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TOWNSHIP
NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY
AUGUST 7
5 pm to 10 pm

POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
981 CALDWELL AVE

5TH ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN SOAPBOX DERBY

Kicking off the 4th of July festivities in the Township of Union, the 5th Annual All American Soapbox Derby was a success with 30 participants and over sixty races. The winners of this year's derby are; Marina La'Rosa, 10, taking the first place trophy and Shekinah Hightower, 9, won the second place trophy. Every child takes home a trophy for participating.

Deputy Mayor Clifton People Jr, Committeeman Anthony Terrezza and Committeeman Manuel Figueiredo were present and congratulated the winners. "This is one of the best derby races we've had, it was a success as a new Union tradition for the Fourth of July," stated Committeeman Terrezza. As the winners were awarded their trophies, Deputy Mayor Clifton People Jr. stated that, "the girls showed such fortitude on such a hot day." The Soapbox Derby was well attended with family and friends on both sides of the raceway, as well as fellow participants running along the hay bales cheering for their favorites. "It is great

having all the families come out for this event," stated Committeeman Figueiredo, "here is the future and they did such a great job."

Sponsors for the 5th Annual All American Soapbox Derby are Ray Catena of Union, Regional Industries, Bed Bath and Beyond and Union Center National Bank.



*(left, l-r)
Shekinah
Hightower is
fitted with helmet
before her race.*

*Additional photos
from the 2012
Soapbox Derby
can be found on
pages 6 and 7.*

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON TRACK FOR AUGUST 7TH

The Township of Union Police Department will be hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. This event will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, located at 981 Caldwell Avenue, in Union, NJ. We will be inviting residents in neighborhoods throughout Union to join us, along with various Township companies, as well as other government agencies involved in public service to take part in cookouts, contests, youth activities, anti-crime activities, and distribute drug and alcohol prevention awareness literature.

National Night Out was designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



(above) Bouncing in the Moonwalk was just some of the fun at last year's National Night out event.

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The Michael A. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Union, and its Ladies Auxiliary have installed their officers for the 2012-2013 Program Year. At a recent public meeting Past District President Jeanne Schwartz and Past N.J. State Commander Dennis Clark officiated at the ceremony.

Graf, who is serving his 13th year as Commander, spoke about the post's successes in many areas including work with hospitalized and needy veterans, community recognition through civic activities, support of worthwhile

causes and a great camaraderie during social events.

As the Post rental agent he spoke of continuing efforts to beautify the facility which have made it a very desirable hall to rent. Thanking all the officers and members who have supported the post, he highlighted the Auxiliary whose support is a major factor in the successes.

Urban, who is serving her first year as president, pledged to do her very best to continue the outstanding record of her predecessors.

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The website features up to date articles, a calendar of events, archives of Spirit of Union Newspaper, photo albums, and advertisements.

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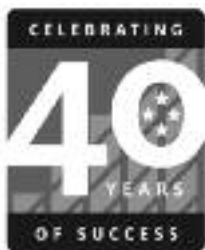
Kelly Post Officers, 2012-2013

(above, l-r) Service Officer Ed Mc Elroy, Chaplain Dick Rembert, Junior Vice Commander Phil Bozulus, Commander Leo Graf, Past District Commander Norman Schawartz, Guard and Surgeon Dan Sickels, Officer of the Day Joe Barbella, Quartermaster Bob Johnsen.



Kelly Post Auxiliary Officers, 2012-2013

(above, l-r) Past President Paula Wojtczak, Installing Officer Jeanne Schwartz, Secretary Jane Graf, Stella Laboda, Conductress Alma Lauer, Patriotic Instructor Selma Fein, President Nettie Urban, Treasurer Betty Bober, Senior Vice President Marion Bozulus, Chaplain Pat Schleck, Second Vice President Gussie Moran.



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POLICE SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

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These safety tips are offered to visitors of www.uniontownship.com

It is a top priority of the Township of Union Police Department to protect and serve the residents of the Township of Union, utilizing the philosophy of Community Oriented Policing, which provides for the delivery of police services with a focus on the needs of the residents of the Community. It is the mission of the Union Police Department to be sensitive to the needs of community and to work with residents to improve and maintain the quality of life within the Township.

