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COZY CORNER DELI CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

A cherished eatery located at 558 Rahway Avenue, the Cozy Corner Deli & Caterers celebrated its 25th Anniversary on August 27th in a most festive and creative way: by bringing back its original menu (and original prices) for that day only.

Customers packed the deli all day to celebrate the quartercentury milestone with owner Pete Celia and his staff, and to enjoy some great food at 1988 prices.

It's easy to see why the Cozy Corner Deli has been so successful: it delivers outstanding service and delicious comfort food at reasonable prices. The deli's décor is adorned by unique local sports memorabilia, and there is traditional counter and table seating. As one customer said, "you come here, and you get good food and good service, and you get to talk to somebody." Indeed, the Cozy Corner has the same type of atmosphere as a bar like "Cheers," where the staff knows its regular customers by name and treats all of its customers like friends.

It's this philosophy towards serving its customers that will no doubt sustain the Cozy Corner Deli for another 25 years.



(above) Pete Celia owner of Cozy Corner Deli.



(above) Yankee's fans can enjoy walls full of memorabilia at Cozy Corner Deli.

(left, top) Cozy Corner's talented staff of cooks and servers served up fun and food.

(left) Loyal customers streamed all day long to wish Pete a happy anniversary.

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SIGN-UPS ANNOUNCED FOR HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The entry deadline for registering for the Halloween Window Painting Contest, is Wednesday, October 9. Spots are limited and based upon window availability. Please be advised late entries will not be accepted. This contest is open to Union residents only and contestants will be divided by grades 5-12. Window assignments will be given and paint distributed on Saturday, October, 12, at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Department.

"The Union Recreation Department will sponsor a Halloween Scarecrow Contest on Wednesday, October 2nd. The event is open to students in grades 5 through 8. Scarecrow frames will be distributed on Wednesday, October 2nd at the Recreation Department, 1120 Commerce Avenue (located behind Hannah Caldwell School) between the hours of 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM."Entry forms will be distributed to the schools and may also be obtained at the Recreation Department located at 1120 Commerce Drive.



(above) The Downtown is due to get 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 2012.

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FLEA MARKET SET FOR SEPTEMBER 21

Grace Lutheran Church, located at 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will hold a flea market on Saturday, September 21, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., outside on the church grounds. The rain date is Saturday, September 28.

Vendor spaces are \$25. Reservation forms for spaces may be picked up at the church, downloaded at www.gracelutherannj.org. or one will be mailed or e-mailed to you. Call the church office at (908) 686-3965 or e-mail the church office at gracelu4u@yahoo.com

The congregation will also have a rummage sale inside its fellowship hall, as well as various sale tables, along with a bake sale. Refreshments will also be available.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

At the September 4th Union Township Garden Club meeting, President Adrienne Kubicz announced that the long awaited cookbook has gone to print, with over one hundred recipes, and the club will be offering pre-orders at the Festival on the Green on September 21st. Furthermore, the plot for the community garden project has been leased and construction will begin soon. The Curb Appeal contest was cancelled this year due to the hot weather wreaking havoc on many yards; the contest will resume next year. Member and resident chef Anissa Hopkins demonstrated how to keep the nutrients and unique flavors of vegetables without adding fat content. She plans to hold demonstrations at the Festival on the Green as well. The Garden Club is currently planning their Christmas dinner and will be eagerly accepting donations, monetary or otherwise next month. Those interested in donating should contact Treasurer Ann Manhardt at (908) 686- 1270.

They meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Bonnel Room of the Municipal Building in Union, NJ. Meetings start at 7:00pm promptly and finish by 9:00pm. They are free and open to the public. Refreshments are served.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2013 OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS

Parents and Guardians . . . please mark your calendars:

9/17 - Livingston @6:45

9/18 - Battle Hill @6:00

9/18 - Connecticut Farms @7:00

9/19 - Union High @6:30

9/23 - Jefferson - Central 5 @6:45

9/24 - Franklin @7:00

9/25 - Hannah Caldwell @6:00

9/25 - Washington @7:00

9/26 - Kawameeh @6:00

9/26 - Burnet @7:00

UNION ELKS INVITE YOU TO DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES!

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

The Union Elks Lodge Entertainment Committee is presenting a "Dancing Through The Decades" Party (with your favorite dance music from the 1950s through the '90s played in 15-minute sets, along with some current dance hits) on Friday, September 27 from 7-11 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Tickets are just \$20.00 per person and all proceeds will benefit the various Elks charities. Tickets include a full buffet dinner (featuring a new "Smashed" Potato Bar), desert, a cash bar with cocktails developed especially for the party and dancing all night with DJ Charlie "O".

Guests are encouraged to wear their most festive and impressive attire from their favorite decade – prizes will be awarded. There will also be some surprise special performances.

This promises to be a most fun evening that will be remembered for a long time. Tickets are available at the lodge on 281 Chestnut Street, or by calling Carol Gedman at 908-347-8687 or by e-mail: barattucci@verizon.net.



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOICE COMMITTEE

During the final weeks of summer the "Student Voice Committee" has begun meeting with faculty and administrators. This committee has discussed issues including fundraising for class activities, increasing school spirit, and organizing meaningful assemblies for the students throughout the school year. Faculty members have included Student Council Advisor Meghan Eidel and Community Service Program Advisor Caitlin Brady. Administrators have included High School Principal Edward Gibbons and Superintendent Dr. Patrick Martin.



