergenerational Program of Distinction by Generations United, NJIO welcomes new members of all ages and abilities to one of its orchestras, depending on space availability – no audition required!

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YMCA FREE FAMILY EVENT OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY - APRIL 18

The Gateway Family YMCA is hosting the Y's annual Healthy Kids Day® on Saturday, April 18th at YMCA Branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, NJ. This free, annual event features a variety of family-friendly activities to encourage healthy kids, healthy families, and a healthy start to the summer season.



(above) The Gateway Family YMCA Invites Families to Kick Off a Healthy, Active Summer at Healthy Kids Day. A Free Family Event Open to the Community on April 18th.

Courtesy Photo

Hosted at The Gateway Family YMCA – Elizabeth Branch, 135 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, Five Points Branch, 201 Tucker Avenue, Union, Rahway Branch, 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, and Wellness Center Branch, 1000 Galloping Hill, Union, The Gateway Family YMCA's Healthy Kids Day takes place on April 18th.

The Gateway Family YMCA is offering a one-day Membership Sale in honor of Healthy Kids Day on all memberships with code HKD at www.tgfymca.org/join-the-Y on April 18th.

“It is very important for kids to stay active over the summer, both physically and mentally,” stated Melynda A. Disla, President/CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. “At the Y, we believe in providing resources for families to create healthy habits, no matter the time of year. Healthy Kids Day is a fun, free community-wide event that encourages families to take advantage of all the great summer activities the Y has to offer.”

Sponsored nationally by Peanuts and Gatorade, Healthy Kids Day's mission is to prepare community families for a safe, healthy and fun summer. Some featured activities at The Gateway Family YMCA include Family Yoga, Swimming, Basketball, and a Summer Day Camp Parent Information Session 12:00-2:00pm.

In honor of the YMCA's 175th anniversary in the United States, YMCAs nationwide are expanding their commitment to nurturing healthy,

confident kids through their annual Healthy Kids Day celebration. Healthy Kids Day reflects the Y's long-standing mission of strengthening communities and helping youth reach their full potential, a mission that has guided the organization for 175 years and continues to shape its work today. Locally, The Gateway Family YMCA has been serving the community for 126 years.

In addition to the Healthy Kids Day event, YMCA programs including Child Care, School Age Before/After School Care, Swimming Lessons, STEAM and Youth Sports will be celebrating Healthy Kids Day activities with youth and families throughout the week.

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 through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services for all. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA, visit www.tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or the Wellness Center and WISE Center Branch at 908-349-9622.

YMCA – FIVE POINTS BRANCH NEW POOL LIFT

The Gateway Family YMCA is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$18,257 as part of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC) 2025 Direct Effect 1st Cycle Quality of life grants. Sixty-one grants totaling \$1,240,870 were awarded. The Quality of Life Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations that empower individuals living with paralysis. Since the Quality of Life Grants Program's inception, more than 4,000 grants totaling \$48 million have been awarded. Funding for this program was made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL grant #90PRRC0006-04).

The Reeve Foundation's National Paralysis Resource Center offers several grants under the Quality of Life program, awarding grants in various categories with different amounts.

“These grants represent more than funding—they represent freedom, possibility, and dignity for individuals living with paralysis,” said Dan McNeal, Director of the Quality of Life Grants Program at the Reeve Foundation. “At the heart of our mission is a commitment to improving everyday life for our community. We are proud to support organizations across the country that are removing barriers and building programs rooted in equity, accessibility, and compassion.”

This grant allowed The Gateway Family YMCA to purchase and install a new Aqua Creek Revolution XL Deep Draft Pool Lift at The Gateway Family YMCA – Five Points



Branch, 201 Tucker Avenue, Union, expanding accessibility for individuals and families utilizing the YMCA pool for programs, exercise, or swimming. The Pool Lift was part of a larger swimming pool renovation project that included installation of a new pool deck, painting, and facility aesthetic enhancements, reopening in January 2026.