The Union Police Department encourages communication and listens to the concerns of the community. Through a proactive approach, utilizing community education and crime prevention, officers and the community become members of team with the common goals of reduced crime and improved quality of life.

- Residents should be aware of any individual who may approach them with a conversation regarding "found money" and what to do with it. These types of scams generally require that the victim supply some type of "good faith" money. The perpetrator will eventually get money from the victim and then disappear.

- Beware of home repair scams. If you did not request any type of repair call, send the individual away and call police with information. Do not entertain unsolicited offers for roof, driveway, or any other types of repair. Do not be lured by inexpensive repair offers, they may end up costing much more.
- When you are in your yard, keep all doors locked, even if you are only a few feet away from your home.
- Do not let strangers into your home (even to just use the bathroom, because they may be sick, or they have car trouble and want to use your phone) nor become engaged in conversations with strangers outside your home. An individual may be keeping your attention, while another will enter your home to take your valuables.
- If strangers claim to be from a utility company, request identification and even with identification let them wait outside while you confirm via the phone with the utility company they are representing. If in doubt call POLICE.
- Do not give out personal information over the telephone such as credit card numbers or bank account numbers.

- Beware of mail or telephone contacts that tell you that you are the winner of a foreign lottery. These usually require up front amounts of money from the victim and in the end there is no lottery or prize.
- Keep packages and valuables such as purses, wallets, cell phones, computers or gps navigation systems out of plain view. Secure these items in your trunk or take them with you when you leave your vehicle.
- Report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to your local police department, along with as complete a description as possible.

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UNION HIGH CLASS OF 1972 REUNION

A 40-Year Reunion for Union High School Class of 1972 is being planned. We are looking for all classmates from our 1972 graduating class at Union High.

Please send name, address, phone and email address to: unionhs1972@gmail.com , or call 201-666-1234. The date for the Reunion is October 6, 2012 at Galloping Hill Caterers.

GARDEN CLUB SCOUTING FOR CURB APPEAL CONTESTENTS

The Garden Club of Union will meet, Wed, Aug 1, 7 p.m. in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall, Morris Ave. In addition to our meeting and refreshments, we are engaging in our 3rd annual Curb Appeal Contest. We will be scouting Union neighborhoods to select candidates for our contest to be held in September. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Membership not necessary, so all are welcome to get their lawns ready for judging.

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FUNNY FILM FOLK FROM JOISEY AT THE UNION LIBRARY

The Union Public Library is screening a series of comedy films featuring actors from New Jersey on Tuesdays commencing at 2 PM.

Featuring in the series are such personalities as Mira Sorvino (Tenafly), Nathan Lane (Jersey City), Tea Leoni (Englewood), Alan Alda (formerly of Leonia), Paul Rudd (Passaic), Janeane Garofalo (Madison) and Bert Wheeler (Paterson). Admission to the programs is free.

Clueless (1995)

with Paul Rudd – July 17, 2012 @ 2 PM

Romy and Michele's High School Reunion

(1997) with Mira Sorvino and Janeane Garofalo– July 24, 2012 @ 2 PM

Mouse Hunt (1997)

starring Nathan Lane – July 31, 2012 @ 2 PM

The Artist (2011) – Best Picture of 2011 - July

24, 2012 at 7 PM (A French Comedy) at 7 PM.

BECOME “BEAR SMART”

Union Library helped residents to get to know NJ black bears and become a “Bear smart community.”

(pictured) Elaine Dunn of the The B.E.A.R. Group (Bear Education and Resource Group) based in Hewitt, NJ offered a free program entitled “Get to Know NJ Black Bears and Become a BEAR SMART Community” at the Union Public Library in June. Dunn presented information about the nature of black bears, one of New Jersey’s most beautiful animals. They are timid creatures and generally afraid of humans. The B.E.A.R. Group’s mission is to educate residents about black bears, reduce unwarranted fears, promote tolerance of bear neighbors and foster peaceful co-existence between people and bears. To learn easy ways to lessen the chances of having bears frequent residential neighborhoods, visit bearstudy.org as well as the B.E.A.R. group’s Web site at www.savenjbears.com.