ENSURING SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Safety and Security Committee for the Township of Union Public Schools met over the summer to discuss how the schools and township can continue to work together during the upcoming school year to ensure the safest conditions for students and staff.

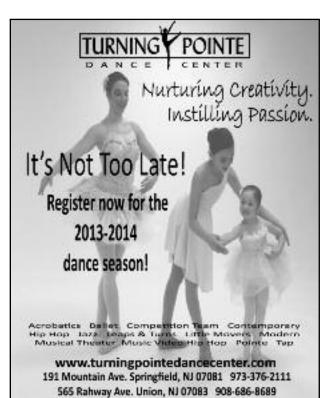
The School District now has security cameras in all schools. Police Resource Officers work in the district and are available to any of our schools. Upon being "buzzed in" to any of our schools, each visitor is greeted by a school employee who ensures that the visitor appropriately registers in the school's main office. The administration of the school district works very closely with the township's police and fire departments in staging an ongoing series of unannounced, practice emergency drills aimed at testing the preparedness of each school. Each emergency drill is followed by a debriefing session where "what worked?" and 'what didn't work?" are explored.



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UNION TOWNSHIP CHAMBER PLANS THIRD ANNUAL MAYOR'S DAY 5K WALK/RUN

Put on your running shoes and join the Union Township Chamber of Commerce again this year at its Third Annual Mayor's Day 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

With two major sponsors this year: the YMCA of Eastern Union County and Club Metro USA, the event will start at Union High School on Cooke Drive. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the actual race commencing at 10:00 a.m. Participants will traverse a USATF – certified course beginning and ending at the high

"This event is part of a community-wide Mayor's Day, featuring the 5K Run in the morning and the Festival on the Green in the afternoon," said Chamber Executive James Masterson. "We are grateful to the Township of Union Board of Education for generously hosting this event, and we anticipate an even bigger response this year."

Prizes will be awarded for various categories, and t-shirts and gift bags will be distributed all participants.

Masterson added that a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit Hurricane Sandy relief efforts in Union Beach, NJ, through a charity called Operation Provide Comfort, a Colts Neck based organization formed out of empathy for storm victims of that town. Union Beach sustained major damage from Sandy, including nearly 200 homes that needed to be

demolished, another 500 that took on 5 ft. of water, and another 1,000 that had up to 3 ft. of water damage. Police, Fire, Emergency Services and the school all sustained significant damage, as well.

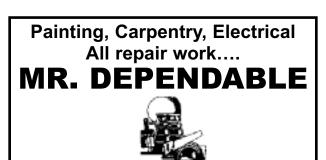
"We wanted to choose a charity that made an impact in New Jersey and where the funds go directly to benefit the residents," Masterson said. "Operation Provide Comfort met all of our requirements - and we are pleased to have Union Township helping Union Beach."

online To register, go www.register.compuscore.com/mayorsday5k. Further information is available by contacting the Chamber directly at 908-688-2777.

The day will also feature a Kid's Run for grades K through 5 at the high school's Cooke Memorial Football Field. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m., with registration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. The cost to participate is \$5.00, payable at the gate. There will be no preregistration - all participants must register that morning.

In addition to Event Sponsors Club Metro USA and the YMCA, the following is a listing of local businesses who have signed on so far as sponsors: Gold Sponsors: Northfield Bank, Bayada Home Health Care and Overlook Medical Center; Silver Sponsors: Deep Foods, Inc., Investors Bank, PSE&G, Sunburst Gymnastics, Unity Bank, Spencer Savings Bank, Dr. Jeannette Grauer, DDS and Union Municipal Drug Alliance; Bronze Sponsors: Paige Electric Hehl and Hehl, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Walgreens, Twin Boro Physical Therapy, Community First Bank and JAG Physical Therapy; and Supporting Sponsors: Cozy Corner Deli and Caterers, Road I.D and Sneaker

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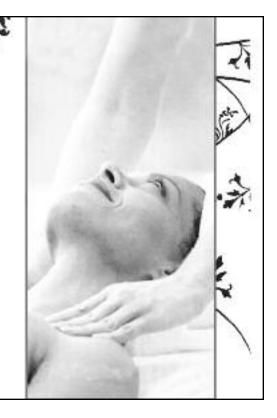
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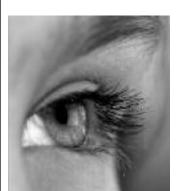


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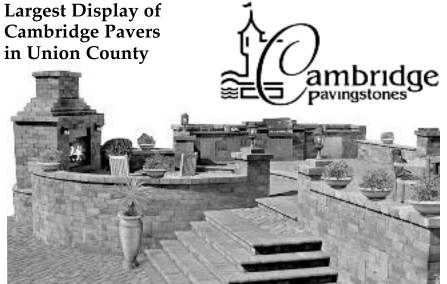


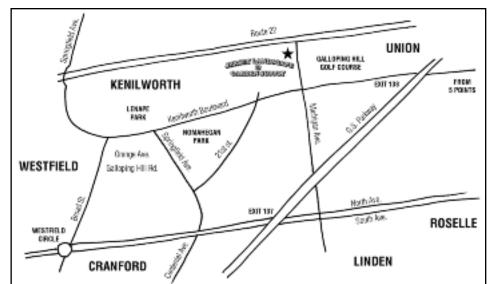
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