“Access to aquatics programming is essential for individuals in our community. There are many therapeutic benefits of water therapy, and this additional allows us to ensure that everyone has access,” stated Colleen Clayton, Chief Development and Strategy Officer, The Gateway Family YMCA.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA or YMCA programs, visit www.tgfymca.org.



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42ND ANNUAL QUILT SHOW - APRIL 11

Harvest Quilters of Central NJ will present their 42nd annual Quilt Show on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Sharing the Quilts 42 will be held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under twelve.

At 10:30 a.m., Katherine Evans will present "My Journey - Stitching Together an International Community of Quilters." Evans' talk will cover her years living in Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico from 2007 to 2025. She'll highlight her outreach to local women who together developed sewing and design skills creating one-of-a-kind group quilts, many of which will be on display.

Wendy Sheridan of Rahway will be recognized as 2026's Featured Quilter.

Sheridan is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist whose work spans fiber, watercolor, ink, and acrylics. With a lifetime of experience in fabric and fiber arts, she has created quilts, housewares, and costumes, serving as costume mistress for the Union County Academy for the Performing Arts from 2008-2012.

Her fiber art installation "What We Did This Summer," in collaboration with Lauren Reidy, has been on display at the New Jersey Transit Rahway station in the fall/winter of 2025-2026. "I love bold color, an explosion of color shows up in all my art forms," said Sheridan, a retired electrical engineer and technical writer.



(above) Featured Quilter, Wendy Sheridan of Rahway

Courtesy Photo

Local charities will benefit from drawings for a traditional queen-sized quilt with a modern flair, gift cards and craft themed gift baskets.

In addition to viewing a full array of modern, traditional, art and wall-hanging quilts, attendees can participate in viewer's choice awards, kid's crafting table and vendor sales area.

A tearoom offering lunch, snacks, homemade baked goods, and beverages will benefit Willow Grove Church programs.

For additional information, please contact harvestquilters.com or with questions email: harvestquiltersnj@gmail.com.

YOUTH FISHING DERBY APRIL 11

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club's Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. The event is free for children under 16, and \$10 for adults who wish to participate. Monies from this derby is used for stocking in 2027 and adult prizes. Sign up will start at 6:30 a.m. and will end around 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 1 p.m. to all children present. Grand prizes and Adult prizes will be awarded at our June meeting. Sign up can be in-person at the lake, on line at nbfcc.org.