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A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT LES PAUL & MARY FORD AT LIBRARY ON JULY 31, 2012

The Union Public Library is pleased to offer a program featuring musicians Tom

Doyle and Sandy Cory at the Union Public Library on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 7 PM. The public is invited to this admission-free program but seating is limited.

The very talented couple will perform a tribute concert to Les Paul and Mary Ford featuring guitar, flute, percussion and vocals. The husband and wife duo of Les Paul and Mary Ford could be found at the top of the pop music charts throughout the 1950s. Their biggest hits included "Tennessee Waltz," "How High the Moon," "Lady of Spain," and "I'm Sitting On Top of the World."

Tom Doyle has been a luthier for over 40 years and currently runs his own guitar building school in New Jersey. He has customized, repaired, and modified guitars for such artists as George Benson, Sting, Bucky Pizzarelli, Al Caiola, Al Dimeola, Tony Mottola, Jummy Page, and Les Paul.

Through the years, as fate would have it, a student guitarist and singer, Sandy Cory, came into the picture. Tom saw Sandy's great talent

and began to do gigs and shows with Sandy as part of the act. This slowly started to be perfected and developed into a fantastic duo. Since the death of Les Paul, Tom and Sandy are now the opening act at the Les Paul Room in the NYC Iridium on Monday nights for the Les Paul Tribute. Currently, Tom performs and records with Sandy in the New York area.

Those wishing to attend the concert should make their reservations early. To RSVP, please telephone the library at (908) 851-5452. The Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Avenue in Union, New Jersey.



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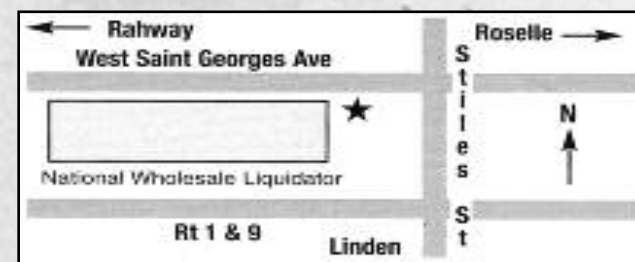
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On Wednesday, June 27th Mayor Joseph Florio was presented by the State of New Jersey with an American Flag that was flown over The World Trade Center on September 11, 2011. The flag was used to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The letter from Governor Chris Christie accompanying the flag stated, "I extend my sincere gratitude for your ongoing contributions toward building a brighter future for the Garden State and for ensuring we forever honor the lives lost on that day."

"I'm honored to accept this gift that commemorates the heroic efforts and service that the Township of Union provided to our State and its residents," stated Mayor Florio. "We will never forget that day, when eleven of our residents died."

The American Flag, letter from the Governor and the letter certifying that the flag was flown over The World Trade Center will be encased and added to the September 11 Memorial Display Case, which contains pictures and candles of the eleven 9/11 victims, at Town Hall.

PROTOPAPAS AND BRADLY ACHIEVE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT RANK

On June 30th, 2012 Committeeman Anthony Terrezza presented two certificates of Achievements to both Michael John Protopapas and Malik Marcua Bradley from Boy Scout Troop 69 for achieving the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout.

Michael is a sophomore at Union High School, he has always maintained good grades and achieved Second Honor Roll. For Michael John Protopapas's Eagle project he built wooden enclosures for the beautiful plants at the Liberty Hall Museum. He gathered information on the plants and had another volunteer create a

pamphlet on the nerium oleander plant so that visitors can learn more about the plant.

Malik's Eagle Project was completed on April 20th, 2011. Malik planned and carries out the painting and beautification of the entire inside sanctuary of the Alliance Missionary Church located in Orchard Park, Union. Malik also planned and carried out the work in the church basement area to remove wallpaper as well as paint the perimeter of the walls to beautify the area that is used by the children.

