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## NORTHFIELD BANK CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF THEIR NINTH NEW JERSEY BRANCH

Northfield Bank celebrated the opening of their new Union Branch at 1305 Morris Avenue with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday November 17, 2012.

As part of the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Northfield donated \$2,500 to two area organizations: the YMCA of Eastern Union County and Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County. In addition, in response to Hurricane Sandy Northfield used the funds allocated for a prize wheel to make a \$2,500 donation to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey located in Hillside.

The new Union facility will have an intelligent ATM which will allow customers to make deposits without the need for an envelope, a customer waiting lounge, digital marketing signage and private customer service offices that allow for greater privacy when conducting business.

John Crisafulli has been named Branch Manager of the Union Office, where he will manage the day-to-day

operations of the branch. John brings over 15 years of banking experience to Northfield, holding positions at Two Rivers Community Bank, Union Center National Bank, Fleet Bank, and PNC Bank. Mr. Crisafulli is an active member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and Fanwood Business and Professional Association.

*The Union Township branch is located at  
1305 Morris Avenue at the corner of Salem Road.  
Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm;  
Thursday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm;  
and Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.*

### ABOUT NORTHFIELD BANK

Northfield Bank, founded in 1887, operates 29 full service banking offices in Brooklyn, New York, Staten Island, New York, and Middlesex and Union counties, New Jersey. For more information about Northfield Bank, please visit [www.eNorthfield.com](http://www.eNorthfield.com).

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*(above) Northfield Bank continued to demonstrate its commitment to the community during the Union Office Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by making donations to the YMCA of the Eastern Union County, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, and the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Representatives of these three charities join Northfield Bank employees and local officials to cut the ribbon for the opening of the Union Office. Photo Credit: Vincent Amesse, Amesse Photography.*



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## MEET VIKTORIA MOROZOVSKA FEATURED WRITER FOR SPIRIT OF UNION



Viktoria Morozovska spent most of her formative years in Newark, moving to Union the summer before seventh grade. She studied at Kawameeh Middle School and then Union High School. While attending the latter, she was an active member in DECA, Vice-President of the National Art Honor Society, and during her last few months became a permanent fixture of the stairs near the main office in an attempt to recreate them in pastels. Currently, Viktoria is studying Marketing and Accounting at Rutgers Newark, leaving her younger brother to keep the staff of UHS on their toes.

In her time off Viktoria keeps busy with George R.R. Martin novels, any show involving Steven Moffat, and classic movies, all while listening to a Sinatra song in the background.

With a more lenient schedule this semester, Viktoria is interning as a writer for Spirit of Union Newspaper. She will be reaching out to school clubs, non-profit organizations and community service groups who have events to promote and report on. Groups are encouraged to email contact information and news to [info@rennamedia.com](mailto:info@rennamedia.com) for consideration.

Through Viktoria's efforts, students interested in writing and visual arts will be given the opportunity to have articles and art published in the newspaper.

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From 2 to 5 p.m., on three Sundays—January 20, February 10, and February 24, the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, will be open to the public. The museum, once the residence of Rev. James and Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Lore Ullrich and Anita Centeno, members of the Union Township Historical Society, will be dressed in authentic colonial attire and will serve as docents. Admission is free; donations are welcome. More information is available by calling Barbara La Mort, Secretary, at 908-687-0048 or at [uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com](http://uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com)

## COMMUNITY BASED INSTRUCTION TRIP

*Submitted by: Jason Malanda, Principal, Kawameeh Middle School*

Room 204, Kawameeh Middle School, made a Community Based Instruction Trip to the Olive Garden on Route 22, Springfield.

The class had a wonderful educational experience. We had a personal tour of the entire restaurant with our tour guide, Selam. We learned all about the restaurant business, the

many employees needed to run a restaurant; such as, managers, hostesses, servers, bussers and chefs. We saw first hand what each job entailed.

Our tour guide had our students role play the job of a server and then each student was able to make their own pizza lunch. This all was complimentary of the Olive Garden. The students not only learned a lot but enjoyed the great food. We all hope to go back to the Olive Garden real soon.



