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On May 30, 2011 family, friends and neighbors filled the sidewalks of Stuyvesant Avenue in Union to honor our troops, veterans and fallen soldiers at the 2011 Annual Memorial Day Parade. The Veteran's Alliance of the Township of Union organized this year's parade.

A division was named in honor of the residents of Union who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

A division was also named in honor of Nilton Cacoila a 24 year old Union resident who served two tours in Iraq as a Marine. Fourteen months after his active duty ended, Nilton was diagnosed with Leukemia. We honor this brave young man, Nilton, who lost his battle on March 11, 2010.

The fourth division was named for all those men and women who gave their lives in service to our country and local police and firemen who have lost their lives.

A memorial service immediately followed the parade which honored the memories of all the service men and women of Union Township and the nation as well as the memories of the



(above) One of five honorific Parade Divisions.

September 11, 2001 victims.

Thomas Mahoney, a Union resident and survivor of Pearl Harbor, served as Grand Marshall for the 2011 Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Mahoney earned a total of seventeen Battle Stars and received the Presidential Unit Citation for the South Pacific for the years 1942-1943. He also received the Navy occupation service medallion in 1945 along with the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge for the years 1944-1945.



(above) Union High School
US Army JROTC

(right) Tom Mahoney Memorial Day
Parade Grand Marshall.





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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE -

The Township Committee meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m at the Municipal Building except in August. The meetings can also be viewed on TV Channel 34 as well as on-line. The station maintains a page with links to meetings on the Township website.

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Meets every 4th Wednesday of the month (except June, July, and August) at 6:00 p.m. in the Bonnel Room of the Municipal Building.

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The event be sponsored by the Youth of Faith
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SUMMER BIKE NIGHTS AT UNION ELKS CLUB

Through the summer every 2nd Monday of
the month the Union Elks Motorcycle Club
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Upcoming dates are June 13, July 11 and
August 8. The Elks Lodge is located at 281
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GALLOPING HILL CRUISERS MONDAY NIGHT CRUISE FOR A CAUSE TO FEATURE A LUAU

The Galloping Hill Cruisers will have a Luau
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4TH ANNUAL PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY



(above) Ed Graf honoring 9/11 victim Wayne Russo and his recently departed father, WWII hero Arthur Russo.

Kawameeh Middle School conducted in its 4th annual Proud to be an American Day just before Memorial Day. The event was organized and led by history teacher Mr. Ed Graf. The event consisted of the entire student body, school band and chorus and numerous guests assembled on the school's athletic field. School principal Mr. Jason Malanda spoke about the rights and freedoms Americans have, to start the ceremony. Guest of honor, Army National Guard Lieutenant Colonel John F. Sheard then landed on the school's athletic field in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. He spoke to the students about their opportunities as Americans.

During the ceremony, Mr. Graf gave speeches honoring a fallen World War II hero who was a winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Arthur Russo and recent fallen Marine and Union High School graduate Nilton Cacoilo. A Civil War reenactment group fired three volleys from a Civil War era Napoleon cannon to honor each fallen American hero. Nilton's mother, also spoke to honor her son and spoke about all of the lives he touched.

Names of the men from Union who gave their lives for our country during the Vietnam War were read by Mr. Graf. The veterans groups fired a 12 gun salute, a wreath was presented to honor them at Union High School and taps was played by students from the band.

Mr. Malanda stressed in closing, the pride the students should have as Americans, that we are one American family and that it is up to each individual to maintain the health of our republic.

*(far left) U.S. Army UH 60 Blackhawk helicopter landing on Kawameeh's field.
(left, l-r) Kawameeh Principal Jason Malanda, Lieutenant Colonel John F. Sheard from the National Guard and Proud to be an American Day coordinator and History teacher Ed Graf.*





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Committee oversaw the development of Veterans Memorial Park and raised funds for hospitalized vets. They also shipped 5,000 lbs of care packages to veterans and active duty soldiers.



(above) Members of the Union Elks Club Lodge 1583 Veterans Committee.



(above) Horse shoe and boccie action was accompanied by bar-b-que.



(above) Ed Keller, Chairman of the Elks Club Veteran's Committee stands in front of the Memorial Park adjacent to their club house. (left) Donors can purchase commemorative bricks to support the Park by calling Ed at 908-377-2373.



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UNION TOWNSHIP'S SPRING CLEANING

On Saturday May 14th, over 200 residents gathered to clean up Union Township. Citizens, civic, fraternal and religious groups participated in this effort to remove graffiti and clear the Township of litter and debris. Participants were treated to a giant picnic after the clean-up. This annual event is funded by a New Jersey Clean Communities grant which is administered through the Union Township Department of Public Works.

