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The Union Recreation Department will sponsor its Thirty Sixth Annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest on Sunday, October 28th. The parade will start at 1:30 PM from Axton Avenue South on Stuyvesant to Roosevelt Avenue and Connecticut Farms School.

Judging will take place in the Connecticut Farms School Auditorium at approximately 2:00 PM.

The costume contest will be Toddler to age 3, Pre-School to Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2, and Grades 3 & 4.

The event is open to Township of Union Residents only, toddlers to 4th grade. Parents must register their child in person, Monday through Friday at the Union Recreation Department office, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, located behind Hannah Caldwell School between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. An evening sign up will be held at the Recreation Department on Monday, October 22nd from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Deadline date will be Wednesday, October 24th at 1:00 PM.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the following categories: Most Original, Cartoon Characters, Cutest, and Scariest.

Registration forms are available in all schools, or at the Union Recreation Department office.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 686-4200.



(above) The Downtown got a Halloween makeover by students in grades 5-12. Pictured is Desi Garcia, 7th grader, painting a Halloween scene on the windows of Brooklyn Pizza on Stuyvesant Avenue.

In the event of rain, the Parade will be cancelled. However, the costumes will still be judged in Connecticut Farms School at 2:00 PM.

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The Union Fire Department recently put into service a 2012 rescue/pumper known as Squad 4. The vehicle is a state-of-the-art 2012 Spartan ERV Gladiator equipped with a 28' boom. The boom is capable of providing 1,000 gallons of water or foam per minute, has (6) 750 watt flood lights, capable of lifting 1,000 pounds and a vision boom camera system.

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UNION CELEBRATES RESTORATION OF THE LITTLE HOUSE, HONORING 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING

On Saturday, September 15, 2012, the Mayor of Union Township, Joseph Florio, commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) at the ribbon cutting ceremony held at Fiberger Park, behind Town Hall, where the Girl Scout House was recently refurbished.

The "little house" has been standing as a landmark in Union, New Jersey for 100 years and has been occupied by the Girl Scout troops for over 60 years.

Mayor Florio recognized the impact of Girl Scouts in developing a solid foundation in the lives of young women: "This outstanding organization is what makes our young ladies into strong people". He acknowledged the Township Committee's decision to rebuild the

little house: "We want to make sure that the girl scouts in our community have a good clubhouse to meet."

The Girl Scouts of Union, NJ are part of a rich national history. National Leadership Founder Juliette Gordon Low held the very first Girl Scout meeting a century ago in Savannah, Georgia. Together with just 18 girls, Low embarked on an ambitious mission to provide young American women with the opportunity to develop their leadership potential. Today, Girl Scouts is the largest, longest-running, and most effective leadership program for girls in the nation and in the world.

Rosa Santos, troop leader for Union, praised the citizens for ensuring the girl scouts continuing success in the coming hundred years.



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MAYOR'S DAY EVENTS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

Generous corporate support, extensive coordination, and beautiful weather resulted in record participation at the second annual Union Mayor's Day events at two separate sites on September 15.

"It was great to see the business community getting together to support family community events," said Michael Minitelli, executive director of the Union Center Special Improvement District which produced the afternoon Festival on the Green while the Union Chamber of Commerce produced the morning 5K Run/Walk for a Cause.

More than 300 walkers/runners participated in the Chamber's 5K race, while another 200 children took part in the Kid's Run Challenge which were held near Union High School. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Autism-NJ.

The top overall finishers (with times) were:

Top Male Overall Finishers:

- James Gathoga of Toms River - 15:54.16
- Michael Sacca of Union - 18:09.96
- Tony Kharitonov of Union - 19:11.17

Top Female Overall Finishers:

- Angela Lynch of Cranford - 22:47.37
- Liliana Tavares of Union - 23:04.80
- Annette Oriscello of Union - 24:40.87.=

"Our Second Annual Mayor's Day 5K and Kid's Run surpassed our expectations," said Chamber Executive Director James Masterson. "We are so very grateful to our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers and to everyone who participated in the success of this family-oriented event."