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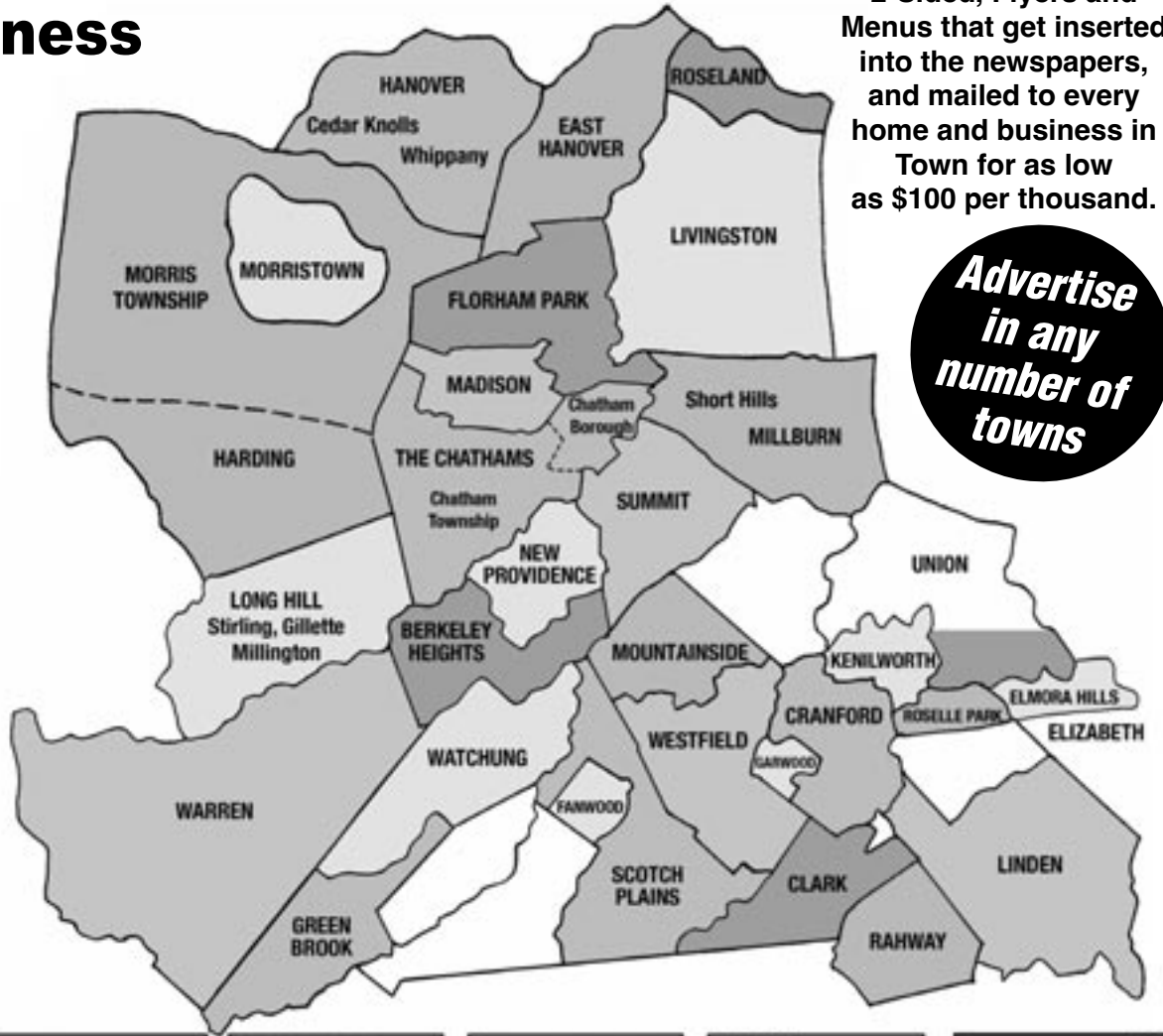
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Cheesy Comfort Food Demo

(Vauxhall Branch Library)
Wed. April 1st @ 6:00 pm

On the menu: Manchego with Roasted Red Pepper, Baked Brie, and 4 Cheese Mac and Cheese. Small samples will be provided.

Black Masculinities in Comic Books:

A Film & Community Discussion

(Vauxhall Branch Library)
Sat. April 4th @ 1:00 pm

A documentary on an examination of 40 years of changing representations of Black masculinity in a significant area of popular culture -- comic books.

Creative Job Search Strategies

(Vauxhall Branch Library)
Mon. April 6th @ 6:00 pm

In this workshop, you'll learn how to go beyond traditional applications by using targeted outreach, networking touchpoints, personal branding, and insider research to uncover hidden opportunities.

Just Gaines presents General Health Nutrition

(Vauxhall Library)

Wed. April 8th @ 6:00 pm

We will discuss basic nutrition education, different dietary approaches and countless fitness and nutrition topics and strategies that can help improve your diet, manage your weight and improve your overall well being.

Garden State:

Living Off the Land in 19th Century NJ

(Main Library)

Mon. April 13th @ 6:00 pm

Explore the agricultural history of New Jersey and its profound influence on farming today with the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts.

Rules of the Road - Financial Investing

(Main Library)

Tues. April 14th @ 6:00 pm

The most common investing mistakes and how to avoid them, investing strategies to help reach your long-term goals, and what you can do even now to prepare for your retirement.

Adult Game Night

(Vauxhall Branch Library)
Wed. April 15th @ 6:00 pm

Come join us as we play classic board games for a fun and relaxing night

Candle-Making Workshop

(Main Library)

Mon. April 20th @ 6:00 pm

Express your creative side at our candle-making workshop. Limited slots available for this hands-on experience to crafting your own personalized candle. Register early to reserve your place in this truly unique experience.