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# PEARL HARBOR DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Veteran's Alliance of Union, which consists of VFW, American Legion, DAV and JMW posts, recently held its annual Pearl Harbor Day remembrance service at the Michael A. Kelly VFW Post's home.

Highlighting the program was a talk by Tom

Mahoney, a Pearl Harbor survivor, who made poignant, personal reminiscences in describing vividly "the day that will live in infamy". Another highlight came when five other WWII vets joined Tom and shared memories with each other and members of the audience.



(above) Bob Knecht, Dick Rembert, Walter Jankowski, George Ondish and Walter Doctorow.

## GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Garden Club resumes its meetings on Wed, Feb 6, 7 pm, Bonnel Room, Town Hall, Morris Avenue. We will be putting together a Garden Club cookbook. Bring in your favorite garden recipes. We will also be starting the Community Garden Committee, a new venture of our Club. New members are welcome to come.



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## SGT. BOLL PRESENTED WITH MAYOR'S AWARD

Sergeant Michael Boll was presented with the Township of Union's Mayor's Award on December 18th, 2012. Boll, husband to wife Trish and father to twin daughters, Victoria and Jacqueline, is a graduate of both Union High School and Rutgers' University, and holds a degree in Criminal Justice. He was appointed to the Union Police Department in July of 1994 and promoted to Sergeant in April 2007.

During his career as a police officer, Sergeant Boll has participated in programs and services such as patrol, D.A.R.E., bicycle units, and street crimes. He has also used his title for other good; becoming a prominent figure in the community and organizing multiple fundraisers to aid and promote awareness for charitable

causes including the annual Torch Run and the Polar Bear Plunge, which both benefit the Special Olympics. In 2010 the proactive officer formed the Township of Union Police Department Honor Guard and has been the face of the notable Santa-in-Blue program since he established it in 1995. This year, in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Boll expanded the Toy Drive to include all of the affected children throughout the state. He worked tirelessly to promote the event even lobbying Union's own, Ray Liotta and other celebrities to lend a helping hand.

Thanks to Sergeant Boll, Santa-in-Blue is a continually a tremendous success. Mayor Joseph Florio commended Boll on "his selfless, untiring dedication to the community of Union."

## REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

The Township of Union has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, LLC to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides Union officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire township.

Mayor Clifton People Jr., cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called." One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database, which is an extremely important feature.

"No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included," Mayor People said, urging all individuals and businesses to log onto the Township of Union website, [www.uniontownship.com](http://www.uniontownship.com), and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page.

Those without Internet access may call the Administration Office (908) 851-8500, Monday through Friday, (8AM-5PM) to supply their

information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number. "CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages," Mayor People explained.

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### The Valentine's Day Storytime and Craft

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### Bedtime Storytime

*Monday, February 4th at 7:00pm.*

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited. Mother Goose Time, for children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers, will be held on Tuesdays, January 22, 29th, February 5th, 12th, and 26th at 10:30am. .

### Toddler Time

for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers

*Wednesdays, January 23 & 29th;*

*February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 10:30am.*

### Preschool Storytime

for children 3 ½ through kindergarten

*Thursdays, January 24th & 31st;*

*February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 10:30am.*

### Bedtime Storytime

*Monday, January 28th at 7:00pm.*

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

### The February meeting of our Homeschooling Group

*Monday, February 11th at 10:30am.*

This is a place to meet and share information and ideas with other homeschoolers and also become familiar with the Library and the resources we have to offer. Families are encouraged to bring their own board games to the meetings. Please call or email Mary Pritting at mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3 for more info.

### February is Black History Month

Celebrating the work of award-winning author/illustrator, Angela Johnson, with a Storytime and Craft Program.

*Monday, February 11th at 7:00pm.*

for children of all ages and their caregivers.

### Celebrate National Bird Feeding Month

**"Birds" Storytime and Craft Program**

*Friday, February 15th at 11:00am.*

for children of all ages and their caregivers.

### Saturday Storytime and Craft Program

*Saturday, February 16th at 11:00am.*

Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome.

