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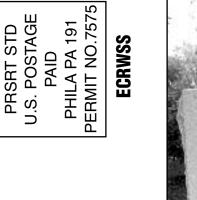
The Berkeley Heights Veterans Memorial Park Committee is pleased to announce that a communitywide program honoring our Veterans will be held on Veterans Day, November 11 at 8am at Veterans Memorial Park, corner of Plainfield and Park Avenues. Started last year, the Committee, whose educational program is entitled "Operation: We Remember" raised over \$160,000 to completely renovate the Memorial.

Citizens have been inspired by the beauty and tranquility of the park, and the reverence one finds sitting next to the Memorial Wall inscribed with "A Time To Pause And Remember." Atop the wall sits five monument stones honoring those who have served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Southeast Asia, and the newest monument to those who served in the 1990-91 Persian Gulf War and continue to serve in the Global War on Terror.

The public is invited to pay their respect and honor all those who have put themselves in harms way to protect the freedoms we enjoy everyday.

The Committee continues to accept tax deductible donations for ongoing park maintenance and seasonal plantings. Contributions payable to Memorial Park Renewal Committee may be sent to 29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 or can be made online at www.BHMemorialPark.com. The ceremony will last approximately twenty minutes. Everyone is encouraged to take these few minutes to pause and appreciate those who have given the ultimate sacrifice or risked their lives for all of us. For more information, please contact (908) 208-7800.





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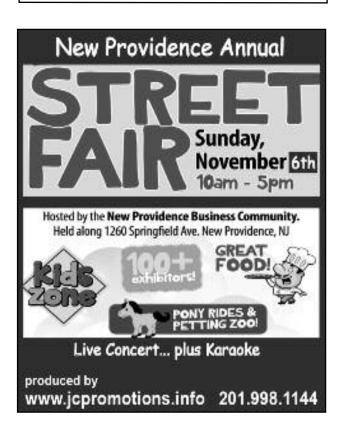
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MEYERSVILLE GRANGE UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUP & PASTA CONTEST

The Meyersville Grange Soup & Pasta Contest will be held at the historic Meyersville Grange 188 Hall at 500 Meyersville Road in Gillette on Friday, November 11. Pot lids come off at 6:30pm sharp so plan to arrive about 6:15 p.m.

The Menu: All you can taste Soup & Pasta Dishes served with (Biaggio's) bakery bread and butter, coffee or tea. Homemade desserts (\$2) and bottled water (\$1) are available for purchase.

The Contest: Each person votes for his/her favorite Soup or Pasta. The top three Soup/Pasta cooks get ribbons and prizes. The Grange encourages you to bring a generous pot of soup or pastadDish to share and make the meal a true contest with many choices! You could be a winner!

The Long Hill String Band provides old-time Bluegrass musical entertainment. Have a great meal while spending quality time with family and neighbors. Make new friends, too.

Admission is \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Children 12 & under. Any cook who brings a pot of soup or a pasta dish to share gets in free. We look forward to seeing you!

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SANTA CLAUS SHOP IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS

The Santa Claus Shop will open its doors to area families, providing its 50'th consecutive year of complimentary holiday shopping. The shop serves more than 500 low-income families and senior citizens from Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights who are referred by local social services agents.

The Santa Claus Shop guests personally select a household item, new clothing for each member of their immediate family, a hat and mittens, a book, and new toy for each child. Local volunteers are responsible for the shop setup, personal shopping services for each guest, gift wrapping and clean up.

This year's Santa Claus Shop will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit. The Santa Claus Shop will be hosting a holiday gathering for senior citizens Tuesday, November 29th. Families will be offered shopping hours by invitation only on Wednesday, November 30th.

The Santa Claus Shop is chaired by Summit residents, Jennifer Easton, Sarah Roberts, Melissa Sartorius and Amy Wise and co-chaired by Denise Holmes, Laura Lameo, Jenn Moore and Diana Moran. The Santa Claus Shop exists solely on the donations of local businesses, organizations and residents. With the monetary donations, the Santa Claus Shop can purchase the gifts that allow less fortunate neighbors to

experience the joy of holiday giving without the financial burden.

To keep the holiday spirit alive for those in the community, the Santa Claus Shop chairwomen ask for checks to be made payable to SHIP, with Santa Claus Shop noted on the check's memo line, and mailed to the Santa Claus Shop, P.O. Box 119, Summit, NJ 07901. The ability to make an online donation is also available at www.summitsantaclausshop.com If you would like to find out more information or get involved please visit our website or follow us on Face book at Santa Claus Shop - Summit, NJ.