Vauxhall Negro League Baseball Club

(Vauxhall Branch Library)

Mon. April 20th @ 6:00 pm

Come join us where our goal is to preserve the history of Negro League Baseball. Our meetings will consist of presentations, discussions, film viewings, book talks.

The Foundations of Investing

(Main Library)

Tues. April 21st @ 6:00 pm

Presentation for patrons who are new to investing or people who are looking for a refresher. Developing an investing strategy, the impact of an asset allocation, as well as the influence of inflation on your long-term goals.

Genealogical Group Class with Hunting History

(Main Library)

Thur. April 23rd @ 6:00 pm

James Calaski will be teaching you how to use Ancestry.com, build your family tree and you will learn unique investigative techniques. Get great tips and tricks to start your own genealogical research.

The Advance Care Preparedness Workshop

(Main Library)

Sat. April 25th @ 11:00 am

his workshop provides clear guidance on advance directives, healthcare proxies, living wills, while creating the space for meaningful conversations about personal values, goals of care, and end of life preferences. .

Vauxhall Vinyl Music Club: Miles Davis

(Vauxhall Branch Library)
Sat. April 25th @ 1:00 pm

Please join us for a meeting of the Vauxhall Vinyl Music Club. Not only will we play the music, but we will go in depth on important tracks and the making of an album. April's selection will be the most popular jazz album of all time Miles Davis Kind of Blue.

Union Public Library's Silent Book Club

(Main Library)

Mon. April 27th @ 6:00 pm

There's no assigned reading. All readers are welcome to join in, from fiction and non-fiction to ebooks and more! Bring your own book and join us as we read in quiet camaraderie.

Interview Mastery with Career Ready

(Vauxhall Branch Library)

Mon. April 27th @ 6:00 pm

What makes a strong interview - from crafting compelling STAR stories to answering tough questions with ease. You'll learn how to communicate your value, highlight your strengths, and build rapport with interviewers.

ESL Conversation Group

(Main Library)

Tues. April 28th @ 5:30 pm

English Conversation Group. This ESL-adjacent program offers monthly, 2-hour group sessions to support English speaking, writing, and listening skills. .

Total Body Blast with Courtney Gaines

(Vauxhall Branch Library)

Wed. April 29th @ 6:00pm

Total Body Blast is an energy-driven, small group class that focuses on increasing strength, cardiovascular endurance, stability, and mobility. We will complete a wide range of upper and lower body movements that will challenge your body in a safe and efficient way. This quick and effective workout is designed for all fitness levels. This program is led by Courtney Gaines.

Retirement: Making Your Money Last

(Main Library)

Thur. April 30th @ 6:00pm

Attendees will learn investment strategies to help build a strategy to last throughout one's retirement years.

Meditation

(Virtual on Zoom)

Mondays @ 6:30 pm

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

Chair Yoga

(Main Library)

Tuesdays in April starting April 14th @ 9:15 am

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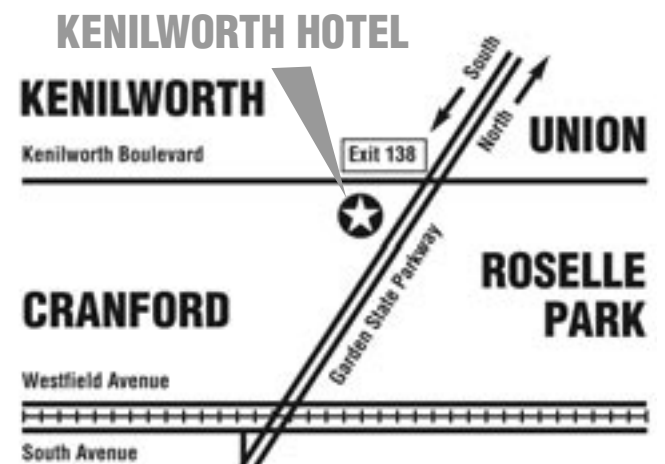
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