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STUDENTS TAKE STAND AGAINST BULLYING

During the June 26th, 2012 Township Committee Meeting Mayor Joseph Florio proclaimed that the 4th Thursday of every month has been designated as "Anti-Bullying/ Student Leadership Day." The Township of Union actively supports and applauds all students who take a stand against bullying, thereby showing courage and leadership throughout all Union Township Schools.

The idea for an "Anti-Bullying/ Student Leadership Day" came from Mrs. Patricco's 5th grade class at Connecticut Farms Elementary School. A few weeks prior the 5th grade class met with Mayor Joseph Florio about a recent bullying case that took place at the school. Four

students, Khyree Robinson, Catherine Akiat, Jeremy Jacinto and Gisella Kalil read their letters to Mayor Florio explaining why the 4th Thursday should be a day selected to stand up against bullying.

The students also read "The Promise," to Mayor Florio: "I will speak up instead of acting as a bystander, I choose to participate in activities that don't involve teasing, I forgive others in they make poor choices, I model good behavior, I accept others for their differences, I include others in group situations, I will talk to an adult when there is a problem I cannot manage on my own and I am powerful in making a difference in my school."



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Unity Bank has been a huge part of the community through the vision of James Hughes,

President and CEO, that they have the responsibility of being rooted in our community. In 2009, Unity Bank adopted a new slogan, to solidify his message. "Growing with You," became more than a saying, it was the way that they did business. The Union Office has participated in ongoing events in Union such as

The Italian Festival, The Summer Concert Series, The Mayor's Day Golf Outing, 5k Walk/Run among many others. Currently, Marie Maguire, Relationship Manager, sits on the board of 3 local organizations – The Union Chamber of Commerce, The Union Rotary Club, and The Boys & Girls Club.





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PARAMEDICS HOPE “DEADLY DECISION” HAS DRAMATIC IMPACT

Stage mock accident to drive home the point Andrew Estevez designed his senior project to stop his Elizabeth High School classmates in their tracks. To get them to see that the decision to drink and drive can be a deadly one, he asked for the help of his mother, Maria. As a Victim's Witness Advocate, she speaks often about the deadly results of drinking and driving for the Union County Prosecutor's office.

Maria asked for help from the Elizabeth police, the Emergency Medical Service ambulance corps of the Elizabeth Fire Department, paramedics of Trinitas Regional

Medical Center's Mobile Intensive Care Unit, the State Police Medevac Unit, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey NorthSTAR Air Medical Program.

As a result, these groups staged a motor vehicle accident in the school parking lot on Pulaski Street. The firemen and emergency medical technicians placed two cars that had crashed in previous accidents together. Inside the cars were classmates Andrew had chosen to act out four roles: a drunk driver, an on-scene fatality, and two critically injured people who needed to be transported, one dying en route to

the hospital and the other a quadriplegic.

“We've absolutely seen it happen in real life,” said Terry Hoben, EMS Coordinator for the NorthSTAR Air Medical Program. “We've learned that you have to get into the kids' heads. They're young and have no life experience.”

Firemen pried students out of the cars with the Jaws of Life, while paramedics demonstrated the insertion of tracheal tube and performed CPR because one passenger experienced “cardiac arrest.”

“When the students came outside and saw the accident, their eyes lit up,” said Kenneth Reardon, Coordinator of the Trinitas Mobile Intensive Care Unit. “But, when they saw their friends inside, there were only one or two kids laughing or yelling; the rest were silent. This hits home, this can happen to people you know. It's real.”

The “fatality” was laid in a body bag while paramedics worked on the “injured” passengers and police arrested the “drunk driver.” After the 25-minute drill, the students went to school to hear members of the Union County Prosecutor's office and DWI victims speak.



(above) Stunned students look on at the mock accident staged at Elizabeth High School as Kenneth Reardon, Coordinator of the Trinitas Mobile Intensive Care Unit, gets ready to remove an accident victim from a vehicle at the crash scene.

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