(above) Santa Claus Shop helpers.

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Berkeley Heights News • Page 6 • November 2016 BOY SCOUTS IN NIGHTTIME THERMAL MANHUNT

By Howard Lee

Manhunt is a favorite game for Boy Scouts, so when the opportunity to try out some thermal imaging devices came their way, the boys of Troop 368 jumped at the chance! On Tuesday night, patrols of Boy Scouts from Troop 368 roamed the woods of Watchung Reservation in total darkness, hunting for heat signatures of rival patrols. Older Scouts designed the game and ran it, including a safety procedure to ensure nobody got lost in the woods. The boys didn't realize they were learning about missing person searches, team leadership, and useful parts of the electromagnetic spectrum - they just enjoyed running around in the woods at night armed with high-tech gear!

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) is an essential strand of Boy Scouts along with service, leadership, citizenship, self-reliance and character-building. In another example of STEM in Scouts, Troop 368 was treated to an electric car demonstration in September. Experts from Bridgewater Chevrolet demonstrated the electric drive of the new Chevy Volt at a Troop meeting, and licensed seniors were able to take it



for a test drive! And just last weekend, Boy Scouts from dozens of Troops converged on the Round Valley Recreation Area, attempting to engineer the world's longest rope bridge knowns as a "monkey bridge." It was less about the finished product than about young men solving engineering challenges and teambuilding along the way.

These are just a few recent examples of how Scouting provides boys with a rich and varied set of extracurricular experiences and ageappropriate challenges, something that kids who do nothing but sports all year miss out on. At a time when college advisors observe more and more young men and women arriving illequipped to live independently, it's worth remembering that from 6th grade up, Scouts plan menus, shop (without adults) in the grocery store, cook entire meals, and clean it all up. Boy Scouts are constantly experimenting and learning from their mistakes, learning life skills that child psychologists say are essential for "raising an adult," but which are increasingly rare in the over-structured lives of kids these days.

By the time they leave high school, Scouts have a portfolio of community service, leadership experience, and extracurricular interests under their belt, and Eagle Scouts also have experience of project management including planning, budgeting, client relationship management, documentation, contingency and, of course, communication. And most Scouts do sports as well.

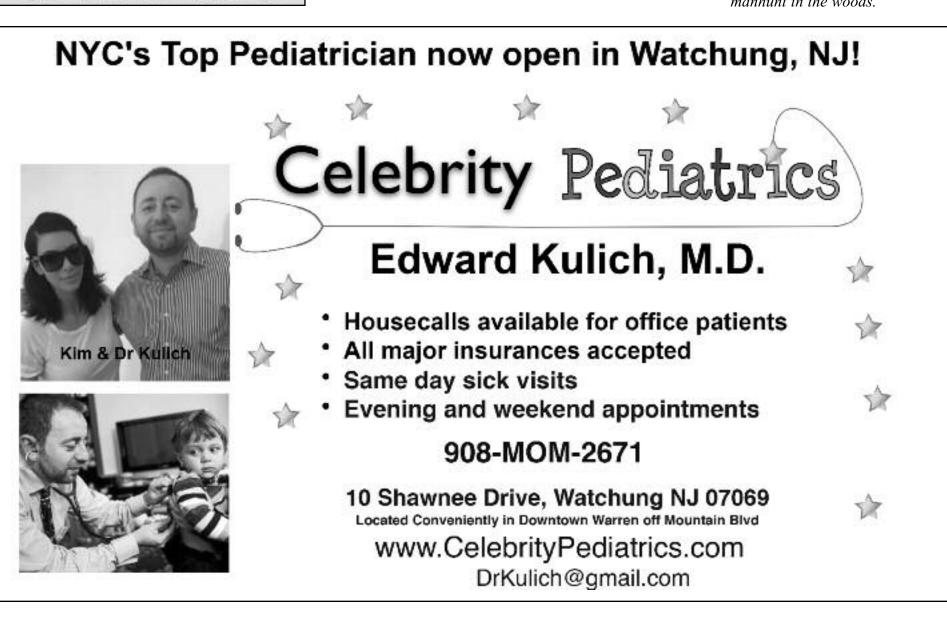
For more information about Troop 368 visit www.bhtroop368.com.