### "National Tooth Fairy Day"

**Storytime and Craft Program**

*Tuesday, February 19th at 11:00am.*

for children of all ages and their caregivers.

### Lego Club

for children, ages 5 through 12

*Thursday, January 24th & February 21st at 3:30pm.*

This is an opportunity for kids to get creative and build anything they choose. The library will provide the Legos, while the kids provide the imagination! All materials must stay at the library so bring your camera to document your creations. Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist.

### The children's film, "Cinderella"

starring Brandy and Whoopi Goldberg

*Monday, February 25th at 7:00pm.*

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

## VAUXHALL BRANCH CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

### After School Movie Presentation of, "Disney's Brave"

*Thursday, January 31st at 3:00pm.*

Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

### Bedtime Storytime

*Monday, February 4th at 7:00pm.*

for children of all ages and their caregivers

### Preschool Craft Program

*Tuesday, February 5th at 11:00am.*

for children, ages 3 – 5, and their caregivers.

Space is limited. Signup is required

### School-Age Craft Program

*Thursday, February 7th at 3:30pm.*

for children, grades 1 and up, and their caregivers.

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### Celebrate Black History Month

**Storytime and Craft Program**

*Tuesday, February 12th at 3:30pm.*

This program is for children, grades 1 and up, and their caregivers. Space is limited. Signup is required.

### Game Day

for children ages 3 – 5 and their caregivers

*Tuesday, January 22nd & February 19th at 11:00am.*

Space is limited. Signup is required.

### Game Day Part 2

for children in grades 1 through 6 and their caregivers.

*Thursday, January 24th & February 21st at 3:30pm.*

Space is limited. Signup is required.

### Disney Movie Matinee

*Tuesday, January 29th at 10:45am.*

**"Beauty and the Beast".**

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

### Movie Matinee showing of the films,

**"Cat in the Hat Comes Back" and "Hop on Pop",**

*Tuesday, February 26th at 10:45am.*

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### After School Movie Presentation of,

**"Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat"**

*Thursday, February 28th at 3:00pm.*

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At a recent Union Township Board of Education meeting, Ed Graf, a teacher at Kawameeh Middle School was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Although the award was announced at the State Convention earlier this year, schedule conflicts precluded a formal presentation at that time. Past Commander and current Quartermaster of the Michael A. Kelly Post: 2433 Bob Johnson presented the citation. He described Graf's initiation of and hard work in leading Kawameeh's annual Proud To Be An American Day program.

This program has brought patriotic speakers, military exhibits, local veterans and even the Golden Knights Parachute Team to join the students. Johnsen also spoke of Graf's help with other community activities, many of which were of a patriotic nature such as the Memorial Day Parade and Service. Graf also has received the Mayor's Award and was honored at the Kelly Post's Loyalty Day Program.

Other speakers including Supt. Of Schools Dr. Patrick Martin and Kawameeh Principal Jason Malanda offered congratulations and joined with Johnsen and Graf in commending the students and staff of Kawameeh for their excellent participation and support of the Proud To Be An American program. Four other Kelly Post veterans in the audience were recognized and applauded. They included Commander Leo Graf, Past State Commander Dennis Clark, Ed Mc El Roy and Bob Knecht.

## SHELLS FOR NJ SHORES

Mrs. Colleen Cannon, Art Teacher from Battle Hill School, Union, found a unique and productive way to help the children of Union Beach Memorial Elementary School which was badly damaged when Super Storm Sandy buried their bay shore community. With the seashore and the holiday season in mind, Battle Hill's 4th graders created a holiday ornament by using small various seashells and affixing a string of colored beads. The initiative was called "Shells for NJ Shores." The ornaments were sold at the school and were a big hit on December 17th when the school had its annual Holiday show. Student Council Advisors, Miss Alison Brehm and Mr. John Bogner, had the student council members assist with the sale. The ornaments sold for \$5.00 each and generated \$1,000 which was sent to Mr. Brian Walsh, Principal, at the Union Beach Memorial Elementary School.





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