New Jersey Clean Communities is a statewide litter-abatement program created by the passage of the Clean Communities Act. The program is

managed by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Treasury, and Clean Communities Council. It's supported by local governments, businesses, community organizations, schools and individuals who work together.

The Clean Communities Act, passed first in 1986 and later in 2002, establishes a funding mechanism for the program by placing a user-fee on manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors who may produce litter-generating products. The user-fee, collected by the Department of Treasury and disbursed by the

Department of Environment Protection, generates approximately \$14 million each year.

\$375,000 is disbursed to a non-profit (currently the Clean Communities Council) for the implementation of statewide education related to litter-abatement. Of the balance, 80 percent goes to 559 municipalities, 10 percent goes to 21 counties, and 10 percent goes to the Division of Parks and Forestry located in the Department of Environmental Protection.

New Jersey Clean Communities at the local level involves a three-fold attack on litter: cleanup, enforcement and education.



(above, l-r) Matty Magliacano, Re Dir.; Len Schneider, Bldg Dept.; Christina Romano, DPW; Kathleen Schneider, DPW; Sergio Panunzio, Sup. of DPW; Peggy Gehrig, Exec. Asst./Clean Comm. Coordinator.



(above) Union High School Key Club cleaned up Rabkin Park.

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(above) Union Rotary Club members Eileen Birch, Richard Baldwin, Sunil Gudhka, Frank Lawrance, Lauren Hayes, Manny Vierra and Fred Fretz beautified Rotary Park.



(left) Volunteers along with Garden Club members planted flowers and tended to the beds in front of town hall.



(above) Winner of the Garden Club's 1st Annual Curb Appeal Contest was Wladimir Villacio.

"CURB APPEAL" CONTEST

The Union Township Garden Club is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual "Curb Appeal" Contest. Members of the Garden Club will be knocking on doors of the most beautiful gardens and landscaped homes in Union to nominate the lucky homeowner to participate in this contest. These special homeowners enhance our community and the Garden Club would like to show its appreciation of their hard work. The homeowner must have planted their gardens without the help of a professional landscaper and must reside in Union Township. Suggestions for a nominee are welcome. Please contact Adrienne at Adrienne's Flower Garden (908) 686-1380 to suggest your neighbor. The current Garden Club members will determine the winner(s) by the majority vote. Contest winners will be announced at the Wednesday, August 3rd meeting in the Bonnell Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

The Union Township Garden Club was established in 1980 and is celebrating 30 years of community service. Union Garden Club designs, plants, and maintains the municipal gardens in front of Town Hall known as "Memorial Plaza" honoring the Union victims of 9/11. The Garden Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Bonnell Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00pm. Guests are welcome to attend up to 3 meetings FREE of charge. Annual membership is \$10.00. Refreshments are served. Please visit our website, www.uniongardenclub.org for more information.

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SENIOR OLYMPICS



(above) Diana Jolicoeur won gold in the Sixty Meter Race and the Egg Race; and silver in the One Meter Race.

UPD VS. UFD SOFTBALL GAME

The Veteran's Alliance organized a softball game between the Township police and firefighters. This was just one of many events that were held throughout the Township to help raise funds for the annual Memorial Day Parade.



(above, l-r) Bob Johnson VFW, Charlie Capaccio Veterans Alliance, Police Sergeant Mark Martin & Firefighter Paul Lopes.

The Township of Union's Division of Senior Citizens and Recreation held a Senior Olympics on June 4th at the Senior Center on Bonnel Ct. Residents over 60 years old competed in seven events of skill and athleticism including Discus Throw (frisbee), Ice Skating (Egg on spoon race) Archery (Darts), basketball - free throws, Pool - eight ball, and walking marathon. (60 meter).



The Township of Union worked in cooperation with Union Center SID, Union Municipal Drug Alliance, Think Express Pharmacy, Italian American Club, Aquinas Healthcare and Elmora Pharmacy.

Photo album of Senior Olympics www.SpiritofUnion.com and on Spirit of Union Facebook.



(above) May Carter showing her form from the foul line.



(above) Diana Rutledge places eggs onto the spoons of the participants in the Men's Ice Skating competition.



(above) Ellen Smith was the race events statistician.

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KAWAMEEH STUDENT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM TAKES TITLE

Seventh grade Battle of the Books team, Return of the Cookie Monsters, won the Kawameeh Middle School (KMS) Student – Staff Battle of the Books on June 1, 2011, beating an eighth grade team and two teams of teachers. The seventh graders did not miss a single question in the ten-round competition.