(above) Boy Scouts checking for heat signatures of hiding Scouts.



(above) Scouts of Troop 368 returning from the manhunt in the woods.





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AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENTATION

by League of Women Voters

Affordable Housing presentation by League of Women Voters.

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit is sponsoring a public meeting around Affordable Housing. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 7:30pm at the De Corso Community Center, 15 East Fourth Street in New Providence. Vito A. Gallo, former housing authority director and a professional planner will be the keynote speaker. The title of his presentation is Hitting the Restart Button on Affordable Housing. A March 2015 decision of the NJ Supreme Court has hundreds of municipalities amending their Master Plans. After years of inaction, Affordable Housing is back in the forefront of local agendas.

Light refreshments will be able. If you have any questions please contact 908-464-1988.





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ATTORNEY SETTLES HOME EXPLOSION LITIGATION FOR \$975,000.00

Attorney David C. Bendush announced settlement of a lawsuit arising from a home explosion in Hunterdon County in September of 2014. The blast was caused by a contractor who was converting the home of his clients, from oil to natural gas. The clients were in the home with their infant daughter at the time of the explosion and fire. Davis Heating and Cooling was attempting without success to purge the new gas lines. Large amounts of natural gas were caused to accumulate inside the basement until the gas exploded, nearly levelling the structure and knocking the clients to the ground where they stood. Mr. Bendush litigated the liability issues aggressively, and attained the unusual result of summary judgment for plaintiff. The defense had little choice but to settle quickly and on favorable terms, in order to avoid a trial.

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HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR

By: Edir Coronado

Students at Governor Livingston High School had the opportunity to paint a clearer picture for their future on October 5, 2016 during the school's first college fair. Orchestrated by the Director of Guidance, Ashley Janosko and Vice Principal, Tara Oliveira, these two educators wanted to give students the opportunity to meet representatives from several prominent institutions. About 85 representatives traveled from across the country to meet with Berkeley Heights and Mountainside's students and their families.

Janosko, who started working at Governor Livingston High School two years ago, first approached her colleagues with the idea of hosting a college fair shortly after she arrived at the school, the response was an overwhelming amount of support and excitement about the vision. Janosko has an extensive background in counseling and mentoring children to achieve their full potential; prior to her employment at Governor Livingston, she was a guidance counselor at Bernards High School for seven years. She holds a Master's Degree in Counseling and is completing her Doctorate Her dedication to students is reflected in her academics. It's fitting that Janosko is the person who would unveil Governor Livingston's very first college fair.

Oliveira and Janosko, with the help of Principal Robert Nixon, as well as several school employees, hosted an extremely successful event. To an unknowing observer, one might be misled into thinking that putting together a college fair is an effortless task. Janosko explained that two years ago when the idea was presented, the blueprint as to how the event would take place had to be created. The first, and most important piece of the puzzle, is allotting enough money in the budget to host such an event. After the funds were available, the next step was securing the date, time, and location. The event planners had to be certain alternative events were not taking place simultaneously.

After the bureaucratic red tape was cut, the remaining task of contacting organizations began, which was not an easy evolution. The amount of institutions that were willing to attend was abundant and the staff was grateful. Before the event began, with knowledge of these establishment's representative's schedule in mind, a hot meal was prepared for them, as a gesture of gratitude.

The efforts put forth by the school's educators were reciprocated by the school's pupils, with an estimated 500-700 in attendance. The event was not only open to students of Governor Livingston or the towns the high school hosts; Berkeley Heights and Mountainside, it was open to students in surrounding towns. Janosko explains that not only was this the first college fair at Governor Livingston, it was also the only college fair in the area.

The college fair began at 7 p.m., from the moment the doors opened, floods of students poured into the school's gyms, where a sea of higher institutions were lined up, ready to welcome their next batch of students. Parents and children roamed the gyms bouncing from table to table, gathering more paperwork with information than they could hold.



Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on the Berkeley Heights News page on facebook.com Feel free to "Like", "Tag" and "Share"





PD VS FD SOFTBALL GAME BENEFITS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by... but what a year it has been. Ayear ago, the Berkeley Heights Police and Fire Departments volunteered to play a charity softball game to kick off the fundraising campaign to restore Veterans Memorial Park. Since then, over \$160,000 was raised by the volunteer Veterans Memorial Park Renewal Committee and the park has been completely renovated and dedicated. "A year ago we only had a vision," commented Committee Chair Ted Romankow, "Now we have this beautiful park and memorial that honors our veterans and military personnel each and everyday." The Committee calls its efforts "Operation: We Remember."