In particular, Masterson cited corporate sponsors: Event Sponsor: YMCA of Eastern Union County; Gold Sponsors: Deep Foods and Union County Cancer Coalition; Silver

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Meanwhile, the afternoon Festival on the Green in Freiberger Park enjoyed a similar enthusiastic turn-out, according to the Union Center Special Improvement District and its festival coordinators.

"We were absolutely thrilled with the turnout at this year's Festival on the Green," said Michelle DiBella of Family Arts Movement. "With the love of our sponsors Union Center National Bank, Deep Foods, Overlook Medical Center, the Ave, and IZZE all natural sparkling juice and the assistance of mother nature giving us a gorgeous day, we had the sun shining down and summer breeze upon us during this end of summer celebration and everyone in attendance was in wonderful spirits!"

Over 80 vendors sold their creations, along with artist vendors JOS-L Art, Anthony Weird-Eye One, Jon Horowitz, Monica Chavarria, crochet artist Michele Brito, and jewelry designer Carl Woodley. Food vendors concocted local favorites such as burgers from Amici's, the Amazing Blueberry Lavender



Lemonade from Van Gogh's Ear Cafe, Killer Vegan's Empanadas, Max's Hot Dogs and the Cheese Steaks at CJ's Grill.

In the Live Art area, hundreds of children painted together along with their families on the popular community mural art wall. "It was amazing to watch them all come together in such a creative way and get interactive," said DiBella. "The children also made crafts and blew enormous bubbles with the bubble fairy at the Festival in the kids' creative corner. The music on the stage played during the day and created a wonderful soundtrack to all of the fun!"

Local bands showcased were West the Defender, Shayfer James, The Wandering Bards, ScareCrow Collection, The Sleepless Saints, and The Accidental Seabirds.

"It makes everything we do at Family Arts Movement worth it, just to see the creative involvement of the community," said DiBella. "We already have vendors and musicians reaching out to us regarding next year. Anyone that missed out on the fun or the opportunity to sell their own arts, crafts and handmade creations can contact familyartsmovement@gmail.com for future event information."

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Attendees will learn valuable memory techniques and how they can be applied to building more business through creating good relationships instantly. Additionally, participants will learn why remembering a name is worth much to their businesses, how much is the lifetime value of that customer, how to build instant rapport through the art of conversation and how to get referrals without asking.

Conducting the session is Wendy Richmond, aka "WILD Wendy," a professional keynote speaker and human resource professional. She is the author of *How to Create WILD Success Within Your Organization*, and creator of www.WILDWendySpeaks.com. She has partnered with Dave Farrow, two-time Guinness World Record Holder for Memory, and is a Certified Farrow Memory Speaker.

Admission is \$10 for Chamber members, \$15 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required by contacting the Chamber office at 908-688-2777 or by emailing executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association organized to unite, strengthen, represent and promote the growth and success of its member businesses.



GARDEN CLUB CURB APPEAL CONTEST WINNER

The Union Township Garden Club held its annual Curb Appeal Contest Awards on October 3, 2012. The winner was Kim Quinones of 2042 High Street. Contestants are chosen by Garden Club members who drive around town and take photos of their favorite landscaped homes. The pictures are then mounted on a board and members vote for their favorites. Accepting the award was Kim's husband Tony Quinones. The award was presented by Adrienne Kubicz, president of the Garden Club. The winner received a garden stepping stone, a large mum and a year membership to the Garden Club. Congratulations to Kim Quinones for a beautiful job in her garden!

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Garden Club of Union will hold its final meeting for the year on Wednesday, November 7th at 7 p.m. in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall on Morris Avenue. We will continue our plant exchange and serve refreshments. New commers are always welcome

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We are asking that each student donate \$1.00 to the foundation for the privilege of wearing their favorite hat to school on Thursday, October 25, 2012. As an incentive our school custodian agreed to shave his head if the students raise at least \$200. All proceeds from this event are used to pay for the cost of shipping the new head wear to all of the patients and hospitals around the United States.