The Student – Staff Battle of the Books is the culmination of a year of reading and competition for seventh and eighth grade participants. In November, students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades formed teams. Over the course of the school year, each team collectively read 15 books on a list that was selected by a statewide committee of school librarians headed by Burnet Middle School's librarian, Linda Bykowski. There is one list for the sixth grade participants and a different list for seventh and eighth graders. Students at Kawameeh began reviewing their books and practicing with mock battles in January. Grade – level competitions were held at Kawameeh in April, and the winning sixth, seventh and eighth grade teams went to Chatham Middle School in May to compete against teams from Burnet Middle School, Chatham Middle School, Golda Och Academy, H. B. Whitehorn Middle School, and St. Vincent de Paul. Other regional battles are held throughout the state.

At the end of each school year, winning seventh and eighth grade Kawameeh teams compete against each other as well as two or three teams of KMS teachers and other staff members who read the books on the seventh and

eighth grade list.

For the past two years, KMS Interim Principal, Jason Malanda, has been on one of the teams. Mr. Malanda's team, Beauties and the Beast, came in second in this year's Student – Staff Battle. Other staff members on the second place team include Jacqueline Fernandez (English), Jill Hall (S.A.C.), Nancy Schoenberger (Music), Nicole Toccacelli (English) and Christine Veglia (English). The eighth grade team, called Dice, that represented KMS in Chatham and participated in the KMS Student – Staff Battle included Luis Alvarado, Stephanie Cubias, Germaine Garcia, Ana Heredia, Alyssa Inghilleri and Juliet Rozon. The other teacher team competing was Roll Out Readers, with Kevin Dougherty (Social Studies), Kristen Hudson (Social Studies), Michele Nick (Math), Christina Santoro (English Resource), and Jennifer Winters (English). At Kawameeh, Battle of the Books participation is organized by School Librarian, Mary Lewis, who coaches all of the student teams. According to Mrs. Lewis, "this is a great program for the students because the preparation and competitions are a fun way for them to practice paying attention to plot, characterization and setting details in the books they read and making inferences based on those remembered details." This year 56 KMS students participated in Battle of the Books. Although student teams have placed second in student – staff battles, this is the first time recently that a student team has won.



(above) Return of the Cookie Monsters: Olivia Corveleyn, Charisse de los Santos, Veronica Del Valle, Hanson-Lee Harjono, Kirsten Sutterlin and Sofia Zimmerman.

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27th at 7:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers
are invited to attend.

Creative Dramatics Program

on Tuesday, June 28th at 11:00am where the audience
will also be our cast as we act out the children's folktale
from Denmark, "The Fat Cat". Children of all ages and
their caregivers are invited to attend.

School-Age Craft program

on Wednesday, June 29th at 11:00am. This program is
for children in grades 1 through 6.

Musical Entertainer, Kenny Woods

will bring his wonderful music show to the Library on
Thursday, June 30th at 11:00am. Children of all ages and
their caregivers are invited to attend. Don't miss the fun.

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LIBRARY HOURS

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Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AT THE VAUXHALL BRANCH

Preschool Storytime and Craft Program

on Tuesday, June 21st at 11:00am. Preschoolers, ages 4
and 5, and their caregivers are welcome to attend.

A Father's Day Craft – Part II

program for children in grades 3 through 6 will be held
on Thursday, June 16th at 2:30pm.
Space is limited. Signup is required.

"After-School Games at the Library"

on Wednesday, June 22nd at 3:00pm. Children of all ages
and their caregivers are invited to attend.

After School Movie Program

will be held on Thursday, June 23rd at 3:00pm.
Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

Bedtime Storytime

for children of all ages and their caregivers will be held
on Monday, June 27th at 7:00pm.

Preschool Bingo

for children, ages 4 – 5 and their caregivers, will be held
on Wednesday, June 29th at 10:30am.

Library Bingo

for children in grades 3 through 6 will be held on
Wednesday, June 29th at 2:00pm.

Fourth of July Craft program

for children in grades 3 through 6 will be held on
Thursday, June 30th at 2:00pm.

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL / SUMMER 2011 BEGINS JULY 5TH

The International Film Festival with six
selections for summer 2011 beginning Tuesday,
July 5th and continuing through August 9th. Six
countries are represented in the program:
France, Belgium, South Korea, England, South
Africa, and Australia. All non-English language
films are subtitled in English.

The films will be screened twice, with show
times beginning at 2:00 P.M. and at 6:30 P.M.
Admission to the screenings is free.