The smiles. The laughs. The hopes and dreams. You know they're in there. But how do you bring them out when your child is struggling in school? Imagine your child working one-on-one with a personal trainer, doing fun, challenging mental exercises that work on the skills the brain uses to learn and perform. It's an innovative solution with lasting results that's different than tutoring. We call it brain training. Parents and kids call it life changing.



The park has become a source of inspiration and pride for this community. This year the Committee will add seasonal decorations, lights and plantings along with its program of diligent park maintenance. It all takes money, and once again the Police and Fire Departments stepped forward to lead the annual fundraising campaign.

Under Police Chief John DiPasquale and Fire Chief Anthony Padovano, the two teams again battled for the Mayor's Trophy Cup on September 10 at the Snyder Avenue Park Field in Berkeley Heights. The Police emerged victorious, but everyone was a winner. It's a great friendly rivalry that brings out the community for a terrific cause.

The Veterans Park Committee joined with the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club and Berkeley Heights PAL to sponsor the event. Local businesses including Berkeley Wine Company, Clemente's Pizzeria, DiMaio's Cucina, Domino's Pizza, and Marcello's Pizzeria provided refreshments. The game raised over \$1300 and the Committee received an additional \$1000 from the Smith Chiropractic Foundation Charity Road Race and Walk event.

"Great things happen when people work together," commented Mayor Robert Woodruff, adding, "Volunteers and volunteer organizations form the cornerstone of this town, and our Police and Fire Departments are second to none." Donations are still welcome and are tax deductible. Contributions can be made online at www.BHMemorialPark.com or by check payable and mailed to:

Veterans Memorial Park Renewal Committee, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922



(above) The Police Department and PBA #144 took home the Mayor's Trophy.



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ENJOY A SCANDINAVIAN SHOPPING SPREE

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America will sponsor a unique day of shopping, culture, and camaraderie. The 38th annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 maple St., New Providence (off Springfield Ave.). The sale will be open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Handicapped Accessible. Admission is free. Only cash and checks accepted.

The sale will feature a wide variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items made from silver, pewter, amber, wood, paper, wool, straw and other materials. These gift and handicraft items are either manufactured in one of the Nordic countries or are designed in a Scandinavian style or motif and manufactured elsewhere.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf-like tomten, Jul Bock or straw goats in all sizes, painted Dala horses, and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of Advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy, Carl Larsson calendars, Christmas cards, and stationery. An assortment of table linens will be available, including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and every day use. For the home one will find, trays, baking needs, aprons, knives, a large variety of Danish wrought iron candleholders, and wooden candleholders for Christmas and general use. Personal items will include lovely sweaters from Dale of Norway, for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department has been expanded to include Norwegian silver solje,

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Lodge pewter and amber pieces designed as necklaces, nne #429 Vasa Order of America will sponsor earrings and pins.

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee braids, and pastries. Imported foods that will be sold include cheeses, such as authentic Farmers cheese; several types of herring and mackerel; lingonberries and cloudberries; and various chocolates and marzipan.

Coffee and Danish pastries will be served beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a light lunch of Scandinavian open-faced sandwiches and pastries starting at 11:00 a.m. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

The location of the sale is easily reached by taking either route 24 to Summit or route 78 to New Providence.

Lodge Linne No. 429, Vasa Order of America, is a non-profit organization, originally for individuals of Scandinavian descent. However, membership has now been opened up to also include people who are interested in Swedish and Nordic heritage and culture. For further information about membership contact: Vibeke (908-464-0425) or Judy (908-464-0139). The Lodge meets on the third Friday of each month at the DeCorso Community Center on Fourth St. in New Providence.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many local organizations and charities such as First Aid Squads, Volunteer Fire Departments, local libraries, high school scholarships, Sage, Cherished Creations and we sponsor a local softball team in New Providence. A portion is also donated to the local Vasa Order to be used for Scandinavian cultural programs and scholarships.



(above) Karen Jenshoej of New Providence, Susan Finn of Berkekley Heights, and Judy Campbell of New Providence are standing in front of Scandinavian candleholders display.



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THE JUNIOR MUSICAL CLUB WILL HOLD AUDITIONS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The Junior Musical Club, a club for students in 8th -12th grades from Westfield and nearby towns, welcomes applications from young instrumentalists and vocalists who have a personal commitment to performing music of any and all genres. For more information about the Club and how to apply, please email juniormusicalclub@gmail.com.