(right, back row, l-r) Advisors Gillian Pilone, Cindy Pellis, and Lindsay Kolator with member fo the Hamilton Student Council.





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UPCOMING FILM SCREENINGS AT THE UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Baby Face (1933)

starring **Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent** –
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The Lady Eve (1941)

starring **Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda** -
Written and directed by **Preston Sturges**
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Sorry, Wrong Number (1948)

starring **Barbara Stanwyck and Burt Lancaster**–
Directed by **Anatole Litvak**
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HORTON HEARS A WHO

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"HALLOWEEN" STORYTIME

Join us for our "Halloween" Storytime and Craft Program on Monday, October 29th at 7:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend in costume if they wish. No registration required.

LEGO CLUB

The Union Public Library has started a Library Lego Club for children ages 5 through 12. 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. This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist. We are also looking for donations of gently used or new Legos for this program.

FINDING YOUR FAMILY ROOTS

James Amemasor, PhD, will conduct a seminar on "Finding Your Genealogical Roots Utilizing the New Jersey Historical Society Library" on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7 PM in the Union Public Library. The public is invited to this admission-free program.

The primary goal of this lecture is to acquaint audiences with the rich Genealogical resources of the New Jersey Historical Society (NJHS) and how the staffs of this repository assist patrons to research their family histories.

Mr. Amemasor will share a few of the myths associated with the process, highlight some of the research challenges, and emphasize genealogy as a finite process that requires time, patience, commitment, and a continuing evaluation of diverse sources. He will demonstrate the research process and show some of the sources in the NJHS collection.

James Amemasor is a Library Reference Associate at NJHS, where he has been working since 2007. A native of Ghana, Amemasor he received his doctorate in Global Affairs from Rutgers-Newark, an M.A. in History from Illinois State University, and a B.A. in History from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

HOMESCHOOLING MEET UP

The Union Public Library has started an informal Homeschooling Meeting for homeschooling families. This will be a place to meet and share information and ideas with others 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. This month's meeting will be held on October 15th from 10:30am to Noon.

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UTHS HIKES ROUTE OF ORIGINAL BRITISH INVASION OF NEW JERSEY



(above, l-r) Officers of the Union Township Historical Society -David Arminio, president; Barbara La Mort, secretary; and Michael Yesenko, treasurer and township historian—at Waterfront Veterans' Memorial Park at the foot of Elizabeth Avenue in Elizabeth at the corner of Front Street, where the Trail begins.

The local militia and the New Jersey brigade of the Continental Army thwarted the British effort with their victories at the Battle of Connecticut Farms (now Union) and the Battle of Springfield. On Sunday, September 30, members of the Union Township Historical Society (UTHS) completed the first leg of the 12-mile Victory Trail--a colonial history walking tour, which approximates the route the

British used as part of their strategy to attack George Washington and his men in Morristown during the American Revolution.

More legs of the walk are being planned. A handout is also available to complete the walk on your own. Members of the public are encouraged to check the UTHS website at www.unionhistory.org or call for more information 908-687-7977.

CALDWELL PARSONAGE TOURS

On Saturday, October 20 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, October 21 (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.), the Caldwell Parsonage will serve as one of the historic sites participating in Union County's annual Four Centuries in a Weekend. National Junior Honor Society members from Burnet and Kawameeh Middle Schools will serve as docents for continuous tours of the house and barn, including new exhibits in both buildings; reenactors will make presentations on the grounds; and souvenirs and refreshments will be available. Admission is free.

For more information, please call Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048.

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, at 5 and 6:15 p.m., members of New Jersey Paranormal will present the results of the paranormal investigation they conducted on the evening of June 30, 2012, at the Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union.

To purchase tickets at \$10 each, please call the Union Township Historical Society (UTHS) at 908-687-7977.

For additional information about the Parsonage, the history of Union, or the UTHS, go to www.unionhistory.org or www.uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com

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