The King's Speech

Tuesday, July 5th @ (2 & 6:30 PM)
(United Kingdom, 2010) Drama. 119 mins.
(R Rated)

White Wedding

Tuesday, July 12th @ (2 & 6:30 PM)
(South Africa, 2009) Drama. 101 mins.
(PG-13 Rated)

Mademoiselle Chambon

Tuesday, July 19th @ (2 & 6:30 PM)
(France, 2009) Drama. 101 mins.
(Not Rated)

Mao's Last Dancer

Tuesday, July 26th @ (2 & 6:30 PM)
(Australia, 2009) Drama. 117 minutes
(Not Rated)

The Way Home

Tuesday, August 2nd @ (2 & 6:30 PM)
(South Korea, 2002) Drama. 80 mins.
(PG Rated)

The Concert

Tuesday, August 9th @ (2 & 6:30 PM)
(Belgium, 2009) Drama. 107 mins.
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DIANE PERRY, JAZZ VIOLINIST AND VOCALIST

The Union Public Library will present Diane Perry and Ted Brancato in a musical concert on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

Diane is a resident of Union Township and classically trained at Juilliard. Her violin playing combines the tone of the concert-hall virtuoso with the growl of the blues and the weighty swing feel of the big bands. An alumnus of Vince Giordano's Nighthawks as well as symphony orchestra across the eastern seaboard, Diane Perry has performed with Travelin' Light, John Stubblefield, The DMP Big Band, Quartette Indigo, Jeff Tyzik, and Tom Harrell. She explores the darker emotional side of the oft performed standards, as well as lesser performed but still familiar tunes associated with some of her favorite singers, which include Fred Astaire, Frank Sinatra, Carmen McRae, Doris Day, Susannah McCorkle, Rebecca Kilgore, and Mel Tormé. Ted Brancato is Diane's keyboard accompanist. Ted is currently the music director at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse and has performed with many talented people such as jazz diva Jeanie Bryson.

STUDENTS SELL LOLLIPOPS FOR AUTISM

The students of Livingston School prepared hallway displays and donated money from a Student Council lollipop sale to an autism group.



(above, l-r) Nadia Maxemow, Alyssa Merritt, Justin Simone, Diego Monge, Denae Hill, Gauri Patel.

AND THE WINNING WORD IS DISAPPEARANCE

Central Five School held its Annual Mayor's Spelling Bee contest on May 13th. This year the contest went a record 15 rounds!



(above, l-r) Mr. Dominick Fagnoli, former Director of Recreation, Dr. Patrick Martin, Superintendent of Schools, and Union's new Director of Recreation, Mr. Matty Magliacano. Front row- Spelling Bee champion, Victoria Domiciano, Mrs. Karen Steiner, Coordinator of event, and first runner up, Mariah Gordon.

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Through the grant-funded NJBIA Project, employees can be trained at one of Union County College's conveniently located campuses in Elizabeth or Cranford, or on-site at the participating business facility. Training is available in the following areas: Computer Applications (Windows, Outlook, Excel, Word), Mathematics and Measurement, Communications (verbal, written and customer relations), and English as a Second Language.

Open enrollment classes are available at the UCC Elizabeth and Cranford campuses. For a complete schedule and registration forms and instructions, visit the Industry-Business Institute page at www.ucc.edu. (Click on NJBIA

Computer Course Offerings.) Companies may also arrange classes at a time and location for their convenience, either one of UCC's campus locations or at your business facility.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2011

MS EXCEL PART 1

Section 101 July 7(Thurs)- Elizabeth
Section 102 July 6 (Wed)- Cranford
Section 103 August 18 (Thurs)- Elizabeth
Section 104 August 24 (wed) - Cranford

MS WORD PART 1

Section 101 June 22 (Wed) -Cranford
Section 102 August 4 (Thurs) -Elizabeth

MS EXCEL PART 2

Section 101 July 13 (Wed) -Cranford
Section 102 July 14 (Thurs)- Elizabeth
Section 103 August 25 (Thurs)- Elizabeth
Section 104 July 31 (Wed)- Cranford

MS WORD PART 2

Section 101 June 29 (Wed)- Cranford
Section 102 August 11 (Thurs)- Elizabeth

MS OUTLOOK

Section 101 June 23(Thurs) - Elizabeth
Section 102 July 21 (Thurs)- Elizabeth
Section 103 July 27 (Wed) - Cranford

MS WINDOWS/OPERATING SYSTEM

Section 101 June 30 (Thurs)- Elizabeth
Section 102 July 20 (Wed)- Cranford
Section 103 July 28 (Thurs)- Elizabeth

Although these classes are provided at no charge to the company, employers must pay their employees the customary hourly wage while in training. Companies are not required to provide a minimum number of employees for training, pay for tuition, fill out complicated paperwork, or disclose financial statements.

If you are interested in learning more about the NJBIA Project program or to reserve classes for your company, please contact Lisa Raudelunas Hiscano at (908) 965-2358, or e-mail her at Hiscano@ucc.edu and be sure to include your contact information and to write "NJBIA Project" in the subject line.

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