Teen-aged musicians may audition to join the club on Sunday, November 20, 2016, between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Exact audition times will be set after the candidate submits an application. Auditions will take place at the home of Beverly Shea, Senior Advisor to the Club, 2121 Princeton Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Each candidate must perform two pieces in contrasting styles. Total playing time should be 5 to 8 minutes in length. Auditioners are encouraged to perform some portion of a piece from memory and must provide their own accompanist, if needed. To obtain an audition form and to request the name of a possible

accompanist, applicants may email Samantha Sprechman at juniormusicalclub@gmail.com.

The club meets once each month on a Sunday evening at the homes of various club members. Each meeting consists of discussions about future concerts or events, and club members perform some of their current repertoire for one another. The club holds two concerts each year at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, open to the public free of charge. On March 29, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., The Ensemble Concert presents all club members in duets and group performances; on June 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the high school junior and senior members will perform solo pieces in the Upper Class Recital. Club members also perform at senior citizen centers and play chamber music, solos and duets during the Tour of Notable Homes for the New Jersey Festival Orchestra, Saturday, May 13, 2017.

For additional information contact Beverly Shea, 908-654-1036, Senior Advisor, The Musical Club of Westfield.



TROOP 68 OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS RECEIVES ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Boy Scouts of Troop 68, a backbone of Berkeley Heights since 1936, have received the prestigious Rotary Community Service Award. This recognition is presented to the Scouts by their sponsoring organization, the Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights, and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

Among the troop's contributions to the betterment of their community are setting up a temporary homeless shelter at St. Joseph's Shrine, assisting at Cub Scout Pinewood Derbies and graduation ceremonies, collecting food for homeless youth who have aged out of the foster care system, participating in the town's annual Relay for Life and Rotary Club Rubber Ducky Festival, gardening at the Wagner Farms Arboretum, and collecting trash and recycling for the Berkeley Heights Town Clean-Up Day. In

addition, the Scouts have supervised children's games at the Mary Kay McMillin School's "Welcome Back" picnic, carried out ecological projects at the Summit Arboretum, and sorted food donations for local food banks. Troop 68's Life rank Scouts on their way to Eagle Scout status have led a variety of local improvement projects at the Hughes and Woodruff schools, the Little-Lord Farmstead, and the Watchung Reservation and Deserted Village.

A project unique to Troop 68—initiated by Scout Alton Grossman—is the collection and delivery of children's toys to impoverished areas of the Appalachia area in West Virginia. Through this project, the Scouts have learned that these toys are often the only toys the children living in the region will receive during the winter holiday season.



(above) The Rotary Community Service Award was presented by Dr. Hal Daume, Rotary Club representative and Scouting Commissioner, to Senior Patrol Leader Doug Ladzinski and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Service Kyle Engemann.







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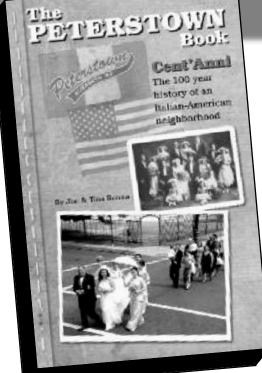
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STIRLING ELKS HOST ANNUAL OUR HOUSE PICNIC FOR GROUP HOME RESIDENTS

The Stirling Elks Lodge 2392 is made up of men and women from Long Hill Township, Berkeley Heights and other surrounding towns who are citizens of the United States, at least 21 years old and who believe in God. Elks programs benefit special needs children, scholarships, scouting, athletic teams, youth activities, veterans and patriotic programs.

The Special Children's Committee sponsors several functions a year for special needs children and adults. The Stirling Elks hosted its annual picnic for about 80 Our House residents on Sunday, September 25, 2016. It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone enjoyed lots of good food, beautiful weather and great music by DJ Mike. The Stirling Elks sponsors various events for the residents of Our House. Our House has group homes throughout Union, Essex, Somerset and Morris counties. The Stirling Fire Company and the Millington First Aid Squad joined in for this fun day. The Long Hill Police Explorers graciously assisted with this event as well.

For further information about the Stirling Elks or the Special Children's Committee, or participating in upcoming events, please call Pat Mocarski at (908) 647-1537.



(above) Our House Residents listening to music played by DJ Mike.

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